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What Educators Say

Opinions of nationally known educators upon the proposed Oregon compulsory school law are interesting for nearly all disapprove of the principle and its inevitable result.

President Arthur Hadley of Yale university says: "In general I dislike to express an opinion on legislation which is pending in other states; but an examination of the laws proposed on page 21 of the pamphlet which you have sent me, leads me to think it an unwise and unnecessary infringement of individual liberty. It certainly looks like an attempt to give the majority of the people a dangerous power to restrict the diffusion of truth which it wishes to suppress."

Dr. Edward T. Devine, assistant editor of The Survey, former executive secretary of the New York Charity Organization Society, former professor at Columbia University, and author and nationally known lecturer, says:

"It is extraordinary that the promoters of a law, the alleged purpose of which is to prevent groups, divisions and cliques, should admit that the inspiration for it comes from the resolutions of a secret order. The American Nonsectarian public school system will continue to compete successfully with parochial and private schools. It needs no compulsory monopoly. The state should supervise all schools, examine and certify teachers, and insure that children are taught fundamentals. It should not set up a monopoly or interfere with complete freedom of education. The interests of the public schools require free competition, free experiment, and free criticism."

Dr. Frank Aydelote, president of Swarthmore College and nationally known educator, says:

"It is our joint opinion that this proposal to force all the children of the state out of the schools conducted by religious denominations and private agencies into the public elementary schools cannot be successfully defended on any ground. Its advocates have a very good purpose in mind—the general adoption of a public school in which all future citizens shall be educated together—but American experience has shown, in my opinion, that they are going about it in the wrong way. To force adherence to the public school merely adds life to the worst forms of sectarianism. There is no surer way to secure persistent denominationalism than such a form of persecution."

Dr. Roy Lyman Wilbur, president of Stanford University, says:

"While I believe in the compulsory education of all mentally sound boys and girls up to the age of fifteen or sixteen, it seems to me both unwise and unfair to require that this education be given only in state supported schools. There should be a free option for parents to educate their children either at home or in private schools properly supervised and inspected by the state."

Dr. Robert E. Vinson, president of the University of Texas and a southern educator of note, says:

"The object of the American public school system is to secure equality of educational opportunity for every child and to provide an intelligent citizen. It was never intended to be a substitute for parental responsibility nor a limitation upon parental privilege. Whatever real danger exists in certain sorts of private and sectarian protest against sectarianism applies sooner or later to all religion and the complete secularization of education is a graver danger to American ideals and institutions than any we now face. The task of educating all children of America is great enough to make right thinking men welcome the cooperation of every proper private and public effort to this end."

Nicholas Murray Butler, president of Columbia University, declares:

"This bill is conclusive evidence that Prussian ideas have displaced American ideals in the minds of some, at least, of the voters of Oregon. Education is primarily and fundamentally a parental and family privilege and duty. The parents of a child are responsible before God and man for its upbringing and its preparation for an honorable and useful life. It is an essential part of their civil liberty to train their children in such wise and in such form of religious faith as they may prefer and choose. In our American theory, the state steps in, not to monopolize education or to attempt to cast all children in a common mold, or forcibly to deprive them of all religious training and instruction, but merely to prevent damage to itself. It offers a free opportunity to every child to receive elementary education, and usually much more than that, in tax-supported schools. But it is in no sense the business of the state, in our American political philosophy, to attempt to monopolize education or to prevent the freest choice by parents of the teachers and schools for their children."

"This measure is exceedingly dangerous, in that it strikes directly at the authority and dignity of the family, at religious training of every sort (since tax-supported schools may under no circumstances offer such training), and at that complete education which is the only training worth having."

"If Prussia had won the great war, this bill is precisely the sort of measure which it would have introduced in every country that came under its control."

"This measure should be entitled A Bill to make impossible the American System of Education in Oregon. It is fundamentally un-American in its principle and purpose, and should be overwhelmingly defeated."

Many more opinions from famous men could be given, did space permit, but we have given enough to show the view of the educational world toward this freak measure fathered by fanatics as a means to political power.

Bryan On the Bible

William Jennings Bryan is a much better authority on the bible than he is on either evolution or politics. As a matter of fact he is recognized as the leading lay preacher in America and his lucid interpretations of the "book of books" drives home its teachings in the most direct and practical manner.

At his home in Florida, during the winter months, Mr. Bryan conducts the largest bible class in the world, with an average attendance of 5000 persons. His talks have proved a real stimulus to bible study which has led him to publish them weekly so that all interested might benefit thereby.

With this idea in view, the Capital Journal has arranged with Mr. Bryan to print each Saturday, beginning Saturday, October 14, a Bryan bible lecture which will be an inspiration to Salem bible students. Watch for them, beginning next Saturday.

Along State Street

The mouth of the gossip is an open menace.

It looks as though the "Shifters" have shifted for good and all.

Well, it's fortunate anyway that crops don't go out on strikes.

Just to see whether it is still there, they are now going to fly to the North Pole.

The "What's the Use Club" is the biggest organization in the United States.

Prohibition is causing as much unrest in the United States as booze is in Europe.

A bootlegger's proverb, "Brew for others as you would have them brew for you."

Fashion Art League, in Chicago, says women must be tall and slender to be in style this year. This is a hard world for the short and stout.

HERE IS MANAGER OF GIANTS' MANAGER



John J. McGraw manages the New York Giants, national pennant winners, with an iron hand, and here is Mrs. McGraw, who manages the Giants' manager. They are pictured in their beautiful home at Pelham Manor, New York.

AUSTRIANS ARE HOARDING MONEY

London.—The people of Austria are hoarding their money; it would take 10,000,000 pounds to place Austria on her feet again financially, yet Austrians have in Swiss banks an amount estimated at 18,000,000 pounds.

These statements are contained in a report made by the British department of overseas trade on the economic condition of Austria. In summing up the Austrian situation this report says:

"The psychological difficulty is the prevalent pessimism which inhibits initiative on the parts of the Austrians themselves, and makes them look solely abroad for salvation. The amount of foreign credits generally estimated to be necessary to place Austria on its feet again by stabilizing the currency and founding a new bank of issue is about 10,000,000 pounds."

"It is an open secret that, despite the law to the contrary, very much larger sums in foreign currencies than this are hoarded by Austrians, both inside and outside the country; the amount lying in Swiss banks alone has been estimated at 18,000,000 pounds."

"But these resources lie idle because the owners have no confidence in the government or the future of the country. Probably both the political and psychological difficulties can be overcome most easily by financial assistance given by foreigners under suitable control and conditions. The Austrians, however, must show that they are ready to cooperate by taking at least the first steps to put their house in order themselves. There is some prospect of this being done at an early date."

OPPOSE EXPORTATION OF AUSTRALIAN BIRDS

Sydney, N. S. W.—Official action to prohibit the exportation of Australia wild birds is likely on the request of the Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals which declared that 50 per cent of a recent shipment of birds to England died en route while the remainder suffered acutely.

The commonwealth has no control at present over the export of any but birds of paradise and it cannot stipulate under what conditions exported birds should be treated. The states, however, protect many varieties of birds and it has been suggested that the states might take action under their laws against any persons possessing birds which are protected, which would include an exporter.

See where some sections are talking of higher standards for school teachers. And higher pay to make such standards possible?

FIUME IS TOWN OF DIVORCEES

Flume.—This city counts a population of 50,000; 15,000 of them received decrees of divorce in the years 1920 and 1921. Divorce seems to be the most flourishing of the local industries, and it is making the city famous.

The reason is that the severance of the marital bond is easy here, and people desiring freedom flock to Flume from neighboring states where divorces are not granted. Anyone can get a divorce in Flume who has lived in the city long enough to acquire the rights of citizenship.

Complications, however, occasionally arise. The case is still remembered of an Italian woman who acquired the citizenship of Flume and divorced her husband, who remained an Italian subject. Shortly after her divorce she remarried and returned to Italy, where she was promptly imprisoned for bigamy, the Italian law considering her divorce null and void, her husband being an Italian, and, as such, not entitled to divorce.

COMPEL PEOPLE TO JOIN CHURCH

Vladivostok, Siberia.—General Dietrichs, dictator of the Primoria, has issued a decree declaring that all residents of the Far East must be members of the church, hoping by this means to counteract the growing influence of bolshevism and communism. Another decree abolishes capital punishment. The first decree is not likely to be generally observed as a larger portion of the population here have grown up in complete ignorance of the teachings of Christianity. The first sentence of the second decree reads:

"On August 18th I happened to witness the liquidation of a group of communists who were captured by the agents of the secret service and killed without trial. This method of liquidation I consider as one that has been taken from the bolsheviks."

It is pointed out that Mr. Lloyd George will be paid at the rate of ten shillings a word. A political opponent is said to have offered to tell him one or two words that would be well worth the money.

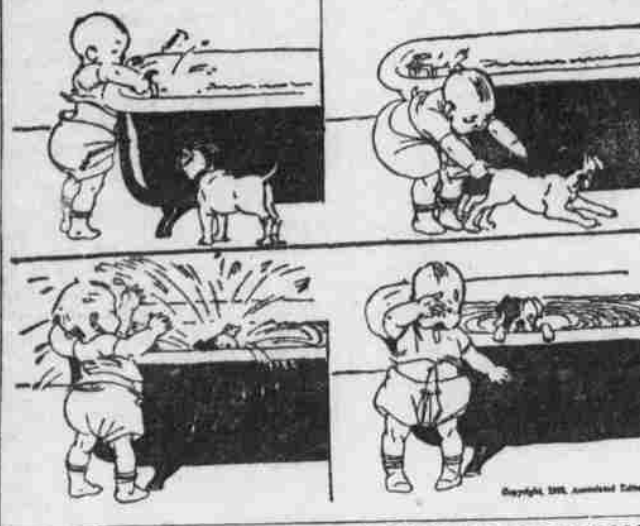
The Episcopal bishops have voted to drop from the marriage service the word "obey," which will affect the percentage of mental observations more than it will the sum total of obedience.

NEAR EAST CONFERENCE FOR VENICE



The Near East Armistice Conference, in which it is hoped to avert another war in the Balkans, has been arranged, and delegations from Great Britain, France, Italy, Greece and some of the Asia Minor provinces are gathering in Venice. The meetings will be held in the conference room of the Grand Palace.

PANTOMIME—By J. H. Striebel



WHAT HAPPENED When Sheila Elliston Refused Love

By IDA H. McGLONE GIBSON

Walter Jones' Story

For a few moments Sheila was silent. The letter seemed to bring many painful memories. When she continued her voice was vibrant with humiliation and heartache. "Of course," the letter continued, "I immediately tried to see my stepmother and my sister, but they would have nothing to do with me. I was denied my father's house, the house which now should have been mine. I was told by a most supercilious butler—the one that I had known all my life had evidently been dismissed—that if I had anything to say to Madame or Miss Jones I should go to their attorneys."

"I went. Only to learn that both my stepmother or my sister insisted that I had disgraced them by coming back; that they wanted nothing more to do with me. I was accused of being a dope fiend, and it was delicately suggested by the lawyer that unless I took a check for \$5000 and departed abroad he would have a guardian appointed and send me to a psychopathic hospital."

"I tore the check in two, told him to return it to my stepmother, by whom it was signed, and then I sank lower and lower."

"On night when I was skulking about the docks I saw my sister get into a launch with a well dressed man. I hurried forward, trying to get to her. There was murder in my heart, Sheila. She was happy, I heard her laugh tinkling on the cool air and I was shivering while she was wrapped in sables."

"Fortunately I did not get to her until she had stepped into the launch, but the light was full on our faces, and I knew she recognized me, for she started up in such a way that she almost fell into the arms of the man beside her."

"I slunk away, and in doing so I ran into dear old Tony Soper. I have never been able to make out why he was meandering around in that place."

"He called me by name, but I was ashamed, and did not answer him, and as he walked on I heard a soft thud, and looking down, I found a roll of bills."

"Turning, I called, 'Is this money yours?' and I held it up."

"He answered, 'No.'"

"I knew he was lying, and I thanked God in my heart for the decency and loyalty of good old Tony."

"When I went back to my squalid room I sat down to think. I made up my mind that I would see Susanne. She would have to see me. I was going up to the house the other evening and as I passed the Amsterdam theatre I saw her going in. I followed."

"Fortunately in summer time it is not necessary for a man to be in evening clothes to gain admittance to the roof garden, and with one of the bills I had left from Tony Soper's roll I bought a ticket."

"As I stood beside the wall a man beside me entered into conversation with me and pointed out Susanne and a man whom he called Philip Spencer, and whom I recognized as the man who had been with her that night at the dock."

"Strange," said my gossiping friend, "how these high rollers manage things. There's Miss Jones sitting with a man who is the husband of that pretty girl over at the other table with three other people. The woman is Spencer's sister and no one at that table seems to be an speaking terms with either Spencer or Susanne Jones."

"I looked across and there you were, Sheila, with good old Tony Soper. What does it all mean?"

"I'm all mixed up. Why you are married and why I should find my sister with your husband is something I cannot comprehend."

"Sheila, if I should find that Susanne Jones is again trying to make you unhappy in serving her new ends, I will put her out of the way, even if she be my own sister. That's a terrible thought, Sheila, but it's justified."

"I thought you looked unhappy, dear. Has Fate been playing us another trick? I do not know. I do not know what it is all about, but I do know that I am going to make it my work to get out of that situation of mine an explanation. She shall see me, or I will make such a scandal that the house of Jones will never raise its head again."

"Well, Sheila, it looks as though you had almost come to the end of your trouble," I said as the letter fell from her relaxed hands to the floor and her face dropped forward on her breast. "Cheer up, child! Don't you see that all we have to do now is to call on Walter Jones and tell him you did not write the letter and that he had not heard from you since he left you until you received this one."

"Then we will make a call on Miss Susanne Jones and ask her to solve the riddle for us. We will take with us her brother if we have to carry him on a stretcher. We will also take my brother if we have to handcuff him."

"That is perfectly lovely, Kay, as far as it goes, but the letter is not even signed, and I do not know where Walter is or where to find him."

"I do, we will just call up Mr. Tony Soper and put him on the job. He knew Walter in college and he can make inquiries all over for him. I am sure Tony will find him for you."

Monday—A Rendezvous

CHERRIANS TO MARCH IN VANCOUVER PARADE

Vancouver, Wash., Oct. 7.—A huge fraternal parade is planned for the last night of the prune harvest festival, with thousands of members of fraternal orders in line, including large delegations from Portland lodges. The Prurarians at the noon luncheon Wednesday were informed that the Newberg Berrians and Salem Cherrians have accepted invitations to attend the festival and arrangements were made for a luncheon for the two organizations on October 13, booster day. A banquet will be given next Thursday evening for Prurarians and their wives, officers from Vancouver barracks, officers from warships in the harbor and the queen and her attendants.

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BY Bert Moses
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The things you are afraid of are the things you don't understand.

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Wise is he who knows when he has enough, and works hard the rest of life not to get more.

Better observance of the Sabbath could be secured by teaching fish how unholy it is to bite on that day.
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