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## America's Greatest Problem

The entire object of true education is to make people not only do the right things, but enjoy the right things.—Ruskin.

THE presence in Marshfield this week of so many teachers suggests a little preaching on a problem that directly concerns these instructors of our boys and girls. The idea was formulated in the text of the significant address and story of Mrs. Emmons Blaine before the recent meeting of the National Educational Association in San Francisco. It was the most important thought that could be presented to the teaching body of the nation and to the American people upon whose support, encouragement, and criticism education depends for life and influence. This, in Mrs. Blaine's phrase, is the thought:

**THE OPPORTUNITY OF THE TEACHER IS THE GREATEST OPPORTUNITY IN THE WORLD TODAY, OR EVER, IN THE UNITED STATES TODAY IT MIGHT BE CALLED THE OPPORTUNITY TO SAVE THE COUNTRY.**

This is not a new thought. Indeed, it is as old as a republic. In a simpler day it was symbolized by the "little red school," and it expressed the profound conviction of our forefathers that the whole arc of our liberties rested upon popular education. The public school, maintained by the state, is as inherent in our American republican system as manhood suffrage, or trial by jury, or freedom of speech and of the press. The idea of universal education and its benignant influence has been on the most widely diffused of any the American people have cherished. Millionaires have poured their wealth out in deference to it and the people have taxed themselves unflinchingly for it. And we have done this because we have known from the beginning that upon the intelligence and informedness of the citizens depend the safety of our cherished institutions, our liberty, and our progress in civilization.

We have known all this, and we have assumed that it was provided for. That assumption is being challenged in our awakened day. The American people are stirred to self-questioning, and in our realization of conditions of political corruption and social evils we are asking how and why they have been permitted to grow up despite the safeguards our fathers erected and conserved to prevent.

Undoubtedly, as The Times has said on more than one occasion, the heaviest of all responsibilities rests upon the public schools, upon its directors and upon each and every teacher, from the most distinguished to the most obscure. Mrs. Blaine was not speaking a remote generality, but the most critical of truths, when she said:

"The citizens of tomorrow are all in your hands. You have our whole body politic of the future America in your hands. You have it before selfish commercialism has more than reached its ears—before the grip of materialism has it by the throat.

What possession have we other than our children that we treat so carelessly? You have them. They are yours to redeem, and they are the only hope for the redeeming of our nation."

Yet, in spite of this responsibility, in spite of the original and inherent place the common school has in our republican scheme, Mrs. Blaine is right when she asserts that "it hardly ever is asked of the schools whether they are preparing clearer, keener, and more efficient voters and workers for the state." Yet, as she says, "this is the first business of the schools of the country, and it receives but little attention from the public who constitute themselves the schools' critics."

Mrs. Blaine's powerful appeal, then, is both to the public and to the teaching profession. To the latter she speaks these words—words that are timely and profoundly true:

"The idea of a divine work dealt with as a money value is the idea, thank God, that starts revolutions. When American schools regard the chance to perform this high service as a commercial job there will be a revolution.

But they will not—they cannot. I would like to have teachers write into their contracts a clause to the effect that when any one can be found to do the work better, that one should be placed in charge. "There are two sides to the money question in teaching. You cannot serve God and mammon. If the uplifting of the child is the aim of the teacher, the money cannot be. Therefore, the money must not be—cannot be—the aim of the teaching."

And she adds this practical hint: "On the other hand, the community will come to not to concede but to demand money payment for the work of teaching commensurate with the payment of the highest experts in any field. It needs but the conception of the community of what it must have for its children, of what it must give to its children and to those who are making their lives. To reach this conception, it is you who must help to show the truth. That truth can never come out of the spirit of exaction. It will only come out of the spirit of devotion."

Unquestionably the greedy materialism of much of our American life, the narrow egotism of our individual energies, the "general lack of discipline and regard for law," all of which forces not only weaken but will most certainly destroy the republic—these must be combated not by laws and machinery, but in the hearts and minds of men. In this constructive work, perhaps, the school must be the chief instrument. Mrs. Blaine's challenge is arresting:

"There is lack of responsibility in the government and for the government. In our school system likely to fortify its growing citizens against this deadly evil which must be striking at the root of our national life?"

"Responsibility is the first quality the right school life must develop. Yet I cannot see, as I think over schools in general with their red tape, methods of discipline that responsibility has much chance for consideration or for growth.

"There is thoughtlessness and carelessness for others in all the relations of life. How can we even talk of supposing that we are arousing by our education a civic sense of caring for the whole when the fundamental basis of the plan for school achievement is for each pupil to get out all he can for himself regardless of, or even essentially against, all comers. This is ingrained in the whole system."

Discipline is the sine qua non of successful democracy. Not discipline imposed from without, from above, by an autocrat, by a "governing" superior class, by a bureaucracy of experts. But self-discipline, discipline from within ourselves, discipline arising from the individual citizen's intelligent consciousness that he is a vital part of a great whole, that he is not merely a hungry ego let loose to prey upon others, but a soldier in a great civic army, having duties and responsibilities as well as rights and privileges.

The republic cannot begin too early to train its soldiers of the common good and the school of the soldier is the school of the citizen, the common school of the people.

### VACATIONS.

WE HOLD that vacations should be "inspirational" rather than "perfunctory." It should be allowed to tackle one when one becomes tired of the other. One who has to "time" his annual respite is as much of a slave when he's off the job as he is when he's on it. (This is purely impersonal, understand.)

### THE OREGON AT PANAMA.

THE suggestion that the battleship Oregon should have the place of honor in the maritime celebration of the opening of the Panama canal commends itself to favor. It would be too much to say that the Oregon caused the building of the canal, but it is entirely just to say that she gave this country one of the most effective object lessons as to the need of the canal and immeasurably stimulated the demand for its prompt construction by this country and under this country's sole control.

It was in March, 1898, that the Oregon was sent for. She was then on the Pacific coast, and she was directed to come forthwith to the Atlantic or Gulf coast, where she probably would be needed, and where, in fact, she did render invaluable services. Everyone vividly remembers the intense interest with which her journey was watched, the mingling of anxiety and satisfaction with which her progress from point to point was noted upon the map and the thankfulness, relief and exultation when at last she was reported safe and sound at Jupiter. But what had the ship to do, and what did she do? The run was by way of the strait of Magellan, 13,000 miles, and it consumed sixty-seven days. Had the isthmian canal been in existence, it would have been a run of only 4,600 miles, consuming only twenty-three days—perhaps less. Had the canal been in existence the Oregon would have reached Jupiter inlet by April 10, or two weeks before the beginning of the war, instead of May 23, or a month after it began. The canal would have saved weeks of time, thousands of miles of travel, perils innumerable, deep anxiety and possibly the war itself, for the presence of the Oregon with the rest of our fleet early in April, 1898, might have had a material influence in the negotiations which were still in progress.

When the government and the nation realized the significance of these facts it was resolved that the two ocean coasts of the United States should be joined by a waterway at the earliest possible moment, and it would be highly fitting to let the Oregon, once the pride of the navy, lead the line of warships and of merchant vessels forming the inaugural procession from Colon to Panama.

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## PRISONER HID CLUB IN CELL

Harry Smith, Made Improvised "Billy" Out of Part of Cell Here.

That Harry Smith, the man wanted at Roseburg for the theft of a buggy and harness and who has caused quite a stir here by claiming to know who killed the Hill family at Portland, June 9, is a bad actor in the conclusion Marshal Carter has drawn. Yesterday, after Sheriff Quine had started for Roseburg with the prisoner, Marshal Carter found evidence that leads him to believe that Smith, or whatever his name maybe, was a desperate man and would stoop to anything to gain his freedom.

The principal evidence was found hidden under the mattress in the cell occupied by Smith. It consisted of a piece of steel about a foot long, straightened out so that it made just as formidable a weapon as any "billy" an officer ever carried.

Further search showed that Smith had wrested it from the side of the cell where it had done duty as a hook to hold up the cot when not in use. It was untempered steel and by using it could be detached from its fastening. Then by putting the curved portion of the hook through the fastening, it was straightened sufficiently to make it a most formidable weapon.

That Smith did not have it secreted in his clothes when taken away was probably due to his belief that he would not be started back to Roseburg until today. He was told that Sheriff Quine did not intend to start back until this morning and consequently when he was taken from the cell yesterday, it was with the expectation on his part that he would be returned. However, he was not and he did not have time to secret his improvised "billy" on his clothes. Evidently his plan was to take it and watch for a chance to put the officer taking him out of business.

Marshal Carter is anxiously awaiting word from Portland as to how much Smith really did know about the Hill murder.

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♦ PRAY PARDON ♦  
♦ THESE BLUSHES ♦  
♦ (From the Port Orford Tribune) ♦  
♦ The Coos Bay Times is the ♦  
♦ newest local paper that comes ♦  
♦ to our office. As a model it ♦  
♦ would be hard to improve, and ♦  
♦ its editor is a genius. Here's ♦  
♦ to you, Brothers. ♦  
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### YOU'GOTTAGIVITOOM.

Don't knock the council—they're doing their best. They'll put things to rights if you give 'em a rest. They've got all the knowledge to do it withal. They know the promoters who are there with the gall. To stick up the city for a full fifty years. And establish a waterworks with a fountain of tears. But the loafistishdearpeople must pay.

They know every scheme and a lot of dark tricks. They know about bonds and just how to fix. A franchise so that the bonds they can float. Until the water in stocks is enough for a boat. The boomers and boosters, the whole frisking crew. Whose motto is "do'em first before they do you." They know at a flash any time, any place. Their earmarks are plain as the nose on your face. But the loafistishdearpeople must pay.

Just leave it to them, they've the dope on the "mob" and can tell when they're framing for pulling a job. The workers of franchise of the fifty years kind. Who think that the people are deaf, dumb and blind. The fine working con men, the coarse working "bugs" they've got all their measurements, also their "mugs". But the loafistishdearpeople must pay.

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♦ "Getting business is just like ♦  
♦ courting a girl—you must offer ♦  
♦ the right kind of goods, and ♦  
♦ keep on calling." ♦  
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## BIG DEAL IS CLOSED TODAY

Smith-Powers Company Takes Over Dr. J. T. McCormac's Boom Property.

The negotiations of the Smith-Powers Logging company for the purchase of Dr. J. T. McCormac's boom property on the Coquille river and on Isthmus Inlet and Coos Bay were closed this morning. The Smith-Powers company takes over the booms, machinery, the launch Dixie and some land and the price paid is understood to be \$50,000. The negotiations have been underway for some time, the boom rights involved being among the most valuable in the county.

### CONGRESSMAN IS DEAD.

New Jersey Representative Passes Away Today.  
(By Associated Press to Coos Bay Times.)

PAUSBORO, N. J., Aug. 12.—Congressman Henry C. Toulonslager died at his residence here today.

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INSTITUTE Special and MERRY WIDOW at LEWIS, SUNDAY.

## BIG STAND OF TIMBER FOUND

Township 28, Range 12, is Cruised by D. C. McCarty—Official Figures.

D. C. McCarty, the official timber cruiser of Coos county and his men have just completed cruising Township 28, Range 12 and declares it is one of the finest bodies of timber that man could wish to see. Mr. McCarty was engaged by the Coos county commissioners to cruise the timber lands in order that they might be equitably assessed.

Township 28, Range 12 cruised 1,289,820,000 feet. The township has an area of 22,239.54 acres so that the average stand of timber per acre is 55,500 feet. This is a better average than Township 31, Range 10, which he finished a short time ago, the average for Township 31, Range 10 being 55,056 feet per acre. The latter has a larger area and consequently more timber, though. The timber in Township 28 Range 12 is a much larger and better quality.

In Township 28, Range 12, there are five sections in the northwest corner that are burned over and very little merchantable timber left. Aside from this, the timber is in a solid body and is good ground to log. The yellow fir will average from 4,000 to 20,000 feet to the tree and will run forty per cent clear. The white or Port Orford Cedar is also of unusually good quality. The timber cruised as follows:

- Old growth yellow fir 1,236,400,000
- Second growth fir.... 7,275,000
- White cedar..... 24,730,000
- Red Cedar..... 2,300,000
- Hemlock..... 19,115,000

Total..... 1,289,820,000

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