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In his introduction to a recent book, Mr. Carnegie says: "The most imperative duty of the state is the universal education of the masses. No money which can be usefully spent for this indispensable end should be denied. Public sentiment should, on the contrary, approve the doctrine that the more that can be judiciously spent the better for the country. There is no insurance of nations so cheap as the enlightenment of the people."

Now, there is no institution so intimately, so universally, so constantly connected with the life of the whole people as the free public library—no instrumentality that can do so much to civilize society. The public schools alone cannot accomplish the task of elevating mankind to even the most modest ideal of a well-ordered society.

Our public schools have been the chief source of the greater general intelligence and hence the industrial superiority of our citizens over those of other countries. "The initiative, alertness and fertility of resource which the American is nowadays credited with displaying, through partly a climatic, is chiefly an educational product." But the public schools cannot accomplish impossibilities. They are not to blame for the fact that they can reach the great majority during only six or eight years, or that only one and one-half per cent of the children in the United States go through the high school. But wherever there is a public library the teachers are to blame if they do not graduate all their pupils, at whatever age they may leave school, into the people's university.

General intelligence is the necessary foundation of prosperity and social order.

The public library is one of the chief agencies, if not the most potent and far-reaching agency, for promoting general intelligence.

Therefore, money devoted to the maintenance of a public library is money well invested by a community.

**BETTER GRADE OF BUTTER  
 FROM OREGON CREAMERIES**

The agitation among creamery men for a better grade of cream than is ordinarily received is having an effect upon shippers and some have already started to take systematic care of their product.

Oregon creameries, too, have started to grade their product more carefully. Instead of one, or at the most two, grades of fresh butter, the creameries are planning to make three grades. One city commission has already adopted this

method and is putting out what it calls a premium or first grade. Only about 100 pounds of this quality is now made daily, but the makers claim there is a legitimate demand for something better than has been turned out heretofore. The price of the premium butter is 40 cents a pound in the wholesale markets or 45 cents retail. This is 90 cents a square.

The word premium applies here on butter because creameries now pay 1½ cents a pound premium for cream that is first class over the ordinary run.

**REAL ESTATE TRANSFERS.**

- Mrs. Leta Furry et al. to Herbert Eifers, lots 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 and 6, block 29, R. R. Addition, Phoenix ..... \$ 75
- Leta Furry et al. to George Eifers, lots 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16 and 17, block 29, R. R. Addition, Phoenix ..... 75
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- Louis Saroni to L. E. Swingle, property in R. R. Addition, Ashland ..... 1
- Augusta L. Palmer to Emma E. Pellett, 2.76 acres in Woolen's Addition, Ashland ..... 250
- R. L. Burdick to Woods Lumber Co., lots 13, 14 and 15, block 47, Medford ..... 1
- E. L. Balcom to Ella Arnold, lots 10 and 11 and east ½ lots 12 and 13, block 1, Gray's Addition, Medford ..... 1
- Cora Gay to S. G. Simon, lot 8 and 11 feet off lot 7, block 2, Park Addition, Medford ..... 10

**PHACTS FROM PHOENIX.**

The Presbyterians built an annex for church purposes and the first of the week Charles Walruff had a new residence started on the land he recently bought of the Colver estate, in Knob Hill Addition. Mr. Walruff hasn't fully decided how many rooms to have his house contain, but will have six or eight, and is to be two stories high.

F. H. Chapman is enjoying a visit from an old-time Kansas friend, J. E. Dishinger.

Uncle John Weatherly took a load of wood to Medford Thursday.

Messrs. Tennessee Smith and S. S. Stevens made a business trip to Medford Thursday.

Irwin Aubrey has sold his place of 33 acres to I. N. Patin. The price paid by Mr. Patin was \$1575.

Miss Clara Elmer, teacher in our primary department, went home Friday eve to stay over Saturday and Sunday.

S. F. Reynolds has pruned the locust trees in front of his place, improving its appearance.

Messrs. Harry Anderton and Calvin Tucker attended the Weatonka social hop at Medford Friday night.

Mrs. A. S. Furry spent the fore part of the week in Medford, visiting relatives and attending "The Mascot."

Henry Calhoun of Medford, who recently sold out his transfer business, spent Friday here with relatives. Mr. Calhoun stated that he had leased 320 acres of hay land near Fort Klamath and that he would leave in a week or two for Klamath Falls and Merrill to gather up a band of horses and get a couple of teams ready for work on the ranch, and sell off the rest of them.

Charles Chapman of Talent passed through here Thursday en route to Medford after a load of freight for C. W. Wolters of Talent.

Among the many from here who transacted business in Medford Wednesday were Frederick Moore, James Morton and wife, Mrs. Katherine Stedman, Captain Katon, William Cox, William Hoyer and wife, W. S. Stancliffe and wife and L. A. Rose, our road supervisor.

Frank Chapman, the genial blacksmith, has put up a large sign so that people can find him.

John Calhoun of Medford spent a few hours here Wednesday with relatives.

E. G. Coleman spent Wednesday in Medford. Better get that box of cigars, E. G.

Dr. R. R. Hamilton passed through here Wednesday on a professional call.

**13,877,426 CATHOLICS  
 IN THE UNITED STATES**

MILWAUKEE, Wis., Jan. 25.—There are 13,877,426 Roman Catholics in the United States, according to the advance sheets of the 1908 Wiltzias Catholic directory, published in this city. These figures show an increase of 788,093 over last year. Including the Catholic population of the Philippines, which amounts to 7,000,000, and adding the 1,000,000 Catholic population of Porto Rico and the 35,000 Catholics of the Hawaiian Islands, the entire Catholic population under the United States flag amounts to 22,018,898. All figures are submitted to the directory published by the various archbishops and bishops.

H. R. P. Mulkey, who recently went to Jacksonville to engage in the law and a tract business, in connection with the Republican nomination for district attorney. He would make a popular candidate.

## Begin the New Year IN THE RIGHT WAY By Building

A good start means much to you. Get off on the right foot and keep going. Don't continue to throw money away by paying rent, when you can own your own home. How much did you pay out for rent during 1907? Stop and figure it out. What have you got to show for it? Nothing but a bunch of receipts. Suppose you had put this money into building a home and buying a lot? You'd have something to show for your coin, wouldn't you? The same thing holds true in the coming year. Are you going to waste your mazzuma all year, and have 1908 net you nothing but a living? Ask your wife about it, and see what she says.

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