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MODERNIZE STATE INSTITUTIONS.

We approve of the efforts of the State Board of Control in appointing commissions of experts to examine into the conduct of the state penitentiary and the state reform schools. The state owes it to the unfortunates in both institutions to adopt modern methods of reform which will tend to reclaim some of the human material which is going to waste and to make as many useful citizens as possible as the result of the operations of these institutions.

PROSPERITY IN PORTLAND.

Reports of the new industries springing up in Portland are gratifying.

The Pacific Coast Steel company has purchased fifteen acres of land as a site for a new steel rolling mill.

This is one result of the establishing of steel shipbuilding plants in the metropolis and illustrates how one industry attracts others.

Portland has long needed manufacturing plants which employ labor. Once the working men of a city are employed at good wages, a steady current of prosperity is set in motion. Payrolls mean circulation of money, activity in business, prompt payment of rents, building of new homes. After all the prosperity of a city depends upon the workers. If they are well paid and contented, the prosperity of the community is assured.

The hard times in Portland will soon be over now that industries are under way.

And this means, too, better markets for the country.

FOR PREVENTION DAY.

Whenever there is a fire, even though the loss is covered by insurance, serious loss results, loss of time and business is certain.

The fire in Pendleton is an example. The mercantile establishments, even though they collect full insurance will suffer serious loss of

business. The community pays the bills.

The lesson is to take every proper safeguard to prevent fires, clear away rubbish, inspect chimneys and flues, put premises in good order.

Fire prevention day is October 9. Every man, woman, and child can do a little something to guard against possible fires.

The aggregate will be worth while in preventing the destruction of property and wealth.

A FINE MERCHANT.

R. Alexander, whose store burned in Pendleton is one of the leading merchants in Eastern Oregon. He built up a big business by square dealing and advertising. We hope that he will continue in business and rebuild it up to the size formerly held.

THE WORLD SERIES.

The Observer has arranged for a full and complete account of the world series of baseball games. In covering these big events The Observer will go to extra expense to give its readers the news the day it happens.

ROAD HOGS.

Humanity has been infested with plagues from time immemorial and even our latter day civilization is not altogether immune. One of the latest pests of society in general is the "road hog". Complaint was made only yesterday that a man driving a car kept the middle of the road and compelled another car to career over into the ditch in passing. There will, as in the eradication of other obnoxious things, be a way found to curb the selfish inclinations of the swine of the highway and those who are affected in that way may as well take notice.

EDITORIAL COMMENT

John R. Mott, Diplomat. (Association Men)

General approval has been shown because of the appointment of John R. Mott as one of the three American members of the International Commission named by President Wilson to settle the differences between the governments of Mexico and the United States. The other members of the commission are Franklin K. Lane, Secretary of the Interior and for many years a member of the Interstate Commerce Commission, and Judge George Gray, of Delaware, for 15 years United States Senator from Delaware and a member of the Paris Peace Commission and of the International Permanent Court of Arbitration under The Hague Convention.

Secular and religious press unite in commending Dr. Mott's appointment and the part he is to play in the delicate task faced by this American delegation.

Says the Kansas City Star: "He will bring to the work of the Mexican commission not only a good comprehension of Mexico, but also a reputation for Christian statesmanship which should help convince the Mexican people of the disinterested desire of the United



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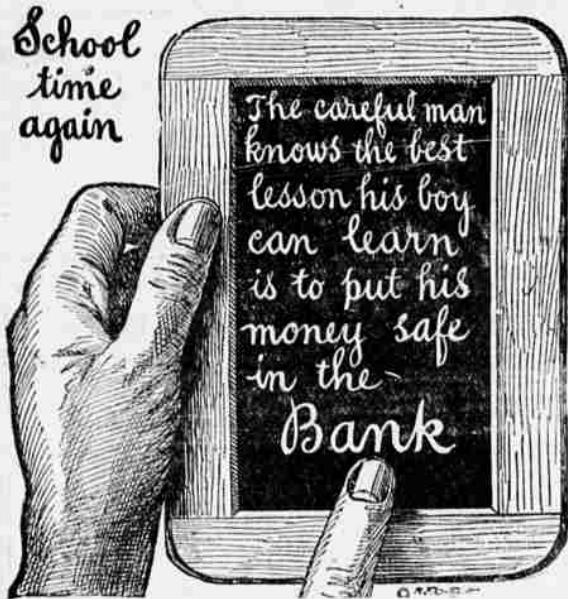
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States for the welfare of its southern neighbor."

Speaking further of "The Y. M. C. A. in International Affairs," the Star says that the members of the commission represent the "highest type" of men President Wilson could have selected to represent the United States in settling Mexican difficulties. "The selection of Dr. Mott is especially interesting. This remarkable man has made a strong impression on college students for a generation. His work has taken him into every part of the world. His grasp of world problems in such that he was offered the position of minister to China, which he refused."

The Philadelphia Press speaks of him as "an eminent leader in work along religious lines for the betterment of humanity." The St. Paul Pioneer-Press, speaking under the caption, "John R. Mott, Diplomat," says: "Those who know Mr. Mott and are familiar with his career have no doubt of his ability to represent the United States well at the conference and to deal justly with our neighbors below the border."

It continues: "In his work of helping to spread Christianity over the habitable world, this International Y. M. C. A. secretary has come into intimate contact with most of the rulers, statesmen, and diplomats of foreign lands. The advance of modern missions in the belated regions of the world depends almost as much on a wise diplomacy as on the efforts of the missionaries themselves, and Mr. Mott has been entrusted with some of the most delicate matters in Russia and China and other portions of the Orient. He could get a hearing when other men could not. The constant expansion of the Y. M. C. A. interests in these regions is a testimony to the success Mr. Mott has enjoyed in this work."

"No, there is nothing anomalous in Mr. Wilson's appointment of Mr. Mott. He will be quite as much at home in a company of diplomats as any man in the group."

The Continental says: "To citizens who look on matters of current import from the viewpoint of

religion, there is special meaning to President Wilson's appointment of John R. Mott to the commission which is to try to settle the troubles between Mexico and the United States. We do not mean to intimate that Mr. Mott's colleagues—Secretary Lane and Judge Gray—are not as ready as he to follow religious principles in dealing with Mexico, but it goes without saying that neither of them stands so definitely before the public for religion as does Mr. Mott, who in prestige and influence is surpassed by no other Christian leader in the world. His identification with the board of adjustment is therefore open notice that the President expects Mexico to be dealt with not according to the dictates of worldly advantage nor with the bullying swagger of superior strength, but in remembrance of this nation's brotherly obligation to be considerate, patient and helpful.

WIT AND HUMOR

Nothing Personal.

A city chap was going along a country road one day and saw a farmer's boy sitting on a fence. Hoping to start a conversation with him the city boy said:

"Your corn looks sort of yellow."

"Yes, that's the kind we planted," was the response.

"Don't look as if you were going to get more than half a crop," volunteered the city chap.

"Nope, the landlord gets the other half," was the reply.

The city boy by this time, realized he had a pretty hard proposition, so he said:

"You are not very far from a fool."

"No, not more than 10 feet."—The city boy thought it time to go.

Too Wide for His Mouth.

Teacher—"Freddie, you mustn't laugh out loud in the schoolroom."

Freddie—"I didn't mean to do it. I was just smiling and the smile busted."

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