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Promised to tell you here all about their great BARGAIN FEAST but as this space will not permit half they want to say, they are obliged to ask you to refer to their large ad. on another page of this issue. READ EVERY WORD, IT WILL SAVE YOU MONEY

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ABOUT THE SCHOOLS

In a former article I gave my ideas of how a school or college should be started. In this I will endeavor to state what class of children should be reached by such an institution.

When a young lady, or a young man arrives at the age of maturity, they must take up a profession, or a trade whereby they will be enabled to make a living for themselves, and those who will be dependent upon them, therefore the absolute necessity for all of our children to fit themselves for this object, and how imperative it is that the parents of today

should set forth every effort within their reach to help their children fit themselves for this life long battle.

Our parents and their parents whole desire was that their boys. I will leave out the boys for we had no woman suffrage, should study for a public profession and become an Aristotle, a Cromwell, a Washington, a Lincoln or a Huxley, and others of this class; one who could sit in his easy chair and make a living without manual labor. Were they right or were they wrong? Would we all become such? Not and what if we had? This I will leave the reader to answer.

Let us open the book of the past, and look into its dark recesses, behold! you see Aristotle instructing Alexander the Great in warfare; you see Greece fall; you see Rome fall; Charlemagne succumb; Cromwell overcome; Napoleon robbed of his laurels; Washington warring for freedom; Lincoln save the nation. What did you see? War, war, war. You see there were only two classes, aristocracy and laborer; so you see our dear old parents were trying to make aristocracy out of

us, they did not succeed and I am glad of it, for aristocracy produces war, and peace produces science and education.

We do not want our boys and girls to become lawyers, statesmen, politicians and doctors, for at present there are too many. Webster's saying, "there is room in the upper story" will not do now. Of course there should be enough to fill the places, but our towns and our cities are congested with this class and the minds of the coming generation should be diverted into channels of such sciences as will provide for their maintenance.

The children whose education has been the most sadly neglected are those living in the rural districts. What class of people should receive a more thorough education in all branches than a farmer? He should be a chemist, biologist, a doctor, a carpenter, a machinist, a blacksmith, a botanist, an electrician, a salesman, a laborer and a gentleman, therefore we should have here in La Grande a school that would have for its object, the education of the rural class.

No boy or girl would go amiss in taking this kind of a course for most every book is a step to a higher and more advanced studies. While I believe that all studies that tend directly to the farmers benefit should be taught, I believe that some of the useless studies that are now taught, should be dispensed with, such as ancient history and Latin. But above all things Latin is the most useless of any study imaginable that our small schools are compelled to teach. Why does not our school superintendent have German, Japanese or even Chinese in its place? German is an everyday language and should have recognition before those that have become dead and obsolete. If a boy or girl wants to become a classical scholar let him go to a higher school but do not encumber our every day schools in such a manner. But I hear some one say that we must have these taught so that our children will know the root from which our words are derived. Has not our ancient history been properly translated into English? If so what do we care (as a common class) from where the root came, and it should be the last taught.

Those studies that pertain directly to the organic matter of the earth, the fertilization and the preservation of it in the soil; the process to be followed in releasing it to the entire benefit of the growing crops; the scientific breeding of stock; the caring for the orchard; the beautifying of the home; taking care of the machinery; and numerous studies that pertain directly to the farm and its management for it is absolutely imperative that this must be brought about so that we are better able to meet the coming conflict.

The farmer, from the beginning of history, has been a slave unto the aristocracy and money kings of every nation. They have been the avenues through which the coffers of the land have been filled to overflowing. They have been the "meek and lowly." Are they to continue so? I say no! a change must soon take place and it will be through the two great agencies that are directly interested, viz., finance and depletion of natural resources. The great commercial financiers of our nation began to realize this when they brought about and had established the agricultural department at Washington, D. C., and as years roll by they realize more keenly the great importance that the farmer must be educated to meet the failure of natural production. The farmer is the great master wheel around which, through which, and by which all industries are enabled to revolve and fill the granaries of the speculation world. Stop! Think! What would this nation be if it was not for the tiller of the soil, the pruner of the orchard, the shepherd of the hills, the axmen of the forests? Chaos, barbarism and intellectual darkness.

Why are you enabled to sit in the sacred confines of your home surrounded by all the comforts that money can give if it was not for the products of the tiller of the soil upon which you are enabled to trade and traffic with the world and gather in the gold. You see too plainly that the great natural store house is becoming weakened and there must be brought about a system to educate the farming class, whereby the person of undeveloped science can stretch forth his hand and help stay and guide the footsteps of mother nature. The superintendent of public instruction could not

LOCAL ITEMS

Our public school opened this morning after the holidays.

The registration books for the primaries are now open at the county clerk's office.

County court convenes tomorrow and the board will make the annual tax levy at this term.

Tomorrow evening is the regular monthly meeting of the city council.

Fast driving on Adams Avenue does not seem to be quite so popular this morning.

Dr. P. A. Charlton, the veterinary spent Saturday at J. W. Riley's logging camp, and state that the snowfall Saturday evening was over two feet.

Mr. and Mrs. A. Buckley have returned from a visit on the coast and Fortland.

G. W. Dart left for Uman, Arizona, Monday, where he becomes head salesman in the clothing rooms of a department store.—Grant County News.

Mr. and Mrs. O. T. Galloway and son Walter, returned to their home in Union this morning after having spent the holidays in this city.

Mrs. Ed Meyers, of Pendleton, was a visitor in the city yesterday, the guest of Mr. and Mrs. T. M. Stubblefield and family.

The La Grande Commercial Club football team was defeated New Years day at Pendleton by the foot-ball players of that city. Score 15 to 0 this closes the foot-ball season.

Ticket 975 captured the forty dollar suit New Years day at A. V. Andrews. Lucky number.

J. W. Cook, president of the Wallawa Valley Railroad, arrived in the city last evening and left this morning for Elgin.

Mrs. C. W. Noyes and children, who spent a part of the holidays near Hilgard with Mrs. Noyes' mother, Mrs. David Hawes, who accompanied her home.

James Stanford, of La Grande, chef at the Sommer house, was in Baker City yesterday attending to business interests he holds here. Mr. Stanford was chef at the Crabill hotel in Baker City when that hostelry was run by J. T. Giroux.

SURPRISE PARTY

About 75 friends and neighbors of Mr. and Mrs. C. D. Huffman gathered in a body and descended upon that family at their home east of this city last night. During the evening games were played and later a lunch brought by the guests was served. Their visit was a complete surprise but the willing and surprised hosts entertained the large company so well that they wish New Years came every few days.

improve their time to better advantage than to bring their influence to bear upon the financial world and ask private assistance to accomplish this object.

I hope some of the seed of my weak endeavors will "fall upon good ground and will spring forth and bear good fruit."

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MISS NASH THE WINNER

Miss Nash was notified this afternoon that she was victorious in the Journal contest over Miss Mollie Probstel, receiving a majority of 11,000 votes.

NOT AN ARREST

Up to the hour of going to press there had not been a warrant issued out of the city recorder's court so far this year. Not an arrest on Christmas or New Years day. That is a record any city may be proud of.

LACHNER IN PORTLAND

W. J. Lachner of Baker City, candidate for the Republican nomination for congressman from the second district, is in the city today. He has been in conference with a number of political friends in Portland and is said to have received some strong encouragement.—Portland Journal.

GOOD SLEIGHING

Grande Ronde valley is now enjoying the best general sleighing for years. The roads were smooth and solid when the snow fell and in every direction the cutters are coming into the city.

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