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JOY ONCE MORE.

Oh, the comet came an' comet went, there's joy once more in

We didn't burn, an' we didn't . blaze. An' we'll go rejoicin' all our days!

Oh, the world rolls on From dark to dawn, An' thank the Lord the comet's gone!

It wasn't us that prayed so loud: • We didn't jine the skeery crowd; • But we're glad the gone its ways, An' we'll shout for glory all .

our days!

Oh, the world rolls on From dark to dawn

-Frank L. Stanton.

THE AMERICAN SCHOOLS.

Of our public schools Americans have just reason for being proud. The American public school system is the greatest institution in the world. The is its democracy. If equality of op. justified in creating all the new counportunity prevails anywhere it prevails in the American public schools. not count. Our schools look alike upon the children of the rich and the privilege of education is for all and those who win must win by merit.

Now this is a condition that does is arranged with a view, not to promoting democracy but with a view to perpetuating class distinctions. It is the theory of English educators that children of the lower classes should be trained for the same stations occupied by their parents. In other words they would close the door of advancement on those of poor or lowly birth. The public schools in England are considered as charity schools. The best schools are all upon a tuition basis and hence open only to those more fortunately situated. Such a policy as this may aid in perpetuating monarchical government in England for a time. But it is a policy that means certain degeneracy and if that policy is continued long enough the day will come when the sun will set upon Great Britain.

Since democracy is a fundamental feature on the American school system it is necessary that our educational work be conducted by the state. True there is a certain field for private institutions and always will be. But this field is necessarily limited. As time goes on the tendency is bound to be more and more in favor of public schools as opnosed to private or secular institutions. There is also a well defined opposition to universities and colleges that have been endowed by multimillionaires. This opposition is due largely to the fact that in several conspicuous instances the character of instruction has been influenced by the endowments. Chicago University, endowed by Rockefeller, is suspected of upholding Standard oil theories as to economics. Chancelfor Day, head of Syracuse university, another Rockefeller school, has made himself noted by the manner in which he has licked the hand of his school's denor and has assailed men like shine she's miserable, and when it Roosevelt who have tried to curb predatory wealth. People naturally resent anything like a tampering with the sources of knowledge and the feeling that the tampering process is on will surely work against the great erdowed schools and in favor of institutions, such as state universities and colleges that are maintained strictly by the public and purely for the public benefit. Students of independent minds will naturally prefer attendance at state institutions to attendance at the big endowed schools. The latter are virtually charitable institutions. The state universities and

colleges are not for the reason that

the state is reimbursed for its pense through obtaining a higher standard of citizenship. .

TURN THEM ALL DOWN.

In discussing the varied aggregation of county division bills now up for consideration the Eugene Register has the following:

Now it is to be a Clark county sliced off from Grant county. With all proposition up to the legislature for people directly interested, both as to territory set off and the old county

It is a household affair in which a man has gotten a well deserved licking for mixing in a family row. Wasco county gave its consent to separate and the people did no great its bad points.

The propositions now up are different, especially the ones affecting people of these two counties will feel snap judgment and forced upon them a condition not warranted by the situation unless the people of these two countles see fit to submit, by their own votes, to the proposed divis-

Let the people of Oregon put this whole county division proposition up to the legislature to arrange a division law that leaves settlement of such An' thank the Lord the com- . questions to the voters in the territory affected. Such a just and equiself vetoed it. We must have a fair county division law to be used conservatively by the people in granting such county formations as conditions justify. Under the present system, if new county schemes they are as fully ties asked for as they are in granting any one of them and common sense would suggest that, out of the dozen or more new countles asked for, some of them are not justified by conit; therefore, for the people to form any county in the state is doing the fairness, the people should put their stamp of disapproval on a blanket law that gives them the power to ride,

> Vote "No" on all county division schemes and let the legislature worth \$28,000,000. And he was made straighten this matter out for the president of the billion dollar corporommon good of all the people.

roughshod, over any community in

The rain this morning was rather and for those attending the pioneer picnic at Weston but it was "fine dope" for the wheat men in certain sections where the need of more moisture was beginning to be felt.

The leader of a New York gang of thieves was killed by a woman with a rolling pin. The story recalls that f the man who returned home from Hon hunt to be killed by a banana

Patten says once more that he will retire. He can afford to do so.

May the school rooms be well filled

This is a great day for the small

TAKING CARE OF HOME FOLKS,

The new clerk at the drug store returned a prescription to the customer with a request that he wait till he boss returned.

But why can't you fill it out?" "I could if you was a stranger, but ain't to fill 'em for folks that lives bout here."-Success.

A CONFIRMED PESSIMIST.

How is your wife, John?" John (the waiter)-Well. I don't know, miss. When the sun does she says it fades the carpet.-Catholic News.



THE ELEPHANT.

No other animal, not the lion himself, is so constant a theme of talk. and a subject of such unflagging interest round the camp-fires of African hunters and in the native villages of the African wilderness, as the elephant. Indeed the elephant has always profoundly impressed the imagnation of mankind. It is, not only to hunters, but to naturalists, and to all people who possess any curiosity about wild creatures and the wild life of nature, the most interesting of all animals. Its huge bulk, its singular form, the value of its ivory, its great intelligence-in which it is only matched, if at all, by the highest apes, and possibly by one or two of the highest carnivores-and its varied habits, all combine to give it an inenactment of a law leaving division terest such as attaches to no other and formation of new counties to the living creature below the rank of In line of descent and in phyman. sical formation it stands by itself, wholly apart from all the other great land beasts, and differing from them a week. He finally resigned, because he drew a large wallet from his breas even more widely than they differ his wonderful strength had given out pocket. 'I'm Cash & Payup's new the general public should not mix and from one another. The two existing and possibly because of certain ef-collector. Would it be convenient for species the African, which is the feetive criticism that had been direct- you to settle that small account this larger and finer animal, and the ed at his methods of recreation. But evening?" Asiatic-differ from one another as he didn't go out of the steel business much as they do from the mammoth After vainly trying to run his Bethleand similar extinct forms which were hem mills from that 'steen million' the contemporaries of early man in dollar palace on Riverside drive in Europe and North America. The New York, he locked that ornate front carvings of our palaeolithic forefath- door, hired a man to watch it, and ers, etched on bone by cavern dwell- moved to the works. He's been there ers, from whom we are sundered by ever since. iges which stretch into an immemoharm in this instance. Besides it was riai past, show that in their lives the hairy elephant of the north played the same part that his remote collateral descendant now plays in the lives Harvard has been ween working as a work at all, of the savages who dwell under a ver- laborer in the Cambridge subway in tical sun beside the tepid waters of the Nile and the Congo.

In the first dawn of history, the Egypt, Babylon and Ninevah show the immense importance which attached in the eyes of the mightlest monarchs of the then world to the chase and the trophies of this great strange beast. The ancient civilization of India boasts as one of its achievements the taming of the elepmant; and in the ancient lore of that civilization the elephant plays à distinguished part. -From "African Game Trails," by Theodore Roosevelt, in the June

CHARLES M. SCHWAB.

We have the word of Mr. Andrew Carnegie for it that Charles Schwab knows more about steel than any man alive, therefore when United States Commissioner of Labor Neil over the coals for the shocking condins the commissioner says exist in the Bethlehem Steel Works, Charles M. says he's sorry, and gives no other excuse than that he's been too busy to notice it before. In his own way, Schwab is a worder.

He was born in Williamsburg, Pa, in 1862. He inherited mathematical genius and a positively feird ability with machines from his livery stable owning father. His gentle mother gave him a genuine love for music. poor, the high and the low. The ditions. How will a widely separated He contributed a dynamic energy for veting population be able to discrimi- himself. All he needed was a tracted the head of one of Carnegie's milis who bought eigars of Charley Schwab, the grocer's clerk, world. In England the school system people of that territory so affected, Schwab went to the mills. He did the a rank injustice and, as a matter of rest himself. Carnegie helped him, as Carnegie liked to help the budding geniuses in his employ. At eighteen he quit a job worth \$2.50 a week and cakes to take one paying \$4 more. Twelve years later his salary was \$50,000 a year, and when the United States Steel was organized his working interest in the business was adjudged ation because he was the only man then fit for it, and it was said at the time that he was paid half a million

dollars a year. The job proved too strenuous even or him. He tried to work to twelvehour a day trick, seven days a week and play the other twelve seven days

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> in a Tremont street theater the other er's fires. night. In the breathless silence as the third act neared its climax there logic and still be an athelst in your was a commotion near the door and life. then a grave voice said:

"'Is Dr. Blank in the audience?" ed down the aisle with the serious, its precepts, self-contained air of one on whom the life of a fellow creature depends, A "Well?" said the doctor.

sir, what is it?" 'Doctor,' said the young man as or,

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> No man can love the oppressed weak who does not hate the strong oppressor.

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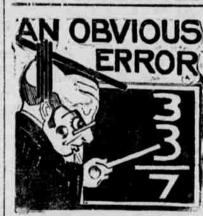
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