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If the people of Astoria will read Judge Taylor's remaks at the school meeting, published elsewhere in this paper, they may learn something as to the root of the present school difficulty. The common schools were started for the poor man's benefit; to enable his children to get enough education to compete with the rich man's in life's battles. It is not necessary to understand Greek and Latin to earn a living, but it is necessary that a young man or woman should have the advantage of a thorough grounding in the rudiments of an English education. If anything more than this is wanted, it is not the duty of the state to give it. After the foundation is laid, it depends then entirely on the ability of the pupil to what extent he shall progress in higher education. If he needs the artificial aid of high-priced tutors to do so, and hasn't the natural ability and ambition for it, let his parents pay the bill, not the general taxpayer. All that the state is obliged to do is to place the children of the rich and poor upon an equal basis, viz: teach them the foundation; the balance is a burden which should rest upon their own energies or upon the purse of their own parents or guardians. Judge Taylor is exactly right, and the quicker the people come around to his way of thinking the sooner we will conform to the true principles of free government and the more just we will be to the rights of the general taxpayer.

JOSEPHI'S BILL.

Senator-Doctor Josephi has introduced a bill to put all the people of this state under guardianship to prevent imposition on them of empirical healers. He would prevent anybody except a "regular" physician from prescribing any remedy, however simple, for a sick person. He would force our people to employ "regular" doctors. His bill might well be termed the "coffin-maker," for the modern medical colleges grind out more ignoramuses than one can conceive These fledglings are grossly ignorant of the laws of health and of hygienic treatment of their patients; ignorant of everything in fact except a prescribed formula that takes no account of the status of the patient's system. A large number of these "doctors," who are to have exclusive control of our sick, fill their medicine cases with patent medicine and start out to inflict death upon the community. They are like Dr. Sangrado, who invariably prescribed bloodletting. They prescribe their tablets and pills and hasten away, leaving their patient's fate to luck. There are, of course, some exceptions to this status, but it is in spite of the system.

This sad condition of medical practice is developing a large army of hygienic healers who use no drugs and few medicines; but they study their patients and aid nature. There are fewer empirics among them than among the "regulars" by far.

It is a shameless proposition of Josephi to turn us over to these Sangrados. This paternal method of governing our people (in the interest of a medical trust) is too thin. The people of this age can take care of themselves. What if a few are humbugged to death by "Christian Scientists?" It is nothing compared with the myriads who fill premature graves through the agency of drugs ignorantly and carelessly prescribed by the Sangrados in "regular" practice who would take charge of our people. The Josephi bill should be treated to a dose of its own medicine. It should be left to die a "regular" death.

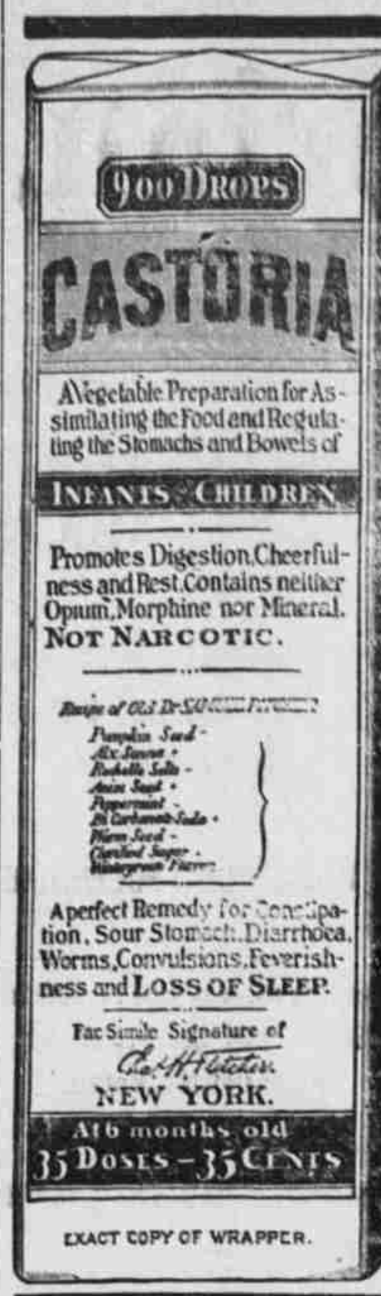
FOREIGN OPINION OF OUR CONSULS

In spite of the opprobrium that has been cast upon him at home, the American consul seems to be winning good opinions from our competitors in foreign markets. Although he has been stigmatized as the poor product of our spoils system, he is gradually impressing foreigners with the fact that he makes up for his lack of consular training with an abundance of energy and horse sense.

Testimony concerning his usefulness to our importers and manufacturers comes from such alien sources as to invest it with great credibility. In an interview published in Commerce, London, Mr. Robert P. Yates, formerly chairman of the Birmingham chamber of commerce, pays a high tribute to the industry and efficiency of American consuls. He declares that they are hampered by fewer traditions than the British consuls, and that they have a far keener eye to industrial affairs and a greater capacity for securing the particular information needed by home manufacturers. And he does not wait a month to send important information to Washington in a long-winded report. While the English reports may be more accurate in some respects, as a result of more deliberation, promptitude is, after all, a more valuable feature of efficient consular service than great elaboration of detail. This British view of our consular system is embodied in the report of Marshall Halstead, our consul at Birmingham.

From Germany also comes a significant testimonial to the industry and efficiency of our consuls. The Frankfurter Zeitung calls attention to a German consular publication and contrasts its delay with the promptness with which the reports of American consuls are issued, saying: "It will never occur to the Americans to issue in November, 1898, a consular report reaching only down to April, 1897." The paper then gives several examples of the way our consuls work and declares that their reports may not have the "scientific exhaustiveness" of the German reports, but that "in practical value they are twice and three times as good."

Our system of consular appointments is undeniably bad. The value of the service at any post depends entirely upon individual energy, tact and enterprise, But if, under this system, we are able to impress our two great commercial rivals with the promptness and practical value of the reports, what might we accomplish with a trained consular service, under the merit system, where men who make good records are rewarded with promotion instead of displacement?



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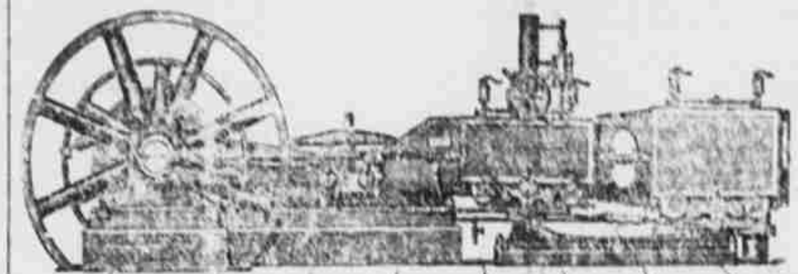

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