

URGED TO USE SCHOOLS MORE

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CHICAGO.—A plea for more extensive use of public school buildings for cultural and social purposes, after school hours, was made to the local board of education recently by a committee of citizens. It was charged that Chicago is far behind many other cities in this respect, many of which were of far less population and with fewer facilities. General use of the school buildings as community centers was urged.

The committee reports disclosed that Chicago now has only 13 community centers operating. In 1917 there were 63 and in 1921 69. From the appropriation of nearly \$50,000 which the board made for similar centers this year only about \$20,000 has been used, as against approximately \$40,000 in 1921. The committee concluded its report with a recommendation that the board immediately shape plans to increase appropriations for these centers.

Members of the committee said that Boston, one-fourth the size of Chicago, spends more than twice as much for this city on community centers. New York, it was said, has 63 and thus far this year has made an outlay of nearly \$100,000 which is nearly four times Chicago's 1923 expenditure.

Many cities have spent much money for added equipment for school playgrounds. In addition to this large number of school buildings in various communities are kept open from 3 o'clock in the afternoon until 10 or 11 o'clock at night, affording residents an opportunity for various activities and amusements at a nominal cost, according to statistics.

Trustees of the Chicago board of education have requested delegates of 25 organizations interested in public school education for information that will assist them in outlining a community center policy. The board may send representatives to other cities to obtain first-hand information regarding community centers.

Legionnaires Will Gather

BEND, Or.—American Legion men of Central Oregon will be the guests of the Madras war veteran January 12, when ex-service men from Bend, Prineville, Sisters and Redmond will visit that town to be present for a banquet and program of entertainment. The Bend caravan of Legion men will leave this city on the evening of January 12, joining other caravans at Redmond. The Legionnaires intend to trek into Madras en masse.

PIANIST USES HIS FEET AND WRISTS

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PARIS.—"That's what we call real jazz," said the Paris public that listened to the unusual concert of Henry Cowell, an American pianist, last week. The Americans were amused and the French astonished. Some of them liked it and many of them didn't, but all agreed they never had heard anything like it before.

Cowell, who has spent most of his years of study, he began to play at the early age of ten, and in later years studied in New York, Vienna and Leipzig, becoming essentially a composer. His music is ultra-modern, of the latest futurist pattern. In the field of music holds the same place as Picasso in painting. The titles of his compositions alone are enough to tell us this: "Dynamic Motion," "Advertisement," and "Antinomy." There is little explanation. There is plenty of sound and motion. Cowell uses his hands, fists and forearms, and sometimes even the elbows. Result: A volume of sound but much less discord than one is expecting. One or two false notes give a striking discord, he explains, but never many amalgamated sounds. As a matter of fact if one only listens and does not watch the pianist the discords are not heard at all.

In his "Irish Legends" Cowell employs what he calls his "Cluster Chords" on the strings of the piano itself. It gives an unusual cosmic effect and one feels that he is expressing exactly what he desires, chaos, the Gods in anger and the voice of the father lie who possessed only the half of his tongue. Confusion is apparent when he gives his orders for the creation of the Universe.

"A Pleasant Conversation" tells of two Chinamen in their little shop talking together in hum-drum voices. Just when the conversation becomes most interesting some one enters and the two-a-lets breaks up in a manner most unfortunate.

"O, le beau piano!" cried a big fat Frenchman in the first row. "Non, non, he will be using his feet next, c'est trop fort."

Judge Castner Is 78.

HOOD RIVER, Or.—Judge and Mrs. George H. Castner, the former commander of the department of Oregon, Grand Army of the Republic, entertained the members of Canby post, G. A. R., and Canby Relief corps, in celebration of Judge Castner's 78th birthday anniversary. The event was as surprise to Judge Castner.

His Grand Army comrades presented Judge Castner with a handsome Knights Templar watch chain.

CLAIMS SEX IS CHANGED

KOENIGSBERG, East Prussia—

(AP)—Roosters may some day be transformed into hens and thus help increase the egg supply. It promises of scientists are fulfilled. The promises are held out after several years of experiments with bugs, rats, guinea pigs and frogs. The trick of developing a regulation, sure-enough female toad from a youngster who started out in the world as a male has actually been accomplished. It was announced here, and further experiments are being carried on with the view of bringing about perfection in these newest freaks of nature. The discovery, announced by Prof. Harnas, of Koenigsberg, has attracted much attention in the scientific world, particularly among other experimenters who have been working for years on this particular sex problem.

Since Prof. Harnas let the world know of his successes, with the humble toad, scientists from various parts of Europe have been flocking to his work room here to hear the details of the transformation. The trick, it is said, is quite

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Boris of Bulgaria May Look for Bride

SOFIA, Bulgaria. (AP)—King Boris opened the Bulgarian parliament in person a few days ago, thus reviving a national custom that prevailed before the war, and also giving rise to the belief that it is the policy of the present government to give full recognition to the royal prerogative in Bulgaria.

During the Stamboulsky regime of three and one-half years there were many evidences that the peasant premier sought to eliminate King Boris from official or personal activity in affairs of state. The king was distinctly a subordinate figure. He lived in retirement, and there was never such a thing as a royal entertainment.

In contrast the king gave a diplomatic dinner recently, in his palace at Vranja, to a group of foreign ministers and commissioners, and it is now reported that he is preparing for an extended trip to several of the European courts in January, possibly with a view to marriage.

NEW UNIVERSITY WILL BE OPENED

BATON ROUGE, La. (AP)—The new Louisiana State University and Agricultural and Mechanical College, designed to become ultimately one of the greatest educational institutions in the south, will be opened in the fall of 1924 according to plans of the building committee. The complete project

cannot be carried out at this time however, because of a shortage of funds. About \$2,000,000 already has been expended.

Ten buildings have been completed, and under construction are two administration buildings, the George Peabody hall with the teachers' college, and four buildings for the agricultural department.

Laying of the drainage system on the athletic field is under way and construction of concrete stands to accommodate an additional 5,000.

The new university is two miles south of Baton Rouge and occupies a tract of 2,000 acres on a plateau about thirty feet above the normal water level of the Mississippi river. The tract has an abundance of magnolia and other tropical trees. All of the principal buildings are connected by tunnels and arcades which permit passage between them without exposure to the weather.

Ampler Draperies Used
On Show Girls of Paris

PARIS (AP).—Clothing and becoming more ample on the Paris stage, and the latest spectacular chorus productions have shown a

decided reversion to prewar displays of gorgeous costumes. This revival of clothes for stage girls has had its effect upon the box-office, for seats have gone up 20 per cent in price to pay, it is averred, for the extra yards of silk.

Front row orchestra seats now cost 25 francs in Paris, as against 20 francs after the armistice, and 10 francs before 1914. These rates apply to the music halls that are always crowded with foreign tourists.

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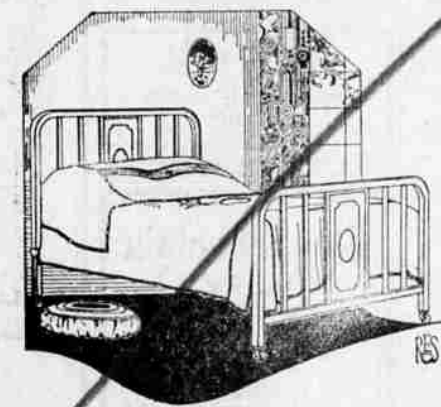
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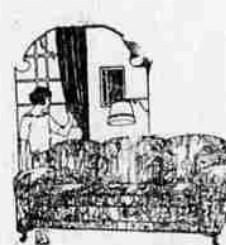
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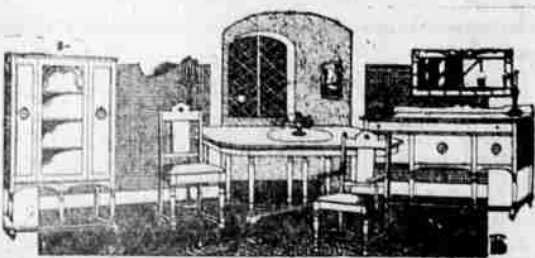
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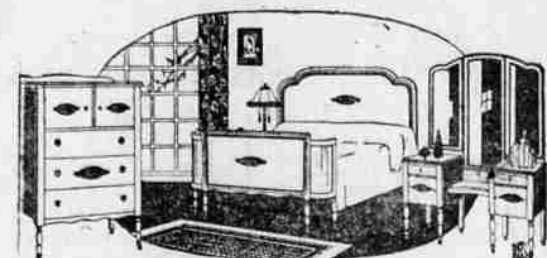


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