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EDUCATIONAL PROGRESS.

Round numbers there were 22,000,000 persons enrolled in educational institutions in the United States in 1914, according to the annual report of the commissioner of education just issued. Of these over 19,000,000 were in elementary schools, 1,374,000 in secondary schools, both public and private, and 216,000 in colleges and universities. Close to another hundred thousand were in normal schools preparing to be teachers, 87,000 were in professional schools, and the remainder were scattered through other types of institutions. The teachers for this educational army numbered 700,000, of whom 566,000 were in public schools. In point of rapid growth the public high school still presents the most impressive figures; the enrollment for 1914 is greater by over 84,000 than for the year before.

The cost of education for the year, as estimated by the bureau, was \$750,000,000. "This three-quarters of a billion is a relatively small amount when compared with other items in the public expense," declares the report. "It is less by \$300,000,000 than the cost of running the federal government; it is less than one-third the nation's expenditure for alcoholic liquors; it is only a little over three times the estimated cost of admissions to moving picture theatres in the United States for the same year. Measured in terms of products of the soil, the United States spent somewhat more for education in 1914 than the value of its cotton crop, somewhat less than the value of its wheat crop, and less than half the value of the annual harvest of corn; while the nation's bill for education was less by nearly a hundred millions than the value of the exports from the harbor of New York in the calendar year just passed."

Very little increase is yet to be noted in the average term for public schools. Between 1910 and 1913 the increase was from 157.5 days a year to 158.1—a growth of only six-tenths of a day in three years. Attendance has improved, however. The average number of days attended by each person enrolled increased from 113 in 1910 to 115.6 in 1913.

BLUE BOOK READY.

Secretary of State Ben W. Olcott has the Oregon Blue Book ready for distribution. This year's, while no larger, contains many added and valuable features. It gives a history of Oregon; the state constitution, with amendments; list of state and county officers; description of state boards, commissions and institutions, with names of members and officers; an outline of duties of county officers; list and duties of federal officers having jurisdiction in Oregon; information about the state flag, state seal, state flower, legal holidays, legal interest rates, and qualifications for voters; an abstract of votes on president, senators, congressmen and state officers; abstract of votes on all initiative and referendum measures submitted to the state; list of state appropriations; list of former state officers; lists of Oregon newspapers, postoffices, banks and libraries.

Every year the Blue Book is improving, and this issue keeps it at the head of all similar publications by state governments, for it is concise, handy, well written—contains a greater variety of information in more readable and accessible form; in fact, it reflects the efficiency of Secretary Olcott's office, which is saying a great deal.

Every voter is entitled to a copy as long as the supply lasts. Write now, so as to be sure to get one.

THE NEWSPAPER'S FREE SERVICE.

If a board of trade is organized to boom a town, it finds that it is expensive work. Secretaries must be hired, office rent paid, supplies must be settled for in cash. People usually make no discount because the work is for a public cause.

Meanwhile the newspaper is booming the home town all the time, and for the most of the services it renders it asks no pay. If its motives are not wholly unselfish, at least it is far sighted enough to expect its compensation in the added prosperity that comes to all enterprises when the town grows.

In view of all this unpaid service, it is fair to ask a reciprocal spirit on the part of its home community. The Tidings is not complaining of its support, which has been generous and friendly. It merely reminds its readers that when they pay down their money for a subscription they not merely get their money's worth in the form of news, but they are helping to support an agency that gives unpaid service all the time for the development of the community.

In view of the growth of prohibition sentiment in England, there should be more sympathy over there for the sufferings of our naval officers for the past year or more.

From the difficulty that is experienced in getting laws approved by the courts, it seems very doubtful if the constitution is constitutional.

The excellent quality of the fertilizer used on many gardens last spring is being demonstrated by the fine crop of weeds now being harvested.

The Home Circle

Thoughts from the Editorial Pen

Dad—Here's to You.

We happened in a home the other night and over the parlor door saw the legend worked in red yarn on a porous plaster background, "What is Home Without a Mother?" Across the room was another brief "God Bless Our Home."

Now, what's the matter with "God Bless Our Dad?" He gets up early, lights the fire, boils an egg and gives the lawn a close shave while mother is still dreaming of how she is going to trim Mrs. Gotthe Stuff at bridge that afternoon.

He rustles the weekly hand-out for the butcher, the grocer, the milkman, the baker, along with several etceteras, and before he is home an hour on pay day his weekly stipend has shrunk to just the size of carfare and six sittings in the broad arm chair at the jitney dairy lunch palace.

If there is a strange noise in the house at night Dad is kicked in the back and sent downstairs to find the burglar and kill him—or get put to sleep by a rap on the bean. Mother darns the socks, but Dad puts up for the socks in the first place, then the yarn and the needles, and patiently stands for the callouses on his feet which the darned socks make.

Mother puts up the fruit against Dad putting up the price of the fruit, the sugar and the jars. Dad buys chickens for the Sunday dinner, carves them for the family, and after the rush draws from the ruins the neck, or the other extremity.

"What is home without a mother?" Yes, that's all right, but, What is home without a father? Ten to one it's a boarding house, father is under the slab and mother is the landlady!

Dad, here's to you! You've got your faults—you may have lots of 'em—but you're all right, and we'll miss you when you're gone.

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Notes From Oregon Building at Fair

An exhibit in the Oregon pavilion, Palace of Agriculture, that attracts a great deal of attention is that one showing 470 varieties of products from a single farm. This showing is made by D. M. Lowe of Jackson county, who is particularly well known to Oregon State Fair attendants. This exhibit is made up of grains, grasses, fruits, vegetables, the legumes, several varieties of corn, flax and about everything else namable. The average visitor is thoroughly amazed that such a tremendous variety of products can be produced on a single farm, and many stay to discuss the situation thoroughly. That this production is obtained without the aid of irrigation, that the products grow to a splendid maturity without interruption, and that so much of the exhibits is of top-notch stuff but increases the wonder. A feature of the exhibit is a large case of silver cups, medals and blue ribbons that Mr. Lowe has won by similar exhibits at other expositions and state fairs. This is a magnificent advertisement of southern Oregon and the state at large and furnishes great opportunity for attendants to dwell upon Oregon opportunity and possibility. A companion exhibit also assists very materially in this effort at exploitation. This is the splendid showing made by F. M. Sherman of Linn county. He shows what can be grown on an unirrigated ten-acre farm and there is an unusual variety of fine products. However, Mr. Sherman has discovered that it pays to grow first-class seed of all kinds and this is his special effort. There is always a strong demand for good seed at a good price and he recommends this industry to those on the small tract. The public finds his exhibit of great interest.

Valley Film.

"Grace's Visit to the Rogue River Valley" is a new six-reel film now being shown. This portrays the scenic beauty, the productivity and the social life of the valley. It is a beautiful film and is greatly enjoyed by hundreds of visitors weekly.

Oregon Girls and Boys Honored.
The Oregon building is the center for much special activity these days. The United Artisans held their convention at the building on Monday and the Salem drill team, which won out in the big drill contest, created quite a furore. There was an all-day program and the Artisans were fed on the building's vast expanse of balcony. Then came the Panama-Pacific Historical Congress for a session at the theatre in this building. Prof. Joseph Schafer of the state university presided and read a paper on

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"The Western Ocean as a Determinant in Oregon History." Friday night one of the largest formal social functions of the exposition was given in honor of the young women of the Oregon Agricultural College here serving in the domestic science demonstration kitchen and dining room, and in honor of the college and university young men here as guides. The invitation list included the highest exposition officials, officialdom at the various state buildings, the elite of the society of the bay cities, and the sojourning friends of these young people. Hundreds of these came to do the young people honor and large numbers stayed to enjoy the dancing. The domestic science women were congratulated warmly on the success of their undertaking and the expressions came from the innermost depths, for the Oregon building's dining room is the fad with the greatest of the great. The band from the battleship Oregon furnished music for the occasion, and as a most distinguished honor the Oregon's \$15,000 punch bowl and service was loaned. This splendid social function was the happy thought of Commissioner John F. Logan, who desired to show the world Oregon's appreciation of the young women of the state in their successful endeavor to dignify home service, and of the young men in preparing practically for usefulness. And other functions are to follow swiftly. On the 29th fifteen hundred gallons of loganberry juice will tell at least fifteen thousand people of a new nectar more glorious than that which Jupiter sips. There will be an all-day program. August 9 to 17 will be "All Oregon Week," each day a special day and probably with a function each night. The 17th is "Benson Day" and this will be made one of the greatest days of the ex-

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position, this being an exposition as well as an Oregon occasion. Elaborate plans are under way.

Ashland Cherries Unsurpassed.
Bing cherries sent from Ashland by H. H. Leavitt on July 23 were judged June 26 and put on display. On July 17 they were still lovely to look upon and, according to California experts, were in condition to ship to New York. Mr. Phipps of Medford had Bings on display fifteen days and these were equally as good, and there were Lamberts from Leavitt also. The Horticultural building, with its heat and excess of light, offers the severest test possible for cherries. C. N. Ravlin, director of horticulture, says he believes the Rogue River valley grows the greatest shipping cherry in the world. When a Hood River man admits that there must be something to it. Next year all cherry sections should make a test.

New York July 31.—Men's coats for the winter season will have padless shoulders and snug waists and will be abbreviated, according to announcement of James McGinley, spokesman for the style committee of the Clothing Designers' Association of America, whose annual convention ended here today. McGinley said that the broad lapel would be banned this winter.

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