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STUDENT IGNORANCE

College students may know a good deal about athletics, and even a good deal gleaned from text-books, but they are incredibly shy of general information. This fact is revealed anew by the New Republic, which has been asking questions of a group of students in a representative university.

They were not trick questions. Most of them were such as might be readily answered, one would suppose, by any person who has done a moderate amount of general reading, either in books or newspapers, even if he never went to college or high school.

Oliver Cromwell, we discover from this questionnaire, was merely a prohibitionist. Edison's claim to greatness is his ability to do without sleep. Cervantes discovered America. The Yosemite is in North Carolina. Martin Luther was a botanist.

It is not unfair, either, to pick out these blunders. The answerers' minds were full of blank spaces. Only 38 out of 100 knew who Bernard Shaw was, and only eight knew who wrote the "Inferno."

Native ignorance surpassed alien ignorance. No native American got more than 89 per cent. The highest percentage of accuracy, 98, was attained by a Slav, the next-highest by a Russian.

It almost looks as if the greatest work of Edison was his exposure of the ignorance of college men.

APARTMENT HOUSE PLAY ROOMS

"A well-equipped nursery is a part of every large factory, and excellent care is taken of the children. Recently large apartment houses have been erected housing around 200 people, and containing a kindergarten or children's room, with a capable nurse. When the mother wishes to go out, she may leave her children there under careful supervision."

This is not a picture of an American community. It is part of a report of a speech by Scott Nearing, telling about some of the things he saw during a five-months' sojourn in Soviet Russia.

He reported also nursery schools and playgrounds planned especially to relieve mothers of the 24-hour care of children. But attendance at any of these institutions is not compulsory. If a mother is compelled to work for a living or if she is actively engaged in some form of public service, she takes advantages of these nurseries and play places for children.

There appears to be nothing menacingly communistic about this development. In fact, it appeals to thoughtful persons in parts of the world quite remote from Russia. If families with growing children have to live in apartment houses, it does seem important and wise to have healthful play places close at hand.

Sloan, Ia., has found a new way to civic perfection. When reformers criticize moral conditions, it simply drives them out of the town, and then everything is all right again.

Now Congress is going to encourage aviation by spending as much on new airplanes in the next five years as the public spends on automobiles in five days.

Ask the next peddler that sells you something where he will be when you want to make an adjustment on your purchase.

The home-town newspaper is the loud speaker for the community and its costs but a trifling sum a year to tune it.

A knocker is a mortgage on his home town, and every other citizen is paying interest on him.

A town is prosperous in proportion to the horse-power and horse sense of its boosters.

A newspaper is as good as the people who are subscribing for it.

Ashland Has Her Share



STEWART'S WASHINGTON LETTER

BY CHARLES P. STEWART
NEA Service Writer

WASHINGTON, May 3.—When Major l'Enfant laid out Washington, he evidently meant Pennsylvania avenue to be his show street.

Having staked it out, from the point where the White House now stands to the spot he had chosen for Congress to meet, he can imagine him putting his finger down on the former site on his plan and saying, "Here's where I'll have the executive mansion, and off there, a mile and a half to the eastward, and facing in that same direction, will be the capitol."

Even so. That's where and how they built 'em. But it didn't work out quite that way.

Without precisely being a slum, the district east of the capitol distinctly is a second and maybe even a third-rate neighborhood.

Except for a block or two up near the treasury building, Pennsylvania avenue, is a street of tumble-down old rookeries. It isn't even an average thoroughfare. It looks like sixty.

The capitol faces the east only theoretically. For all practical purposes the back door is the front one.

Government buildings are scattered hither and yon all over town and out into the country, without the slightest regard for "ensemble" or harmony or convenience or anything.

What happened? Why, here's what happened. As soon as they got onto what l'Enfant had in mind, a bunch of real estate sharks gobbled up all the land east of the capitol site and another bunch gobbled up everything along both sides of the "avenue."

And they slapped on the most unholy prices—for those days.

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Find Old Coins At Grants Pass

GRANTS PASS, Ore., May 3.—A cache of old coins in a brown gallon jug was found by Lewis Simpson, three-quarters of a mile south of Hugo. The coins were all old, the latest having been minted in 1853. The others ran back to 1895. There were a dozen of the coins.

SALEM, Ore., May 3.—Governor Pierce yesterday reprieved Guy E. Bond, who was sentenced on February 3, 1936, to pay a fine of \$500 and to serve three months in jail in Lane county for illegal transportation of liquor.

Jazz Has Aided Growth Of Music

UNIVERSITY OF OREGON, Eugene.—(Special)—Jazz has done much to encourage the understanding and appreciation of music, according to Louis P. Artau, instructor of piano in the school of music, because the popular music is taken mostly from classic compositions.

"Thanks for the Buggy Ride," for instance, was taken from Madam Butterfly. Mr. Artau pointed out. Many writers of jazz, however, know very little about music, Mr. Artau believes. Irving Berlin, he said, picks out his melody on the piano and has someone write the harmony and themes for him.

"It is hard speculate as to what is coming out of jazz," Mr. Artau said. "Many good musicians are writing cheap jazz for the money in it. If some big musician were to start writing jazz we might get a distinct American type of music from it. Jazz has no form yet. The chorus is the whole thing. It is simply a verse followed by a chorus of 32 measures or sub-divisions thereof."

"Many think that jazz is an outgrowth of the war period. Personally, I do not view it that way," Artau declared. "It has come from the old sentimental ballads, ragtime, Hawaiian music, and Oriental music. They

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