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MALE AND FEMALE TEACHERS.

No less an authority than President G. Stanley Hall of Clark university has taken up the complaint to which certain members of the Mosely educational commission first gave prominence, and has been telling Chicago teachers that there are too many school-ma'ams abroad in the land and that our boys are being "feminized" in consequence. He went so far as to say that the predominance of feminine influence in the public schools means ultimate "racial degeneracy."

The published abstracts of President Hall's address, while making his conclusion clear, leaves something to be desired as to the processes by which he arrived at them. It seems to be his idea that while boys in their tender years may well be left under the care of female teachers they should be intrusted to men upon reaching the age when masculine traits and instincts have once begun to manifest themselves; that, in order to develop into a manly man, the boy should be allowed to be rather more of a boy than he is under the present system, while only a girlish girl can become a womanly woman; that all through the formative period boys and girls should be kept apart, since coeducation tends to a less sharp differentiation between the sexes than is desirable if each is to preserve intact its distinguishing mental and moral characteristics.

Even granting that the present trend is toward "feminization" it is a far cry from that to "radical degeneracy," says the Syracuse Telegram. There is solid ground for the claim that more men teachers are needed, for it is admitted that at certain periods in a boy's life he needs the inspiring and controlling influence of a strong, thoroughly masculine personality. The passing of the old-fashioned schoolmaster, due largely to economic causes, is for many reasons to be regretted.

ROCKEFELLER'S LATEST.

The latest report about John D. Rockefeller charges him with a design to merge the mines of America and perhaps of the world in one combination, headquarters under his hat. These mining combinations have heretofore been managed by the Rothschilds, who are supposed to control the world's production of quicksilver and copper. If an American has risen who can see the Rothschild hand and go one better, it is a matter of interest to financiers.

As a matter of fact great mining combinations are not new in this country, says the Call. The Haggin and Hearst interests were equal in holdings to the Standard Oil before it invaded Europe. Senator Clark has a genius for such combinations, and his interests run from Montana to Mexico. It is not plain that he and Heinze and Senator Kearns and the Haggin interests will gain by going into the larger Rockefeller combination, as it is reported they intend doing.

The silver mines of this country and Mexico are already practically controlled by the Guggenheims, who are believed to have been responsible for the advance in the price of silver which began last year. A mining combination differs from one made in manufactures. The history of gold discoveries in Colorado and Utah and in Alaska proves that no one can estimate the future of that leader of the precious metals. As gold in the ground is potential money of practically unchangeable value, the next prospector may make a find that will be entirely independent of Rockefeller and Rothschild combined.

It is perhaps easy to control an independent manufacturer and compel him to enter a rival combine or go out of business, but this is impossible in mining. When a Mexican peon can find a mine, as Pedro Alvarado did, and in a year acquire such wealth that he can afford to offer to pay the national debt of Mexico, the difference between mining and manufacturers in the power of combination over them is made apparent. The recent revelations in copper in Alaska prove that even that metal cannot long remain in the control of any combination.

Again, it is hardly possible to apply to mining of its many kinds the principles by which the Standard Oil Company has made its profit, which has been won by economizing in methods and cheapening the product to the consumer. Gold cannot be cheapened, from the present outlook. It is not a perishable prop-

erty like oil that must be consumed in order to earn a profit to its producer. While some is lost and wasted, or put where it is not a part of the actual currency of the world, still, fixed in position in the arts or wherever it is, it is potential money.

It is said that the gold stored in the vatican in objects of art and in other forms equals in value the gold coined and used as money by the entire continent of Europe. But that vatican gold is merely stored. It is not consumed nor destroyed, and it is easily thinkable that if the world's need of gold as money grew strong enough to outweigh the considerations which keep it stored in other forms, it would be made mobile to respond to that need.

Of course there will at once arise a fear that such a combination as this engineered by Rockefeller may so control the output of the precious metals as to pinch the nations that use them as currency. But with the mines of Siberia and South Africa in operation and constant discoveries in Alaska, it is difficult to see how this could be done. If attempted, it might have the same disastrous effect on the combine that the independent output of copper forced upon the Societe des Metaux, the first copper trust, in which Mr. Haggin had some quite disagreeable experiences.

It is probable, too, that such a policy would run up against the law. If a railroad merger is in restraint of trade, how much more is it in restraint of trade to attempt to limit the output of the money metals which are the very blood in the arteries of commerce?

As the resources of the law have thus far proved adequate to control for the public interest all other forms of combinations, and as none has been found willing, even if able, to long defy both natural and statute law, the people can afford to wait with patience until Mr. Rockefeller's plans and purposes are more fully disclosed, and if they run counter to the public welfare the people and the law will know where to strike him.

THE HORRORS OF WAR.

A man or a woman dead in the prime of life arouses peculiarly sad thoughts. For there is not only the sadness that attends death always, the bereavement of relatives, the thought that the dead one has gone out of life forever, but there is, in the case of a man or woman dead before age had come on, the reflection of the waste of energy caused by the untimely demise. Here in the coffin lies a man of 30. His work, on which he had not long been engaged, is left undone. To bring him to the age of 30 required much suffering, toil, patience, a vast expense of energy. His mother bore him in pain, and he has come to nothing. During the years of his infancy what infinite patience was exercised in his nurture and training, what a fountain of love welled about his cradle, what planning was done for his future, what care and toil were devoted to him in the school-room! As he grew up, what agonies of anxiety his mother and his father felt as they watched his character develop, like a rose, petal by petal, never knowing at what moment some canker might appear and rot the boy at the heart! How the father toiled, how the mother saved, that the boy might be equipped fully for doing a man's work in the world and doing it well!

Dead at 30! All this pain, this anxiety, this patience, this forethought, this toil, this saving, this spending for nothing! It has gone, all of it, to fill a grave. The engine, built up with such toil and cunning, must be laid away before it has done any work.

A press dispatch telling of a battle in which 1000 men were killed does not make us shudder because we do not pause long enough to think what the fact implies. We do not invest the 1000 slain with personalities. We look on them as mere units of fighting strength. But each man killed, we should bear in mind, represents a precious quantity of energy. On each man a certain amount of care and toil has been spent in the hope that he would pay it all back by leading a long and useful life in the world. Fifteen minutes of hot work in charging a battery, however, stills all the energy represented by these 1000 men. The pains spent upon them from infancy went for nothing but to make food for powder. It is rather an impersonal way of setting forth the horrors of war by showing the destructive waste of energy caused by battle, but, after all, it is a graphic way.—Bulletin.

Every now and then Mr. Hearst is called upon to bow his thanks for an indorsement which the politically wise declare cannot be of any practical benefit.

Judge Parker has been peculiarly favored in his ability to maintain a prolonged silence without being referred to as a "sphinx."

The promptness with which everything done by Carrie Nation is noted leads to the suspicion that she employs a press agent.

The angrier Tammany gets the more David B. Hill seems pleased.

JUST FOR INSTANCE.

A man has been sentenced to six years in Sing Sing. In the first place, he stole some groceries to keep his 6-year-old daughter from starving, and to escape arrest and take the food to her he knocked down a policeman. Now the little girl will enter an orphan's school and come forth with the stigma of eternal disgrace written on her heart and mind. It appears that there are Jean Valjeans in this country as well as in the realm of Les Miserables.

The General Slocum catastrophe has been termed the slaughter of the innocents. The term holds good in more ways than one. There will be a stain on the character of New York until someone is made to answer for the slaughter. Accidents will happen until the end of the world. But when human incompetence comes to the aid of the accident and multiplies the horror, it is time for human laws to demand reparation.

The bandit, the desperado and the hold-up man are elsewhere than on the stage.

During the school year that has just closed there were but four cases of tardiness in the local high school. If the students are as punctual in other walks of life they may be heard from in the future.

For a man who has a reputation for being a great thinker, the Rev. Newell Dwight Hillis is proving himself to be a false alarm. His ideas on the divorce evil would hardly do credit to the school boy who said the only difference between a horse and an elephant was that the horse only had a tail on one end, while the elephant had a tail on both ends.

Considering the way soldiery is looked upon in Colorado at the present time, it ought to be a bad place for the Salvation army.

Rain reigned yesterday—that is, it reined up when it came to Astoria. (Murder!)

But then the rain which fell yesterday will rise again in dew time. (Police!)

"I regret to report"—Governor Peabody.

We wonder if the school convention this afternoon will instruct for William Randolph Hearst!

At any rate, there ought to be several fights and a stampede or two among the delegates.

Just to make it seem real.
MCCULLERY.

SEASIDE WATERWORKS.

Resort Will Soon Have System in Running Order.

Hon. C. J. Curtis was up yesterday from Seaside. He reports that the new waterworks system will shortly be completed, and that the most formidable obstacle in the way of the advancement of the summer resort will be removed. The supply is to come from several streams known as Crates' creeks, the water of which will be thrown into the reservoir. The dam will be finished today, and thus far piping has been laid as far as the county road. If the pipe is received promptly the system will be instituted by next Saturday, and the laying of pipe into the Grove will then be undertaken. The system is to cost about \$9000 and will be sufficient to supply 20,000 people. Seaside is booming, Mr. Curtis says, and many new structures are being erected. The new town hall, which will cost \$1200, will be completed by tonight. Seaside's population is now about 1000.

BAD BREATH

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