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WHITLESSEY HITS HEAD OF EDUCATIONAL NAIL

Walter Lincoln Whitlessey is an alumnus of Oregon and he had business training before becoming assistant professor of politics at Princeton. He has been visiting at Portland and in an interview made some statements regarding education that are given force because of coming from an educator of his standing.

It is refreshing when those on the inside of education can see its faults and suggest potent remedies.

Among other things, Mr. Whitlessey said:

"The impression I gained as I crossed the continent is that modern schools are imitating factories. The buildings look like model plants, and they are apparently run like factories. There is a prodigious lot of routine and overhead that should have nothing to do with education. This factory resemblance is on the training side.

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"On the uplift side, the teachers represent the laziness of generations. They wish the younger generation to do as it is told and not to bother them with new ideas. From the grades up through the universities, the groups are too large. We could not make an apple pie for one hundred without its looking messy; neither can we instruct 1500 to 10,000 in one institution. What your state universities should know is how large they can grow to be an efficiently operating unit. A factory would not try to operate beyond its capacity. Neither should a school."

Asked how he would suggest to limit attendance at state universities, Mr. Whitlessey continued: "Make more of them. And then raise the entrance qualifications. The taxpayers are supporting much dead wood. Each student costs about \$300 or \$400 a year, and that student certainly should feel his responsibility for what he is receiving. Too many things that education is due them just because they happened to be born."

"Out here the state universities—and it is true of all the western institutions—are regarded as boarding, finishing schools. The students are spoken of as 'boys' and 'girls,' and the terms 'classes' and 'grades' and 'recitation' are heard on every hand. But these students don't go to universities to learn how to behave; the university is the place where they become themselves—it brings out what they have in them."

HOPE FOR FARMER

Nineteen million acres is a lot of land.

Most of us would be likely to say that that amount is more land than is cultivated in the entire United States.

Such, however is not the case. These figures represent the shrinkage only in five years in the amount of cultivated land in this country.

Surely such a shrinkage must mean that some of us will have to go hungry.

Not at all. Even with this tremendous shrinkage in productive areas, after we have all had all that we want to eat, we yet have a large amount of produce for export.

A few years ago such a shrinkage would have caused us pause. But now we welcome it. Only through such shrinkage and only through a decreased production can the balance between supply and demand be attained that will mean profitable prices for the farmer.

After all is said and done, after all legislative remedies have been tried, nothing will right the situation for the farmer except an increased consumption or a decreased production.

Legislative remedies encourage overproduction. Fair prices when consumption and production balance will bring about only a natural and necessary increase in production.

Organization to control production and marketing should not be given up merely because a ray of light has found its way through a rift in the clouds.

The department of agriculture says that there is a decrease of 19,000,000 acres in the amount of land being cultivated. Evidently the secretary has not had called to his attention the garden raised by the editor of The Sentinel.

When we get to that warmer clime where his satanic majesty reigns there may be so many who will want to be engineers that none will be left to shovel coal.

Everyone wants an office of some kind—and that's one of the reasons for the high cost of living.

The greatest obstacle to deep waterways is a bunch of shallow-minded statesmen.

Dr. Sullivan Is Speaker Here.

Dr. W. Sullivan of Albany college was the speaker at the Sunday forenoon services at the Presbyterian church and his subject was "Christian Education, a Solution of Present Day Problems."

At the union church services held Sunday evening at the Methodist camp grounds Pastor John A. Linn of the M. E. church was the speaker.

Pastor Dunnean P. Cameron of the Presbyterian church spoke Sunday forenoon at the Central Presbyterian church of Eugene and Sunday evening at the union church services held in the Congregational church there.

Coyotes Are Poisoned.

Several scalps of coyotes poisoned recently in the Sharps creek district were brought out recently by C. Haight, government hunter and trapper, who made a tour of inspection of that country. Mr. Haight spread poison in that district some time ago and it is believed that many more coyotes have died.

We All Want That.

Wade: Why isn't dinner ready? Mrs. Wade: Oh, I've been bargaining all afternoon and I was late home.

Hah! Looking for something for nothing, I suppose? Yes, indeed. Trying to get you a birthday present.

Society

Mrs. N. J. Nelson Jr. entertained Friday with a picnic at the Veatch picnic ground for a group of the young people. The affair was in honor of Curtis Harper of Portland, cousin of Maxine Nelson. Swimming was a feature of the entertainment and a delicious picnic supper was served. Those who were present were Eugene Hopper, Beth Bede, Dalton Ward, Mildred Bennett, Floyd Bennett, Howard Jacobsen, Ethel Bennett, Glen Swanson, Elsie Jacobsen, Jack Chestnut, Vera Scott, Dale Gates, Donna Bartell, Duke Woods and Genevieve Woodard.

The Past Matrons club entertained this afternoon at the home of Mrs. C. E. Frost in honor of Mrs. George Scott, who will leave this week to make her home in Eugene. A handkerchief shower was given for Mrs. Scott by club members. The rooms were attractive with flowers. The afternoon was spent socially and light refreshments were served.

Members of the former Emanuel club, which disbanded several years ago, gave a picnic Friday afternoon for Mrs. G. B. Corey of Colorado, former member who is visiting at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. O. M. Kem. The affair was held at the Veatch picnic grounds and husbands of the women joined them at 6:30 for the picnic dinner.

Mrs. Ivan Barker entertained informally Thursday afternoon for a group of friends. Guests were Mrs. D. W. McKinney, Mrs. Elbert Bede, Mrs. Lester Childs, Mrs. John Miller and Mrs. Irl Groves. Sweet peas were effective decorations. The afternoon was spent with needlework and light refreshments were served.

A family reunion was held Sunday at the home of Mr. and Mrs. B. F. Morris in honor of Mr. Morris' sister and her granddaughter and family of Merced, Calif., who have been visiting here for several days. Beside the host and hostess those present were Mrs. Mattie Morris, Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Harrington and three children, all of Merced, Calif.; Mr. and Mrs. O. B. Morris and son of Eugene; Mrs. Stella Davidson, Neil Davidson, Mr. and Mrs. Glen Haney, Miss Hazel Morris, Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Powers and son, Miss Eula Morris and Mr. and Mrs. E. W. Smith and daughter, all of this city. A delicious dinner was served. Mr. Morris and his sister had not seen each other for 21 years. Mr. and Mrs. Harrington and children and Mrs. Mattie Morris left this forenoon for California. They planned to go by way of Crescent City and to visit at Crater lake.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS.

Notice is hereby given that the undersigned has been appointed by the county court of Lane county, State of Oregon, executor of the last will and testament of Laura A. McFarland, deceased, by order bearing date the 4th day of August, 1926. All persons having claims against the estate of Laura A. McFarland, deceased, are hereby notified and required to present the same, duly verified, at the Law office of Herbert W. Lombard, Cottage Grove, Lane county, Oregon, on or before six months from the date of the first publication of this notice.

Dated and first published this 9th day of August, 1926.
WORTH HARVEY,
Executor of the last will and testament of Laura A. McFarland, deceased.
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