

GRAND PRIZE OFFER DISTRIBUTION

To The Schools of Polk County to Assist in Their Standardization

OFFER CLOSES MAY 31, 1913

Recognizing the unquestioned merit of the movement by the county educational authorities and the patrons and the pupils of the different schools to comply with requirements, and to make their schools standard in every respect, and being thoroughly imbued with a desire to assist in every possible way in this laudable effort, the management of The Observer has decided to offer a series of prizes which will aid in this work. One of the requirements necessary to the standardization of any school is a picture for the school room, and a new picture must be secured each year. The Observer will undertake to supply these pictures without cost to the schools and, at the same time, offers to the pupils an opportunity to earn money for themselves by securing subscribers to this newspaper.

Here is the Offer---Read it Carefully

The Observer will give away, to every school in the county, and to every grade in the graded and high schools, a series of six beautiful pictures retailing at regular prices from \$6 to \$50, and the only requirement will be a certain number of subscribers to this newspaper at the regular rates, as follows:

For 15 yearly subscriptions, picture worth	\$6.00
For 20 " " " "	8.00
For 25 " " " "	10.00

For 35 " " " "	15.00
For 50 " " " "	25.00
For 100 " " " "	50.00

In connection with this offer we will also allow credits on the renewal of old subscriptions, at the rate of two for one—that is, every old subscriber who pays two years subscription will be credited as one subscriber on the list for the picture premium. In other words, if the school desiring any of the above pictures, say the \$6 one for example, should bring to this office, five new subscriptions, and payments which total 20 years from old or present subscribers, that school would be entitled to the picture; this example will hold good for any picture in the list.

Remember These Are Not Cheap Pictures, but the Same Quality Usually Purchased by the Schools and May be Seen on Display at J. C. Hayter's Book Store in Dallas.

Commissions Paid Pupils for New Subscribers

In addition to the above premiums offered to the school, The Observer will give every pupil 15 per cent in cash for every new subscription secured, and 20 per cent for every dollar on subscription paid by old subscribers, thus every pupil who takes a part in securing a fine new picture for the school room, will also earn some money for himself. In other words, where a school decides to make an effort to secure the \$6 picture, the pupils of that school who secure the subscribers will receive \$1.85 in

cash commissions, or the school which secures the \$10 picture would be entitled to \$5.00 in cash commissions to be distributed among the pupils who secured the new names, and so on through the list. Where the payment of money on old subscriptions is secured, and renewals are made, the commission paid will be 20 per cent in every case.

A Chance For Every Boy and Girl to Earn Their Own Spending Money

Earn Money While Working For a Picture For Your School

The Observer is the leading newspaper of the county. It prints the news while it is news and is issued twice each week. The regular subscription price is \$1.50 per year and it is a stipulation of this prize offering that all new subscriptions must be accompanied by the cash. The price for six months subscriptions is 75 cents and these will be accepted also, but it will, of course, require twice as many of them to secure the picture.

This Offer is Open to Every School, High School or College or Other Educational Institution in the County, Also to Churches, Clubs, Private Homes, Hotels, or Others.

All that is necessary to secure the prizes is to bring to this office the number of subscribers noted in every class and the picture will be presented absolutely without cost.

May Choose Your Own Pictures

When you have decided on the quality of the picture you want and bring to this office the requisite number of subscribers, you may call at Mr. Hayter's book store and select any subject you choose in that class, and it will be furnished.

CONDITIONS OF THE OFFER

There are no conditions to this offer other than those set forth in this advertisement. It is not a contest, and there are no strings of any kind attached to it. All that is necessary is to bring in the subscribers, or the renewals and payments on old or present subscriptions, and select your

picture. There is also no limit on the number you may secure. The same offer will hold good for one picture or a half dozen pictures for every school and for every room or grade in a graded school. The principal question is for the pupils of each school and each grade to determine which picture they want and then rustle the subscribers to secure it. There are also no restrictions on the location of the people who subscribe for the paper in this prize offering. The paper will be sent to any address in any part of the country.

This Offer will be Open Until May 31 1913

Statements of due subscription accounts will be mailed to subscribers in every district in the county that decides to take up this offer, thus each subscriber will know how he stands on our books, and by payment of arrears and one year or six months in advance, will thus assist toward the securing of a picture for their school.

Remember, The Pictures are FREE

We do not ask a cent for them—we simply offer them for a club of a certain number of subscribers to this newspaper at the regular subscription price, and our only object is to assist in the standardization of the schools of the county and, at the same time, to place this newspaper in every home in the county. We are also offering an opportunity for the pupils to earn some money for themselves while doing it. The task is easy. It will not be difficult to get your parents or your friends who are interested in the schools to subscribe for the paper and if they are already subscribers, they will gladly renew for another year and pay back subscriptions in order to help along the good work. Try it, anyway but, if by any chance you should fail in your efforts, remember that you will still be entitled to a commission on every dollar you turn into this office on subscription, old or new.

GREAT EFFECT OF PANAMA CANAL

Bolivian Minister Tells of Benefits.

FULFILLS AGE OLD DREAM.

How South American Continent Will Be Developed in Future Through Great Waterway—Distances Almost Annihilated—The Riches of Bolivia Described—Has Monopoly of Tin.

"The dream of centuries will be realized and physical distances will be almost annihilated by the opening in the near future of the Panama canal," writes Ignacio Calderon, minister of Bolivia to the United States. In the March issue of Export American in industries. "The slow development of commercial relations between this country and the republics of South America in the past has been largely due to the difficulties of crossing the isthmus. The transportation charges via Panama have been to a large extent prohibitive. The freightage by steamer from our ports to New York via Magellan and from our ports to Europe is on an average from 25 to 30 per cent cheaper than our commerce with New York via Panama, this despite the fact that the most distant ports of our respective republics are but 4,500 miles from New York via Panama and 11,000 miles from New York via Magellan.

"The completion of the Panama canal will remove these and other obstacles. Equally important will be the better understanding of the markets of South America by the exporters and manufacturers of this country, who will have more opportunity to study and consult the tastes and necessities of the South American people and also will have greater facilities to visit the various countries in order to get acquainted with the business men. Personal and direct contact is a powerful element of union and a powerful agency for the promotion of advantageous relations.

South America's Riches. "The continent of South America is capable of unlimited development by reason of its size, the variety and richness of its products. The total population of the two republics does not exceed 60,000,000 people, but their inter-

national commerce amounts to about \$2,500,000,000 annually and grows steadily every year.

"My country, Bolivia, situated in the center of the continent and crossed by double chains of the Andes, watered by great rivers flowing to the Amazon and the Plata, rich in virgin forests, abundance of rubber and all tropical products, offers in its eastern plains wonderful opportunities for stock raising. The mines of silver, copper, blismuth, zinc and tin are the principal sources of wealth ever since the domination of Spain. The silver mines of Potosi produced millions during the 300 years of the colonial period, and if it had not been for the great depreciation in the value of this metal and the lack of cheap transportation the numerous mines abandoned would today be in active operation.

Bolivia Has Tin Monopoly. "On the other hand, the exploitation of tin has increased considerably. Bolivia, being the only American country where this metal is found in paying quantities, has, I will say, the natural monopoly in its production. Last year more than 24,000 tons of pure tin were exported, and, with better transportation facilities and greater working population, Bolivia, that now produces about one-fourth part of the tin used, could easily supply enough for the world's consumption.

"The opening of the Panama canal will make yet more important the development of the free commercial relations between both Americas. The completion of that stupendous work, called to revolutionize the political and trade relations of the world, will show how near neighbors we are and how close together are the countries of this hemisphere. May their relations increase and, with the development of trade and friendly intercourse, all the nations of America become the home of happy and free peoples and of permanent peace and good will among them."

BLACK HANDS VISIT DANIELS.

Navy Secretary Recognizes \$10,000 Demand as Sons' Joke.

When Josephus Daniels, secretary of the navy, got back to his department from a cabinet meeting recently, he said, Lieutenant Commander Lee Palmer, saluted him and said, "Mr. Secretary, I have the honor to report, sir, that you have been threatened by the Black Hand."

There on the secretary's big desk was a sheet of paper on which the sign of the Black Hand had been drawn, and scrawled beneath it were the words, "Put \$10,000 on the ole stump or beware of the Black Hand." Mr. Daniels smiled. "Have Worth and Frank been here?" he asked. They had. Worth and Frank are

the young sons of the secretary (Worth was named for his uncle, Ensign Worth Bagley, Jr., the only line officer of the navy killed in action in the war with Spain).

WANT BIG ROAD BONDS.

Over \$500,000 to Be Proposed in Texas Counties.

The taxpayers of a number of counties and precincts of Texas are petitioning their respective commissioners' courts to call elections to vote upon the proposition of issuing road bonds in large amounts.

It is proposed to issue \$300,000 of these bonds in Harris county, \$120,000 in Wood county, \$25,000 in Refugio county, \$10,000 in Hamilton county, \$20,000 in Orange county, \$40,000 in Medina county and \$150,000 in Webb county.

Why They Don't Marry. Miss Leftover—You are a woman hater, I hear.

Mr. Slimpurse—That is a mistake; I merely cannot afford to marry.

Miss Leftover—Cannot you support a wife?

Mr. Slimpurse—Oh, yes, I could support a wife easy enough, but I haven't income enough to support the two or three other women she would need to wait on her.—New York Weekly.

Not to His Taste. I'd hate to have to saw at Bagatelle. Or be a bunko man in Kennesaw. I would not even care to try my luck. By munching chunks of liver at Mauch Chunk.

At Flekkil I should not be prone to wish To waste my leisure moments killing fish. And I could never, never, I declare, Live on the slender frankfurter alone.

At Frankfurt or be satisfied to wear Bays that were not my own bays at Bayonne. —Chicago Record-Herald.

Took a Pinch. The prisoner before the bench was charged with stealing snuff. He pleaded not guilty. The magistrate smiled and asked him doubtfully what his plea was. The prisoner answered quietly:

"I thought snuff was made to be 'pinched.'"—Buffalo Enquirer.

High Cost of Dressing. She always dandied her horse with silk. The holes were quite extensive. The price of silk was very high. Which made them darned expensive. —Cleveland Plain Dealer.

"It is very good. One can imagine oneself at the theater of the ancients." "Rather. The leading lady is at least sixty years old."—Pele Mele.

"Also and make up." The way is old To fill with joy love's cup. He does the kissing, as I'm told; She does the making up. —Gerald Howe.

FRANCE TO HAVE PARADE OF GREAT BLACK ARMY.

Plans Made For Review of Remarkable Troops in Paris.

Within the last six years France has raised a black army approximating 140,000 men, and the ministry of war and the colonial ministry are now preparing a plan for giving Paris a chance to see the black soldiers at the national review on July 14.

It is proposed that each section—the Senegalese, the Madagascar troops and others—shall send a delegation and that President Poincare shall present each regiment with its flag. The First Senegalese regiment, which has its flag already, will receive the insignia and the Legion of Honor, which decoration was recently granted.

France's black army has been brought into being by Colonel Mangin, who was when a captain second in command of Marchand's famous mission to Fashoda in 1890.

There are very few black officers. Two years ago there were only a dozen. The French find that black men fight better under white officers, as has also been the experience of the American army.

A French military authority, General Bonnal, estimates in a document which is filed at the French war office that a division of 10,000 blacks offered by Frenchmen could make a breach in a German line of battle of two to three miles and push them back, scattering infantry, cavalry and artillery after French troops had prepared the way for them.

CANNON TO BE NO AUTHOR.

Ex-Speaker Declines to Write—Says Too Many Books.

There will be no volume of reminiscences written by Joseph G. Cannon, ex-speaker of the house of representatives, who has been a private citizen since March 4.

Champ Clark suggested in Mr. Cannon's presence during a speech at the Cannon testimonial dinner last February that the latter should write such a book.

"Oh," said Mr. Cannon when asked whether he intended to write such a book. "I shall write no reminiscences. Thousands of books are being written now. I'll leave that to others."

"A man is to the public mind for a time; then he is gone. Not one book in ten is remembered. Not one in a thousand survives. It is almost a crime to cut down the forests to print so many of them."

"I will be seventy-seven next May. No; thank you. I cannot undertake it."

HOW TRAITORS SOLD RUSSIA.

Report of How Army Officers Sold Plans to Japan Is Out.

An amazing story is related in a Geneva dispatch to the Excelsior, a French paper, concerning the Russian Baron Ygor Tillynsky, who was recently at Zurich. The baron declares that he holds a claim on the Japanese government for \$70,000,000. According to his story, three Russian staff officers of revolutionary tendencies sold the plans of the Pacific fortresses, including Port Arthur, to the Japanese government at the outbreak of the Russo-Japanese war.

They received in payment three checks amounting to little more than \$23,000,000, each payable at Tokyo on March 22, 1915. The officers further contracted to remain in the service of Japan until the checks were paid.

SENTINEL SHIP IN MID-OCEAN.

Scotia Will Warn Liners of Presence of Icebergs.

A watchful sentry will henceforth be on duty in the Atlantic ocean to warn vessels of the approach of ice and to assist in averting disasters.

The whaling ship Scotia left Dundee, Scotland, recently, having on board a number of scientists, who, by means of a powerful wireless apparatus, will notify all ships crossing in either direction of the presence and progress of foes and icebergs.

The Scotia was formerly employed in the Scottish Antarctic expedition. It has been sent out by the British board of trade in accordance with an arrangement with the north Atlantic steamship lines. She will report frequently to wireless stations in Newfoundland and Labrador.

MIRRORS AS A LIQUOR CURE.

Pennsylvania Town Uses Odd Expedient Against Drunkenness.

French mirrors, the bereft, expensive kind, are to be used to rid Swatsville, Pa., of drunkenness. "That suburb is 'dry,' so are many of its residents, according to Burgess Henry Milligan. Most of them leave Pittsburgh on the midnight train.

The burgess is going to erect a big panel mirror at the exit from the depot platform. Every man under the influence who passes must see himself. Another mirror will be placed in the bar-rough look-up. Milligan had one of the town boys before him recently. After rounding him out of a cell Milligan had him look at himself in a mirror. "Never again!" swore the delinquent.

A good conscience is heaven; a bad one hell.—German Proverb.

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