

GLANG AND REEBERS SAYS THIS CURRICULUM

Public Schools of Portland Shy at Modern Methods, Writer Declares.

INNOVATIONS ARE FEARED

No Place for "Time-Wasting Subjects." Such as Nature Study, Morals, Child Study, Music and the Handicraft Arts.

THIRD ARTICLE

The friends of the present regime boast loud and long of Portland's course of study being free from all fads. They glory in the fact that the historic "Three R's" are being taught religiously to the exclusion of such time-wasting subjects as nature study, morals, child study, music, and most of the handicraft arts.

As the man who loves not music is fit for treason, so the man who is narrow of life to whom the secrets of the animate world never appeal; to whom germinology, growth and differentiation are a sealed book. Burns, mourning the life of the upturned daisy, is a better type of man than him who lives to see nothing to be admired and loved in nature's manifold expressions. The child or girl who is led to see nothing but dollars in seeds, and profit in flowers, who cannot see the woods for the trees, is to be pitied rather than applauded.

Benefits of Nature Study.

If only our boys and girls could learn some of the benefits of plant culture, the getting of new fruits by seedlings, pollenizing and grafting in root and bud and less of "pleasectora and partition," which even some of our teachers seem to regard as a class ditty, they would somehow know better that touch of nature which makes all the world kin. Next to the warm-blooded sympathy and the understanding of boy nature by a strong teacher, two factors which work mightily in tiding the boy over his age of unrest and change, are the grand grade attraction held out by a well-balanced course in nature study. The concrete arouses activity of mind, the abstract dulls the edge of interest.

No child knows germinology, plant growth and fruitage adequately for self-enjoyment and culture who has not actually come into living contact with these things. He may be a worthy citizen and a diligent student of Nature's great storehouse of knowledge, but a vastly better one if his life has more in it than the mental round of mere physical education. The time which reads, writes and "rithmetics" were thought to be all a child needed to know, but the world's thought has changed. Educators now demand that the whole boy shall be sent to school, mind, soul and body.

Portland schools are not in line with this best thought in education. The boy who enters business with little more than the ability to cast up accounts, may possibly have large accounts to cast up, but he will be a plodder in the marts of life and always move in narrowed limits of influence and enjoyment. Nature study, in some form, long ago found a permanent place in every city of the size of ours, but Portland, alas, hears not nor cares how the children of other cities calling for bread, are being fed, and not given a stone. When our high schools become a part of an organized system, when we have more grammar-grade teachers that know boys and girls during that critical age of passing into a larger physical life; when we begin feeding them with something more than the "Three R's," then will our citizenship be recruited with men and women with their eyes on the hills rather than on the ground, like "the man with the hoe" in a former article, reference was made to the un-American attitude of those supervising our schools in the matter of not recognizing Christianity as the basic element of good citizenship.

Need of Teaching of Morals.

Not a word can be found in our course of study about the teaching of morals, not a word even about the teaching of those much-needed civilities which go so far to offset the boorishness which boys and girls absorb from the street. Instead of some of the discourses to teachers on the course of study, including "pleasectora and partition" and many other such things of the law, a few words from our Superintendent about the inculcating of good morals would have been delightfully refreshing, so it reports of the year past three years, so far as we can learn, not a word has been spoken in all the teachers' meetings along the line of moral teaching. Thanks to a good number of our faithful teachers, our schools are not wholly left without some moral teaching by present and by example. Our schools cannot be classed as immoral, but rather as unmoral; exerting little positive influence in this much-desired field. At the recent National Educational Association, held in Los Angeles, as well as at many other conventions, prominent place was given to topics discussing the teachings of morals in the public schools. It is doubtful if another school manual of a city approaching the size of ours can be found which is wholly silent on this all-important subject.

Any one who has given the profession of teaching serious thought admits that every child is a study, calling for peculiar skill and patience if he is to be brought to his best. That teachers should be readers of human nature, that they should

treat each child as a unit and not the school as a lump, goes without saying, but so far as we can learn, Portland is again unique in having no organized effort to rear the teacher to greater efficiency along this line. A little more child study and a little less pleasectora and partition study would bring about a much needed reformation. Far too many boys are roaming our streets because their teachers have driven them from school by repressing their individuality rather than leading them on and out into lines of intellectual growth. Child study is the doctrine of individuality. A machine will turn out hoe handles and toothpicks, but a school should turn out individual personalities. Most children are born with some one or more school subjects. The shame is that those children who have no aptitude for arithmetic should be compelled to sit on this subject and at last be driven from school because a machine teacher must teach the course of study even if she knows it is the undoing of the child and wishes to do otherwise.

Principals Weak on Discipline.

Among the factors which lessen the efficiency of our school system not the least is the fact that many principals do not hold up the hands of teachers in matters of discipline, especially in cases where impartial treatment of violations of school regulations would threaten to loosen their hold upon their positions. To wink at misdemeanors when to punish the offender would endanger the cordial relations between the teacher and his members' friends is the matter of current remark. Here again appears that lack of spinal column which is the subject of constant remark in connection with the evident lack of individuality in our various schools. This lack of initiative and individuality is best seen by contrast.

The visitor to the Kansas City, Los Angeles or Seattle schools calls upon the superintendent to inquire where he can find the best exponent of the city's efficiency in teaching language. He is referred to a certain school, with the remark, "You will find in Mr. — and his plan, which by the way, he has worked out for himself, probably the best that we are accomplishing along this line." At shortstop he not only covers most territory, but he takes every chance on hard balls. He is known as the premier long-distance hitter of the circuit, having to his credit 25 two-baggers, four three-baggers and six home-runs, the latter being all of the over-the-fence variety. His batting average is over .264. He is good for a home run, as a pitcher Johnson has won five and lost three. He has not been used in the box because of his value in the short field.

Where Individuality is Encouraged.

Thus it appears that Kansas City for this city is taken as typical of scores of others—allows and encourages individuality. No circumscribed "thus saith the course of study," but life, freedom, thought, action, results—these are rated the prime essentials. In supervision of school systems as in the management of business enterprises, when personality is discounted machine routine becomes a deadening force. The letter of the law kills, but the spirit of freedom under law gives life. We have our schools in Portland so pre-empted along one line that school masters are coming from near or far to study the genius of its success we have not heard of it. Why not have them? We have enough to have this kind of Portland needs men to man our school system who are in the forefront of the foremost educational thought; not faddists, but men of thought and men of action. Not slaves to a system, but men who can and will blaze trails for others to follow. Let us have more teachers' conventions where men and women wrestle with the problems of life and not mere meetings where methods are dispensed only to be taken and blindly worked out. If this prayer be not found, the school of the future will be built from the sin of being neither hot nor cold, good Lord, deliver us, then let it be added speedily.

Criticism by Mr. Winship.

E. A. Winship, of Boston, the editor of the New England Journal of Education, a man of international reputation as an educator, was tendered a banquet by the Schoolmasters' Club of Portland, on the occasion of a recent State Educational Association. Local educators in responding to the various toasts took their time in expounding the natural wonders of Oregon. One man is reported to have regaled the company with a harangue that savored much of some of the rhetoric used to induce the East to come West. The number of feet of lumber in his section was set forth to a nicety. Not one but every local speaker harped upon this one chord, until another guest of the club, an educator from California, was called out. He is reported to have given a most researchful report of our relations to the Orient and through Japan we have traveled of China into action, so that she is adopting our normal training of teachers, employing Americans in large numbers, but making his basic to prepare her own students to fit themselves to lead in this reformation. From beginning to end it was the address of a man of keen thought and mature study.

Normals Without Funds

Among the powers conferred upon the board by section 11 of said act are the following: "To make rules, regulations and by-laws for the good government and management of the same and each department thereof." "To appoint a president and assistants and such other officers, and to employ such other persons as may be required for each of said schools; to fix the salary of each officer or person so employed, and to prescribe their several duties." "To remove at pleasure any president, assistant or other officer or person from any office or employment in connection with any such school." "To purchase any useful and proper apparatus, books or articles to assist in instruction, and to provide for all necessary fuel, supplies for the conduct of such schools."

It is apparent from this legislation (1) that so far as the state is concerned, the control of its normal schools is vested in the board of regents; (2) that the funds subject to the control of the board are to be deposited in the state treasury and disbursed as provided in this act; (3) that no indebtedness or liability shall be incurred in excess of what has been appropriated under the provisions of law; any expenditure in excess of such appropriation being declared void and constituting a malfeasance

SIGNS TWO CRACKS

McCredie Gets an Outfielder and a Shortstop.

BOTH FROM CHARLESTON

Thomas Rafferty Is Said to Be a Fast Fielder and Heavy Hitter—Ote Johnson Is Clever at Short and at the Bat.

CHARLESTON, S. C., Aug. 20.—(Special.)—Within the month Thomas Rafferty and Ote Johnson, crack players of the Charleston baseball club, will join the Portlandians in all probability, a deal having been consummated for these valuable athletes. They will strengthen the Portland team all right. Rafferty is the fleetest, surest outfielder in the South Atlantic, conceded to be the fastest circuit in class C. He is a premier batter and on the path is very swift. He is a .340 batter. His record shows that he has made 106 bases, crossed the plate for tallies on 55 times and stolen 60 bases. He has made 22 two-baggers, four three-baggers and six home-runs, the latter being all of the over-the-fence variety. His batting average is over .264. He is good for a home run, as a pitcher Johnson has won five and lost three. He has not been used in the box because of his value in the short field.

The foregoing dispatch indicates that Walter McCredie has commenced his work of strengthening up for next season. Rafferty and Johnson have been secured by Portland by purchase, for long as he gets a fair measure of results for our school yardstick is pretty flexible.

ENTRIES TO BREAK RECORDS

Great Interest in Coming Tennis Matches at Irvington.

The third annual handicap tennis tournament of the Irvington Tennis Club will begin at the club's courts next Saturday. It is expected to be the most satisfactory and best attended tourney in the history of the organization. E. B. Benham, the president, expects the number of entries to break all records. Last year the club had 125 entries at the commencement of the meet, and the present list promises to be even larger by the time the entries close Thursday at 7 P. M.

SPORT AT ST. JOHNS SUNDAY

Club Provides Trophies and Purses for Big Tourney.

The crack trap-shooters of Portland and vicinity will have the chance next Sunday to compete at a tournament arranged by the St. Johns Rod and Gun Club, for which several handsome trophies have been offered.

Potter Schedule for Beach.

The steamer Potter will sail from Portland, Ash-street dock, Wednesday, 1 P. M.; Thursday, 6:30 A. M.; Saturday, 7:30 A. M. Get tickets and make reservations at city ticket office, Third and Washington streets. C. W. Stinger, city ticket agent.

AMERICAN LEAGUE

Yesterday's Games. Chicago, 4; Philadelphia, 1. Cleveland, 2; Washington, 0. St. Louis, 2; New York, 8. Detroit, 3; Boston, 0.

NATIONAL LEAGUE

Yesterday's Games. New York, 2; Chicago, 4. Boston, 9; Pittsburgh, 8. Brooklyn, 9; Cincinnati, 3. Philadelphia, 1; St. Louis, 3.

POWERS CONFERRED ON THE BOARD

These authorities clearly establish that a repayment of reimbursement is who is consistent with a donation; and it is manifest that these so-called donations are not in fact such. They are not gratuitous gifts, but are, rather, in the nature of loans or advances to the state, repayment of which is to be made at some future time.

NEW PROCESS GAS RANGES—\$1.00 DOWN, \$1.00 A WEEK

OUR EXCHANGE DEPT.

Offers you an unusual opportunity of disposing of your old furnishings at a value that you could not hope to receive for them elsewhere. We will accept old stoves, furniture, etc., in part payment for newer goods, and will make a most liberal allowance for them. The following are a few of the many interesting bargains displayed in this department:

- Full size Iron Beds in two designs; special \$2.50
Parlor Cabinets, in mahogany finish, beveled plate mirror (see cut); regular price \$9.50; special \$6.35
Dining Table in the golden oak; regular price \$25.00; special \$18.00
Golden oak China Closet; regular price \$70.00; spcl. \$50.00
Weathered oak Buffet; regular price \$75.00; spcl. \$50.00
Roll-top Desk; regular price \$80.00; special \$62.50
Three-piece Dining Set in solid oak—table buffet and china closet; regular price \$150; special \$75.00

SALE OF SUMMER FURNITURE

- \$ 2.50 Old Hickory Stool; special \$ 1.25
\$ 3.00 Camp or Yacht Chair; special \$ 1.75
\$ 6.50 Linen Fiber Stool; special \$ 2.90
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\$ 6.00 Solid Oak Chair in the green finish; special \$ 3.90
\$10.00 Linen Fiber Chair in the green finish; special \$ 3.90
\$10.50 Linen Fiber Chair in the green finish; special \$ 4.60
\$ 8.75 5-ft. Garden Bench in the red; spcl. \$ 5.75
\$13.50 Arm Chair in the moss green finish; special \$ 8.50
\$14.00 Solid Oak Settee in the green finish; special \$ 9.25
\$15.00 Garden Swing; special \$ 9.75
\$16.00 Garden Swing; special \$10.30
\$21.00 Teakwood Settee; special \$11.50
\$30.00 Malacca Fiber Settee; special \$19.50

SPECIAL SALE MATTINGS CARPET DEP. TULL & GIBBS COMPLETE HOUSE-FURNISHERS SALE OF THE SEASON'S GO-CARTS

Arts and Crafts Society to Be Formed in Portland

BY LILIAN TINGLE. SMALL but interesting exhibit of representative work from Eastern Arts and Crafts Societies has just been placed in one of the rooms of the Woman's Exchange, 111 Tenth street. The articles shown include some attractive rings, neckties, buckles and pins; hand woven articles; baskets, bowls and candlesticks; bowls and other decorative and useful things in copper and enamel; and some good examples of Marlborough pottery. The enamelled jewelry of Miss Margaret Haydock and the silver work of Arthur Stone, the well-known Boston craftsman, are of special interest. There are some examples of basketry and leather work by local designers. This exhibit is one of the preliminary steps towards the formation of an Arts and Crafts Society in Portland. Many prominent people are interested in the movement, which has for its aim the fostering of the best in design and hand workmanship, and which, in the words of William Morris, "calls special attention to the most important side of art—the decoration of utilities by furnishing them with genuine artistic finish in place of trade finish."

AUTOS TO LEAVE FOR COAST

PORTLAND PARTY TO VISIT TILLAMOOK FAIR.

Inspection of Proposed Automobile Road One Object of Trip to Be Begun Tomorrow.

Dr. C. B. Brown, secretary of the Portland Automobile Club, has practically completed all arrangements for the business men's excursion to Tillamook City, where the party is to attend the Tillamook fair, which opens this week. The party will make the trip to the seaboard in automobiles, and already owners of six machines have positively assured the committee that they will go, while two more are expected today to announce their determination to make the trip. The entire party will leave Portland tomorrow morning and will reach Tillamook in the evening.

PERSONAL MENTION.

Mr. and Mrs. Richard Nixon have returned from Europe and are at the Hobart-Curtis. Mrs. Nixon is much improved in health. H. C. Smith, Chief Deputy County Clerk in the Circuit Court department, has returned from a vacation trip to Long Beach, improved in health, and again at his desk, as was on the provincial ferry.

REMARKABLE BARGAIN EVENTS

THIS WEEK AT J. M. ACHESON CO'S

All Our High-Grade Summer Skirts Will Go at Decided Reductions This Week. Read These Specials

Skirts That sold up to \$25, fine taffeta Altmans and \$9.98 French voiles, at \$9.98. We invite you to look at the New Dress Skirts Now being shown. All the smartest new materials and style features for the coming season. Long Fall Coats New Fall Coat samples. Values up to \$25.00. \$7.75

ASTORIA REGATTA SEPTEMBER 2, 3 & 4. SAENGERFEST AUG. 31 AND SEPT. 1 & 2. Low rates on all rail and steamboat lines ASTORIA, OREGON. FIFTH AND ALDER STS.