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TEACHING THE CHILDREN TO HELP THEIR CITY.

Movement to Induce Public Schools to Impart Knowledge of Civics.

The scattered movement to bring the public schools into more intimate contact with the communities which support them and which they are expected to serve is interestingly reflected in a bulletin sent out by the New York city bureau of municipal research, which puts to taxpayers, teachers and members of the school boards throughout the country two suggestive questions: "What do your pupils know about their city? Are school children helping their city?"

It is the suggestion of this bulletin that the public schools should teach practical civics and that without cooperation from the schools themselves volunteer leagues find it difficult to accomplish much in field civics.

"Few facts are now available about practical instruction in civics and in what government actually does every day, how it works and with what results," the bulletin reports.

"Newark touches Newark by a series of leaflets covering municipal topics like fire, police and health departments, city beautifying, street cleaning, public schools, etc. A course of study on Newark, its geography, history and industry, is prepared for teachers.

"Chicago has taught Chicago since 1900, when Superintendent Ella Flagg Young substituted this new study for eighth grade civics.

"Waterbury (Conn.) schools teach Waterbury; St. Paul (Minn.) schools teach St. Paul; similar courses are given in Washington, Ind.; Sioux Falls, S. D.; Newport, R. I.; Parkersburg, W. Va.; Trenton Parkersburg in English as well as civic courses; Winston-Salem, S. C., has a boys' branch of the board of trade to interest high school students in community problems.

"Social settlements, libraries, boy scouts and other outside the school organizations in many cities have classes and clubs which reach only a small part of the boys and girls they could reach if instruction were made available through the public schools.

"Juvenile street cleaning leagues were started in 1880 in New York's elementary schools by H. S. Simons under the department of street cleaning and are now active in over forty schools. These leagues have done much, and in them nearly 4,000 children are now enrolled."

CIVIC PROGRESS.

"Know your city" is a slogan that stands for the new civic point of view. "Facing hard facts for the sake of the future" is now recognized as the first step in making our cities, towns and villages better places in which to live. The day of boastfulness, of superficial pride and of unintelligent complacency is passing. The day of the social voy as a scientific way a city knows itself is at hand. Adding citizens and organizations who once looked on as "poor" and "uninteresting" we come to understand the constructive value of a survey. I now take active part in efforts to have one made in their city.

WASHINGTON ALLEYS.

Bill to Wipe Out These Unsanitary Spots in the Capital City.

Those who have been working for years to abolish Washington's infamous alleys look forward not merely to the possibility but to the probability of victory at the hands of congress.

A bill "to prevent the use of buildings as places of dwellings" has been completed and is in the hands of the district commissioners. It provides for the elimination of alley dwellings within ten years of the date of the passage of the bill, grants compensation for owners and stipulates that approximately one-fourth of the inhabited alleys shall be changed into streets within five years.

If congress passes the bill, it means that the alleys shall be closed to the streets in ten years. It empowers the commissioners to cut through narrow streets in blocks as seen to need them and to the commissioners the right of condemnation, so that blocks may be redeveloped where necessary to rid the old alley habitations.

The bill has the backing of the committee of city representatives, the board of commerce, board of trade, Associated Charities, Monday Evening Club, Whitney's welfare department of Civic Federation, as well as the full support of the commissioners.

To Buy Up Beauty Spots.

The advantage of the experience of the best Washington state is having quiet made with reference to the some of the oldest lands. Purest sound or other waters are under control of the state for the use of the public. Forester W. E. Ferris has been assigned by the land board to an investigation of the state with a view to reporting up how where and in what way acreage should be reserved for the pleasure of the present citizens of the state and the future thousands for Washington is preparing.

CITY NEWS.

Our customers are our best advertisement. Klener & Marsh.

E. J. Wright, of Glendale, was a visitor in Roseburg for a few hours today.

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M. S. Smith, of Sutherlin, spent last evening in Roseburg with friends.

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D. B. Friend, of Olalla, transacted business in Roseburg for a few hours today.

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George Glynn, of Sutherlin, spent last evening in Roseburg. He returned to his home this morning.

If you need wood the Fall Measure yard can fill your order with dry oak or fir. Phone 155. North Roseburg.

Mrs. Paul J. Lux leaves for Boston on Thursday where she will spend several weeks with friends and relatives.

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Attorney O. P. Coslow returned here this morning after a few days spent at Portland and other northern cities.

The stock at Garves Net Emporium on Cass street must be moved before February 1. Our prices will induce you to help us move. Mrs. G. W. Scott left for Grants Pass this morning after a few days spent in Roseburg visiting with Mrs. O. P. Handman.

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A meeting of the Roseburg Choral Club will be held at the Parish House, of the local Episcopal church, at 7:30 o'clock this evening.

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Mr. and Mrs. Harry Nilos, of Idaho, left for Grants Pass this morning after visiting at the home of Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Crawford in this city.

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DAILY WEATHER REPORT.

U. S. Weather Bureau, local office, Roseburg, Oregon, 24 hours ending 5 a. m., January 12, 1914.

Precipitation in inches and hundredths:

Highest temperature yesterday 59
Lowest temperature last night 49
Precipitation, last 24 hours . . . 0
Total precip. since first of month 93
Normal precip. for this month 5.76
Total precip. from Sep. 1, 1912, to date 11.28
Average precip. from September 1, 1897 16.09
Total deficiency from Sep. 1, 1912 4.06
Average precipitation for 26 wet seasons, (Sep. to May inclusive) 33.08
WILLIAM BELL, Observer.

ANNUAL MEETING ROSEBURG COMMERCIAL CLUB

Members of the Roseburg Commercial Club are hereby notified that the annual meeting of the club will be held in the Commercial Club rooms Tuesday evening, January 12, 1914, at 8 o'clock, at which time the following officers of the club

are to be elected for the ensuing year: President, vice-president, secretary, treasurer, and three trustees. The by-laws provide that only those members whose dues are paid in full are entitled to vote. Club members are urged to pay dues in full to the secretary before date of meeting, and attend meeting as it is important that well qualified officers be selected to manage the affairs of the club during 1914.
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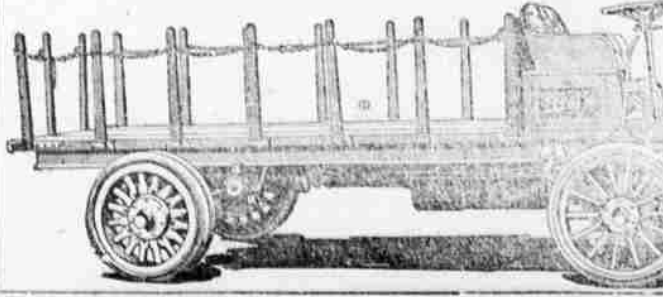
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