

# The Herald

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## CARNEGIE'S PEACE FUND

The HERALD is in receipt of a statement of the Trustees of the Carnegie Endowment for International Peace giving out to the friends of peace their opinion that there is nothing in the dreadful war now raging in Europe which affords just cause for discouragement, nor discredit to past efforts.

The object of Carnegie in making the endowment to secure or bring about universal peace is good, but we are very much inclined to believe that the thing sought will not be secured in the way that is being pursued to bring it about.

Men who have stood high in the council of nations have declared that the best method to keep the peace was to be prepared for war. England, Germany and other European countries took the advice and with what result? If one country builded great fighting machines the other proceeded to manufacture greater ones, and when national preparedness began to look doubtful, then these jealous nations began to make alliances which so far have involved nearly all of Europe, and much of Asia and Africa with outlying districts and islands furnishing men for the gigantic struggle which is going on. Did preparedness make for peace? We cannot say that it did, but we can say that it brought about conditions to stage the greatest war of which history gives any record.

Men and nations are very much alike because nations are made up of men or mankind. Trouble between men is the result of wrong done by one party or the other and often by both parties. Rupture between nations arise because of like differences. One does wrong and the other resents it. Both are proud and the dignity of each must be sustained, hence, they fight.

Two righteous men will not fight each other and if each is trying to imitate the Great Peace Maker they will come together and settle their difficulty and that is the last of it because their hearts and heads are right and are filled with the right desires.

Universal peace will come when "nations learn to war no more." It cannot come otherwise. Carnegie has made a huge endowment to secure peace. From whence did his money come, much of it from the manufacture of Harveyized steel which enters into the construction of armored fighting machines, and even the means by which he has gained his enormous income have been questioned.

No. National congresses cannot secure universal peace until

men and nations have been educated to do that which is right because it is right and to love one another as the law of love directs. Carnegie could better use his millions to bring about this happy result by precept and example as taught by the King of Peace.

## STEPS TOWARD MILITARISM

Many of the people of our country do not know of the steps this country is taking toward militarism; many do not know we are stepping from the safe, sane and solid path trod by our ancestors—only that the United States may be a great commercial power of the world; many do not know that affairs here in America are bad, for militarism has already seized the throat of pure Americanism and is paving the way for a larger growing jealousy of the foreign countries towards our own which will inevitably take the same course as have the foreign militarism-ridden countries and the only way out will be war! It is all from maintaining an armed peace, the assumed name of militarism. It is all from disregarding the words of the Master for the words of man. It is all for the selfish greed for the material desire and material benefit of a few. Those few are known in Europe as Kings and Emperors, in America once known as the trusts, now as monopolies, and the armament monopoly is one of the monopolies that is trying to make our own fair land a militarism-ridden country just as the militarism-ridden countries of Europe.

There will be a series of articles entitled "Steps Toward Militarism" running through the columns of the Herald. The first number of the series will be "America and the Phillipines" which will appear in the next issue.

WILBERT F. CORNWELL,  
Monmouth, Oregon.

## The Public Schools

Report of the schools of Polk County for the school month ending January 22, 1915.

Number of schools reporting correctly and on time	70
Number of pupils remaining at last report	3174
Number of pupils registered new during month	32
Number of pupils registered secondary during month	37
Number of pupils readmitted during month	202
Total number pupils on register during month	3505
Number of pupils dropped during month	419
Total number on register at this report	3086
Number of days taught during month	15,35
Whole number of days attendance	44621.70
Whole number of days absence	2024.20
Whole number of times late	620
Number of pupils neither absent or late	1884
Average number of pupils belonging	2945.5
Average daily attendance	2815.8
Per cent of attendance	95.6
Number of visits by parents	83.00
Number of visits by members of school board	58.00

The following schools have been placed on the roll of honor for having made 95 per cent in attendance or over: Dallas, Red Prairie, Smithfield, Eola, Pedee, Bridgeport, Ballston, Monmouth High School, Orchards, Airlie, Bethel, Polk Station, Perryville, Oak Grove, Fairview, Butler, Oakpoint, Independence, Brush College, Buena Vista, Buell, Lone Star, Popcorn, Harmony, Upper Salt Creek, Montgomery, Saver, Crowley, Greenwood, Congord, Oakdale, Falls City, Pioneer, Oakhurst, Mountainview, Rock Creek, Hopville, Maplewood, Wildwood and Fern.

The following schools have been placed on the roll of honor for having made no tardies during the month: Smithfield, Red Prairie, Parker, Ward, Goose-neck, Spring Valley, Popcorn, Harmony, Upper Salt Creek, Fir

Grove, Lincoln, Crowley, Cherry Grove, Highland.

The following schools have become standard: Oakpoint, North Dallas, Mountainview, Buena Vista, Elkins, Highland, West Salem, Lincoln.

School Rallies have been held as follows: Popcorn, Oakpoint, Montgomery, West Salem, Salt Creek, Maplegrove, Hopville, Pioneer, Concord and Rickreall.

The Teacher's Institute for the county was held at Dallas. This meeting was different from all others in that it made the Industrial Work the main feature of the meeting. Nearly every district in the county was represented by the teacher or by some member of the Industrial Work. Mr. F. L. Griffin, Mr. W. A. Barr and Miss Helen Cowgill, all of the Agricultural College gave instructions in the projects of Industrial Work also in the Stock Judging Contest. Over one hundred boys and girls, industrial club workers of the county attended this institute. Also many parents were in attendance. This was considered one of the best teacher's meetings we have had.

In the Stock Judging Contest at Corvallis, February 5th, 54 boys and girls of Polk County attended and Polk County captured the greater portion of the prize money. Polk County boys and girls, also the people of Polk County, should congratulate themselves upon this good work done by these boys.

The Industrial and Club Work over the County is progressing nicely and more boys and girls are getting into this work than ever before. Mr. Benson, who is at the head of the Industrial Club Work of the United States representing the department of education at Washington, D. C., and who has been spending the last four or five days in the Northwest honored Polk County last Monday by visiting and addressing the boys and girls at four of the schools in Polk County; West Salem, Rickreall, Dallas and Monmouth. These are the only four schools that have been visited by Mr. Benson on this trip and he reported himself highly pleased with the interest of the boys and girls in this Industrial Work.

The following items of interest have been reported to this office:

Dallas—The boys of the Manual Training Department are putting on an excellent exhibit of the work they have done this year. We think this a good suggestion and hope that all other schools doing Manual Training will make an exhibit of their work before the year is over.

Airlie—Airlie has one bird house up this last month.

Brush College—Brush College has the baskets and basket ball and they are using them.

Lincoln—This school reports three bird houses up this month.

Oakhurst—Oakhurst reports 44 bird houses erected.

Wildwood—Bird houses, Elmer Fry 1, Clyde Fry 2.

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