FRESH START FOR BAD BOYS

New York Trying Farming to Cure Juvenile Delinquents.

SCHOOL IN OPERATION NEAR ROCHESTER

Boys Divided Up Into Small Independent Colonies and the Prison Idea in Entirely Eliminated.

ROCHESTER, May 4.-On a 1,400-acre tract of land twelve miles outside of Roch. ester the state of New York is trying a new plan for dealing with bad boys. This the site of the new State Agricultural and Industrial school, to which juvenile delinquents between the ages of 9 and 16 are committed.

The school in this city, which was formerly called the State Industrial school, has not yet been abandoned, as all the cottages at the new site have not been completed. About 360 boys are now living at the new site and it is expected that the remaining 200 will be sent there in the

course of a month. The new school and the general plan of operation represent in the highest degree the advanced views of those who have made a study of the ills of juvenile delinquency. There is not another institution

just like it anywhere. It is such an institution as is now pro poned to take the place of Randall's Island for the offending boys of the eastern end of the state. Realizing that in perhaps a majority of cases the boys themselves are not really to blame for their condition, the object has been to eliminate entirely the prison idea from the school. The boys are to have a chance to make a fair, fresh start in life

Fifty-Eight Years Old.

The State Industrial school in Rochester was opened to receive boys in 1849. It was known for many years as the Western House of Refuge, but as the nature of its reformative system was altered, a change in title was also made, the new one more clearly representing the character of the

The old school in Rochester occupies a tract of twelve acres, enclosed by a stone wall twenty feet high. That barrier was the limit of vision for any youngster comfew months to several years. It was a work. prison for them, no matter how the state

obedience, order and proper care of them- and the other in the afternoon. The work selves and their belongings. A system done is very largely individual. of manual training and trade instruction

Conditions at New Schools.

The conditions at the new school are very different. The site is on the eastern bank of the river, in the town of Rush, in the fertile valley of the Genesee.

beautiful rolling uplands, and there they are living in all the freedom and enjoyment of country life. There is no forbidding gray stone wall here to cast a gloom

At the city institution all buildings, agregating about thirtsen acres of floor away. The boys realize, however, that space, were situated within the walled enclosure. At the new institution the buildings for the accommodation of the boys tages at the two extremes being two and a half miles distant from each other.

At the city school as many as 235 boys have lived in a building 150 feet long and forty-two feet wide, and their work and recreation have been confined within the limits of a space 200 feet by 600 feet. At Rush farm only twenty-five boys live in a cottage, and each cottage is at a minimum distance of 400 feet from every other cottage. In many instances the distance that separates cottages is not less than 1,000 feet.

At the dity school the boys have lived in four great groups, arranged according to age and character. At the new school they live in at lanst twenty-two groups. Division of Labor.

The whole tract is divided into farms, each group having its own cottage, which is entirely separate and distinct from every other cottage. A matron and a supervisor are in charge of each cottage. Each farm has its own horses, cattle, sheep, swine and poultry, and already it has been noticed that the care of the stock exercises a beneficial influence upon the character of the boys.

The new school differs in many respects from other cottage plan institutions. In other institutions the cottages are closer together. The food is usually cooked in a central kitchen, then distributed by car or wagon

The boys living in one cottage are asthis stock.

Experience has shown that it is unwise

industrial building, where provision is for each lad. made for laundering, blacksmithing, painting, carpentry, mesonry, printing, tailor-ing, shoemaking, etc. Near this there are a grist mill, creamery, fruit evaporator,

and has the effect of arousing and holding the interest of the boys in their homes. In effect, each colony constitutes almost an ntirely separate institution under one general management. The loyalty of the soys to their matrons and supervisors is

Lessons in Home Life. Everything is done to cultivate the home itmosphere. The cottages are light and ury, cheerful and homelike. The boys have a large sitting room for their own use, where in the winter evenings they may enjoy the open fire, play their games and

read when the day's work is done. The dining room adjoins the sitting room The boys and their supervisor and matron have their meals at the same time, the officers having a separate table. All the ooking is done by the boys, with the exeption of the bread making.

One of the great advantages of the individual kitchen is that it brings home to the boys the necessity for economy the use of supplies. Once a month all the supplies a colony is to have for the month are sent to it. If these supplies are wasted then the boys have fewer things o eat and no one is to blame but them-

The individual kitchen gives an opporunity for the matron and boys to exerrise ingenuity in cooking the same materials in a variety of ways, thus adding to the attractiveness of the dietary. The quesion of food is an important one, as good, wholesome, properly cooked food not only brings the boys more willingly under the influence of the matron and supervisor, but also makes them healthier and gives

hem a better view of life. The boys' dormitory is located on the second floor. It consists of one room, in which all twenty-five boys sleep in single beds. It is large and airy and well venti-

Advantage of Farm Work. One advantage of letting all the boys devote their time to agriculture is that they see the object of each act required of them. It is argued that manual training, as done by the institution boys, is not done with greater interest because the boys realize that the object made will find its end in the kindling wood or scrapheap. With the farm work it is different.

The boy knows why he milks the cow, and he knows that the more carefully he miks her the more milk he will have for himself and his fellows. There is a friendly rivalry between colonies to see which can produce the best crops. The hatching of mitted to the school. Within that en- a broad of chickens or the advent of a calf closure from 500 to 800 boys at a time have or a colt is an important and interesting been confined for periods varying from a event. Each day brings a new phase of the

The education of the boys is also looked might look at it. They were subjected to after. The instruction in the common close surveillance twenty-four hours a day. school branches is given by teachers who A military system was in force to de- go to the cottages. One teacher has two velop them physically and teach them cottages, going to one in the morning

The school has not been established withwas provided. Their religious as well as out meeting with some criticism. Some their secular education was looked after. have characterized it as folly to attempt Yet many of the boys went forth from to care for the delinquent boys, whom the these surroundings with no incentive to critics refer to as convicts, on a farm in lead honest lives or to become good citi- the open country. Another criticism made was that the state was going into the business of farming, having the work done by boys instead of hired men

Boys Prefer to Stay. In discussing the matter recently Prof. Franklin H. Briggs, superintendent of the The school is on the cottage plan, the school, said that seventy boys had escaped homes of the boys being dotted over the in the first year, but that all save five had either been re-captured or returned voluntarily. As a matter of fact, most of the boys could probably have gone if they had so desired, for there is nothing but the into the souls of the boys; in all directions, surveillance of the superior and matron as far as they can see, there is nothing to step them; and there is a railroad only but smiling valleys and beautiful bills. a few hundred yards away, which might be considered a temptation for boys to slip

The most severe punishment that can be inflicted is deprivation of the privilege of are scattered over the property, the cot, visits and correspondence with friends, or participation in games, which include base ball in summer, foot ball in autumn and

are foreign born.

of 12 and 16 who are convicted of any offense and boys from 9 to 12 who commit felonies.

report to a parole officer for two years.

thirty-three were motherless and twentyone were both fatherless and motherless. The parents of thirty-four others were

Fifty-four of the boys had brothers who signed to shops or squads with the boys had ben arrested, fifteen had brothers alof other groups. The same rule is followed ready in the school. The fathers of seventy in the school work. All the farm stock others were intemperate, and the father is housed in a central barn and associated of another was in the almshouse. The buildings and only a small proportion of mother of one had been arrested, the the boys have the privilege of caring for mother of two are in the almshouse and

to allow the groups to intermingle. At the asked the legislature for an appropriation distinct sets of colonies, farm and indus- school for the ensuing year, besides which

OUT OF THE ORDINARY.

the government. It will be the larger owned by the army,
Convinced that he is the last surviver hennery and a piggery. Orchards have been set out, together with the necessary small fruits for the supply of a family of twenty-seven.

Each colony has its own garden, where all kinds of vegetables are produced. When each colony produces its own milk, butter, cheese, beef, pork and mutton, its fruit and garden products, the boys may live on the fat of the land.

This organization tends to develop the idea of colony responsibility and possession should be supplyed by the army. Convinced that he is the last survivor in Indiana of the storming of the Castle of Chapuitepee, Henry Gallaway, sole survivor in Indiana of the storming of the Castle of Chapuitepee, Henry Gallaway, sole survivor in Indiana of the storming of the Castle of Chapuitepee, Henry Gallaway, sole survivor in Indiana of the storming of the Castle of Chapuitepee, Henry Gallaway, sole survivor in Indiana of the storming of the Castle of Chapuitepee, Henry Gallaway, sole survivor in Indiana of the storming of the Castle of Chapuitepee, Henry Gallaway, sole survivor in Indiana of the storming of the Castle of Chapuitepee, Henry Gallaway, sole survivor in Indiana of the storming of the Castle of Chapuitepee, Henry Gallaway, sole survivor in Indiana of the storming of the Castle of Chapuitepee, Henry Gallaway, sole survivor in Indiana of the storming of the Castle of Chapuitepee, Henry Gallaway, sole survivor in Indiana of the storming of the Castle of Chapuitepee, Henry Gallaway, sole survivor in Indiana of the storming of the Castle of Chapuitepee, Henry Gallaway, sole survivor in Indiana of the storming of the Castle of Chapuitepee, Henry Gallaway, sole survivor in Indiana of the storming of the Castle of Chapuitepee, Henry Gallaway, sole survivor in Indiana of the storming of the Castle of Chapuitepee, Henry Gallaway, sole survivor in Indiana of the storming of the Castle of Chapuitepee, Henry Gallaway, sole survivor of the Mexica under Indiana, Invited the Indiana, Invited the storming of the Castle of Chapuitepee, Henry Gallaway, sole survivor of

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coasting in winter. American born boys form the great majority of those committed to the institution. This is the case in most inland cities. Only about 5 per cent of the boys

The school takes boys between the ages

The average term of detention at the school is one year, but a few boys succeed in winning their parole in six months. Boys after their discharge are required to Some Statistics.

Of the 267 who were committed in 1905 101 were sentenced for stealing, thirtyfour for burglary, eleven for disorderly conduct, thirty-two for being ungovernable and thirty-three for vagrancy. The other offenses included everything from arson to treason. The boys ranged in age as follows: Under 10 years, five; under 11, 4; under 12, five; under 18, forty-four; under 14, forty-one; under 15, seventy; under 16, ninety-eight.

Forty-one of the boys were fatherless separated.

the mothers of four are intemperate.

The board of managers of the school has new school the general plan embraces two of \$150,000 for the maintenance of the another \$100,000 is required to complete The tract of land is nearly three and a the buildings, etc. The total cost of half miles in length. Near the center is the maintenance last year was \$158,944, or \$290

ing, shoemaking, etc. Near this there are a grist mill, creamery, fruit evaporator, cold storage plant, bakery and storeroom, and remote from all the other buildings is a slaughter house.

All of these buildings have not been finished, but they will be when the present legislature makes another appropriation for the work. About the industrial building are the cottages in which live the boys who work there. The tougher, less hopeful boys are assigned to this building.

Freedom for Boys.

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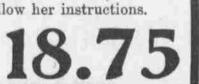


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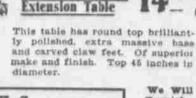




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