

PORTLAND, OREGON, SUNDAY MORNING, MARCH 31, 1912.

## EXPULSION OF PEDANTRIES FROM SCHOOL CURRICULA URGED

San Francisco, March 30.—"What this nation is sadly needing is not more schools so much as schools of a modern type—schools which shall minister to the useful in living, and not to scholarship that has ceased to be even ornamental; schools which shall teach the great problems of today, and not the petty gossip of forgotten yesterdays; schools which shall ring with the hammer-strokes of the world's workshops, and not echo the hollow mockeries of pedantic schools; schools which shall train citizens of the republic, who, as civil patriots, will battle as heroically for their civic, social and industrial liberties as their forefathers, the war patriots, battled for their ideal." So declares Frederick Burk, president of the San Francisco state normal school, whose criticism of the high school curriculum is vigorous and decisive.

Principal Burke bases his statements on the results of examination for entrance to the San Francisco state normal school of 33 accredited high school graduates. He says in substance that the test examinations in the formal subjects of language, spelling, and arithmetic showed the students admitted, as a whole, to be distinctly better prepared than any previous incoming class. The lowest mark in spelling, based upon a test of 150 words, was 94, and the language tests were satisfactory.

Another test was imposed, however, that, according to Principal Burk, discloses a distinct weakness in the high school system. Each student was asked to characterize in a line or so, the following persons in a way to state what they stand for in general principles: Queen Elizabeth, Ulysses, Hamlet, Gifford Pinchot, Diaz, Lancelot, La Follette, Marcus Aurelius, David Harum, Pythias, Jane Addams, Huckleberry Finn, Luther Burbank, Brer Rabbit, Carnegie, Beethoven, Booker T. Washington, Isaac, Samuel Gompers, Millet, Darwin, Cassius, Henry Stanley, Pickwick.

The papers showed individual variations, and the only general statement which can be made, according to Principal Burk, is that what the students had been distinctly and systematically taught, showed every evidence of having been well and thoroughly taught.

**Purpose of the Test.**

"The test upon familiar persons lends itself to more definite and significant statements and conclusions. The questions were not carefully selected, but were dictated orally upon the spur of the moment, and had more thought been expended in their choice, they would have been greatly improved. They were not selected upon the principle that the students should be expected to be familiar with all of them, but they were selected upon the principle that some of them are systematically taught in the high schools and others, though very generally known in present discussions among intelligent people, are not usually taught by the schools. The test represented an attempt to compare, relatively, the effectiveness of teaching in schools with the degree of absorption from public discussions not subject to school instruction. The answers were not rigorously marked. Any answer that showed that the student had identified the person within the range of the essential features of popular acceptance was marked as fully correct; for example, that La Follette is a United States senator from Wisconsin, that Luther Burbank is a famous botanist

of San Jose, that 'Carnegie is a millionaire' and 'Lancelot is a knight' were accepted as approximations worthy for present purposes of full credit.

"Five of these names—Cassius, Hamlet, Queen Elizabeth, Lancelot and Marcus Aurelius—are those of persons or characters almost universally taught in the accredited schools. The total number of correct answers concerning these names is 211 out of possibly 240 or 88 per cent. This is certainly a good showing. These figures, if the ratio is borne out from a larger number of graduates, as most of us probably will admit, certainly indicate strongly and definitely the following conclusion:

"The facts which the high schools attempt to teach through systematic instruction are taught effectively.

"The other names are those of persons or characters not very generally, or not systematically, taught in the high schools. What knowledge our young people obtain concerning them, as a rule, must be obtained by absorption through the pores of popular reading, public discussions, or from conversation. The schools have, for reasons they have never clearly explained, neglected to give instruction in the knowledge of the events, movements or affairs with which these names are identified. From these names, we may select those of seven persons intimately connected with as many widespread and intense public movements, which have been and are of such vital importance to society, to the state and to every individual, that persons who are not familiar with these movements, cannot be classed as persons at all in touch with world affairs. The names selected for this consideration are those of Samuel Gompers, La Follette, Gifford Pinchot, Jane Addams, Booker T. Washington, Diaz and Charles Darwin.

"It would seem incredible that any class of people living in the present dire of the public agitation of the movements represented by these names could remain ignorant of them. Yet, in comparison with school taught knowledge, the test shows that only 143 answers out of a possible 280, or 51 per cent were correct."

Many of the answers were ridiculous and hit wide of the mark. Samuel Gompers was accredited as a "United States senator," "king of the Democrats," lawyer in the McNamara trial" and "a character in fiction." Gifford Pinchot was even described as a children's game. And these are two names of men of national prominence. Jane Addams was called "an American" and "a novelist." One student named Booker T. Washington as "Lincoln's assassin." Darwin was called "one of the plotters against Mary, Queen of Scots," "an author" (Eaton), "an historian."

But the most lamentable blunders, points out Principal Burk, came in the attempt, in this day of political insurgency, to identify the name of La Follette. The same students who gave intelligent answers concerning Cassius, a Roman insurgent living before Christ, supposed La Follette to be "governor of California," "a famous Democrat," "French general, who helped the Americans during the Revolutionary war," "Democratic candidate for the presidency at coming primaries," "a Frenchman of the fourteenth century, who

## Pacific U. Orchestra to Play at Gladstone Chautauqua



Orchestra of students of Pacific university at Forest Grove.

(Special to The Journal.)  
Pacific University, Forest Grove, Or., March 30.—Professor Frank Thomas Chapman, director of the conservatory of music of Pacific university, is to have full charge of the music for the annual Chautauqua at Gladstone Park this summer, and some of the features of his program have already been announced. Besides a number of soloists, who have been engaged, the Pacific "U." conservatory orchestra has contracted to furnish music for the entire season. The orchestra will play for an hour each afternoon and evening and give sacred concerts on the two Sunday afternoons. A grand concert is also to be given on the last day of the meeting.

Professor Chapman will also have charge of the chorus of 150 voices which is to be prepared especially for Sunday afternoon concerts. It is not yet decided who will direct it.

The orchestra, which made a good record for itself on the recent glee club tour, will be strengthened in its Chautauqua work by a cellist and a flutist from Portland, who will also be used in solo work. Professor Chapman played for several years in the Chicago symphony orchestra, and had long training in Europe.

world that has grown centuries beyond its schools and colleges.

**We Are All Responsible.**

"But in a larger sense of good citizenship, the high school teachers and all intelligent citizens are responsible for this greedy hold of tradition upon our schools. We are responsible in that

we conceal the truth, that we do not go to the house-tops and proclaim the scandal of the schools and universities and call upon all good citizens to rally to the cause of educational reorganization. We schoolmen and schoolwomen have remained silent. We have allowed and are allowing society and the state to sleep on, in false confidence in us. Since we do not, by our own unaided strength, shake off the traditional pedantry, the people must be awakened.

**A Policy of Reconstruction.**

"As steps in this policy of construction, I suggest the following:

"1 That we agitate and urge the establishment of a system of state supervision of high schools through a commission or board, in place of university accrediting and under conditions that will leave this commission or board untrammelled by the prejudices of the traditional dogmas of medieval scholarship, and the high schools free to substitute the standards of a modern scholarship, based upon world efficiency.

"2 That, as individuals and conjointly, we proceed with every opportunity to appraise our schools' scholarship in terms of the kind of knowledge and intelligence the modern world is using, and freely publish the results so that all intelligent people may comprehend the problem and assist in reorganization."

**Hanlon Goes to Prison.**  
(United Press Leased Wire.)  
Seattle, March 30.—Herbert Hanlon, the newspaperman who defended a charge of grand larceny by placing the blame for the crime on Howard, his younger brother, was sentenced by Judge Ronald today to two and a half to 15 years in the reformatory. Hanlon is 36. During the trial Howard assumed the blame, but the jury refused to believe his story. The stolen goods were furs and clothing valued at \$200, taken from the office of J. F. Douglas, a wealthy lawyer.

Union telegraphers have paid a total of \$752,100 in death benefits since the death benefit feature was instituted.

## GROWING OF ASTERS APPEALS TO ASTORIANS

(Salem Bureau of The Journal.)  
Salem, Or., March 28.—Astoria will win all the aster prizes that are to be given at the next state fair if her present enthusiasm in aster cultivation remains unabated. Word has reached Superintendent Alderman that Astoria will make a specialty of growing asters during the summer, and that vacant lots, back yards, and otherwise unsightly spots will become beautiful with choicest asters.

August Hildebrand, Astoria's park commissioner, has announced that he will give each child who will enter the contest a package of aster seeds free. At the children's fair in connection with the regatta next August, Mr. Hildebrand will award 10 prizes for the best asters brought in. The prizes will be for the most beautifully colored asters, for a bouquet of asters of the most colors, for the largest aster, and for the most blue-aster.

Children and grown-ups on both sides of lower Columbia river are invited to join the contest. Instructions on the cultivation of the aster will be furnished. The Astorians fully expect to win all the prizes offered for their flower at the state children's industrial contest at the state fair.

**Factory for Rent.**

Two floors in new brick building just completed at Hood and Baker streets, South Portland; long lease, low rental; building is well lighted and will make an ideal location for manufacturing plant. A. L. FISH, care of Journal, 34

Journal Want Ads bring results.

Read This Ad, Then Turn to Pages 6-7, Sec. 5 and Read Every Word

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Portland's Authoritative Fashion Store—Morrison, Alder, Teath, West Park Streets

## See Double Page Announcement

In the Center of Section 5, Pages 6 and 7 of Our Great

# "Comparison Sale"

Greatly Effecting Prices in Every Department of the Store  
**Sale Begins Tomorrow at 8 A. M.**  
Turn to the Big Ad and Then Read Every Word

## Comparison Sale of Women's Underwear

Three Famous Makes on Sale

"Carter" — "Merode" — "Zimmerli"

Women who have always depended upon Olds, Wortman & King to supply their Underwear needs, especially those who will have no other than one of the above brands, should have forethought enough to know that such an opportunity will not come again very soon, and therefore lay in their season's supply at these low prices. Take early advantage of the sale.

We are Sole Agents in Portland for "Carter's Underwear for Women. Proud of it, too—Here's a sale of "Carter's" Underwear that won't occur again this season. It is not a sale of old goods or last year's stock, but the fresh new Spring and Summer stock of "Carter's" Underwear, which has been in the house scarcely one week. It will pay all wearers of "Carter's" Underwear to buy enough to last them for one year.

**"Carter" 65c Women's Vests and Tights Special at 50c Each**  
White, spring needle ribbed, cotton, Spring and Summer weights; Vests all shapes, high neck, low neck, long sleeves, quarter or half sleeves; tights ankle or knee length; sizes 4, 5 and 6. Special..... **50c**  
Extra sizes, regular price 75 cents; special, 65c each.

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Fine white lisle thread, spring needle rib; all shapes in Vests and Tights. Sizes 4, 5 and 6. Specially priced at the garment, only **85c**

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White light weight cotton, fine spring needle rib, made low neck and wide knee, plain, but finished with pretty scalloped edge. Sizes **\$1.00**  
Extra sizes in same grade Vests and Tights, regular \$1.50, special, **\$1.25**

**"Carter's" \$1.25 Women's Union Suits Special at \$1.00**  
Fine light weight white cotton spring needle rib, long or short sleeves, high or low cut neck, ankle or knee length; 4, 5 and 6. Extra sizes in same grade Union Suits, regular price \$1.50, special, **\$1.25**

**"Carter's" \$1.75 Women's Union Suits Special at \$1.50**  
White lisle thread, fine spring needle rib, all styles, shapes and sizes. Take advantage of this special low price, suit, **\$1.50**

**"Carter's" \$2.00 Women's Union Suits Special at \$1.65**  
Light weight white lisle thread, low neck, no sleeves, knee length; sizes 4, 5 and 6. Specially priced at, only, the suit **\$1.65**  
Extra sizes, regularly priced at \$2.25 the suit, special at only **\$1.85**

**"Carter's" \$2.25 Women's Silk Lisle Union Suits at \$2.00**  
Finest grade white silk lisle thread, spring needle rib, low neck, no sleeves, ankle or knee length. Specially priced at **\$2.00**

**"Merode" Hand-Finished Women's Underwear Only 45c**  
Vests and Tights, spring weights, fine ribbed white cotton, high or low neck, long or short sleeves; ankle or knee length Tights to match. Come in sizes 4, 5 and 6. Bargainized for quick selling at, each, **45c**  
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Spring weight, fine ribbed white cotton, high or low neck, long or short sleeves, ankle or knee lengths; sizes 4, 5 and 6; special at **85c**  
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Fine quality ribbed white lisle thread, high or low cut neck; long or short sleeves, knee or ankle lengths; sizes 4, 5 and 6, at **\$1.00**  
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Silk lisle thread, beautifully finished, ankle or knee length, with or without sleeves; sizes 4, 5 and 6; specially priced at **\$1.95**

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Fine Swiss ribbed white lisle thread, low neck, no sleeves, plain **25c**  
and neatly finished with silk ribbon, all sizes; special at, each **25c**

**"Zimmerli" Women's \$2.25 and \$2.50 Union Suits \$1.95**  
Fine imported quality Swiss ribbed white cotton or lisle thread, reinforced, low neck, no sleeves, knee length; sizes 4, 5 and 6, **\$1.95**

**"Zimmerli" Women's \$4.00 Union Suits Special \$3.29**  
Best imported quality Swiss ribbed white lisle thread, reinforced, low neck, no sleeves, knee length; trimmed with hand crocheted finish. Come in sizes 4, 5 and 6. Specially priced at only, the suit, **\$3.29**

Included in this sale of Women's Underwear is our new Spring stock of Merode Hand-Finished Underwear. Thousands of fresh, new Spring and Summer garments received within the last week. The famous "Merode" Underwear is controlled in Portland by Olds, Wortman & King, and will not be placed on special sale again this season.



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