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HALF DAY SCHOOL SESSIONS.

Children in the first grade should be required to attend school only a half day. More and more the parents are coming to this opinion.

Many arguments for the change can be advanced. The children of the first grade average six years of age. They are but recently from the kindergarten where they have attended the session only a half day.

Mentally children at this stage would be as well or better off with half day session. All experience shows that it is useless to make an attempt to teach children when they are tired.

Physically the advantages are ap-

parent. Children at this age should get all the fresh air and play possible. The confinement within doors necessary for their education should be reduced to a minimum.

If parents with children now in the first grade or soon about to enter it wish to help bring th change about the proper thing is to write their views to the school board or, better still, start a petition among their friends and neighbors asking that the change be made.

JUST A SUSSIDY, AFTER ALL.

According to Prof. Emory R. Johnson, the government's expert on the Panama canal, congress by voting free passage to American ships engaged in the eastwise trade simply has authorized a subsidy of \$2,500,000 a year to American ship owners.

As time passes the action of congress in discriminating in favor of American ships seems even more ill-advised than it did at the time. It undoubtedly is a ship subsidy, something which the American people would not favor if it were presented directly and not by a subterfuge.

It is doubtful if the people as a whole realize just what is said of this country abroad. If they did there might be more thought on the canal question. We not only have British papers denouncing us for "perfidy" but we have the French, German, Italian and Japanese press almost as a unit against us.

generally realized here the act which has caused all the trouble would be wiped out of existence.

Passing the merits of the question for the time, it yet remains a fact that the sacrifice of esteem which favoritism to our own ships has meant is not made up by the financial return. Rather than bear the reputation of being treaty breakers we had better relinquish any benefit which we may think we have gained, for in the end such a reputation is going to injure us seriously.

NO FEDERAL DIVORCE LAW.

Federal control of marriage and divorce is the suggestion recently made at the ministers' conference held in Illinois. It is more easily suggested than accomplished.

If a federal divorce law were to be drafted, which view of divorce would be incorporated in it? There are several. Two in particular constantly clash in all discussions of the subject. One—and this seems to be that held by the clergymen suggesting federal control—is that there should be but one cause for divorce. The advocates of this view argue that only by some such rigid system can the home be maintained and society kept pure.

To these opinions those holding the stricter views retort that the welfare of the children must be considered. A united family, they aver, is necessary to their proper upbringing.

Between these two extreme views there are several others. It is not necessary to recapitulate them. The only point is that on this subject there are many honest differences of opinion which would come into instant conflict as soon as the nation attempted to legislate any one into a statute.

"THIS IS MY 57TH BIRTHDAY."

Bishop-Keator
Rt. Rev. Frederic William Keator, bishop of the Protestant Episcopal diocese of Olympia, Wash., was born in Honesdale, Pa., Oct. 22, 1855.

The courts have decided that a wife can lie to her husband. When she also gets the right to vote, so she can vote and lie, hubby will have to take to the woods.

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WOMAN'S VOTE

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diana, Kentucky, Tennessee, Alabama, Florida, Georgia, South Carolina, North Carolina, Virginia, Maryland, Pennsylvania, Rhode Island and Maine.

Kentucky already has felt the entering wedge and before the presidential election in 1916 it is very likely that half a dozen or more states will have adopted women suffrage.

So far the equal suffrage cause has scored its greatest victories in the far West. No state in the east or south has yet granted to women the full suffrage rights.



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sin the suffragists are fighting hard and have strong hopes of success. It is generally conceded however, that Kansas is more likely to adopt the amendment than is any of the other states in which the matter is to be voted on next month.

The woman suffrage movement has made less of an impression on the old

south, as far as practical results are concerned, than on any other section of the country. But even here the agitation is beginning to be felt, and it is not improbable that the suffragists will include Louisiana, Georgia, and one or two others in the list of "campaign states" within another year or two.

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Chicago, Oct. 17.—Campaign activities should not cease because of Colonel Roosevelt's attempted assassination, so far as he is concerned.

The following statement was issued by Colonel Roosevelt today at Mercy hospital in answer to what Mr. Bryan said yesterday in his speech at Franklin, Ind.:

"I wish to express my cordial agreement with the manly and proper statement of Mr. Bryan at Franklin, Ind., when in arguing for a continuance of the discussion of the issues at stake in the contest he said

"The issues of this campaign should not be determined by the act of an assassin. Neither Colonel Roosevelt nor his friends could ask that the discussion be turned away from the principles that are involved. If he is elected president it should be because of what he has done in the past and what he proposes to do hereafter."

Roosevelt Demands Discussion.

"I wish to point out, however, that neither I nor my friends have asked that the discussion be turned away from the principles that are involved." On the contrary, we emphatically demand that the discussion be carried on precisely as if I had not been shot.

"I shall be sorry if Mr. Wilson does not keep on the stump and I feel that he owes it to himself and the American people to continue on the stump."

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