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NEWS AND COMMENT

IS IT WORTH THE COST?

Few newspapers have the nerve to criticize any of the educational methods in use today, no difference how ridiculous or extravagant they may appear. There is a hue and cry raised whenever there is any criticism of modern methods and the objector is termed an obstructor, a knocker and many other undesirable names. For this reason people hesitate to render just criticism and things are allowed to creep in that is not for the best of society in general. The Oregonian, however, is in position to be independent of such little attacks and can strike out from the shoulder when it sees fit to do so. It hands out the following:

"The Oregonian gives space today to a detailed defense of sewing in the public schools, furnished by the high school sewing supervisor. It is interesting; but it has nothing which might not have been expected from an enthusiastic supporter of this particular kind of instruction as a branch of school work. We have no doubt that the girls are well trained; nor have we any doubt that the teachers and supervisors will compare well with the professors of the sewing science in other cities.

The question The Oregonian has raised has not been so much a criticism of the quality as the cost of the work; and it has been led to speculate on broader matters of school policy in undertaking service of this kind. We are not convinced that sewing should be taught in the schools; we know it ought to be taught at home.

The Oregonian's inquiry as to sewing salaries is met by our correspondent with a recitation of the fact that Los Angeles and other cities pay more. Ah, yes! It is the old, familiar tactics. Every effort to pry up salaries in all branches of the public service in Portland is supported by numerous citations from the payrolls of Seattle, or Spokane, or Los Angeles, or San Francisco. We never hear of the places which pay less than Portland. But it is always that Portland is cheap, because it does not overpay, as some others do. That appeal has been dinged into the ears of school directors, and City Commissioners, and County Commissioners, and Legislators until public employes as a rule get far more than workers in similar private employment. If there is a good reason why a city or a state or a school district should pay sewing teachers, for example, far more than they could earn on their merits under individual employers, The Oregonian would like to hear it.

The maximum wage for elementary sewing teachers in Portland is \$110 per month; the minimum is \$95 per month. We have examined the sewing payrolls for November and December, and there is

not a \$95 teacher in the lot—not one. The pay in practically every instance is screwed up to the maximum. We hope that the reason is that the quality of instruction in Portland is so high that every teacher and every supervisor is entitled to the largest possible wage; but we have our doubts."

THE LAST MEXICAN OUTRAGE

GOODWIN'S WEEKLY

The killing of a trainload of Americans in Mexico by the beaten faction of Villa's bandits was on land very much like the sinking of the Lusitana at sea. The men should never be sent there without sufficient guard to protect them. The United States government in concert with Brazil, Argentine and Chili recognized Carranza and withdrew all help and recognition from Villa, who had won all Carranza's victories. That left Villa in the same situation that the Southern Confederacy was in after Appomattox. The Southern soldiers went to their homes and began to build up their broken fortunes. Villa's soldiers broke up into guerilla bands and commenced to loot friend and foe alike. Their atrocities culminated in this last murder of nineteen Americans. It was a natural conclusion and is not a surprise to anyone who knows anything about Mexican character. There is just now a sudden great outcry against President Wilson, and it is just, this far. President Wilson from the first has not only known nothing of Mexican character, but has refused to learn anything. He took up a theory that the way to subdue a Bengal tiger was to feed him soothing syrup. When Huerta caused the assassination of the president of Mexico, except for the president's stubbornness and his refusal to believe the truth about the Mexican nature he would have set the army and navy in motion proclaiming to the world and to Mexico that it did not want one foot of Mexican soil, but that it was determined that there should be order in Mexico and the safety of Americans and all foreigners there should be assured. It would have been fixed there two years ago and before this time the natural industries of Mexico would have been resumed, our army and navy removed; there would have been no longer any fear of murder and the heart-burnings would long ago have ceased. The blame of the president is that he was determined to work the business out his own way and his refusal to accept the statements of men who knew what they were talking about. He has put his trust in Carranza who is the least worthy of belief of all the long list of bandits and murderers, and liars, who have one after another come to the surface there and who has not so far fulfilled one expectation of those who enabled him to obtain control. The hardest thing that can be said about President Wilson is that he has no natural aptitude, no training, no experience to fit him to cope successfully with assassins and thieves who have for the time being obtained places where they can prey upon their fellow men. We are not at all certain that the most just and expeditious way to settle the troubles of Mexico would be even at this late day to take that country, establish order, then call an election and establish a government. The mining companies who sent the officers and men there to resume work in their mines, without first taking means to protect them, merely made clear that they knew as little about Mexican character as did President Wilson himself.

VILLA CAPTURED

The latest reports are that Francisco Villa has been captured and will be returned to Juarez for execution. His band of 50 men were also captured and immediately executed.

CLOCKS TELL OF THEFT.

Stop When Culprit Breaks Circuit of Electrical System.

Seattle, Wash.—Many instruments recorded the exact moment of a theft at the University of Washington, but gave no definite information as to the place in which it was committed or the identity of the thief.

Officials determined that the theft had been committed in an unoccupied building on the campus. At 3:40 o'clock in the afternoon all the clocks in the university's electric system stopped. The master clock was found to be running, and search the next morning revealed that the circuit had been broken in the empty cottage, where the time-piece had been torn from the wall. The thief had also taken part of the telephone.

GERARD'S WIFE WINS PRAISE IN GERMANY

Appreciation Shown For Her Efforts In Feeding Aliens.

Berlin.—Mrs. Gerard, wife of the American ambassador here, is appealing to her friends at home for funds to carry on the American relief kitchen of Berlin, which has daily fed some 200 women and children, the families of men who are aliens in Germany and therefore placed in concentration camps, following the action which Great Britain and France took in the internment of aliens in those countries.

The American Association of Commerce and Trade in Berlin gave the money to run the kitchen for six months when its doors were opened last year in the quiet little building in the Schlesische strasse, where Mrs. Gerard and her committee of American ladies found an unoccupied house in the factory district of the east side. Mrs. Gerard herself gave the coal supply for the winter, so that the place was kept open all afternoon, many of the women and children having no other place where they could keep warm. The money was spent so economically that \$1 furnished seven wholesome meals.

This winter the enterprise is without funds, and the doors of the American relief kitchen have not been opened to the crowds of hungry, poorly clad women with babies in their arms and clinging to their skirts who mournfully stand around and gaze through the windows.

Long purses and generous ones among the American colony have been taxed to the utmost by the charity needs arising from the war, and Mrs. Gerard has won appreciation not only in Berlin, but throughout Germany for her large contributions of money and the devotion of almost all of her time to the alleviation of distress. On Nov. 11 the German government sent her Red Cross decorations of the first and second class to commemorate her services in connection with the effort to help German prisoners of war in Russia.

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