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Many Facts Regarding Our Schools Which Will be of Interest to Patrons

Our girls have arranged with Pandion for a game of basket ball to be played sometime next month.

A number of our people have favored the school with visits during the past week. Visitors are always very welcome in any department of the school. The public schools belong to the citizenship of this city, their interests are directly watched over by a body of men representing the people, and manipulated by persons employed by them. We are therefore, servants of the people, laboring for the common good.

We are glad to know that there are prospects, for a lecture course this year, and that our children, including also, those in the High school will be given a rate of half price for season tickets. No doubt a large number will take advantage of this liberality on the part of those in charge.

Complaints reach the superintendent's office frequently with reference to misdemeanors and misconduct of children on the way home from school. These troubles for the most part, take the form of larger children abusing and otherwise imposing upon the smaller or weaker ones. The superintendent has personally seen some conduct of this kind sufficient to thoroughly convince him that drastic measures should be adopted to break up these things. Grown persons, either parents or others, who personally observe misdemeanors in children under the above circumstances will confer a favor upon the management of this school by ascertaining the names of offenders and reporting same any evening after five o'clock to phone 332 Black. It has also been reported to us that citizens of our town when passing along the sidewalks, have been crowded into the gutters by children walking four or five abreast whom they meet. This misconduct is outrageous and causes us to blush with shame. Anyone witnessing such an occurrence will greatly oblige us by reporting as above indicated.

The October examination in General Information was given to the High school last Friday afternoon. Below the questions are appended. The average on the scale of 100 per cent, boys 36 per cent. Average of school, 31 per cent.

GREAT INFORMATION EXAMINATION

- 1 What was of national reputation has recently completed a trip to the Philippine Islands?
- 2 What was the object of his visit?
- 3 Spell ten words to be pronounced. Spell chocolate, victrola, saucer, scissors, skeleton, biscuit, auxiliary, vaccine, postlice, vegetable.
- 4 Name five prominent American high class magazines.
- 5 Estimate the area in square miles of Union County, Oregon.
- 6 Find cost of kalsomining the walls (not ceiling) of a room 20 feet long, 14 feet 6 inches wide and 10 feet 4 inches high, at 27 cents per square yard deducting for a fire place 4 feet by 4 feet 4 in. and two windows each 6 feet by 3 feet 2 inches.
- 7 It requires the same number of pickets to build a picket fence over a hill as it would straight through it. If you believe this draw a diagram to show it.
- 8 How many feet of lumber in a log one and one-half feet square after slabs are taken off, the log being being twelve feet long?
- 9 By one statement for each indicate that you know something of the following: (1) Marcus Whitman, (2) Walt Whitman, (3) Clara Barton (4) Gladstone, (5) Elias Howe.
- 10 Whose picture is on the one cent stamp? On the two cent stamp? On the postal card?
- 11 How many pounds in a bushel of wheat?
- 12 A farmer in hauling 4 loads of wheat to town received from the weighmaster the following gross weights: 3665 lbs, 3635 lbs, 3694 lbs, and 3385 lbs. At each time the wagon weighed 1100 lbs. Find what he received for the wheat at 84 cents per bushel.
- 13 Who is Joaquin Miller?
- 14 What does the world owe to John Howard Payne?
- 15 Find the simple interest on \$144.24 for 2 yrs, 3 mo, 19 days, at 8 per cent.
- 16 Who invented (1) cotton gin (2) steam boat, (3) ocean cable, (4) telegraph, (5) first reaping machine?

- 17 Find cost of fencing a 20 acre field whose width is one half its length with a woven wire fence at \$7 and one half cents per rod a 6 inch base board at \$7.00 per M and posts one rod apart at 5 cents each
- 18 Estimate the length and width of a \$5 bill.
- 19 What is meant by the Franking privilege?
- 20 What is that process of law called by which a person foreign born becomes an American citizen?

We were utterly surprised to note that none knew the world's debt to John Howard Payne. Very few, perhaps a dozen could solve correctly the problem in simple interest. Less than six knew that Secretary Taft has recently visited the Philippines. Only three knew the object of his visit. Some thought Walt Whitman was the son of Marcus Whitman. According to one, Gladstone was a famous Africa explorer.

With nearly twenty standard magazines on our reading table, more than half could not name five American magazines. Only one knew the inventor of the ocean telegraphic cable. Only two or three had any reasonable conception of the probable area of Union County, Oregon. Two or three had been sufficiently observing to correctly estimate the dimensions of a five dollar bill. Two knew the meaning of the Franking privilege.

Now comes the question, "How shall we account for this?"

Where shall the responsibility for this condition be located, in the school, with the parent, or with the child? Let us see. No doubt the school comes in for a share of the blame for this condition which exists to some degree in practically every high school. Is the pursuit of higher learning the cause of this? By no means. On the contrary it should sharpen the child's perceptions and enlarge the scope of his intellectual activities. Higher learning should give the mind added strength to grasp and hold firmly the practical things of life. The school should keep the child-mind awakened to a constant realization of the relation of higher learning to the practical needs of his being in the world where his lot is cast. In school the child must not be permitted to entertain the thought that he is attending school as a pastime, but should understand from the influence both at home and school that it is a place for hard work, application to duty and strenuous mental activity. If school is not a place for hard work it defeats the very aim of its existence which is training. When the school fails in this, it is at fault.

It seems strange indeed that nearly sixty young people in the ninth, tenth and eleventh years of school work had never heard of the stranger who, when in a strange land, sad, lonely and friendless, penned the lines which have struck a chord in the universal human heart, and immortalized his name. It is a peculiar comment upon the influence thrown around our young people, that sixty of them now in the pursuit of higher education, had not heard of this man who fifty two years ago, spent his last hours homeless and alone on the ruins of Carthage far from his native land, and whose dust which had so long lain in that far away land, was a few years ago lovingly borne and laid to rest in Oak Hill cemetery, New York. Here is where the home is at fault, at least in some degree, and must share the blame with the school and the child.

It would be interesting data to study, if we could but know, all the subjects which are brought up and discussed each evening at each supper table in this city and around each fire-side, in the presence of the hundreds of children who are daily attending our public schools. It is here that the teacher has an undeniable right to ask and expect that the child shall hear discussed things which will benefit the child enlarge his stock of learning and assist his progress in his school work.

Years of experience have taught us that silly gossip, trivial and insignificant local affairs and chronic fault-finding are given a far too prominent

place in the American home circle. Before the child therefore, can possess acutely developed powers of observation, and an abiding interest in the things he ought to know, surely the place where he spends nearly three fourths of his time should throw around him influences which tend to develop him along these lines, and, it is no less important that the school where he spends less than one fourth of his time should do its part.

Miss Williams entertained with some interesting exercises by her little ones last Friday afternoon.

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