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SCHOOL DAY THOUGHTS

Last Friday was "Go-to-School Day," and as the habit is catching, in due time we appeared at the public school and visited the several rooms to make ourself more familiar with the methods of teaching that are in use today. There were a good many visitors present, coming and going, but the work of instructing went on as if nothing unusual was happening, and from our point of view we are of the opinion that the Monmouth school stands at the head of the public schools of the state.

But it was when memory carried us back over half a century and we thought of our school facilities as a boy, that the swift strides of our present educational progress stood out in the strongest relief and we registered the wish that we had had the opportunities that the boys and girls of today have.

Educational methods are advancing and becoming more practical. In earlier years education was summed up mostly as reading, writing, arithmetic and "lickin'." Now the purpose is gaining that the school must fit the boys and girls to go out into the world with a practical preparation that will enable them to take hold of the stern realities of life and make their way. The world is growing wiser and better in this respect.

Still Knocking At The Door

The promise of future trade activities does not beckon us solely from the South. We have news of a trade embassy from the Scandinavian Peninsula which would establish closer commercial relations with this country; and as an earnest of that business we are told that Sweden has negotiated in New York \$5,000,000 worth of two-year notes which bear 6 per cent interest, with the condition that the money shall be spent in this country.

The spending of \$5,000,000 in the course of international trade is not, in itself, so significant a matter; but the high rate of interest on that loan and the condition imposed are matters of significance. They tend to show us that there is no mistake about this talk of the rest of the neutral world wanting to trade with us. They are willing to come over here and borrow our money if need be, and spend it for our goods. We have the money and material and the enterprise to make the goods or to raise the food products that will meet the world-demand, whatever it may be.

Just at the present time the United States is the World's storehouse, and the world in need is knocking at the door. Are we to believe that we lack the ears to hear or the energy

to open the door and do business?—Telegram.

The Business Outlook

Louis Swift, president of the Swift Packing Company of Chicago, while in Portland declared that conditions throughout the United States are improving and will continue to improve. In a Journal interview he said:

"And now as for business. I know it is on the up-grade and should keep on climbing. There is no reason why it should not. The bank reserve act helped much, and the fact that people are giving calamity howlers the deaf ear is playing an important part in restoring things to a normal basis."

Mr. Swift is in close touch with the country's business, and he says the European war is benefiting industry in the United States to a marked degree. His statement is backed by the observations of Hy Eilers, who spent a month in the larger cities of the east. Mr. Eilers returned to Portland with the statement that prosperity has come to the country.

Significant facts lie behind such statements. Reopening of the New York Stock Exchange marked the turning of the tide in America. It was proof that the dollar has recovered from its scare and is now ready to get out and work in the open. Financial confidence has been restored.

There is reason for this. Agents of the German government have started heavy buying of cotton in the United States. Bankers predict that the season's crop will soon be moving and the financial difficulties which attended the situation will be greatly relieved. The significance of this lies in the fact that with the cotton situation well in hand the banks will be free to lend assistance to other industries.

The news from day to day contains concrete evidence of renewed activities. Many of the railroads are placing orders for new equipment. The automobile business is booming. Europe is making demand upon the United States for large orders of war supplies and articles which are used by the people generally.—Portland Journal.

Panama-Pacific International Exposition Notes

Before the beginning of the European conflict there were 42 foreign nations and 43 States and Territories participating in the Exposition. There has been no withdrawal, and Japan, the Netherlands and Argentina have asked for additional space.

The pavilions of seven nations represented in the war are in course of construction. They are: Turkey, Japan, France, Canada, New Zealand, Australia and Germany (being built by industries and citizens with some governmental aid.)

Russia, Great Britain and Germany never have been counted in the list of 42 official participants, although Great Britain and Germany will have extensive exhibits.

Five neutral European nations have pavilions nearing completion. They are: The Netherlands, Italy, Denmark, Sweden and Norway.

Three months before the open-

ing day exhibits have arrived from England, Cuba, China, Japan, Canada, Australia, New Zealand, Belgium, Argentina, the Philippines, Hawaii and The Netherlands. Costly exhibits are pouring in from all parts of the world. The Jason of the United States Navy is en route with exhibits from several European countries in the War Zone.

House Like Steamship Bridge.

An extraordinary looking dwelling is to be seen at Algorta, near Bilbao, in the north of Spain, and is called "Casa Barco," or "house boat," being built to resemble a steamship's bridge. It was probably erected by a retired sea captain who felt like a fish out of water until he had provided for himself the same environment to which he had been used during his active career at sea. One can imagine the old gentleman taking his evening walk to and fro along the lofty bridge, scanning the surrounding country with a sailor's eye and half inclined now and then to ring for "more speed" or to send an order down the tube to the steersman.—Wide World Magazine.

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