

OUR PUBLIC SCHOOLS FAIL IN USEFULNESS

More Democratic Plan Needed to
Satisfy the American Spirit
With Practical Results.

John A. Calahan, a Massachusetts educator of ability, in an address recently made some practical suggestions regarding school work and the ends to be sought through education. He said:

"We have too many people of leisure; we have produced too many people who think that there are only a few select kinds of work that they ought to do, and are strongly averse to all kinds of manual labor. This is a direct product and fruit of the aristocratic idea that we got from England, and allowed to grow in and injure our educational field—like the tares among the wheat.

"Down through the history of education in New England from the days of the old preparatory grammar schools, pupils were invited and coaxed toward a few choice callings, and the schools in a large measure fitted them for these callings. The system of education encouraged people with certain ambitions and gave less help to others. It helped those who were to get a living by their heads and gave less encouragement and sympathy to those who were to get a living by their hands, and thus educated the people away from many kinds of technical, industrial and agricultural labor.

"So, therefore, as I have tried to show in this brief address, we have had in the growth of our educational system these two opposing forces or ideas, inharmonious and conflicting, the Dutch idea of democracy—ever proclaiming the doctrine of the equality of all in the schools; the English, or aristocratic idea, which regulated the internal work and kept ever pointing toward a fashionable and genteel kind of life as the grand prize or goal of an educational career. This aristocratic idea despises democracy and continually urges pupils to abandon the common ranks and seek a living in what are termed the higher callings.

"Our schools, so far as they have allowed themselves to be influenced by this idea, have thrown their influence against democracy, against all those common vocations and trades that have always been the pride and the strength of every nation, and the support of the common people from whose ranks have come the men of inventive genius who have made the laws of nature bend to the service of man; who have drawn hidden treasures from the dark caverns of the earth; who have spread the white sails of commerce on the seas; who have fought her battles and won her victories.

"Now in a republic where we claim that all are equal before the law and entitled to equal benefits from the law, it would be difficult to show by any sound process of reasoning why it is just to use the public money to support an atmosphere where we continually produce those who are to become doctors, lawyers, preachers or teachers and show less encouragement to those who are to become carpenters, blacksmiths, masons or farmers. Why has the government of the people any right to select callings, or ways of getting a living and place its stamp of approval upon them by supporting courses of study and an atmosphere that point toward them and away from other vocations. By this narrow and partial educational course, we have been creating a caste among the people, an educational caste. It is true, but what right have we to create a caste of any kind, educational or social? Or what right have we in democracy to have an atmosphere of spirit in our schools that makes people when they leave them feel ashamed to do certain kinds of honest labor?

"But for some time past there has been a strong movement in the right direction that in time will right this great wrong of which I have spoken. I refer to the introduction of manual training into our schools and the broadening of the educational course so as to include a great system of industrial, and perhaps agricultural training. Many states have recently passed laws requiring manual training in both high and grammar schools. This has already become a fixed and growing part of education all over the country and in time will cover all the branches of handicraft and industrial labor. It is then, and not till then, that we can say that we have a complete school system. Serving all people and serving them equally well, and thus recognize the great American doctrine of the equality of all."

MURPHY.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Ruch were visiting friends at Murphy Sunday. E. L. Churchill, of Grants Pass, and a party of friends were visiting at Redlands vineyard Monday.

Mrs. Grace Lawton, of Southern California, is a visitor at the home of her mother, Mrs. F. M. Hayes.

Sunday was a very quiet day at Murphy this week, there being no ball game. Buggy riding seemed to be the order of the day, as we observed several young sports out with their best girls enjoying the fresh air and beautiful scenery.

Myron McLeod took his father to town Tuesday to consult a physician in regard to an injury to one of his eyes. The old gentleman is improving at this writing we are glad to state.

Ed Swinden is baling hay for the Gilmore Bros. this week. There is quite a lot of hay to be baled in this vicinity.

We are requested by a telephone subscriber to state in our items for this week "That if the board of directors of the Applegate Valley telephone company intend to continue such service as has been given during the past six months, then their subscribers, as well as the public, would consider it a favor if the board would be frank enough to acknowledge their incompetency and get off the perch. This running a telephone business on a Tom, Dick and Harry system won't do, gentlemen, our neighbor companies are poking fun at us."

BUSTER BROWN.

GALICE.

Mrs. Donahue leaves Thursday to meet her husband in Spokane and from there they will continue their trip east visiting relatives.

Noah Johns left last Monday for the fair at Seattle and on his way home he will visit his sister and mother in Grass Valley.

A jolly young bunch met together one day last week at Mr. and Mrs. Raybell's to spend the evening with Marcus Hawthaw and Miss Grace Powers, who left for their home in Selma afterwards.

Galice is booming. Mr. Barlow is working on his dwelling and blacksmith shop.

Charley Watts sold his home two miles from the store and is moving to Galice.

Bob Jackson is up and around again and will return to work at the Sugar Pine in a few days.

Edward Kinzel has returned from his trip to Spokane and Montana where he went to register on the reserve.

RED WING.

To the Citizens of Grants Pass and Vicinity.

In announcing to you the opening of the handsomely appointed "Hotel Seward," at Portland, Oregon, I wish to most respectfully solicit your patronage, assuring you the same courteous treatment from myself and associates that I have endeavored to extend to you during the years past while with The Portland and Cornelius Hotels of this city.

The "Hotel Seward" is very elaborate as to structure, equipment and furnishings, while our prices will not be in excess of other hotels. Situated as it is on the corner of Tenth and Alder streets, one block from the Arlington Club; also directly across the street from the main entrance of Olds, Wortman & King's mammoth department store now under construction; also a block away from the noisy clanging street cars, and being within easy reach of all theaters and shopping district makes it an ideal location.

The office will be in charge of Mr. Allan A. Wright, who for the past 15 years was chief clerk at the Portland Hotel.

We have a most excellent cafe in connection at moderate prices, thereby affording your wives and daughters the opportunity of eating all their meals without dressing for the street. You will find the "Hotel Seward" omnibus at the station with a most courteous man in charge.

Trusting I may have the pleasure of your patronage at the "Hotel Seward," I am, yours truly,

NATHANIEL K. CLARKE, Mgr.

A Close Call.

Below is interesting reading for this part of Josephine county. It will be seen that we are in about the same condition regarding our bridge as were the people of La Center, Washington. This is what happened over there as shown by a newspaper report.

The old bridge across the Lewis river at La Center, which was condemned two or three years ago, stood in its place, guarding the passage over the river till the new \$40,000 bridge was completed. When the new structure was ready to hand over to the county commissioners

and the traveling public the old structure toppled over and fell into the stream over which it had carried thousands of people safely during many years past. A very few moments before the old bridge fell a number of people were out on it, but they walked off just before the rotten structure went down. The new bridge is 1664 feet long. The first span on the south side is 1260 feet, the draw span is 160 feet, and the span on the north side is 244 feet.

Our old bridge trembles and sways, even when a dog trots over it, and why it does not go down when an extra heavy load of lumber is on it will probably never be explained. There will be great rejoicing when the hour comes to turn the tide of travel over the new bridge. This is likely to be at an early day. This coming event reminds us there should be some action taken at the formal opening of the new bridge and the county board will do well to allow the people an opportunity to express their pleasure in possessing the best steel bridge in Southern Oregon. When the time comes we can have a half holiday, some speeches and music, as well as a big picnic dinner in the park.

For Crater Lake.

Right Rev. Archbishop A. Christie, of Portland, Ore., the local and two visiting priests started Tuesday morning from Medford for Crater Lake in two automobiles. The priests who accompanied the bishop were: Father Wilson, of Old Point Comfort, Va.; Father J. J. Carr, of New York, and Father F. Van Clavenback, of the Medford diocese. Before leaving they said that they expected to have a very enjoyable trip.—Mail.

Elks Are To Meet.

The Medford Tribune says: "The committee appointed by the temporary organization of Elks to prepare plans for the institution of the new lodge for Medford have called a meeting at the temporary quarters for Friday evening at 8 o'clock. Over 30 enthusiastic Elks met last week to discuss the organization plans and an even larger attendance is expected Friday evening to listen to the report of the special committee.

"The date of the institution of the Elks lodge at Medford will be a memorable one and the committee promises to make the event one that will be second to none ever attempted in a city of this size."

Active at 87.

This would be unusual news if men and women would keep themselves free from rheumatism and all aches and pains as well as keeping their muscles and joints limber with Ballard's Snow Liniment. National Drug Store.

Suing a Son.

The Portland Journal gives editorial expression regarding an unusual case such as seldom comes up in any court.

In the courts at Salem, two aged parents are seeking by law to compel a son to contribute to their support. The case is described as one of the first of its kind to appear in the Oregon courts.

As a rule, sons in Oregon are not of the kind that so soon forget the obligations due to parents. Where a competence has not been amassed by parents to protect them against want in their declining years, filial affection has been strong enough to shield them. It is a mighty cold world when the blood in a son's veins is not warm enough to throw the arm of protection and provision around the declining years of a father and mother. Many a sorrow, trial and anxiety is silently borne by parents in rearing a coming infant to manhood. Many a mother's sigh and many a day's toil; many a sacrifice and many a denial entered into the lives of the two children parents in rearing their son in manhood. Parents' lives are literally poured out at the feet of their children and for their children's sake. Save in isolated cases, there is scarcely a sacrifice on the calendar that parents will not make in rearing and educating sons and daughters. It is a duty, perhaps, but it gets a reciprocal duty in which sons and daughters should be sustenance and strength for parents, when old age comes creeping on. This, real sons do, and in the name of the home, the hearthstone, and all that is precious in life, this son at Salem should, if his aged parents are spent in substance and strength, rescue them from harm without this humiliating intervention in the courts.

The Census of 1910.

The next thing in order will be the taking of the census of the states and territories. As soon as Congress adjourns the president will make the appointments of supervisors who

will have charge of the census, and it is expected that by September the 1st they will be ready to do the preliminary work. Each supervisor, under the new law, will receive a salary of \$1500. This will be augmented by \$1 for each 1000 names found by the enumerators. It is the bonus which will induce the supervisors to be enthusiastic on the job and see that everyone is accounted for. In their turn, the enumerators will be paid 3 cents or 5 cents for every name, depending on the density of population in the district to which they are assigned. There is big pay for enumerators who are active and industrious and who overlook no one on their beat.

This pending census will be confined practically to population alone. There will be a few special subjects taken up, but these will receive special attention from the departments interested. The supervisor's men will devote themselves only to tabulating names and personal data required by the bureau. It is the desire of the census bureau to clean up the work in three weeks. From September, when the supervisors are in harness, until the enumerating begins next year, the intervening time we be devoted to laying plans for the enumerators so that when the enumeration starts, every name-getter will know exactly what to do and will work with system.

The best remedy we know of in all cases of Kidney and Bladder trouble and the one we can always recommend, is DeWitt's Kidney and Bladder Pills. They are antiseptic and at once assist the kidneys to perform their important work, but when you ask for these pills be positive that you get DeWitt's Kidney and Bladder Pills. There are imitations placed upon sale to deceive you. Get DeWitt's. Insist upon them, and if your dealer cannot supply you—refuse anything else in place of them. Sold by all druggists.

Oregon fir is becoming a favorite wood for car builders, says A. B. Wastell, secretary of the Oregon & Washington Lumber Manufacturers' Association, who has just returned from the east. Not only is it used for sills and heavy timbers in building passenger equipment, but for siding and finishing as well. As a result of Mr. Wastell's visit, the Oregon wood will be used more extensively for this purpose in the future.

Action taken by President Taft in setting aside the Josephine County Caves as a National Reserve meets with the hearty approval of the people of this state, who are interested in preserving its natural wonders. One square mile, including the entrance to the caves has been made a reservation, belonging to the government, by proclamation just signed. The caves make up a wonderful collection of roomy caverns and galleries in the side of a mountain in the Grayback range, about 30 miles south of Grants Pass.

Willie Farris and his niece, Miss Carrie Meek, of Applegate, were in the city the first of the week. Mr. Farris left on Tuesday morning's train for Glendale, where he expects to spend the next few months. Miss Meek returned to her home at Applegate the same day.

Human Nature and Woman Nature



The successful advertiser must understand human nature, but his most direct appeal usually is to Woman Nature. The ladies are the bargain hunters. Very likely some of them right now are reading this and will turn to look for bargains advertised in this paper. They get on the trail of a bargain and follow it right into camp—if they once find the trail.

Your store is the camp. This paper is the trail. Why not connect the camp with the trail?

Gave Street and Number Address.

Grants Pass has earned a new distinction, and most strange of all, it is that of having the greatest number of prominent citizens, comparatively, in the United States.

Upwards of 15,000 is given by the postal authorities as a conservative estimate of the number of prominent citizens in Grants Pass. The authorities complain because there are so many. It is explained that everyone who considers himself of any prominence expects the post office clerks to know him, and as a result does not take the trouble to have his mail addressed to his street and number or post office box. "Esq." is sufficient for the majority.

Because of the fact that a number of new clerks unacquainted with the 15,000 esquires are being employed, the result is that frequently some citizen is provoked because he is requested by the carrier or by a stamp on the face of the envelope to have his mail addressed properly. Every day now the distributing clerks are compelled to send dozens of letters addressed to a like number of prominent citizens to the directory clerk because of the lack of address. A delay in the delivery of the mail follows.

(NOTE.—The typewriter who copied the above article made a mistake in the name of the town. This article was written to apply to the Portland post office. But it would be well for Grants Pass prominent citizens to make a note of it.)

Disagreeable at Home.

Lots of men and women who are agreeable with others, get "cranky" at home. It's not disposition, it's the liver. If you find in yourself that you feel cross around the house, little things worry you, just buy a bottle of Ballard's Herbine and put your liver in shape. You and everybody around you will feel better for it. Price 50 cents per bottle. Sold by National Drug Store.

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