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TO STUDY THE CHILD.

New Orleans school children are to be studied systematically by experts, with respect to their capacity for education. Children who for any reason are "exceptional" will be selected by the school authorities and referred for individual examination to the psychological laboratory at Newcomb college of Tulane university.

According to the detailed plan of procedure evolved, in which parent, teacher, sociologist, physician and psychologist are to co-operate, the school teachers will take the first step in the examination. Following a systematic census of all the children, they will select from their classes those who appear to be backward, or vicious, or in any way "exceptional."

After the consent of the parent is obtained, the parent, with the child, will apply to the superintendent of public schools for his approval, and then to the chief medical inspector of the public schools for physical examination. The experts at the university laboratory will then study the children individually.

Through mental test, such as the "form-board" and the Binet tests, through knowledge of the child's family history and mode of life, obtained by a tactful social worker in close touch with the home, and through any other available source of information they will seek to classify the child according to his mental needs and ability. After having the pupil under direct observation for some time, the psychologists will be able to determine whether he should attend the regular school, receive special training, or be provided for in some other way.

The whole purpose is to study the apparently exceptional child for his own welfare and that of the school and community, so that he may develop to the utmost such talents as he has, and, if possible, become a useful member of society instead of a social loss.

Game Warden Arrests Youth.

Hugh Gibson of La Grande was yesterday caught by Game Warden C. B. Oral on a farm in the vicinity of Island City hunting without a license. He was brought before Juvenile Judge J. C. Henry owing to his being under age and given a sharp reprimand and told that if he repeated the offense he would be sent to the reform school for a period of four years. He is paroled and will undoubtedly get the license or give up the illicit practice of hunting without the necessary script.

There are a few others who are guilty of the practice and C. B. Oral

is on their trail. "In due course of time," said the warden, "these same fellows will run into my trap and then their skins will sell for from \$25 to \$50 each in open court."

COITS BIG HIT.

Triangle Club Room Features Attracts Many First Week.

Successful beyond the fondest hopes of the promoters, the results of the Triangle club's first week have been struck and tabulated.

Formed for the purpose of giving amusement to young men and strangers in the city, by keeping the Y. M. C. A. headquarters on Depot open and providing amusements, at the same time working in conjunction with the Y. M. C. A. for a new building, the club gave its first week's existence to supplying lounge rooms for strangers and the home guard who sought quiet and well regulated quarters. An average of 20 people found the Triangle club rooms each day during the first week. Coits have been the big popular game, with checker boards already installed and chess facilities will be provided commencing tomorrow. Still other amusing and entertaining games will be provided as the Triangle exchequer strengthens itself.

Morning Wedding Solemnized.

S. Bester Atkins and Miss Josephine Higgins were married this forenoon at the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Campbell by Rev. E. B. Fyke. Mr. Atkins is one of the young freight conductors of the O-W, and the bride is one of La Grande's popular young ladies. Miss Atkins has been making her home with her uncle and aunt, Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Campbell and is well known in this city.

The ceremony was followed by an elaborate wedding breakfast at which only the immediate relatives of the bride and groom were present.

Miss Irma Geddes acted as bridesmaid and Mr. George Abegg as best man.

The newly married couple started on a honeymoon trip to Portland and Sound points this morning and will make their home in La Grande upon their return in a few weeks.

I. C. C. MAN HERE.

Will Make Headquarters in La Grande Several Days on Business.

S. J. Mayhood, a member of the interstate commerce court force of officials, is in the city spending a few days while looking after business relative to the 16-hour law. While here he is a guest at the Commercial club when at leisure.

COX HAS GRIEF.

May Be Re-Indicted on Perjury Charges Say Supreme Court.

Columbus, Feb. 11.—By sustaining objections of the prosecuting attorney to the ruling of the common pleas court which quashed the indictment against George F. Cox, former boss of Cincinnati the supreme court has paved the way for re-indictment of Cox.

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An excellent Manchester lady frequently invites her friends to tea, but she does not furnish her table lavishly. When her guests have eaten all the bread and butter and cookies and realize that the meal is over, she looks brightly at the empty dishes.

"Well, now," she says in triumphant tones, "haven't I judged your appetites exactly?"

Left Handed Drinkers.

A commercial traveler says that he can identify members of his profession in the hotel dining rooms by their habit of drinking their coffee "left handed." He says that many traveling men have adopted this habit because when they drink "left handed" they drink from the side of the cup that isn't generally used. This is one of those customs the value of which will lessen as it becomes more general—or as dishwashing

Right Up to Date.

"In regard to the custody of the child," said the judge in handing down his decision in the divorce case, "I'll let the young lady decide for herself." "Oh," replied the worldly wise young thing, "if mamma is really going to get all that alimony I guess I'll go with her."—Brooklyn Life.

Sacrifice For Art's Sake.

"You say you have devoted your life to art," said the man who tries to be polite, even when surprised. "Yes," replied Mr. Cumrox, "I have devoted myself to an effort to become rich enough to own a gallery of genuine old masters."—Washington Star.

LOST—Bundle of laundry about Jan. 19th. Bring to Observer office and receive reward. 2-11-2tp

FLAGLER IS ILL.

Admission of Critical Illness of Oil Magnate Is Made.

St. Augustine, Fla., Feb. 11.—Admission that he is near death is made by physicians of Henry M. Flagler, the Standard Oil magnate. He is confined to his apartment here and has been for several weeks. He is very old his condition is the result of a general breakdown.

POPE UPHOLDS PRESTIGE.

Precedent Long Since Established, Keeps Pope Within Vatican.

Rome, Feb. 11.—Adherence to the tradition that no pope shall leave the vatican alive until the temporal sovereignty of the church is acknowledged by the quirkinal, the Italian king's palace, it is announced that Pope Pius will not attend the funeral of his sister in Venice, where she

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