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"My Country 'Tis of Thee, Sweet Land of Liberty."

The Movie Employed As a Teacher.

Nine elementary schools in Detroit will have motion picture machines on their teaching staff next year. These silent instructors are to be used in every school with an auditorium. In all about 110,000 children will view the educational films now planned.

The pictures will supplement geography and history lessons. Geography should be vastly more tangible and valuable with well chosen moving pictures of places and people ordinarily studied from a cold and lifeless text book page. In presenting history, there is greater danger that the picture maker's own limitations will hamper the good work. Rightly done, however, there is a big chance for excellent and helpful pictures.

A close second to the geographical films in pleasant and accurate pictorial instruction should come the natural history film. Plant and animal and insect life can all be portrayed most beautifully in motion pictures. There are films showing the development of a plant from seed to maturity.

In all these pictures there should be a faithful adherence to truth, for pictured things make a lasting impression on the child. There is just as much danger of conveying false teaching by moving pictures as by poor text books and careless verbal instruction. There is also a big opportunity to make geography, history and nature study vital and thrilling subjects in the school room routine.

Beware of Concoctions Made at Home.

A painter in Hartford, Conn., wanting something to drink the other day, and deciding to do the best he could with the materials at hand, concocted and drank the following mixture:

One half-pint of ammonia, four ounces of peppermint essence, two lumps of sugar, four ounces of water.

He was arrested a little later for shooting at his wife and pointing a rifle at the chief of police. In court, when he had come to a little, he pleaded not guilty, on the ground that he was not responsible at the time.

It is merely an extreme case of something that is going on nowadays in a good many thousand American homes. Often the thirsty experimenters use wood alcohol instead of ammonia, and then the results, while possibly not so immediately disastrous, may be worse in their ultimate effects, because the wood alcohol paralyzes the eye nerves and may cause blindness.

Many a home-made drink is more deadly than any beverage sold over a bar. It will take much bitter experience before self-confident amateurs discover that they have no natural genius for compounding the strange drinks.

Armistice Day As a Legal Holiday.

An Alabama post of the American Legion urges the state legislature to make November 11 a legal holiday. Armistice day is one that will never be forgotten by the people who participated in its rejoicings, particularly in the deep, silent sense of thanksgiving that there was again a chance for peace in the world.

Thoughtful people realized on November 11, 1918, that the end had not yet come. There were long, difficult days ahead with their full quota of anguish and suffering. Everybody realizes today that this period of social, physical, economic and moral reconstruction in which the whole world is now struggling for peace and safety and happiness is full of problems just as perplexing and dangers as real as those of war days.

The signing of the peace treaty and its ratification by the various nations are scattered over a considerable period. It would be difficult to celebrate any one date for these events. But the signing of the armistice was sudden and definite. It sent a thrill around the world and renewed the courage of war-weary peoples in practically every corner of the earth. It was a day on which the hopes and longings of men and women from both east and west were crystallized in one great hour of exultation.

It would be well if we could keep the significance of armistice day for ourselves and posterity. Whether or not it is generally recognized as a holiday, it should be marked everywhere by those people who know the meaning of the world war and the final victory of righteousness.

Nothing Equals Old-Fashioned Penmanship.

An American woman visited some English public schools and found the children learning to print in old-fashioned medieval style with a broad brush, instead of learning to write with a pen. She came back to America full of enthusiasm for having the system introduced in our public schools, and was laughed at for her pains.

There has been much experimentation with different systems of penmanship in this country, but the one which has stood the test of time, and downed all comers, is the old product obtained by a free, muscular, fore-arm movement.

Samples of various styles of hand writing were submitted recently to business men in New York City, who were requested to return with their replies the sample of which they approved. Every one of them sent back the fore-arm writing.

Men who must keep important records in small space, where both speed and legibility are required, almost without exception use this system of penmanship; and they write, they do not print.

There really is no reason why the average person should learn to print. He can never hope to do it as well or as swiftly as a typewriter, and where printing is essential it is generally possible to use one.

As for penmanship, there are two essentials, speed and legibility. Any system which fails to obtain these is a poor one, or has been taught poorly.

Rules Needed to Govern Air Traffic.

The tragic results of the accident to a "blimp" cruising over the down-town section of Chicago have emphasized the need of something new in police regulations—traffic rules for the air.

Aviation organizations have long foreseen this need, and have gone so far as to make specific demands for municipal, state and national legislation on the subject. The matter has come up at Washington in the present session of congress, but nothing seems to have been done about it. Apparently no state government has taken action yet, and though some cities have established certain rules limiting the movements of aircraft, the policy and method of regulation are still in a rudimentary stage.

Obviously it will not do to have airplanes and dirigibles flying, hovering and doing stunts at their own sweet will over business districts and crowded residence section. The danger to the property and life below is too great. People do not want airships and aviators falling all over them, or setting fire to their houses and office buildings, or knocking [illegible] chimneys and church spires [illegible] toppling things on their heads.

Rules must be established [illegible]so, for the safety of the aviators themselves, and that is perhaps the [illegible] problem. How can routes [illegible] out in the air and flyers be [illegible] planes them when the sky is [illegible] planes and dirigibles, as it [illegible] before many years? Here is a [illegible] some genius of a traffic police [illegible] to use his ingenuity.

Scourge of Mankind Not Yet Solved.

No one knows the cause of cancer. Therefore no one knows [illegible]. No effort, no money, no intelligence is being spared to find out [illegible] things. One by one the scourges of mankind yield to the research work of the laboratories the secrets of their origin. Cancer remains an unsolved mystery.

But while the fundamental problem—the cause of cancer—remains unsolved, still the medical profession has accumulated a good deal of knowledge of the progress of the disease and its probabilities of cure or relief under various circumstances. And all agree that in order to be able at all, it must be taken in hand before it causes pain. By the time it has made its appearance, it is too late for anything but palliative measures.

Any lump, any abnormal appearance of the glands, any sore which refuses to heal, should be examined by a competent physician. The man who guarantees a cure for cancer is a quack. A wise surgeon who has removed a growth at a very early stage may "hope there will be no recurrence," but not the wisest of them all can guarantee a cure.

Cancer is taking an over larger proportion of people of the middle years. It is not, so far as anyone can find, infectious nor hereditary. Those who eat simply and live simply seem to stand a better chance with it. In the early stages a clean removal by a careful surgeon may prove the end of it.

For this reason periodic examinations by a good physician are the best preventive.

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NOTICE TO CONTRACTORS-STATE HIGHWAY CONSTRUCTION.

Sealed bids will be received by the State Highway Commission of the State of Oregon at Room 520 Multnomah County Court House, Portland, Oregon, at 10 o'clock a. m. the 5th day of August, 1919, for following project:

UNION COUNTY—

Lone Pine-Hot Lake Section of Old Oregon Trail Highway, rock surfacing, four miles, 36,000 square yards.

No bid will be considered unless accompanied by a certified check for an amount equal to five (5) per cent of total amount bid.

A satisfactory bond will be required for the faithful performance of the contract in a sum equal to one-half of the total amount bid.

Proposal blanks and full information for bidders may be obtained at the office of the State Highway Engineer, Capital Building, Salem.

Plans and specifications and form of contract may be inspected at the same place or may be obtained on deposit of $5.00 of each set of plans and specifications. Plans and specifications are also on file at Room 1207 Yeon Building, Portland.

Plans and specifications for work in Union County may be inspected at the office of Mr. [illegible] Bennett, Division Engineer, Pendleton.

The right is reserved to reject any or all proposals or to accept the proposal deemed best for the State of Oregon.

OREGON STATE HIGHWAY COMMISSION—

S. BENSON, Chairman;

W. L. THOMPSON, Commissioner.

R. A. BOOTH, Commissioner.

Attest:

HERBERT NUNN,

State Highway Engineer, Salem, Oregon, July 29, 1919.

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JUAREZ IS A BATTLE-SCARRED CITY

The Half Million Dollar Race Course Was the Center of Firing.

JUAREZ, Mex., July 3.—Fresh scars were added to this little town when Francisco Villa and his rebels attacked recently. Four battles and as many more attacks and sieges during the eight years of revolution have left their marks and many buildings are wrecked and burned.

As the Villa rebels attacked from the eastern suburbs that section suffered most from the fighting. The $500,000 Juarez race course was the center of fighting during the two attacks and the concrete grandstand is shell shattered and the windows broken by rifle and shrapnel bullets. When American artillery bombarded the race track to dislodge Villa forces, shells struck the water tank, blew holes in the towers and the roof of the grandstand and left a gaping hole in the side of the betting ring.

Down the Guadalupe road toward the Madero hospital where Provisional President Madero made his headquarters in 1911, an adobe house was completely demolished by a stray shell from the American artillery. Bullet marks may be seen in the adobe house, it has broken windows and bullet holes in its walls.

Barbed wire entanglements, pill box" forts and trenches built by the federal defenders remain along the eastern line of the town.

The two pieces of artillery belonging to the garrison are parked in Hidalgo, which commands the western approaches to the town from a high point to the southwest. These field pieces were used effectively during the fighting, firing shrapnel and solid shot into the rebel lines.

M. W. A. NOTICE

Special meeting and stag party at K. of P. Hall tonight at 8 o'clock.

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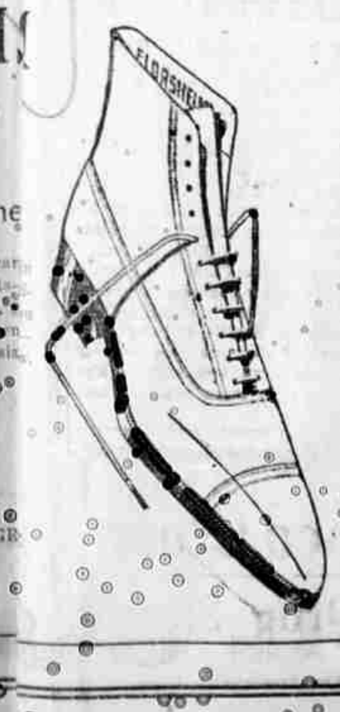

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