enes of the utmost misery he had ever

the most adorable girl in the world. The

more he thought of it the more the trump's story about his marriage ap-peared to be absolute fiction—and you

the fellow had been so confident, to un-

mistaltally pleased with his prospects!
And Berele had said that she lived in

Buffalo. Was she decelving him, and

Mrs. Bowers, too? It was all very

strange. Why had he not taken the

precaution to learn the tramp's real

name? Had be gone and married Bessie

childhood and therefore could not pass

himself to her under a false name. This

was some comfort, but as he puzzled on

over the situation he began to doubt

whether he had done wisely in running

away from his Kansas City friends who

had come to New York to find him.

declared that the story of his advent-

ures was the figment of a disordered

exultation gave way to anxiety, and

even the prospect of seeing Bessie again failed to relieve his mind of trouble.

taken. Leaving an application for the

him to register, a formality that had

clock greeted him jocularly:

out," was the smart reply.

at the window.

police station.

of surprise.

continued Jimmy.

Kansas City, Mo., No. 340, pd.," very slowly, and turned about slyly to scru-

"Any thing up, Jimmy?" asked the

count of Mr. Drane's escape and the re-

violent and murder me if I speak to

him. Perhaps I can inveigle him to a

to do to "scoop" the boys on a big piece

of news and gain a thumping reward,

and started to leave the hotel. Jimmy

was on his feet instantly and inter-

"Yes," roplied Lawrence, with a start

"Lawrence Drane, of Kansas City?"

West," said Jimmy, glibly, "the crops,

you know, form mortgages and their ef-

I DECLINE TO BE INTERVIEWED.

fect on industry, and all that sort of

Jimmy opened the door invitingly,

"I represent the Evening Dispatch,

"Young man," said Lawrence, laying

his hand impressively on Jimmy's

and we like to get interviews from

intensely relieved that the escape

ence, but Lawrence held back.

Inquired.

with a visit."

The north

"Yes; what can I do for you?"

clerk, observing this action.

ward offered for his capture.

under the name of Drane?

ney into the night Mr. Prane felt a wild "Not a bit! You won't come to harm. I'll see you through and give you money exultation. He was encuping from the "I'll have to go you. What am I to experienced, and he was going to see

"Change clothes with me!". The tramp was staggered at this surgestion, but he consented, though he vainly tried to get Lawrence to unfold

"The only trouble is," said Lawrence, "I don't know where we can do this."
"Well, I do," replied his companion, and he forthwith led the way to a deserted rookery where they speedily exchanged garments. Mr. Drane put on the rags again with some revoit, but he

scheme, and that nerved him. When they stepped out again into the street he asked the tramp where he had gone when he first took the clothes from the Adams Hotel.

was confident in the success of his

"Oh," he said, "I played in great luck, and I'll be all right if you get me out of this affair with a little money in hand. You see, I pranced around town for the day, and the next day I fell in with an old sweetheart of mine. She used to live in Euffalo, and the was poor enough then, but it cooms that some time age she went through a mock marriage that afterwards turned out to be binding."

The tramp paused and laughed glee-

"Yes, yes." exclaimed Mr. Drane, agerly. "What then?" "Why, you see, the fellow she married was thundering rich, and he went off



FIFTY DOLLARS REWARD.

and left all his money to her. Haw! haw! haw! And then, you know, I told her that I had got rich, toe. I made a good bluff at it with your money and your clothes and she believed me. So we got married that very day. "You married her?" gasped Lawrence.

"Yep. Married her as fast and hard as a parson could tie the knot. We went up to New Haven and the ceremony was performed there. As soon as it was over I left her there to come down to New York, pretending I had business. So I had. I intended to work a fine racket on your money, you know, telegraph to Kansas City for some more, but you spoiled that. My rich wife is waiting for me, I suppose, in the Benver Hotel where I left her. You just put me in the way of getting to New Haven and I'll be hunk and don't you forget

Lawrence was overwhelmed with amazement. He felt rather than saw the inconsistencies of the story, but it was circumstantial enough to alarm him terribly. What! his Bessie, so good and pure, marry this fellow so suddenly, and yet remain in New York, go to court with Mrs. Bowers-it was impossible on the face of it. And yet- He would have pursued the inquiry further, but that he feared to arouse the tramp's suspicions. So they walked on talking of other things until they came to Jenkins' Estreat.

"Now I'm going to work a big scheme here," said Mr Drane. "You just keep your head and don't get frightened a bit and remember that whatever happens I'll take care of you. I'm rich enough,

"Illaze away, cully, I'm wid ye," responded the tramp.

Mr. Drane rang the bell. The door

was opened at once by an attendant whom Lawrence had not seen before. "Tell Mr. Jenkins a friend would like

to see him," said Lawrence, winking mysteriously at the attendant. The wink was understood, and both men were admitted. The door once closed, Mr. Drane whispered excitedly to the attendant:

"It's Lawrence Drane! you'd better grab him, 'cause he's very violent at

The attendant struck a bell and instantly two other men came into the hall, seized the tramp, bound his arms to his sides with a rope and hurried He protested him to a back room. vigorously, declared that he had been ontrapped, and all that, but his cries made matters worse for him. Presently the attendant returned and asked Mr. Drane about the capture. Lawrence told an imaginative yarn with as low a dialect as he could muster, and wound up by demanding the reward.

We can't give you the whole reward to-night," was the reply. "The five hundred dollars offered by Mr. Drano's friends is not in our control, but you may have the fifty dollars offered by Retreat, and if you will call to-morrow afternoon I have no doubt that you

can collect the rest." Lawrence reflected that fifty dollars was a pretty good price to pay a man for capturing himself, and that he was lucky to even get that. The money was promptly turned over to him and he left the Retreat after inquiring particularly as to the hour when he should call again

"It's a pretty hard trick on that fellow," he thought, "but he deserves it, and I will keep my word and see him safely out. And of course I'll return the

With all the speed he had he hurried to a Howery clothing store, bought a cheap but decent suit, and then took the first available train for New Haven.

"MRS. L. DRANE As the train began its rembling jour-

shoulder; whereat Jimmy jumped about a rod backwards and got behind a chair. "Young man," continued Lawrence, stepping forward, somewhat excited at this encounter and the strangeness of it, "I know nothing whatever about crops, and what few mortgages I hold are my con-[To be continued.]

SCHOOL DEPARTMENT.

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Independence, Oregon. All communications relating to this work must be addressed to the editor of this de-partment,

By request Prof. F. Long furnished us with a good article for this issue. We would be pleased to receive contributions from other teachers frequently. Remember that all are expected to help in this

Teachers should not fail to send in summaries of monthly reports. Children like to see the report of their school in the paper and it Lawrence shivered until he recalled that the tramp had known Bessie in will be an incentive for securing prempt and regular attendance.

A Flow for Universal Education. Our object in life as a people and as individuals, should be to allevi Undoubtedly, however, they would have nite suffering and discontent. Ninetenths of all the suffering in the world is discontent, and this is a So, with perplexities and doubts his mental malady, and if it is to be cured must be treated as such. If we will stop to find the cause of It was long past midnight when he this mental unrest we will discover to the Beaver House, where he was denied admission because all rooms were education. Selfishness boldly enters our natures and asserts its superelsewhere, a sleepy watchman, grum-bling immoderately, showing him to a tiny chamber on the top floor. When the came down-stairs in the morning to and lexury; and then naturally Independence public school for the pay his bill the clerk politely requested tollows strife, avarice, jealousies and general mental unrest; and comply, and with a determination, thus, because of the dwarfed conformed in a flash, to sail under true coldition of our moral natures there is a bold, legible hand. Then he stood before the window, apparently gazing idly Salfishness is the prime cause of into the street, really absorbed in formally on the street, really absorbed in formal on the salfish of action. Just as Mr. ulating a plan of action. Just as Mr. Drane was registering a shrowd-looking laters instead of trying to enact young man with a note-book in one hand such laws as would bring us comfice. He waited until Lawrence had fort and ease as a people, do those withdrawn from the counter and then things that will best gratify their began industriously to copy the names own desire for wealth and honor, and addresses from the big book. The The unequal education of a people "Well, Jimmy, what's the news to is a condition disasterous to the "Read the Evening Dispatch and find welfare of any nation. The history of nations teach us this fact: that This brilliant repartee had done serv- where there has been more nearly tween the clerk and the shrewd young mental, moral and social equality man daily for many months, and it is probably so serving still. There is nothing like having a witty retort that is after which he wrote "Lawrence Drane, mental development is largely the write excuses for their children our social conditions; and it is be- they do so teachers will not know

man. I wonder whether he'll become To apply this balm which is to out a reasonable excuse, shall be heal every wound that the soul is sent to the chairman of the board heir to, will require patient effort, and any one sent the second time While Jimmy was still debating what There is work for the teacher-shall be suspended. teachers whose mental develop-Lawrence decided upon his own course ment does not exceed their moral status because such a one would probably be a selfish crank, with "Mr. Drane, I believe?" he said, in- no sympathy for those who are to to be educated. We want the teacher who is unselfish, who loves his work, who sees in the boys and girls before him the future men "I want to ask you some questions and women, and who will strive to about the condition of affairs in the develop in them those things that will benefit them and be a blessing to the race. The ideal teacher will develop in pupils a desire to know the truth-to know all the past history of man, so that they may profit by their experience, to know the operations to all laws of nature, so that the silent forces may be used for their benefit and for the enjoyment of their fellow men, to know the truth as to the operations of the mind, that it may not be abused by over work or enforced idleness. It certainly will not be denied that this kind of education is far superior to that old idea of If you're going out I will walk studying books and memorizing along with you so as not to waste your the thoughts of other men. What is the conclusion then? This, that all ills, civil or social, may be cured maniac should show no signs of viol- by equal mental or moral develop-"Why do you ask these things?" he ment for all. Then find the teacher,

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44	" fardies	103
. 45	H excuses	24
151.:	enrolled, boys 156; girls total	20.7
Average	e mumber belonging	262
Averag	e daily attendance	275
Dier cett	t of attendance	333
Sumbe	r of new pupils admitted	20
ishim		7
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all during month, except primary grades

The great number of absences was caused in part by many staying out the first two days after vacation and partly by sickness. The great number of tardies cannot be ST. PAUL. accounted for in that way. Parents should use their best efforts to aid warranted not to wear out.

CThe young man copied rapidly down intense was the misery and disattendance, especially during the the page until he came to the last page. Intense was the misery and dissat- attendance, especially during the Then he paused and secwied an instant, is faction among them. Unequal aext month. They should also cause of the existing inequality in when they have reasonable excuses tinize the broad back of the gentleman wealth; and so it is in regard to for being absent or tardy for unless cause of this that so much trickery, whether they are necessarily de-Jimmy winked and nodded mysteri- scheming, and misrepresentation tained at home or plating on the ously, and began to search among the in politics is possible. It is truly street. But in no case should the Presently he found a New York paper said that in a republic the vote of parent try to shield the child when of the day before and turned to the ac- the ignorant is more to be feared there is no excuse. At their last than the foreigners bayonet. If meeting the board of directors "I thought so!" he said, with a tri- these things are true—and a medi- passed the following: Resolved, umphant grin, while the clerk looked tative survey of the past and pres that in accordance with rules 45 gave him no comfort. Instead, he ent convinces us that they are— and 46 Oregon school laws, the heightened the clerk's emotion by sit- what is our duty in the matter? teachers shall require written ting down where he could see Mr. Certainly you will say apply the excuses for all absence or tardiness again with frequent glances upward for remedy. Then let us cast about and that any pupil who has been omparison.
"Mustache gone and clothes differ- and find it. The only remedy is absent two days or tardy more than ent," he muttered; "but it must be the mental and moral education for all. twice during any one month, with-

Principal.

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