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TEACHERS' INSURANCE.

There are over 30,000 professors and instructors in the colleges and universities of the United States. To all of them, the latest bulletin of the Carnegie Foundation, written by its president, Dr. Henry S. Pritchett, should be of considerable interest. It proposes "a comprehensive plan of insurance and annuities for college teachers."

Dr. Pritchett argues that the college ought not to pay the entire pension of a superannuate. He shows how such a sum is not a gift, "something for nothing," but is to be regarded as so much money held back from the teacher's salary. "In one way or another the individual who makes his career as a teacher—is almost sure in the course of his life to pay for his pension, even though it is provided by some other agency. The only way in which he can be sure that this will not happen is to live under a system in which the question of pension and the question of pay are separated." He cites the experience of the British civil service commission, which found that 70,000 of 100,000 employes looked upon pensions as merely deferred pay.

The plan suggested by Dr. Pritchett provides for both insurance and a retirement annuity. The former provides for the teacher's family, should he die; the latter, for the teacher himself, as well as his family, should he survive the age retirement. To this arrangement both the teacher and the college would contribute, half and half; and the Carnegie Foundation stands ready to administer the funds, paying all costs of such administration.

The Carnegie Foundation is already paying a large amount in pensions, but it realizes that its ability in this line is limited. There are hundreds of institutions which it does not cover. The scheme set forth by Dr. Pritchett could be extended over the entire country. As for the teachers, the following paragraph is instructive as to the attitude of some, if not most of them:

"Perhaps the most common note struck in all these letters, whether from teachers in active service or from those who have retired, is the expression of a desire to participate in the payment of their own pensions, rather than to receive them as a free gift. Such an expression of independence and manliness is exactly what one would expect from Ameri-

can college teachers. It voices a sentiment which does credit both to their sense of justice and to their personal dignity."

LIFE IN EDUCATION.

Educational ideas which have been accepted for scores of years are threatened. Anyone who reads even superficially the accounts of meetings of the National Educational association in New York must see that old standards of elementary, secondary and college education are on the defensive. There has arisen a band of skeptics who are dissatisfied with old methods and their results, and who have been searching for new methods, confident that the world will be made better at a much faster rate by their use.

Elementary education is meeting its hardest attack in the Gary plan. Collegiate education has been severely rapped by the Flexner scheme. Both new ideas aim at more practical instruction. "Academic" education, "cultural" education, is to be thrown aside, or at least made secondary to the idea of usefulness. The old idea was that geometry, Greek, calculus "developed the mind." The new notion is that there are more useful studies which are quite as capable of broadening and deepening the intelligence.

The struggle between the old ideas and the new has just begun. The next 10 years will see many changes in educational theory and practice. The educational world is not hide-bound—it is open to novel thoughts, it is willing to experiment. When a great city like New York is eager to turn over a large part of its school system to the Gary plan, merely as a test of the value of a suggested method, it is an indication of catholicity in educational direction. The subject is immense in its ramifications, fundamental in its importance; but the educators of the country are attacking the problem courageously, with a full realization of their responsibility. Before the movement is over, old ideas will have either met the test or succumbed to those which are better.

STATE NEWS

Homes Ransacked.

Many homes have been ransacked the last few days in Marshfield, and despite the vigilance of amateur sleuths, no clue has been found to the prowlers. Nothing has been stolen and in each case the premises have been left in a state of disorder.

Boy Dies in Willamette.

Raymond Bliven, age 18, of Keiser station, was drowned in the Willamette river six miles north of Salem a few days ago. He apparently was seized with a cramp and before any of his companions could reach him he sank. His body was recovered.

Oregon Field Big.

A representative of Chicago capitalists, together with Gov. Withycombe, the Oregon state land board and others have just finished a tour of Malheur and Harney counties investigating nitrate of potash fields. The syndicate represented desires to develop 648,000 acres of land in this section of Oregon.

Vancouver Bastille Empty.

The city jail at Vancouver is empty, and has been so, for two weeks. All records have been broken by the unusually peaceful spell. The sheriff's office has had as clean a record as the police.

Oldest Indian Dies.

One of the oldest if not the oldest man on the Pacific coast died yesterday at Pendleton when Ayoushakatsgom passed on to the happy hunting grounds. He was reputed to be 120 years old.

Oregon Harvesting Begun.

Harvesting of the 1916 crop has begun in the Pilot Rock section of Umatilla county. The grain is reported to be of fine quality and the yield is good.

Orchardist Dies at Work.

Ansel Edward Knowles, well known Wenatchee orchardist, was found dead Saturday in the Henry Hartman orchard, where he had been plowing. Besides the widow, five sons and one daughter are left.

Seepage Hinders Work.

Work on the subway at the Dalles, under the O-W. R. & N. tracks at the Libby-McNeil & Libby cannery has been seriously hampered by the seeping of water through the rock, which has reached the depth of two feet.

Car Shortage Is Serious.

Prospects that Oregon shippers will experience the worst car shortage in years was indicated when W. R. Scott, vice president and general manager of the Southern Pacific company notified the Oregon Public Service commission that the shortage in California was greater than in this state. Only four empty cars came into this state from California in 24 hours.

Douglas Permits Total 2234.

Clerk Edward Lenox of Douglas county has prepared a report of the liquor affidavits filed in his office from Jan. 1, 1916 to June 31, 1916. The affidavits were as follows: Whiskey, 1207; beer, 685; alcohol, 342.

Aberdeen Invites Mr. Hughes.

Chas. Evans Hughes has been invited by the Aberdeen Young Men's Republican club to visit Aberdeen during his Western tour. He is assured between 30,000 and 40,000 to hear him if he accepts.

Civil War Trooper Dies.

Chas. R. Barnhart, of Riddle, died at the Oregon Soldiers Home at Roseburg, July 9. He served in Company G, First Oregon Cavalry, during the Civil war.

Klamath to Lose Fast Man.

"Ginger" Greenwood, second baseman for the Klamath Falls baseball team, will play his last game with that team next Sunday at Medford. Greenwood has been offered a position with the railroad, near Portland and will leave next week to accept it. He is considered one of the most valuable players on the team.

Two Ward Off Rabies.

The Pasteur treatment for prevention of rabies is being administered by Dr. N. Roberg, state health officer, to two patients from Pendleton. One is a young man of 25 years and the other a boy of seven. Both were bitten by a puppy.

Pendleton Woman Answers Suit.

Will M. Peterson attorney for the defendant, has filed an answer to the divorce suit, filed in the Circuit court last week by Wm. Timmerman asking for \$5000 alimony, \$50 a month for support and \$1000 suit money. The plaintiff is said to have property to the value of between \$40,000 and \$50,000.

Two Cars of Ore Shipped.

Two cars of ore from the mines on Piney mountain, near Riddle, will be shipped to the Illinois Steel company at Chicago this week. Six hundred 50-ton earloads are wanted by the company.

Benton Unites for Roads.

The Benton County, Washington, Good Roads association was organized recently at Kennelwick, with men in attendance representing nearly every section of the county. By laws and a constitution were adopted and a plan of operation approved.

ANNOYING KIDNEY ILLS.

Make Life Miserable for Many La Grande People.

There's nothing more annoying than the kidney weakness or inability to properly control the kidney secretions. Night and day alike, the sufferer is tormented and what with the burning and scalding, the attendant lachrymation, headache and dizziness, life is indeed a burden. Doan's Kidney Pills have given peace and comfort to many La Grande people. Profit by this La Grande resident's experience. Mrs. E. I. Shepherd, 104 Spruce St., La Grande, says: "I couldn't begin to speak too highly of Doan's Kidney Pills, for I have never found anything their equal whenever I have had occasion to take a kidney medicine. Just as soon as I notice my kidneys are not acting as they should and my back feel weak, I take a few doses of Doan's Kidney Pills and they relieve the trouble." Price 50c at all dealers. Don't simply ask for a kidney remedy—get

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New shades of blue, wisteria, gait, and emerald green, reds, navy and black—many in changeant effects, to harmonize with the new Summer costumes.
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Notice to Contractors.
Bids will be received at the Medical Springs school house for a two-room school building. Plans and specifications may be seen at the school house. Bids must be filed on July 31 at 2 p. m. Board reserves right to reject any and all bids. (Signed) J. E. TURNER, Chairman. MRS. G. W. SOUTH, Clerk. —Adv. 7-18-16t.

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LOST—My keys. Return and receive reward.—E. W. Eastman—Adv. 7-25-16t.

Mrs. C. A. Small is reported to be resting more satisfactorily than for several days past, and her friends will be glad to know she is improving, although the change for the better is only nominal.
H. L. Bragg, one time located in Baker but more recently at Wallace, Idaho, has come to La Grande to become night ticket agent. He takes the place vacated by Clyde Hopple who has been transferred to the freight office on a day shift, taking the desk vacated by Harvey Larsen who went to the L. C. Smith garage.

Mrs. Wm. Allinson will entertain the Thursday Bridge tomorrow afternoon.

F. Slack, the Summerville farmer who is on a business trip to La Grande, reports that hay harvest is in full swing in his neighborhood.

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Gould Control of D. & R. G. May Be Clinched.

New York, July 26.—Control of the Denver and Rio Grande railroad and its outlet lines to the Pacific Southwest, by the Jay Gould estate, may be clinched at a conference in George J. Gould's office here today. This meeting is the result of a young war between railroad magnates, over the control and development of the Missouri Pacific system and the D. & R. G. system, the ownership of the lines and their subsidiaries being sadly mixed up between the two groups. The Jay Gould estate owns a controlling interest in the Texas & Pacific and International & Great Northern railroads. These two roads really are tap lines into middle-south territory for the Missouri Pacific railroad, but the group of bankers controlling the Missouri Pacific cannot use them as such because the Gould estate controls them. On the other hand, the bankers controlling the Missouri Pacific also controls the Western Pacific, a tap-line into Southwest and Pacific coast territory for the Denver and Rio Grande, and they won't let the Gould controlled D. & R. G. develop south-westward. The Missouri Pa-

cific owners also hold a big block of D. & R. G. stock. The Missouri Pacific control has been trying to freeze the Goulds out of the D. & R. G., so the D. & R. G. and the Missouri Pacific could be merged and the Pacific coast territory tapped. The new plan given favorable consideration at a preliminary meeting at Gould's office here a couple of weeks ago and to be definitely settled some way or another today, is to have the Gould estate give the Missouri Pacific its interest in the Texas & Pacific and International & Great Northern so the Missouri Pacific can develop in the middle-south, while the Goulds are to receive in exchange the Missouri Pacific's interest in the Western Pacific and D. & R. G., so the D. & R. G. can tap the Southwest territory.

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