

EDUCATION SYSTEM CRITICIZED BY TAFT

Pretentious Curriculum and
Glowing Reports May Hide
Fustian, Says Professor.

STANDARDIZATION IS URGED

National University Through Which
People of All Communities Can
Have Schools Examined Is
Suggested as Remedy.

CINCINNATI, Feb. 25.—Standardization of the school system of the United States through the establishment of a National University today was advocated by Professor William H. Taft, of Yale University, ex-President, in an address before the convention of the National Education Association. Mr. Taft said:

"The cause of free public education is more sacred and of more fundamental importance than almost any other before our people. It is one that awakens the profound interest of the people and commands the greatest and most willing self-sacrifice of the tax-paying public. The consequence of this fervor is that our school systems are not as much scrutinized as they should be. Indeed, it is now difficult for a public of a community to learn the facts as to the thoroughness of the discipline and of the knowledge imparted in their schools or of economy in the expenditure of the funds devoted to education.

"Parents Not Best Qualified. Parents are themselves not qualified to pass upon the result of a public school system to a town, county or district in such a way as to make their opinion the best criterion. Hence there is great opportunity for fustian and shoddy in the products of the schools under a cloak of a pretentious curriculum and glowing annual reports.

"What we need in the country is an opportunity for standardization and comparison of school systems in the different states and different cities. This, I think, might be achieved by establishing what Washington recommended, a national university in Washington.

"The Bureau of Education might well be enlarged into a university, which should not be a teaching university, but one with a corps of experts who could offer to the people of all the states and the people of all local communities the opportunity of having their respective school systems examined and reported upon as to proper scope, efficiency, thoroughness and economy. The same examinations should hold periodical examinations in convenient parts of the country which any persons might, upon payment of a small fee, take and, if successful, receive a certificate equivalent to a degree in certain established courses.

"Wise Severity" Favored. "All this would be voluntary; but if the system were impartial, thorough and wisely severe as it should be, the value of the reports and the value of the certificates would become great. They would assure the people of a community that they were getting their money's worth from a school system officially approved by such a university and assure them that the graduates of their school could obtain degrees from such examinations. Thus we should soon have a standardization of school systems of the highest value.

"The pressure of the taxpayers upon their particular school authorities, to apply for an examination and report, would be so great that it would become equivalent to a compulsory system. It would stimulate school authorities to earnest work. It would eliminate shoddy, pretense and show; would minimize the use of public money and would give a proof of excellence and comparative high standing that would be incontrovertible. I tried to secure such examinations in my administration for the Bureau of Education with a view to beginning the system in a small way, but was unsuccessful."

WILSON IDEA CRITICISED Lumberman Declares President Is Enemy of Business.

CHICAGO, Feb. 25.—George Holt, president of an Oconto, Wis., lumber firm, criticized President Wilson as an enemy of business at a meeting of the Forest Products Federation here today. "At the recent meeting of the National Chamber of Commerce," said Mr. Holt, "I heard President Wilson talk. He advocated for foreign commerce what his Government will not allow in domestic commerce—a sort of combination or co-operation. He said we must combine to get effects in foreign commerce. He said he had been waiting for some one to tell him how this could be done without violating the provisions of the Sherman law. 'The rest of us are waiting for the same thing. The President said he knew some one would happen along and tell him how, but I don't think so.'"

FLAG STILLS PROTESTS

Revenue Collector Hits on Plan to
Silence Income Tax Payers.

CHICAGO, Feb. 25.—Draping a United States flag over the cashier's windows in the office of Collector of Internal Revenue has stopped the complaints of income tax payers, according to Julius Smetanka, Collector of Revenues. "It has had the psychological effect desired," Mr. Smetanka said, "There has not been a protest since I put up the flag two days ago."

BERLIN BUYS BIG PLANT

City Takes Over Electrical Power to
Make Current Cheaper.

BERLIN, via London, Feb. 25.—The municipality has decided to acquire the Berlin electrical works, which at present enjoys the monopoly of supplying current for traction, lighting and manufacturing purposes in Greater Berlin. The purchase price of the plant will be about \$21,000,000. The action of the city is due to a general demand for cheaper current.

CALIFORNIA SEES PROJECT

J. D. Niman Gathers Data on Which
to Prepare Bid for Work.

STANFIELD, Or., Feb. 25.—(Special.)—That the Teel Irrigation project is soon to be constructed is now the

general belief of those in charge of the district. J. D. Niman, of Turlock, Cal., is here this week looking over the project and expects to take a contract for the work. He has been connected with the construction of several other large projects and is favorably impressed with the Teel project. If the present plans are carried out Mr. Niman will take a contract for the work at the price estimated by the project engineer, W. B. Hinkle. His company will also take the bonds of the district at par in payment for the work.

But Mr. Niman is not the only person interested in the construction of the project for a telegram has just been received from Twohy Bros., Portland, requesting the directors not to let the contract until they had time to put in a bid.

The most expensive part of the work will be the construction of a tunnel under the mountains over the north slope where it will empty into Butter Creek and taken out again when the lower lands are reached.

The directors are confident that the work will be started this year and believe that water will be turned on the land within two years.

JAPAN ABATES DEMANDS

OUTLOOK FOR SETTLEMENT WITH
CHINA DISTINCTLY IMPROVED.

Points Waived Include Supervision
Over Advisors, Joint Police and
Purchase of Ammunition.

PEKIN, China, Feb. 25.—The outlook for an adjustment of the differences which have arisen between China and Japan has improved distinctly. The conferences between representatives of the two nations apparently are progressing toward a compromise. The most important step yet taken in this direction was disclosed here today. The Japanese government has given indications which are regarded as definite that it will not insist for the present on the group of general demands which it presented. These include the chief points on which China has refused to accede to the representations from Tokyo. The principal demands which Japan is reported to have waived for the present are outlined as follows:

The Chinese government shall consult Japan before choosing foreign advisers in political, military and financial matters, and if such advisers are employed Japanese shall be preferred. China and Japan shall police jointly important places in China, or Japanese shall be preferred in case foreign police advisers are employed.

China shall buy from Japan at least one-half the arms and ammunition it uses hereafter, otherwise an arsenal shall be established in China employing Japanese experts and materials. Japan shall have special privileges in the province of Fukien and shall be consulted first in case foreign capital is required in the province for railroad construction, ship building, mining or harbor improvements. Japan shall have the same rights as other nations to establish missions, schools and churches throughout the country, with the privilege of propagating Buddhism.

NARCOTIC CURB IS NEAR

MONDAY IS LAST DAY FOR REG-
ISTRY OF PHYSICIANS.

Sales Forbid to Any Person Other Than
Those Holding Specified Orders
From Qualified Practitioners.

SAN FRANCISCO, Feb. 25.—(Special.)—Any physician, dentist or veterinary who uses opium or any of its derivatives or cocaine or its derivatives in practice, or any druggist who sells such, unless they are registered at the United States Internal Revenue Department not later than next Monday, will be subject to a fine of \$2,000, or five years' imprisonment, or both, for using or selling any derivative of opium or cocaine after that date. Such is the word being sent broadcast through California and Nevada by J. J. Scott, Collector of Internal Revenue in this district.

This new law, aimed at the supervision of the drug traffic, was signed by President Wilson last December and becomes effective March 1. It aims to control the traffic by the Federal Government in a way which it is impossible to do under the state law.

So drastic is the law that no druggist, either wholesale or retail, can sell such drugs unless the order for them is made on a special blank which is issued by the Federal Government and issued only to registered physicians or druggists. These blanks are sold for a small sum and are printed on a paper which is declared to be almost non-counterfeitable. The law names who must register by next Monday, according to Collector Scott, and up to the present less than 1,000 have so registered. In case they do not register and either sell or use any of the drugs named in the act after next Monday they will be liable to the fine or imprisonment named.

SUNDAY WORK LAW VETOED

St. Johns Council Backs Mayor in
Regulating Street Contractors.

ST. JOHNS, Or., Feb. 25.—(Special.)—At the meeting of the Council last night Mayor Vincent filed his veto against the ordinance forbidding contractors for street work in St. Johns from doing work on Sundays. The Council sustained the veto. Councilman Graden, who secured the passage of the ordinance, was the only one voting against it.

The Council ordered placed on the ballot for the April election a proposition to issue bonds to the amount of \$120,000 to acquire the St. Johns water works and make other improvements. The Council ordered that all wooden sidewalks be condemned, to shift liability for damages from the city to the property-owners.

A remonstrance against the improvement of Chicago street, representing a majority of the property-owners, was filed and accepted. The remonstrance against the improvement of Oswego street was overruled.

GILBERT M. CALIFF DIES

Springwater Farmer, 87 Passes at
Home of Daughter.

ESTACADA, Or., Feb. 25.—(Special.)—Gilbert Mitchell Califf died at the home of his daughter, Mrs. Ed Strunk, in Springwater yesterday. Mr. Califf was 87, having been born in Pennsylvania in 1828 and moved to Oregon about 12 years ago from Tennessee.

He is survived by two sons and two daughters—Mrs. Stella Montette, of Teetz, Colo.; Mrs. Ed Strunk, of Springwater, Or.; and O. D. and Oliver Califf, of Estacada.

The funeral will be held from the Zion Church, at 2 P. M. tomorrow.

Aliens' Business Sequestered.

Berne, Switzerland, Feb. 25, via

Economy Basement Store

Spring Fashions in Women's Coats, Suits and Dresses Are Here!



\$5.65
For Silk Poplin
Dresses

\$9.25
For New Covert
Coats

\$10.75
For New Tailored
Suits

—The newest Spring style dresses, of silk poplin, made in attractive Empire effect, skirt full and flaring, with deep shirred yoke top. Collar is of white silk poplin and self-covered buttons trim the waist.

—These coats are made of an excellent quality covert cloth, the most popular material of the season. 40 inches in length, full flaring, black velvet collar, novelty belted back, English patch pockets and new tailored sleeves. Trimmed with bone buttons. A splendid weight coat for Spring and Summer.

—A new style in suits. Made of granite cloth, with the new 26-inch jackets, belted waist with pleated peplum, collar and cuffs of bengaline silk. Lined with fine quality peau de cygne. Skirt made in the new full flare style.

—Shown in Belgian blue, putty, gray and navy blue.

—Colors are navy, Copen and green.

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THE ACCOMPANYING ILLUSTRATION WAS SKETCHED FROM THE GARMENTS ON SALE

New Shipment Just Received of Gingham Coverall Work Aprons

Regular Price 45c
Sale 34c

—Made with round neck, short sleeves, pocket, belted back, and neatly finished with bias banding. Made of an excellent quality of navy blue and white checked gingham, fast color.

Offering Two New Crepe de Chine Waist Models

In Styles as Illustrated
Sale \$2.22

—A special sale is always twice as interesting when it offers something entirely new at a special price. In this case it is not merely "something new"—it is the new idea of the day in semi-tailored waists. One model is embroidered on each side of the front; the other is tucked and hemstitched.

- Women's Kayser Lisle Union Suits 50c —Medium weight for Spring and Summer wear. Made of fine lisle, in low-neck, sleeveless, knee-length style.
- Women's Ribbed Cotton Vests 12½c —Low-neck, sleeveless style, in a medium weight, beading and ribbon trimmed.
- Women's 75c, \$1 Imported Vests 39c —Small and medium sizes only. Made of fine Swiss wool, in ribbed style, in a weight suitable for present wear.
- Women's \$1.25 Ribbed Corset Covers 69c —Fine Swiss-ribbed corset covers of mercerized yarns, silk trimmed at neck and silk-faced fronts. Sizes 5 and 6.

Friday We Shall Offer Hundreds of Yards of The Newest Net Top Laces

That Would Sell Regularly at 15c to 25c Yard
From 3 to 9 inches wide.
At 10c the Yard

—This is truly an extraordinary sale, for it offers laces that will be in greatest favor for the trimming of Spring and Summer gowns and waists, as well as for making those new standing and flare collars.

Just Received by Express

500 Pieces of New Neckwear 25c

On Sale Today for the First Time

—Spring's most fashionable styles in coat and dress sets, collars of net, laces, finest organdie and lawn, in pleated back, military effects and flat models, effectively trimmed with picot edging, hemstitching and bows of black ribbon.

New 75c and 85c Muslin and Crepe Underwear

GOWNS — SKIRTS — ENVELOPE CHEMISE — COMBINATIONS — CORSET COVERS — DRAWERS

Sale 59c Each

—Gowns of longcloth and crepe, slip-over and open-front styles, embroidery, lace, beading and ribbon trimmed.

NOTION SALE

5c O.N.T. Thread 4c	12c Paper Napkins, per 100	7c
—In black, white and all numbers.	25c Gilman Lunch Boxes for	18c
5c Dress Fasteners, dz. 1c	\$1.00 Welsbach Lights 50c	
10c Sanitary Belts	10c Metal Towel Rings 5c	
25c Peerless Dress Shields for	\$1.00 Cedolene Polish Mops	68c
40c Self-Light Gas Mantles for	\$1.25 Cedolene Polish Mops	75c
5c Asbestos Stove Mats 3c	\$1.50 Cedolene Polish Mops	98c
5c Polish Mats and Iron Holders	10c Chair Seats	7c
10c Diamond Dyes		
15c Inverted Gas Globes for		
25c Tango Hair Pins 10c	Floor Paint	
10c Hair Pins, 6 for	Bay State brand, guaranteed. Sale, 39c qt. ½ gal. 74c	
10c Welsbach Upright Gas Mantles	All shades, wears like iron.	
15c Straw Table Mats 11c	25c Electrolene Silver Polish	15c
10c Monkey Brand Soap for	50c Electrolene Silver Polish	28c
10c Enamelin Liquid Stove Polish	25c Burnshine Brass Polish	17c
10c Fancy Gas Hose, ft. 4c	—No phone orders.	

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STAND OF HOPMEN TESTED

Washington Growers Ask Opinion on
Tri-State Organization.

NORTH YAKIMA, Wash., Feb. 25.—(Special.)—Officials of the Washington Hopgrowers' Association, who are taking the initiative in the effort to organize growers of this state in conjunction with those of Oregon and

Absinthe Prohibited in Strassburg

GENEVA, via Paris, Feb. 25.—The military governor of Strassburg, capital

The Shine that Lasts

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SHOE POLISHES

BLACK WHITE TAN