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TEACHERS' COTTAGES

Teachers' cottages, erected by the community in or near the schoolhouse and used not only as the teacher's residence but also in the community center, are advocated in a bulletin prepared by R. S. Kellogg and distributed by the Department of the Interior through its Bureau of Education to county superintendents and other officers in charge of rural schools.

Lack of suitable boarding accommodations is one of the most serious difficulties in the way of securing suitable teachers for country schools, the bulletin declares. There are more than 200,000 rural-school districts in the United States and over 16,000,000 children of school age who live in the country or in towns of less than 2,500 population, yet it is impossible because of living conditions to get teachers of the highest type to remain in the country.

Mr. Kellogg says: "Many farm houses have no accommodations whatever for a teacher, and often kitchen living room and dining room are combined in one with no heat in any other room in the house. The farmer and his family have to spend most of their time working indoors or out, eating and sleeping. Their occupations and hours of labor in no way correspond to those of the teacher, which increases the difficulty of fitting the teacher's necessary habits to those of the farmer with any satisfaction to either. A good teacher must spend a comfortable amount of time almost every evening upon school work, for which a quiet, comfortable room is essential. If she insists upon such a room when she goes to board in the country she is likely to be considered "stuck up" and exclusive. If she gets a room by herself it is often unheated and too uncomfortable for study in cold weather.

"On the other hand, if the teacher is forced to spend her entire time in the living room with the rest of the family, she has no opportunity to prepare properly for her school duties, and is also very likely to be drawn unavoidably into neighborhood gossip and factional disputes to the detriment of her teaching influence. Many of the better situated families in the country districts who have the facilities, do not care to take a

steady boarder, so that if a teacher gets a place to board at all she may be forced to go to farm houses where only the barest accommodations can be secured."

It is because of these conditions that the teachers' cottage movement has developed rapidly in the past few years, until, according to an investigation by J. C. Macman of the Bureau of Education, recorded in the bulletin, there are now one or more teachers' cottages in every State, and in the State of Washington, where the movement has been fostered by Mrs. Josephine Preston, State Superintendent of Public Instruction, there are now 108 of these cottages.

ONE OF THESE DAYS

(J. W. Foley in Railroad Men) Say! Let's forget it! Let's put it aside!

Life is so large and the world is so wide,

Days are so short and there's so much to do,

What if it was false—there's so much that's true!

Say! Let's forget it! Let's brush it away

Now and forever—so, what do you say?

All of the bitter words said shall be praise

One of these days.

Say! Let's forget it! Let's wipe off the slate!

Find something better to cherish than hate.

There's so much good in the world that we've had,

Let's strike a balance and cross off the bad.

Say! Let's forgive it, whatever it be;

Let's not be slaves when we ought to be free.

We shall be walking in sunny ways

One of these days.

Say! Let's not mind it! Let's smile it away!

Bring not a withered rose from yesterday;

Flowers are so fresh by the wayside and wood.

Sorrows are blessings but half understood;

Say! Let's not mind it, however it seems;

Hope is so sweet and holds so many dreams

All of the sere fields with blossoms shall blaze

One of these days.

Say! Let's not take it so sorely to heart;

Hates may be friendships just drifted apart;

Failure be genius not quite understood;

We could all help folks so much if we would!

Say! Let's get closer to somebody's side,

See what his dreams are and know how he tried;

Learn if our scoldings won't give way to praise

One of these days.

Say! Let's not wither! Let's branch out and rise

Out of the byways and nearer the skies;

Let's spread some shade that's refreshing and deep,

Where some tired traveler may lie down and sleep.

Say! Let's not tarry! Let's do it right now!

So much to do if we just find out how.

We may not be here to help folks or praise

One of these days.

Bits From Everywhere

A daily paper was recently issued

on a train between the cities of Minneapolis and Spokane.

The number of aviators in the world is now estimated at 50,000, and the number is growing daily.

Good paper, it is said, can be produced from refuse hops that have hitherto been thrown away in breweries.

A serious effort is being made in India to revive the natural indigo industry and more than 258,000 acres have been planted this year.

The musical acuteness of horses is shown by the rapidity with which cavalry horses learn the significance of trumpet calls.

In the Japanese variety of the common pheasant the splendid green which decorates the neck only of the English pheasant, or the ring-necked Chinese species, is carried down over the whole breast.

GLOOM DISPELLERS.

Strange Transformation

The patient brute whose hide we use

For footwear would be dazed to know

That he supplies the fancy shoes

Now picturesquely placed on show.

—Washington Star.

Revenge

"Why are you inviting Miss Not-

tavoise to your party if you don't like her?"

"To get even with her."

"I don't understand your method."

"I'll give her a perfectly miserable evening by not asking her to sing."

—Detroit Press Press

A Cockney Suggestion

It was at a theatre in Manchester.

The king, aged and infirm, was blessed with two sons. He was pacing up and down the stage, with a wearied, troubled look, exclaiming aloud:

"On which of these, my sons, shall I bestow my crown?"

Immediately came a voice from the gallery:

"Why not 'arf a crown apiece, guv' nor?"—Argonaut.

Complete Circle

"I got an umbrella back the other day."

"How was that?"

"I borrowed it from a man who borrowed it from the man who borrowed it from me."—Louisville Courier-Journal.

But He Was No Yankee

Isreal Zangwill, the author, has aroused a good deal of criticism lately owing to his attitude toward the war.

The author of "The Children of the Ghetto," is one of the wittiest of all literary men, and as an after-dinner speaker he has few rivals.

Shortly after he was married, Mr. Zangwill came with his wife to American where they were entertained by some prominent citizens at a well-known New York Club.

After dinner, an admiral who was present, proposed Mr. Zangwill's health, and remarked that it was a pity they could not claim him as a citizen of the United States.

"Oh," said Mr. Zangwill, with a smile: "but I belong to one of the United States, through my wife by marriage."

Everyone was much puzzled, for Mrs. Zangwill was certainly English; but it was she herself who explained the mystery.

"It was a joke," she said sadly; he does belong to the United States... the married state, do you see?"

Not So Enthusiastic

"How did you like that interior setting?" asked the realistic producer.

"For a real room, except that it had only three walls, could you beat it?"

"Well," said the morose critic, "I'd have been more contented during the play if you had added the fourth wall."—Judge.

And now England calls out the married men. Albion is learning at last the necessity of having real fighting men of experience in a crisis like this.

—Houston Post.

A man is aging a little when he begins pointing with pride to a good night's sleep.

—Athens Globe.

Just as Good

"How is your boy Joel getting along with his books?"

"First rate," replied Farmer Corn-tassel. "He's learned a whole lot."

"Knows more than you do, I bet."

"I won't say that. But he kin tell me a lot of the things I already know in language I can't understand."

—Washington Star.

Trouble with this key-noting thing is that there are too many key-noters and the confused singers sound more like a dot than one grand sweet song.

—Chicago Daily News.

From Mr. Root's distinction between Mexico and Belgium it appears that moral sentiment should not only operate at a distance of 3,000 miles and where there no American investments to speak of.

—New York Evening Post.

Rooming Houses

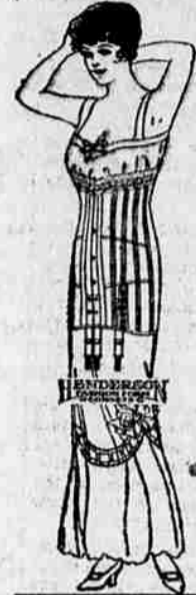
The Cates rooming house on Third street has been purchased by J. B. McKennon at a price said to exceed \$3000 and the purchaser has taken possession. The deal was handled by J. D. McKennon.

From New York--- By Express--- New Spring Coats---

Women's and Misses' smart new coats for all occasions. A big shipment has just been received—striking examples of the best spring coat fashions. Some are of Taffeta, others are of serge, checks, fancy coat mixtures, etc—new shades and all sizes.

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BIG OPERETTA BEGINS TONIGHT

Tonight and again tomorrow night, school auditorium under the leadership and direction of Miss Lucile Hindman. The program to be carried out is well balanced, and sure to entertain. It follows:

- PART ONE
The Rose Bush's Baby... Neidlinger
The Wise Old Owl... Neidlinger
The Whale... Neidlinger
Rocking Baby... Neidlinger

- First and Second Grades
Song Cycle... "Seeing, Tasting, Hearing, Smelling, Touching" Meissner
Third Grades

- Honey Bee and Clover... Meissner
Katy-Did... Meissner
Captain Jay... Meissner
The Scarecrow... Meissner

- Fourth Grades
Indian Song... Trapp
Playtime Land... Rhys-Herbert

- Fifth Grade
Song of The Winds... Trapp
Persevering Student... McLaughlin
Santa Lucia... Neapolitan Folk Song

- Sixth Grades
My Heart's in the Highlands... Courtney
Our Jack... Trotter

PART TWO OPERETTA

- (Snow White and The Seven Dwarfs)
Snow White... Hazel Stageborg
Queen Mother... Josephine Evans
Snow Fairy... Marcella Berry
Queen (Snow White's Step Mother)... Florence Lynch
Prince... Clarence Loleoma
Chief Huntsman... Jack Neilson
Mirror... Myrtle Black, Wilma Wade
Servant... Ruth Hills
Seven Dwarfs... Fred Geibel, Kenneth Pierson, Frank Black, Showalter Lynch, Raymond Payton, Alvin Quinter, Christian Sandborg.

- Huntsmen... Walter Bradley, Gilbert Swart, Henry Lewis, Fred Hoffman, Jack Rogers, Robert Rush, William Crumes, Donald Roban, Frank Tuckey, Joe Marshall, Warren Vanacke, Nephi Combs.

- Attendant to Queen... Cornelia Drahn
Accompanist... Mrs. Ruth Jackson, Miss Bessie Allinson

Giving some notion of the immensity of the thing it need only be mentioned that there are about 900 participants in the various parts of the program. Yesterday afternoon the grade students and high school pupils who are not to participate witnessed a dress rehearsal of the number.

The proceeds, a small admission being charged, will be used to pay for

Imbler Personals

Imbler, March 23.—(Special).—J. A. Gaskill and daughter, Leneta, were in Elgin Thursday.

George L. Cleaver has organized a local camp of Boy Scouts, thirteen lads forming the charter membership.

"Pat" Rollins was in La Grande part of last week.

John Wietz is having the show windows of his drug store enclosed. Mrs. William Rollins was in Elgin Thursday.

Mrs. Winters, wife of District Superintendent Winters of La Grande, was down Sunday to organize a Junior Epworth League chapter. Officers were selected as follows: Pres. Georgia Marshall; First Vice., Mae Bingham; Second Vice., Mattie Holmes; Third, Vada Squire; Sect., Ina Watkins; Treas., Everett Keown; Supt., Mrs. Ina Bingham.

A Roikjer is here from Boise painting a new screen for the movie hall.

H. D. Lamb, president of the Lamb Fruit Company of Freewater, was here on business last Tuesday. While in Imbler Mr. Lamb was a guest at the home of C. J. Pratt.

Joe Bambridge of Kingsley, Iowa, has been visiting Imbler friends for a few days.

John Coble has moved into the property he recently purchased from Frank Perry.

Joe Price and Mrs. John Stringham, of La Grande, were guests of Mr. and Mrs. Walter Stringham Sunday.

Dave Stoddard was in Imbler Sunday doing Sunday School work.

R. O. Watkins has completed the invoice of the stock of goods in the McKinnis store at Alice and now it is the Watkins store.

M. R. Thompson of Alice, formerly pastor of the Christian church in La Grande, occupied the M. E. pulpit Sunday evening, as Rev. Chapman is holding a series of meetings in Elgin and could not be here for his regular appointment.

Savoy Hotel Arrivals

Fred Braclen, Ferry; J. L. McKinnis, Summerville; H. M. Cowan, Walla Walla; Paul Young; M. Carroll; M. D. Hagey; C. M. Strutt; H. H. Hug; Geo. H. Crosby; W. E. Buckman, Alice; N. M. Clifford, City; E. L. Pope; C. E. McBride; Mrs. Jack Little, Baker City; Mrs. J. M. Staley, Salem, Ore.; Miss Lorraine Staley, Salem, Ore.

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