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IMPROVING SCHOOL BUILDINGS

The United States Chamber of Commerce is promoting efforts for improving school buildings. It has distributed a pamphlet asking such questions as the following:

"Are there schools in your city of which you should be ashamed?"

"Do we compel our children to attend school in buildings where improper lighting ruins the eyes, where wrong seating twists the backs and poor sanitation promotes disease?"

"Are the children herded into fire-traps?"

"Are they crowded into the streets for their playtimes?"

Most cities would have to answer yes to at least one of those questions, as respects some older school buildings.

If the older schools of a city lack playgrounds, the same can usually be provided by opening up vacant lots for this purpose.

There is no excuse for a town that fails to provide adequate spaces as these when properly regulated are one of the great forces for keeping boys and girls on the right track.

Poor lighting arrangements can usually be remedied without great cost. It is a serious matter to injure children's eyes. The sun is flooding the world with its glorious illumination, given us without cost or charge, and all we have to do is to open windows in our stuffy old buildings if such there are, and let the sunshine in.

Fire hazards can be much reduced by teaching the children fire drills. Many cities have buildings that should be provided with more exits and fire escapes. The people should keep it in mind that the first purpose of schools is to bring up sound and healthy children, and that physical conditions must be favorable even if there has to be some conservatism about other lines of expense.

Further reductions were announced today by the United States Railroad Labor Board which will cut sixty million dollars yearly off the railway shop employees, and which will affect practically five hundred thousand men. This reduction, amounting to seven and nine cents per hour, will give the railroad stockholders an opportunity to pocket over fifty-nine million dollars a year. Last week's wage reduction to railroad men, it is said, will make a saving to the railroad companies of fifty million dollars. It is unreasonable to believe that these reductions are in keeping with the present standard of living conditions throughout the country, and the assertion that they were made "with no consideration of human needs" does not savor of wholesome results to the railroad workers of the nation. Getting back to normalcy by such drastic action is likely to get the country in a turmoil which will completely upset the entire nation. There is such a thing as going too far in the matter of wage reductions. Once a certain level is reached, the backbone of the nation's manpower would become so badly crippled that the working class would no longer form a part of the solid bulwark that it now proudly maintains. If you want to take a man's independence away from him, there is no surer or better way than to deprive his family from a just and equitable livelihood at a living wage. This action will put the skids under the most prosperous nation in the world.

It was an interesting note in the daily news, when the dispatches informed this country that J. P. Morgan, who is attending the international financial conference at Paris, came and went in an old taxicab that looked as if it were about ready to fall to pieces. Meanwhile the other delegates all used handsome automobiles. A similar indifference to style is often manifested by the men of fame and fortune. Meanwhile the clerks of a bank or office often dress better than the heads of their corporations. They defend seeming extravagances by saying that the man who has arrived can do as he likes, but while he is only starting he must make a good appearance. But some go so far in their effort to create an impression, as to give a splurge effect. The man who seems to be throwing around money does not impress business people with the idea that he will be a good manager for other folk's interests.

Millions of people of limited incomes are keeping automobiles. Some of them feel at times that the machine is beyond their means. Yet it seems to do the family so much good that they dislike to give it up. Such folks often feel envious as they look at newly-painted and shiny automobiles with which the streets are filled, while their faithful old car is weather-beaten and dingy. They sometimes feel lacking in self-respect, as they drive their ancient machine among those of later vintage and more glorious appearance. Yet they should hold up their heads. Their credit at the grocer's may be better than some whose motors suggest freer spending. The first purpose of an automobile is not to dazzle the onlookers with new paint, but to reach destinations and enjoy unfamiliar scenes.

Prune Pickin's

By Eric S. Bates

GOOD EVENING FOLKS —

Heavy girl bowling
Skirt very tight
Stockings rolled down
My, what a sight!

EYES FRONT!

Daughter—Everett kissed me last night.
Mother (indignantly)—That is outrageous. Did you sit on him for it?
Daughter—I did.

A darky and his brown sweetheart, followed by three pickaninies, applied to the clerk of a Southern courthouse for a license to wed.

The clerk eyed the assemblage doubtfully. "Whose children are these?" he asked.

"Day our'n," was the ready response from the man.

The clerk was scandalized, being new at his post. "You ought to be ashamed of yourselves, waiting to get married till you have a family half grown—"

"Judge, you'll have to excuse dat," interrupted the "bride," sweetly. "De roads out our way is SO bad!"

Doc Chan Egan Stewart and Bert Hop Scotch Sutherland, two local gawff enthusiasts, are considering attaching strings to the gawff balls. This will meet with the hearty approval of their caddie, L. L. Roberts.

EXPLAIN HER WHO CAN
A man may be renowned for vast knowledge, but such a man, beside a woman, is a child—providing that out of a million animated petticoats he find a real woman.

Any blockhead can be consistent and travel sapinely in a rut; logical inconsistency is the height of intelligence.

TOO HIGH

Each man says a scientist contains three ingredients: fat enough for seven bars of soap, iron enough for a medium sized nail, sugar to fill a shaker, lime to whitewash a chicken coop, phosphorus enough to make 2200 matches, magnesium for a dose of magnesia, potassium enough to explode a toy cannon, sulphur enough to rid a dog of fleas; and the whole collection is worth, at current market prices, 98c.

Lovers' Lane seems to be strewn with banana peels.

A Jefferson citizen tied his dog to a train the other day while he lit a cigar. When last heard from the dog was in Nebraska and in rather poor health.

Gawge Culver has a new suit which will enable him to play checkers at any time of the day.

O. C. Baker was among the auto dealers who performed the main drag this a. m. with punk cigars. Some drummer from the big city must be in these here parts.

Mayor Walt Hamilton has packed his tooth brush and hair tonic and is getting himself ready to go to the metropolis where he will look over the cluster lamp posts with a view of purchasing one or two for this village.

A slight earthquake was caused here at noon when the Tipton weeds throughout the village trembled with fear at the "beautifying Roseburg" speeches at the 4th luncheon.

A little girl was drawing, and her mother asked her what she was drawing?

She answered, "A picture of God."
"You can't do that," her mother answered, "no one has seen God and no one knows what He looks like."
"Well they WILL when I get through," she said.

AN OLD ONE
Which an Old Subscriber Literally Begs Us to Print.

Two men found an oyster. Each claimed it, and being unable to agree, they went to the village lawyer and stated the case. He exacted his fee in advance and then, opening the oyster, handed to each a shell. And the oyster? The lawyer ate it.

The only time some people know they were born for better things is when they are busy washing dishes.

The Roseburg base ball team will meet the croquet team of the Old Soldiers' name in a contest as soon as the ball players get back in condition.

The flower experts of the village continue to bring roses and roses to this sanctum and we wish the ham sandwich experts would add their names to the list of donations to ye ed.

OUR NATURAL HISTORY.
Here's to the stork,
A valuable bird,
That inhabits the residence districts.
He doesn't think much,
His stumps are absurd,
But he helps out the vital statistics.

In Japan the sale of liquor to minors is forbidden. We're all rated as minors over here.

Some people never know how badly they are hurt in an accident until they talk to their lawyer.

LAFE PERKINS SEZ:
"The bare concert would have had a better crowd if it'd been a sex play."

LET HIM—
Mr. and Mrs. T. E. Bantala and Mrs. H. L. Watson of Medford and Mrs. H. T. Rutherford of Santa Ana, California, left here Sunday after a visit of a few days at the Oscar Linsen home in this city. They will go as far as Portland and expect to go through here on their return trip Wednesday.

THE HOME RADIO

How to Make and Use It

By A. HYATT VERRILL
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IX. AIR-GAPS AND LIGHTNING SWITCHES

A great many people are very much afraid of lightning following an aerial and injuring the premises, for they seem to think that the wires "attract" lightning, just as many people with intelligence and education still believe that steel knives or hardware or wire netting window screens "attract" the lightning. As a matter of fact, none of these things "attract" the lightning, but merely form a convenient conductor to enable the lightning to ground itself. Lightning-rods are designed for the same purpose and a properly installed aerial, instead of jeopardizing a building, is really an excellent safeguard and makes a splendid lightning rod. Lightning strikes a building or object when it is trying to find a way to the earth and if the object struck is a good conductor of sufficient capacity it does no damage. For this reason, houses covered with wire netting and climbing vines are far safer than those which are bare, and steel buildings, such as the New York skyscrapers, steel bridges, elevated structures, iron smokestacks and chimneys, iron steamships and railway trucks are seldom injured by lightning although frequently "struck"; the reason being that the electricity passes through them freely without encountering resistance. On the other hand, wooden buildings, trees and human beings are poor conductors and when dry are almost non-conductors of electricity, and when the lightning tries to follow such objects to ground, the resistance is so great that serious damage is done. It is exactly like forcing water through a pipe. If you have a powerful stream of water or a great volume of water and provide a pipe large enough for it to flow freely, the pipe will not be injured, even if it is very light and frail; whereas, if you attempted to force the same stream or same volume through a much smaller or clogged pipe, the pipe would be burst or the water would overflow and flood the surroundings. Statistics prove that as far as aerials are concerned there is no danger and

records of fires or injuries from aerials during thunder storms are extremely rare. During an electrical storm the instruments cannot be used owing to the "static" or electricity in the air and the confusion of currents, waves and inductance, and by installing a lightning-switch or an air-gap there will be no danger to the premises. In fact, a properly installed aerial does not affect the rate of insurance and if installed in accordance with the regulations of the local fire department you may be sure there is not the least danger. The fire department records of New York City do not show a single instance of conflagrations started by aerials and lightning.

The simplest and best safeguard for receiving aerials is the air-gap shown in Fig. 16. This consists of two metal attachments separated by about one-eighth of an inch A-B, one of which (A) is attached to the lead-in wire (the wire to be set being fastened to it also) while the other (B) is connected by a wire to the ground direct. This gap is mounted in much the same manner as a lightning-switch, Fig. 17 (on a window sill or other convenient spot), in which A shows connections to aerial, B to receiver and C to ground connection. When the station is not in use, or during thunder storms, the handle D is thrown from A to C, this cutting off all connection between the lead-in wire and the instruments and connecting the aerial directly with the ground. Aerials for sending or transmission stations are very different from those used for receiving only and should be of several wires. The most efficient is probably the "cage" type shown in Fig. 18, but any of the others illustrated in Figs. 19, 20 and 21 will answer. These should, of course, be fully insulated and the various methods of doing this are well shown in the figures and require no explanation. To install sending stations a license is required, whereas to receive, no license is needed.

FARM NEWS

WANTED, RAMS AND BILLES

(By County Agent B. W. Cooney.)
Plans are being made at this time to hold a ram and billy sale some time during July. This sale will be held for the benefit of country breeders only. We cannot make it a success unless you will let the county agent know the number, age and breed of rams or billys you will consign to the sale. All county breeders will have the first chance of sale or exchange of their animals. Now is the time to give these animals a little extra care and attention so they will be in prime condition. We do not expect to see animals in showing condition but desire well cared for animals in good breeding order. To make this sale a success your cooperation is needed in sending us a list of the animals you will offer.

COOKED FOOD SALE

The Ladies' Missionary society of the South Methodist church will hold a cooked food sale at the People's Supply Store, Saturday, June 10. Home-cooked foods for sale.

Vocational Bible School Started

The daily vacation Bible school at the Baptist church started yesterday morning with great enthusiasm. Long before the registration began at 9 o'clock, children were eagerly hanging around the church door waiting for it to be opened. It was the first morning of the first daily vacation Bible school ever held in Roseburg. Anxious questions were being asked as to what would be done inside.

When the doors were opened nearly 100 children marched in and took their places. Vacation school buttons were then given to each child. Then came the salute to the American flag and the singing of America. The Christian flag was then presented and the story of its origin and its meaning told to the children. The salute to the Christian flag was then learned and given. Organization and assignments were then made.

Each day's program will consist of singing of hymns and patriotic songs, Bible memory work, stories, hand talks, hand-work such as sewing, basket making and manual work for boys.

Miss Lewis of the high school faculty with about 15 or 20 of the best teachers available in Roseburg are in charge of the school. Registration will not be closed for a few days. There is no tuition nor admission fee. Every child in Roseburg between the ages of 6 and 14 is heartily welcome whether an attendant at the Baptist church or not. The sessions are held every day except Saturdays and Sunday from 9 to 11:20. Regular attendance of those who register is not compulsory but regularity is strongly advised.

J. A. Westerland, formerly a member of the Oregon state legislature and owner of the Hotel Holland at Medford, and H. C. Smith, manager of the Hotel Holland, are spending a short time here as guests of W. J. Weaver at the Hotel Umpqua.

The American Legion Auxiliary will meet at the Parish House, Tuesday, June 6, at 8 p. m. One delegate and one alternate to the state convention will be elected. All members should make a special effort to be there.

Big Sunday For Salvation Army

Lieutenant Colonel George H. Davis, Salvation Army "crusader," spoke three times at the local army barracks Sunday in connection with his evangelistic "siege" here. His subject Sunday was "Rest." He took his text from the words of Christ, "Come unto me all ye that labor and I will give you rest."

The nature of the rest here implied, the colonel said, "is not rest of body or rest of mind, but soul rest. Rest for the man or woman who is burdened with a troubled conscience. Rest for the person whose wrong living has given him a heavy heart."

"When Israel looked back over the Red sea after their miraculous deliverance from Egypt, the Bible tells us that 'they rested.' But that was rest of body and mind only. God will give this soul-rest to those who come unto Him."

The meetings yesterday were well attended according to Captain Clarence Ford, local officer in charge. The captain states that extra seating facilities are being provided to accommodate the week-end crowds.

"I predict an unprecedented victory along revival lines," he said.

Tonight's service starts at 8 o'clock. A large crowd listened to Lieutenant Colonel George H. Davis who spoke on the subject of "The Call of Matthew." Last night in connection with the Salvation Army revival crusade in progress at the local army barracks, 211 N. Jackson street.

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FORCE OF YANKS STAY IN GERMANY

(By Associated Press.)
WASHINGTON, June 5.—Congress with the request of German officials of the allied, a small number of Americans, including Major General Allen and two battalions of the infantry, will be retained in Rhine beyond July 1, the date originally set for the completion of American evacuation.

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Near East Bundle Day Is Announced

The churches of the city are this week canvassing Roseburg for bundles of clothing and pledges for the Near East Relief. A large number of bundles have already been left at the chamber of commerce rooms, and as Wednesday is bundle day, a large quantity of clothing is expected.

There is no question that this year will do its part in supplying the clothing to help clothe the near-needs of the Near East, said Harry E. White, chairman of the campaign committee. "The women are recommending nobly to the fall for volunteers as they always do."

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