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REVISING EDUCATION.

The Corvallis Gazette-Times has discovered that in the high school of that city girls are instructed in such mental polishes as building a fire, kindling temperature (not referring to the flame that calls on his sweetie), essentials of combustion, how to boil and freeze water, how to melt sugar, how to make candy, what is a fresh egg (apparently there is no need to inform even a high school student when an egg is stale), the effect of heat on an egg, how to make sandwiches, various sources of dirt, how to make a bed, how to make out a birth certificate, how to bathe a baby, etc., etc., etc.

Editor Ingalls concludes his appraisal of modern education by admitting that it has its value, but he comes to the conclusion that too much time is given to nonsense, to the neglect of essentials, the fundamentals. He quotes his own high school superintendent as being of the same opinion.

Instruction in subjects of which Ingalls makes sport may be desirable, but not by the greatest stretch of the imagination can they be classed as essential to education.

If we can afford them, and if parents would rather pay the expense of having taught in the schools the things that should be taught in the home, what can we do to leave these in the course of study without neglect of the more important things?

One way would be to allow no credit for these studies. Strictly speaking they are not a part of high school education. They do not assist in preparation for any major college course. They do little toward enriching the mind.

Editor Ingalls did not mention

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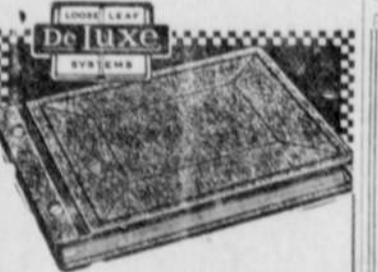
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athletics. Possibly that was too dangerous ground for him. Nothing can be said against athletics as athletics, but a whole lot can be said against favoritism being shown pupils who participate in athletic contests. Exercise is necessary to keep the mind and body in condition, but exercise adds nothing to the mental storehouse and should not be put ahead of mental training, as it certainly is with many students. It may well be an auxiliary to education, but should not be classed as a part of education.

It has been frequently said that the man to get to do something is the one who already has more than he can do. It is the opinion of this writer that one reason why education is not taken more seriously by those for whom it is intended is because they have to give altogether too little time to it because there is not enough of it to keep them busy working at it. The office man with work for only six hours a day will do not over half as much as the man who knows he will be rushed to get his work done in eight hours. The pupil, it is reasonable to believe, will also do twice as much in eight hours as in six.

One reason why the cost of education is so high is that the great investments in school properties are used so small a part of the time. No private business could exist that made so little use of such great investments.

It is the belief of this writer that all would benefit if pupils had no time for study at school, if the schools, beginning with the junior high, were used for recitations only and pupils had to get their lessons at home. The worries of parents as to where their children are nights would at the same time be greatly reduced. A pupil who spends six hours a day for five days a week getting an education doesn't have to give it enough serious consideration to properly impress him. Two hours could be added to the required time without injury to the health or happiness of the pupil and with probably 50 per cent better results in his examinations. Another day could be added to the school week without injury to the pupil.

If a hardship should be worked on those who must work while getting an education, they could give fewer hours and take a year longer to finish the course.

The writer has discussed with those high in educational circles the failure of education to do as much as we expect of it, and also its high cost. The admission is made by them that when the high school student reaches college he is two years behind where he should be.

Education at home is much cheaper than education away at college. This loss of two years is a tremendous one, to student, to parents and to the taxpayer. Not only that, but the majority of high school graduates do not reach college, and those who do not go above high school are losing two years of that to which they are entitled.

Grade and high school pupils must be crowded more. The course of study must be made more strenuous. Education must become serious business and must not be allowed to be just a way for children to put in a few years while growing up. The tendency already is to make studies harder and examinations more difficult—to weed out students who are not inclined to make education a serious business.

There are serious defects in our educational system that are apparent to even one who knows little about what the schools are doing. The system of giving credits could be greatly improved. The total number of credits should not be the basis for graduation, but rather passing grades in several fundamental subjects. Under the present system, as the writer understands it, a large number of credits in one subject may be used to offset a small number of credits in another subject. Not only that, but credits in domestic science, domestic art, manual training and other subjects having little relation to the fundamental subjects, can be used, and are used, to pull through pupils who would otherwise fail



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to pass. That is wrong. That is a grave weakness.

Permitting a pupil to pass on daily averages is wrong. No pupil who can not successfully pass an examination in the required high school subjects has any business at college. The pupil who fears an examination hasn't the right attitude toward education. The pupil with the right attitude will want to know whether or not he is capable of passing the examinations. He will want to know whether he has absorbed anything. Only an examination can tell him.

The incentive to do better work that may result from the possibility of being exempted from examinations is more than offset by injury done by graduating those who should not be graduated.

The voters' pamphlet contains 104 pages. The Sentinel will award a prize of a year's subscription to the first person contributing before our next issue, in not over 2000 words, a sensible and reasonable explanation of all the measures therein contained. The explanations need not be in harmony with The Sentinel's ideas on the subjects discussed. They must be in harmony with the text of the measures and must sound reasonable, that is all.

Sensitiveness of women's attire is said to be an aid to health. If every inch off the skirt adds a year to the life of the wearer, octogenarians among the fair sex will be the rule instead of the exception.

CHILDHOOD HOME IS HARD TO RECOGNIZE

Thornton Corners, Aug. 28.—(Special.)—Mr. and Mrs. Lowell Lambert of Silverton, enroute to the Oregon caves on their honeymoon, visited Tuesday at the George Miller place. Mr. Lambert's parents lived on the place when he was nine years old and this is his first visit here. So many changes had been made in cutting the place up and building homes on it that Mr. Lambert had difficulty in recognizing it. He was only certain of finding it by taking the old road over Knox hill, the only road to the place at that time.

Boy Is Hurt Stealing Ride.

Claude Smith, son of Mrs. S. L. Tarr, sustained painful scratches on his face Sunday afternoon when he jumped from an automobile near Gowdyville. The boy was stealing a ride on a spare tire and as he jumped off slipped and fell in the loose gravel. He was not seriously hurt.

Only Weak Can Find "Refuge" in Suicide

Accounts of suicide in the news are almost always depressing. They lessen one's confidence in the strength of the human spirit. They may arouse pity, it is true, but except in unusual circumstances this is pity based upon a recognition of weakness.

For suicide, speaking generally, is an abject confession of defeat, of complete failure of courage. And it signifies so narrow a vision, so limited an interest, for any man to say that in all the wide world nothing is left for him.

Consider the words Jasper Petulengro, the Norfolk gypsy, spoke to George Borrow:

"Life is sweet, brother."

"Do you think so?"

"Think so! There's night and day, brother, both sweet things; sun, moon and stars, brother, all sweet things; there's likewise the wind on the beach. Life is very sweet, brother; who would wish to die?"

"I would wish to die—"

"You talk like a giorgio—which is the same as talking like a fool—were you a gypsy'chal you would talk wiser. Wish to die, indeed! A Romany chal would wish to live forever!"

"In sickness, Jasper?"

"There's the sun and stars, brother."

"In blindness, Jasper?"

"There's the wind on the beach, brother; if I could only feel that, I would gladly live forever."—San Francisco Chronicle.

Return to Normalcy After the Big Fight

Little Elspeth and a friend were playing about the house and having seen the fire apparatus go down the street, thought it would be a lot of fun to play fire. So they shouted "Fire! Fire!" until Elspeth's mother came rushing in from the back yard crying, "Where? Where?"

Upon learning that it was all a joke, she sent Elspeth to her room, with the admonition never to play that game again, and went to her own room to take a nap.

The quiet was soon broken by a monotonous thump, thump, thump on the stairs and there was Elspeth, attired in her best coat and gloves, dragging her doll's trunk down to the front door.

"I is going to find a lady that wants a little girl," she said determinedly, but finally was persuaded that no one wants a little girl half as much as her own mother.

Cuddled at last in her mother's arms, Elspeth sighed contentedly and then said:

"Now zat you are my own good mudder an' the big fight is over, s'pose we go an' unpack."

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boy—mercurial, excitable, Celtic.

"The boss is hurt—oh, the boss is hurt!" he gasped.

I rushed inside. Marcus sat at his desk, head and back hunched over his arms. There was blood on the scattered papers. And then—he moved—moved, turned round, faced me. His nose was bleeding. So was a cut over his left eye. One side of his mouth was beginning to puff, but the other smiled.

"He beat me up," said Marcus, "that dirty crook McGrath—he sneaked on me and got my gun and beat me up. Didn't kill me and didn't give me a chance to kill him—just beat me up. G—d, I feel relieved!"

Had Town Marshal McGrath assaulted Marcus Handy on a day when the camp was booming along at its accustomed pace, the politics of Cottonwood might at once have



There, Coming Along the Pavement Toward Me, Was Marshal McGrath.

rushed forward to a climax. I speculate yet on this, wondering if it all would have turned out more happily, in that event for Marcus Handy and me. More and more the "business element" and the letter class men who lived by industry—which meant of course most of us—were beginning to see a change must come. But also, more and more had the gamblers the dispensers of vice and the actual criminals grown insolent and cbercheering through immunity. To meet this situation head-on would have taken all a man's courage with both property and life. If the citizenry of Cottonwood boasted in common any virtue, it was courage. But things were going very well for most of us; decent, public opinion in general, while deploring our civic condition, inclined to let well enough alone. It needed a dramatic incident to crystallize the western spirit of fair play, to translate sentiment into action. This unfair and brutal assault by a sworn officer of the law might have served that purpose—but for the discovery on Hayden hill.

The ebullient joy inspired by that event left no room in the public bosom for any other emotion. By afternoon the camp had become a madhouse; by night, a joyous chaos. It was settled now, said the public opinion of the bar-rails. Cottonwood was a "permanent camp." Permanent! She was the greatest camp ever discovered in the Rockies—in the world—in the universe!

(To be continued.)

Drunk Can't Give His Name.

A foreigner with a name so mixed up that he was unable to make Police Judge Galloway and the officers understand more than the given name of John was fined \$25 this morning on a charge of being intoxicated. Bail of \$25 posted by a drunk picked up Saturday night was forfeited this morning. The name of the offender was not learned, but he was apparently a transient.

Hendricks Biody Lays Nine-Inch Egg

J. R. Hendricks makes a bid to have one of his White Leghorns considered one of the champion egg producers of this section by exhibiting an egg produced by this biody which measures 9 inches in circumference one way and 7 inches the other. It weighs 5 ounces.

Everything in printing. The Sentinel.

SOCIETY

The Tiffin club was entertained Thursday evening at the home of Mr. and Mrs. D. H. Hemenway. Additional guests were Mr. and Mrs. Albert Williams, Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Graham, Mr. and Mrs. W. W. McFarland, Mr. and Mrs. H. A. Miller of this city, and Mr. and Mrs. George Scott and Mr. and Mrs. Charles VanDenberg and daughter Miss Eunice, club members from Eugene. The living room was transformed into a woodland scene, small fir trees being used to line the walls. Other decorations were in keeping with the outdoor motif. A delicious picnic supper was served and the evening was spent socially.

The Utopia Club held its annual picnic Thursday at the home of Mrs. O. W. Hays. The picnic had been planned for out of doors but inclement weather caused a change of plans. Husbands of the members joined them at the supper hour. About 70 were present. Miss Fern Hays was an additional guest. The evening was spent with music and games. Mrs. C. E. Umphrey, Mrs. C. E. Frost, Mrs. O. W. Hays and Mrs. F. L. Grannis were the committee in charge of arrangements.

Dalton Ward entertained a number of friends Friday evening. Dainty refreshments were served. Mrs. Gertrude Whitsett and William Ward were chaperons. Guests present were Kenneth Ward, Genevieve Meranda, Eugene Hopper, Beth Bode, Harold Cooley, Vern Scott, Eunice Meranda, Genevieve Woodard, Howard McFarland, David Sears, Hazel Norris, Bernice Whitsett, Eunivieve Whitsett, Earl Wise and Ila Mason.

Mr. and Mrs. R. C. McNew of Knox Hill entertained Sunday with a dinner in honor of the birthday anniversary of Mrs. McNew's sister, Mrs. B. Reed. Others present beside the McNew family and Mr. and Mrs. Reed were Mr. and Mrs. I. A. Randall and Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Leonard and daughters, Margaret and Luella. A delicious dinner was served.

Invitations to the wedding of Miss Ruth Stewart and Cecil E. Caldwell have been received this week. The wedding will be an event of September 5 and will be held in the Presbyterian church. A hundred and fifty invitations have been issued.

Thornton Corners Society.

Mr. and Mrs. Thomas William held a family reunion Sunday at the home of their daughter, Mrs. A. W. West, in Cottage Grove. Those present were Mr. and Mrs. George William and family of McKenzie, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Wilbur and daughters of Reedsport, Mr. and Mrs. Roy Suter and Mr. and Mrs. B. F. McCullum of the Grove, and Mr. and Mrs. Cotter of Docena and John William of this neighborhood.

Cottage Grove Is Thanked.

Mayor George O. Knowles has received from the Eugene trail to rail committee a letter expressing the appreciation of the committee of the past Cottage Grove plays in making the trail to rail celebration a success. Special mention is made of Cottage Grove's industrial float "which added materially to the success of the parade."

MONDAY, AUGUST 30

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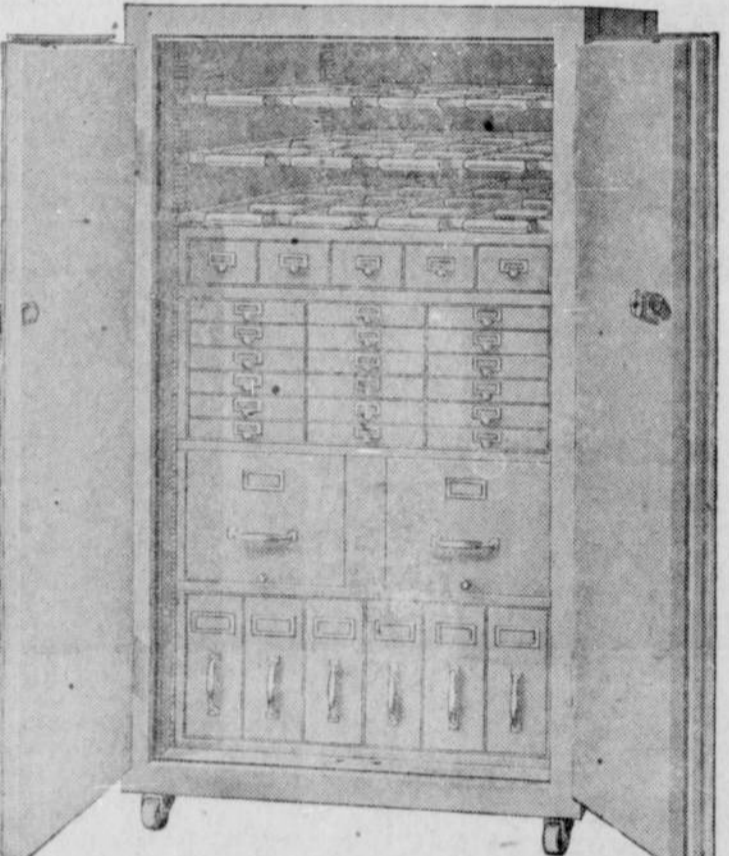
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