

WHAT'S WRONG WITH SCHOOLS

A series of articles are being published in Lippincott's Magazine on "What is wrong with our Public Schools." These articles are being written by Joseph M. Rogers, an authority on that subject, and are appearing exclusively in that magazine. The first article appears in the January number. Considerable time was spent in securing the data for these papers and they will be found both interesting and informative. There is no subject of greater importance to the American people than that of the public school question.

There is no interrogation point after the title. It is not a question. Mr. Rogers is dealing with facts—facts ascertained by him after months of the most arduous and careful research. Says Mr. Rogers:

"There is something wrong with the public schools. More than that, there is something fundamentally wrong with our theories of education. We teach, but we do not educate. We spend a good deal of money and energy to little purpose. It is not necessary to prove these statements. They are admitted by educators, from university presidents to primary teachers; by school administrators from state and federal officials down to those in the smallest country districts; by parents the country over; while children themselves are, of course, dissatisfied. This series of articles is designed to examine—untechnically—the defects of existing systems, offer some constructive criticism, and make suggestions looking toward improvement. It is hoped through them to arouse among both parents and teachers a deeper interest in needs of our public schools to the end that there may be less complaining and more intelligent effort to amend conditions."

Some months ago, Mr. Rogers contributed to Lippincott's a series of papers entitled "Educating Our Boys," which attracted wide attention. The new series will make a still stronger appeal, for it deals clearly and succinctly with a topic of vital interest to every man, woman and child in the United States. Teachers everywhere and, in fact, everybody who is directly or indirectly interested in the cause of education, will find these articles helpful and enlightening. The first, on "Some Notable Deficiencies," will be found in the January number. Other papers, on "Education Outside of Books," "The Teacher," "Some Reforms Suggested," "The Cost of Improvement," and "A Model School Outlined," will appear in consecutive numbers. It is not too much to say that this is one of the most striking and noteworthy series of articles ever brought out by any magazine.

Factors of public schools which in a large way hinder best development of boys and girls, says Mr. Rogers, are:

- Compulsory education.
- Classes too large.
- Improper curricula.
- Poor condition of school buildings.
- Too widely diversified courses of study.
- Lack of proper discipline.
- Insufficient teachers.
- Poor systems of administration.
- Lack of practical manual training.
- Indifference of parents.
- Lack of memory.
- General lack of interest in the subject by the public in its organized capacity.

As a means of drawing attention to insufficient remuneration of public school instructors he writes the following advertisement and asks how many applications would be made for the situation:

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"It may be said in passing," continues Mr. Rogers, "that a serious mistake has been made by the American people in erecting buildings solely for school purposes, especially in the cities. As these buildings are erected out of the public funds, there is no reason why they should not be used for every possible educational purpose (using the term in its widest sense and applying it to old as well as to young) which is consistent with the normal purpose for which the building was erected. If the school house were looked upon as essentially a club house for the community, to

be kept open evenings under proper restrictions, where men and women, young and old, might meet for physical, social and educational advancement, the long inveighed-against saloon would lose a very considerable portion of its patronage. People need something to relieve the monotonous drudgery of their lives, and the prosperity of the saloon is unfortunately an example of the survival of the fittest, low as that standard may be."

Runaway Narrowly Averted.

A runaway was narrowly averted Wednesday when C. A. McLaughlin with difficulty brought his horse under control. The accident happened on Main street as he was about to enter his rig to drive home. His foot slipped on the step as he climbed on the rig and he fell across the harness, when his horse began to run. Lying across the front of the rig, he still held on to the lines and succeeded in bringing the horse to a stop. It was a narrow escape for Mr. McLaughlin.

Portland Takes Fourth Place.

Portland takes fourth place among cities of the United States in wheat exports for the eleven months of the current year ending with November. This is according to the report of the Secretary of the Treasury on breadstuffs exported from this country. Puget Sound comes next after Portland. New York is first, Philadelphia second and Duluth third. Last year Portland ranked second in the country in wheat shipments. The figures just compiled of wheat exports do not include large shipments of wheat from Portland to California. This tonnage is very heavy each year.

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COURT DOCKET POLK COUNTY

The regular December term of Circuit Court for Polk county will convene in Dallas next Monday. Only twenty-one cases are filed for hearing. The cases are:

- George C. Will vs. Otilda Wolfer et al, suit for money; C. F. Martin for plaintiff.
- C. W. Beckett vs. David Thompson suit to quiet title; C. F. Martin for plaintiff.
- Mark Blodgett vs. C. E. Blodgett, suit to quiet title; J. E. Sibley for plaintiff; McCain and Vinton and Oscar Hayter for defendant.
- John R. Loy vs. Sylvester Ridders et al, partition; Oscar Hayter for plaintiff.
- E. C. Kirkpatrick vs. City of Dallas, injunction; J. H. McNary for plaintiff; Oscar Hayter and W. L. Tooze, Jr., for defendant.
- Thomas Crowley vs. Nellie Grant et al, partition; Kelly and Curi for plaintiff; Oscar Hayter for defendant.
- Hazel Bowers vs. Elmer W. Bowers, divorce; W. L. Tooze, Jr., for plaintiff.
- Augusta Schutt vs. William Schutt, divorce; C. F. Martin for plaintiff.
- Josie Wheeler vs. Harland Wheeler, suit; Oscar Hayter and G. G. Brown for defendant.
- Bingham for plaintiff; Carson & Tilgham Hinshaw vs. Ann A. Hinshaw, divorce; Oscar Hayter for plaintiff; L. D. Brown for defendant.
- Jessie O. Percival vs. Robert M. Percival, divorce; Oscar Hayter for plaintiff.
- Harry E. Fouch vs. W. P. Mars et al, foreclosure; Oscar Hayter for plaintiff.
- Salem Brewery Association vs. Alice C. Gillin, foreclosure; Carson & Brown for plaintiff.
- H. V. Gates vs. Polk County, appeal from Board of Equalization; Oscar Hayter for plaintiff.
- Nina J. Kahler vs. W. T. Kahler, divorce; A. O. Condit for plaintiff.
- Charles E. Ramp et al vs. Maggie J. Ramp, partition; Oscar Hayter for plaintiff.
- Thomas Bowman vs. Blanch Bowman, divorce; N. L. Butler for plaintiff.
- John Vernon vs. W. B. Officer, review; W. L. Tooze, Jr., for plaintiff.
- Nellie M. Rueger vs. John A. Rueger, divorce; Oscar Hayter for plaintiff.
- Petition for appointment of trustee in W. C. Brown estate; Oscar Hayter for plaintiff; L. D. Brown for defendant.

WEDDING IS A SOCIAL EVENT

The marriage of Roy E. Collins and Miss Erna Hilliard Sunday night was the social event of the season. The ceremony was performed in Calvary Presbyterian church, Rev. H. C. Dunsmore, pastor of the church officiating. The church was crowded to its fullest capacity, a large number being unable to obtain admittance. The bride was attended by her cousin, Miss Crystal Hilliard, and Lee Davis acted in the capacity of best man. Cecil Collins and May Hilliard officiated as little maids of honor to the bride and Jewel Davis was the custodian of the ring. The orchestra, of which the groom is a member, played the wedding march from Lohengrin as the bride and groom entered the church and also at their exit.

After the ceremony a reception and banquet was held at the new home of the couple, which was attended by a great number of their friends. Many beautiful presents consisting of silverware, cut glass, etc., were presented to the happy couple.

The bride was beautifully attired in cream mohair, princess style, and the groom was dressed in conventional black. The groom is employed by the firm of Conkey, Walker & Lehman and the bride is the daughter of one of the old residents of Independence. The groom has just purchased the home in which they live at the head of Third street.

Have Had Their Innings.

Blooded chickens and cats from various parts of the Pacific Northwest have had their innings during the past week at the show of the Oregon Poultry and Pet Association. A splendid show was held, many of the prize fowls having been on exhibition at the recent Seattle Exposition. The exhibit of pure blood poultry shows the advance in this industry in the Northwest within the past few years.

How One Doctor Successfully Treats Pneumonia.

"In treating pneumonia," says Dr. W. J. Smith, of Sanders, Ala., "the only remedy I use for the lungs is Chamberlain's Cough Remedy. While, of course, I would treat other symptoms with different medicines, I have used this remedy many times in my medical practice and have yet failed to find a case where it has not controlled the trouble. I have used it myself, as has also my wife for coughs and colds repeatedly, and I most willingly and cheerfully recommend it as superior to any other cough remedy to my knowledge." For sale by P. M. Kirkland.

Coast Route Steamships.

The fine new steamship Bear for the run between Portland and San Francisco will start west from Newport News, Virginia, January 9, and her sister ship, the Beaver, will come soon after. Both will go into commission at once upon arrival. These boats are the new Harriman liners built for the coast route and are the finest ever in commission between here and the south.

MILLIONS FOR IMPROVEMENT.

Much work on the rivers and harbors of the Pacific Northwest will be accomplished during the coming year provided the recommendations of Major McIndoe, corps of United States Engineers, in charge of this district, are followed. Major McIndoe has just made his annual report to the Secretary of War and urges the expenditure of \$3,942,500 in river and harbor improvements in this district for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1911.

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A Handsome Woman

Every woman may not be handsome, but every woman should keep with care the good points nature has given her. No woman need have sallow skin, dull eye, blotchy complexion, who pays proper attention to her health. Where constipation, liver derangement, blood impurities and other irregularities exist, good complexion, bright eyes and sprightly movements cannot exist. Internal derangements reveal themselves sooner or later on the surface. Headache, dark rings around the eyes, sallow skin, a constant tired feeling—mean that the liver and digestive organs are needing help and correction. Chamberlain's Stomach and Liver Tablets give this necessary help. They work in nature's own way. They do not merely flush the bowels but tone up the liver and stomach to fulfill their proper functions. So mild and gentle do they act that one hardly realizes that they have taken medicine. Chamberlain's Tablets can be relied upon to relieve biliousness, indigestion, constipation and dizziness. Sold everywhere. Price 25 cents.

mended is \$1,500,000 for continuing the improvement at the mouth of the Columbia river. The sum of \$1,000,000 is urged for work in the same stream between The Dalles rapids and Celilo Falls. The remainder of the desired appropriation is divided between the different coast harbors and work on the Columbia, Willamette, Snake and other rivers, including the Cowlitz, Grays and Lewis rivers in Washington.

According to the report, operations during the past year consisted largely in dredging shoal places between Portland and Astoria in the Willamette and Columbia rivers and in extending the Columbia Jetty besides some work at Coquille and Tillamook and dredging in the upper Willamette and upper Columbia. If Major McIndoe's recommendations are carried out, they will mean much permanent work of great value to the whole Pacific Northwest.

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Now, kindly mark me well, my friends, for what I have to say. Anent the coffee of this morn and that of yesterday. That coffee served us yesterday was slaty-gray and flat, and I who know the coffee plant know what is meant by that. The berry grow indifferent from out impoverish soil. Nor had the richness at its roots from which to draw the oil. Or, if a bit of oil were stored, the roasting was not well, and being charred the oil escaped from out each tiny cell. And so 'twas tasteless, flat and tame, and I put in my kick; and I am pleased that Mrs. Brown has changed her brand so quick. This coffee has a brilliant brow, its body, too, you'll note; those little bubbles mark the oil—observe them where they float. That means the berry had the best that sun and soil can lend—'Tis CHASE & SANBORN'S growth, you know—a firm that's proud to spend its time and money on its plants. Care, curing, roasting, too, are just the best that expert hands, experienced long, can do. And when this richness is unlocked by Nature's charm of heat, You have the best that Nature gives,—a draught of cheer, complete in every coffee attribute. Thus speaks your Autocrat, And he, you know, was never caught a-talking through his hat.

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