

### A FEW THOUGHTS FOR THE SONS OF FARMERS AND FRUIT GROWERS.

We take the following article from the annual report of the Colorado State Board of Horticulture, which was written by Thornton White.

Some one has wisely said that "the farm is the best security we have for the training and development of young men, who are to make the intellectual force and the moral strength of our community life. It will be more than unfortunate if farm life should from any cause lose its attractions for our young men and its money profits as well.

"The best possibilities for the next fifty years are to come from the homes on the farms. The farm gives vigor to the body, great moral strength to the character, and scientific research for the mind, all being important elements that enter into the building of men who are to meet the general demands of the highest citizenship."

What are some of the conditions that exist today? The answer is simply this: Our young men are leaving the farms and orchards of our forefathers and seeking employment in our cities, on our railroads, in our smelters or manufactories, of one sort or another. This to me is a serious question, both for our young men and for our farming and horticulture. If this state of affairs continues for any lengthy period, the result will be less dignified citizenship and a great and irreparable loss to our farming and horticultural interests. The widest and most useful field that I know of today for many of our farmer boys is on the farm and in the orchard. Even now there is a great demand for technical and practical men in farming and fruit growing. These two industries are the very backbone of our nation, and we cannot afford to let them be a secondary consideration. The time was when it was thought, "Well, I guess we will have to make a farmer of John as he does not seem fitted for anything else." Not so today; these industries are calling for the very best brains of the country. The young man of this day, who properly fits himself for scientific farming and horticulture, need not look long for a good position, for there is one waiting now for the right man. I think horticulture in Colorado is only in its infancy. Thousands of acres of vir-

gin soil in many sections will grow fine fruit if we only get water on it, plant our orchards and give them proper attention. I predict that many large orchards will be put out in the not far distant future by men of capital. These men will want men of

brains, brawn and of practical experience in horticulture to superintend these orchards and make them a paying investment. Where shall these men come from? Not from our railroads, offices, stores or shops, but if supplied at all they must come

from the young men of our farms and orchards.

Boys, stick to the old farm and prepare yourselves for another step higher on the farm ladder, by always doing your work in the best possible manner.

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