CLINGTOTHREER'S SAYS THIS CRITIC

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

INNOVATIONS ARE FEARED

No Place for "Time-Wasting Sub and the Handicraft Arts

THIRD ARTICLE. The friends of the present regime boast loud and long of Portland's 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. It is worth while to discover first whether nature study deserves a place in school courses, and second, whether the lonesome position which our city occupies in not teaching this subject is a mark

fit for treason, so is he fitted for a narrowed 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 mourning the life of the upturned want. Cut and dried methods have no 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 the man 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 pitted the woods for the trees, is to be pitled

rather than applauded.

Commercialism runs riot and our schools are becoming exponents of this pervading evil. If only the warm-blooded personality of our teachers could be persuading our boys and girls to stay by the school-room till some depth of culture is at-tained, we would not be apologizing for the size of our grammar and high school grades. Tacoma and Spokane— cities of less than half our size, hold as many boys and girls through these courses as Portland. The fault is courses as Portland. The faul not in our boys and girls, stars they are growing up to be, underlings dwarfed and narrowed in vision, but rather does the fault lie at the door of parents and teachers who allow the

Benefits of Nature Study.

If only our boys and girls could learn the A. B. C's of plant the getting of new fruits ings, pollenizing and grafting seedlings. teachers see through as in a glass dimly, they would somehow know bet-ter that touch of nature which makes all the world kin. Next to the warmments of fact as such are dry bones. Things seen, things tasted, things smelled,

growth and judgment. mere physical existence. The time was serve to illustrate the pronounced nature when readin', writin' and 'rithmetic 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

attitude of those supervising our schools in the matter of not recognizing Christianity as the basic element of good citi-

Need of Teaching of Morals.

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Not a word can be found in our course of study about the teaching of those much-needed civilities with the post of the strong and the strong a

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 effi-ciency along this line. A little more child tudy and a little less piesector and par study and a little less piecetor and par-tition 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 ading them on and out into lines of onquest and growth. Child study teaches 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 short and have little or no aptitude for some one or more school subjects. The shame is that those children who have no aptitude for arithmetic should be com-pelled to "do time" 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 other-

Principals Weak on Discipline.

Among the factors which lessen the least is the fact that many principals do not hold up the hands of teachers in mat-ters of discipline, especially in cases where impartial treatment of violations of school regulations would threaten to oosen their hold upon their positions, wink at misdemeanors when to punish the offender would endanger the cordial relations between himself and his board members' friends is the matter of cur-rent remark. Here again appears that ack of spinal column which is the sub-lect 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

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 officiency in teaching language, He is di-rected to a certain school, with the re-mark, "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. He want. Cut and dried methods is not a place with us. A principal who is not a student, a man of research habits, is not a student, a man of research habits, is not a student, a man of research habits, is not a wanted here." Another visitor calls. "I want to see some of your best history work in upper grades. Where shall I go?" Again comes the reply: "Why, in history we believe Mr. -, of - School, is the man you want to meet. He somehow makes his teachers and children live over the periods they are studying. Some way he just gets his children to see and feel the underlying springs of action. He is a genius in this line. I let him alone so long as he gets a fair measure of results for our school yardstick is pretty flex-

Where Individuality Is Encouraged.

Thus it appears that Kansas City for this city is taken as typical of scores of others—allows and encourages indi-viduality. No ofrcumscribed "thus saith the course of study." but life, freedom, thought, action, results—these are rated the prime essentials. In supervision of of parents and teachers with the eye that dollar to get so close to the eye that a fair education is lost and the boy grows up a roustabout instead of a grows up a roustabout instead of a is discounted machine routine becomes a fair education of the law. deadening force. The letter of the law kills, but the spirit of freedom under law gives life. If we have one school in Port-land so pre-eminent along one line that school masters are coming from near or far to study the genius of its success we in root and bud and less of "plesectors have not heard of it. Why not have them? we pay enough to have this kind. Portland needs men to man our school system who are in the forefront of the foremost educational thought; not faddlsts, but students, men of thought and men of action. Not slaves to a system, but men 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, is the grammar grade attraction held out by a well-balanced course in nature study. The balanced course in nature study. The pensed only to be taken and blindly worked out. If this prayer he not found were not found to be taken and blindly worked out. of unrest and change, is the grammar wreste with the problems of the and lot and the problems of the and lot and the problems of the and lot and the problems of the angle ang California frequently sends to Wash-

things heard and things felt, strike deep ington and lays hands on one of her into consciousness. They are the basis of schoolmasters and compels him to come down to her educational conventions to we seem to have few men who are equal to lead in inspirational discussions, our actually come into living contact with these things. He may be a worthy citizen and be totally ignorant of Nature's great storehouse of knowledge, but a vastly better one if his life has more in it than the menial round of more physical existence. The time was served to lead in inspirational discussions, our conventions taking the nature of expositions of our "courses of study." The shop talk of which our teachers are heartly tired. Perhaps no incident will

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 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 some of the real things of nature, 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 Chris-E. A. Winship, of Boston, the editor

Mr. Winship close dthe evening's feast of reason with language robbed rhetoric. He deplored the habit w

McCredie Gets an Outfielder and a Shortstop.

BOTH FROM CHARLESTON

Thomas Raftery 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 .- (Spe cial.) — Within the month Thomas Raftery and Ote Johnson, crack players of the Charleston baseball club, will join the Portlands in all probability, a deal having been consummated for these valuable athletes. They will strengthen the Portland team all right.

Raftery is the fleetest, surest out-fielder in the South Atlantic, conceded to be the fastest circuit in class C. He is a premier batter and on the paths is very swift. He is a .330 bat-ter. His record shows that he has made 106 basehits, crossed the plate for tuilles on 55 times and stolen 60 bases. His sensational catches of dif-ficult files after long runs are no

Johnson is an inflelder and pitcher. At shortstop he not only covers much 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 23 two-baggers, four three-baggers and six hometrups, the latter being all of the overruns, the latter being all of the over-the-fence variety. His batting average is over .265. He is good on the paths,

To Johnson's and Raftery's batting and fielding is largely due Charleston's hold on the pinnacle, for these ath-letes have had a conspicuous part in winning many games. Both are great favorities with the fans and both have received money and other presents for

The foregoing dispatch indicates that Waiter McCredle has commenced his work of strengthening up for next season. Raftery and Johnson have been secured by Portland by purchase, for the drafting season is not yet opened, and by the time the season is ended the fans will bear of the addition of sevoral more players who have made ex-cellent records in the leagues of lesser class than that of the Pacific Coast

organization. According to Reach's statistics, Raf-tery is a splendid fielder, for during the season of 1906 he participated in 104 games and made but five errors, which is quite a remarkable showing

ENTRIES TO BREAK RECORDS

Interest in Coming Tennis Matches at Irvington.

The third annual handicap tennis tournament of the Irvington Tennis Club articles shown include some attractive 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.

R. R. Benham, the president, expects the number of entries to break all records. Last year the club had 125 entries at the time the entries close Thursday

plonships in the men's and women's crafts Society in Portland. Many promintend the Tillamook fair, which opens singles. These are for irvington members ent people are interested in the movement. The men's contests will be so arranged that they will be played after 4 P. M. each day, except on Saturdays. As far as practicable the women's matches will be played in the mornings.

SPORT AT ST. JOHNS SUNDAY

Club Provides Trophies and Purses for Big Tourney.

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

The meet will be a 150-bird contest, and will comprise six ten-bird events and an equal number of 15-bird events. An en-trance fee of 19 cents a bird will be charged and the money will be divided at the ratio of 40, 30, 20 and 10 between the first four winners. One hundred dollars has been added to the purses. The St. Johns club now numbers some 150 members, some of whom formerly be-longed to the Multnomah Rod and Gun

AMERICAN LEAGUE.

Yesterday's Games.

Chicago, 4; Philadelphia, 1. Cleveland, 3; Washington, 0, St. Louis, 3; New York, 6.

NATIONAL LEAGUE.

Yesterday's Games.

New York, 2; Chicago, 6. Boston, 9; Pittsburg, 8. Brooklyn, 9; Cincinnati, 3. Philadelphia, 1; St. Louis, 3.

on the part of the board justifying their removal.

These provisions clearly indicate that the Legislature intended that the board should not directly or indirectly obligate the state in any way for any indebtedness not fully covered by existing appropriations and should not lend their support to anything which might subject the state to obligations not already provided for.

The only reference to donations in the act is to be found in section 9, which provides that no warrant shall issue for any part of a donation unless the sums donated shall have been paid into the state treasury. It is an axiomatic rule of construction of statutes that the words are to be given their ordinary signification and meaning unless the intention to the contrary is clear. In this case the words "donation" and "donated" as used in the act are to be interpreted in their ordinary sense. There is no possible excuse for giving them any other meaning. When this is, done, it will be seen that these proposed so-called "donations" are not such within the ordinary meaning of that term.

Here follow various legal citations

Here follow various legal citations as to the meaning of "donation." These authorities clearly establish that a repayment or reimbursement is wholly inconsistent 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.

Regents Must Not Incur Debts.

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The regents are agents of the state, charged with an important duty. The act creating them defines their powers. These powers they cannot exceed; and one of the limitations expressly imposed upon them was that they should not create or incur obligations or debts in excess of the appropriations.

All money expended by them as a board is to pass through the state treasury to be disbursed as provided in the act. The donations contemplated by the act are absolute sifts, unqualified by any agreement, arrangement or understanding as to repayment. The moneys furnished in the manner proposed would not be "donations" within either the purview of the statute or the ordinary meaning of that term. And if the board, as agents of the state, and having notice of the terms upon which the money was provided, should deliberately accept and use such money, they would seem to be parties to an attempt to create a debt or liability on the part of the state which the Legislature would be under more or less obligation to discharge.

Under these conditions the donors might and probably would urge that good faith required the Legislature to reimburse them and might, with propriety, call upon the board to assist them in their efforts to obtain relief. We do not believe that the regents have any right to place the state or Legislature in such an embarrassing position. On the contrary, it seems to us that it is their duty as agents of the state to prevent, if possible, any such complication; and our opinion is that the acceptance and use of the moneys to be furnished in the manner proposed is contrary to the letter and spirit of the act of 1907.

It may be a misfortune that the appropriations for the Drain and Monmouth normal schools failed to become operative, but that is something with which neither we nor the board of regents at this time have any concern. We are to construe the law as it stands, and the board is to follow the directions of the iaw. The intention of the Legislature, evidenced by the passag

Very truly yours.
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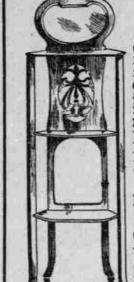
Arts and Crafts Society to Be Formed in Portland

BY LILIAN TINGLE. SMALL but interesting exhibit of A representative work from Eastern Arts and Crafts Societies has just been placed in one of the rooms of the Woman's Exchange, 131 Tenth street. The rings, necklets, buckles and pins; hand wrought silver and pewter tableware and candlesticks, bowls and other decorative and useful things in copper and enamel; and some good examples of Marbienead pottery. The enamelled jewelry of Miss Margaret Haydoc 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 basketry and esigners. This exhibit is one of the preliminary steps towards the formation of an Arts and which has for its aim the fostering of the best in design and hand workman and which, in the words of Wil 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." Full information in regard to the new society can be obtained at the Art In-

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

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cial	\$ 3.90
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cial	\$ 3.90
\$10.50	Linen Fiber Chair in the green finish; spe-
cial	\$ 4.60
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	Arm Chair in the moss green finish; spe-
cial	\$ 8.50
\$14.00	Solid Oak Settee in the green finish; spe-
cial	\$ 9.25
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AUTOS TO LEAVE FOR COAST

PORTLAND PARTY TO VISIT TILLAMOOK FAIR.

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

Portland Automobile Club, has practically completed all arrangements for the business men's excursion to Tilla mook City, where the party is to attrip 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 to-morrow morning and will reach Tilla-

mook in the evening. The participants in the excursion are going for the two-fold purpose of visit-ing the fair and examining the route over which the proposed automobile road is to be built. This route will road is to be built. This route will take the party via the White House road, through Fulton, past the Red House and thence to Tigardville, Rex. New Ameterdam; I. Labowitch, at the Sheridan and Willamina. From Williamina the machines will be seen to the Seattle J. N. Thungar State of the Seattle J. N

W. P. Hoffman, at the Continental; E. L. Smith and wife, at the Murray Hill; W. J. Loomis and wife, at the Court through the Grand Ronde reserva-tion, and over the Coast Range on an easy grade into Tillamook City:

The scenery along this route is magnificent, and on that account many automobilists are anxious to make the trip. So far the owners of machines indicating their intention of joining the party are: Henry Wemme, W. J. Clemens, R. D. Inman, J. B. Yeon, G. W. Kleiser, F. A. Nitchy and Dr. C.

The start will be from in front of the City Hall at about 9 o'clock to morrow morning. Some machines may not be able to get away before after-noon, but these will be furnished with mans of the route and instructions as to where inquirtes should be made while climbing the mountains.

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 re-

turned from a vacation trip to Long Beach, improved in health, and is again at his desk, as brown as the proverbial NEW YORK, Aug. 20 .- (Special.)-North-

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W. J. Loomis and wife, at the Grand Union; M. E. Sullivan, at the Wolcott; C.

Checking Up Defaulter.

NORTH YAKIMA, Wash., Aug. 20 .-

(Special.)-Attorney G. G. Lee has been

employed by the board of education of

Toppenish to check up the defalcation of ex-Clerk W. R. Laidler. The approx-imate shortage is \$6000. It is necessary to

have the defalcations checked in order that the fraudulent warrants may be de-

clared null and vold by the courts.

M. Best and wife, at the Fifth Avenu

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