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the exploded idea that if one busi- fruitful endeavors. ness was doing well there was ample room for a second one also. After stumbling throught six months of sure defeat, in which the only thing accomplished was , in cutting down the revenue of the Independent to some extent, it succumbed to the enevitable and went to the wall. But Grand Island is not the only city or town that has to go through these spasms. Other towns, in which business enterprises have succeeded have lured enterprises of the same kind to believe the field was ample for them to also come in and divide the business which has only been sufficient to uphold those already engaged therein, with fair profit, and in coming into the field have only succeeded in cutting down the income of the already established, without getting sufficient a howling success, and can only in the end, if not already have done so, proved to their own satisfaction, that a field overdone results only in practical loss to themselves, as well as to those who are and have been capable of filling the field satisfactorily prior re-visit the old haunts. to their butting in. Not only the printing business, but every other line as well, and in almost every town and city, is the above the object the elimination of state aid to follow suit. rule. The Tribune of Fremont, in building bridges across streams

Down at Grand Island the Free in speaking along this line, says Press, finding that the Indepen- the experiment has been tried in dent was making a success of that city many times, and with as starting a daily paper, concluded many failures, and adds that life there was a field for another, on is too short to be wasted in un-

The old Des Moines Register Leader is no more, although a resurrected plant under that name will rise in its stead. The building, newspaper plant and all was destroyed by fire early on the morning of the 21st. The Register was owned by the Clarkson Bros., Rett and James S., for many years, and at one time was one of the best known papers in do, or tell his schoolmaster-subthe West. The editor of the Northwestern learned his trade on that great paper and worked on the same for many years under the Clarksons, as have hundreds of other newspaper boys throughout the country, who are now penpushers in numerous states in the union, and all will learn with deep regret the loss of the old plant on which they have worked therefrom to make their business throught the weary hours of the night till "30" was called in the wee sma' hours o' the morn. Oh. yes; the old place is gone and no matter what the new plant may be it will never seem the same to "reg" "sub" or "panhandler" of the past who may in the future

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detrimental. With the Middle Loup river running through the county diagonally, it has now four it among the poor of the town and least one more between Loup City and Arcadia. With such a law in effect, no more bridges could be builded across the river with state and he became a very stench in aid, nor could any of those now the nostrils of the community and spanning the river in the county be rebuilt with state aid should they by any means be destroyed. as they would be within the fifteen mile limit. Sherman county voters would do well to write their representative and senator ROBT. P. STARR

Well, it came soon. An American ship was mined in the North Sea, last Sunday and sunk with its cargo, the captain and sailors, however, being rescued without loss of one. Now, what will Uncle Sam's chautauqua secretary say or ordinate president to say or do? It will be mighty interesting to contemplate.

to kill such a fool law forthwith.

There are very few well.informed Americans at the present time but will say, in view of the occurring events an controversies arising between the United States and mighty powers of the east, that we will be mighty lucky if we are not dragged into war on ROBERT H.MATHEW one pretext or another.

The Northwestern is always pleased to enlist the services of friends to furnish and write intererting news for its columns, in spite of the envious barkings of two-legged feists, who try to make capital out of such. Perhaps said feists would mightily please their readers should they be wise enough

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Which will benefit us most, the high price we get for goods sent abroad or keeping them at home?

What is greed? If our government says to ambitious shippers, "go ahead, send your cannon and wheat into you After everything else has failed do field of hell, we will send MEN to fight your cause." Is the soldier who is sent, fighting for a peaceful home or an over-reaching residence. Phone Brown 10.

Are the stars and stripes em S. A. ALLEN blematic - now- of a self sus taining home or must we flaunt the colors on the staff which prods the seething fires of war?

Because we sell, must we risk the delivery of THEIR goods: would our trip thru dangerous W. L. MARCY waters be for commercial gain?

Is it sufficient to be self-sustaining or does future dependence nced foreign commerce NOW?

Which is mercy, giving or sell-

If Yankee Doodle Sells his wheat
Then comes-a-bugle blowing,
Who will sell him bread and meat
To keep his boys a-going?

That Diseased **Meat Case Again**

In the nauseous case at Ord, as given through these columns last week, of a butcher who bought a diseased calf of a farmer to retail out to his customers, the Quiz of that city handles it without gloves and scores the county attorney, who, according to that paper, nolle prossed one of the counts against the rascally butcher and allowed him to plead guilty to the other and get off with a hundred dollar fine on the lighter offense. The Northwestern believes that a coat of tar and feathers is not too severe a punishment for a man who will buy and sell diseased Become and get my prices

within fifteen miles of each other. knows of a case in Iowa many To Sherman county, at least, such years ago, where a prominent man an enacted law would prove very and politician killed a diseased cow he owned, the animal's body being covered over with sores, cut the critter up and distributed bridges over the stream, and for thereby gained the blessings and most convenience should have at support of the whole people thru his supposed philanthropy. And it was not till time had passed and all proof of the dirty transaction was lost that it became known, he died despised by those who formerly did him honor.

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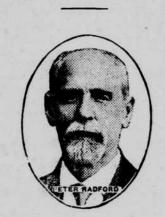
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By Peter Radford

Lecturer National Farmers' Union The social duty of the rural church is as much a part of its obligations as its spiritual side. In expressing its social interest, the modern rural church does not hesitate to claim that it is expressing a true religious instinct and the old-time idea that the social instincts should be starved while the spiritual nature was overfed with solid theological food, is fast giving way to a broader interpretation of the functions of true religion. We take our place in the succession of those who have sought to make the world a fit habitation for the children of man when we seek to study and understand the social duty of the rural church. The true christian religion is essentially social-its tenets of faith being love and brotherhood and fellowship. While following after righteousness, the church must challenge and seek to reform that social order in which moral life is expressed. While cherishing ideals of service, the rural church which attains the fullest measure of success is that which enriches as many lives as it can touch, and in no way can the church come in as close contact with its members as through the avenue of social functions

The country town and the rural community need a social center. The church need offer no apology for its ambition to fill this need in the community, if an understanding of its mission brings this purpose into clear consciousness The structure of a rural community is exceedingly com plex; it contains many social groups each of which has its own center, but there are many localities , which hav but one church and although such a church cannot command the interest of all the people, it is relieved from the embarrassment of religiously divided communities

Social Needs Imperative

The average country boy and girl have very little opportunity for real enjoyment, and have, as a rule, a pleasure and recreation. It is to fill this void in the lives of country youth that the rural church has risen to the necessity of providing entertainment, as well as instruction, to its membership among the young. The children and young people of the church should meet when religion is not even mentioned. It has been found safest for them to meet frequently under the direction and care of the church To send them into the world with no social training exposes them to grave perils and to try to keep them out of the world with no social privileges is sheer folly. There is a social nature to both old and young, but the social requirements of the young are imperative. The church must provide directly or indirectly some modern equivalent for the husking bee, the quilting bee and the singing schools of the old days. In one way or another the social instincts of our young people must have opportunity for expression, which may take the form of clubs, parties, picnics or other forms of amusement. One thing is certain, and that is that the church cannot take away the dance, the card party and the theatre unless it can offer in its place a satisfying substitute in the form of more pleasing recreation.

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In providing for enjoyment the church uses one of the greatest methods by which human society has developed. Association is never secure until it is pleasurable; in play the instinctive aversion of one person for another is overcome and the social mood is fostered. Play is the chief educational agency in rural communities and in the play-day of human childhood social sympathy and social habits are evolved. As individuals come together in social gatherings, their viewpoint is broadened, their ideals are lifted and finally they constitute a cultured and refined society. It is plain, therefore, that the church which aims at a perfected society must use in a refined and exalted way the essential factors in social evolution and must avail itself New Eleptic Spring and Rubber of the universal instinct for play. Tired Funeral Car. Calls Answer- If the church surrounds itself with ed Day or Night. Phone No. 104 social functions which appeal to the young among its membership, it will fill a large part of the lamentable gap in rural pleasures and will reap the richest reward by promoting a higher and better type of manhood and womanhood.

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