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In all parts of the state, the school law, a portion of which was published in last week's Press, is being rigidly enforced with the satisfactory result that all children of school age are regular attendants at school. By making it compulsory on the part of parent or guardian to send children of proper age to school, the slip-shod practice of attendance or non-attendance just as the pupil willed, has been abrogated, and truancy cases are rarely reported to the county truant officers of the state. A notable feature operative under the new law and one which is working to great advantage in the schools is the curtailment of the excuse habit. "Johnny was sick," does not excuse absence from school day after day, as under the old regu- ns. Under the present law it e definitely known that the boy ly ill, before the excuse may ted by the teacher; and like- y's toothache must be severe require the attention of a st, to be legitimate. The law is a d one, and strictly enforced as it will be the means of benefit both he child and to the school. The passed when one or two dila- ls, in collusion with careless can hold classes back from emester to another.

In the departure of Eugene Lorton, the Washington State Editorial Association loses one of its most active members. Mr. Lorton has sold his interest in the Vancouver, Wash, Spokesman to H. W. Ross and gone to Tulsa, Oklahoma, there to engage in newspaper work. As editor of the Walla Walla Union for many years, Mr. Lorton became well known. Then he helped the late Governor Cosgrove to carry the state's first primary election. Subsequently he was identified with the ill-fated Inland Herald of Spokane. His latest venture was the establishment of the Spokesman at Vancouver. He leaves many friends in the Inland Empire who wish him well in his new field.

A monster colonization project is under way in British Columbia. As a nucleus, the Duke of Sutherland has acquired 12,000 acres of land on the Fraser river. He will cut it up in small tracts and sell it on easy terms to those of his Scottish tenants desirous of emigrating to Canada. Sutherland expects to send over 5000 people next year. The Duke of Portland, another wealthy English peer, contemplates the inauguration of a similar project.

That the High schools of Oregon are growing in leaps and bounds is shown by the tremendous demand for High school teachers Thirty-two of last year's senior class at the Oregon University are now occupying responsible positions as principals and teachers in the High schools of the state at salaries of from one hundred to one hundred and fifty dollars a month. So numerous were the calls upon the University to furnish their graduates for High school work that forty or fifty more of last year's class could have been given positions, if they could have been persuaded to forsake the callings of engineering, business, and the professions.

No valid reason can be put forward why the consumer should not have oleomargarine as a substitute for butter if he wants it, but there is good ground for a kick when he is made to purchase it under the delusion that it is creamery butter and pays a butter price for it.

ANCIENT ARITHMETIC.

Problems Schoolboys Had to Solve Thirty-six Centuries Ago.

There is a ray of vindictive comfort for the modern schoolboy in the fact that for over 3,600 years his schoolboy progenitors have been worried by just such problems in arithmetic as annoy him most.

Among the archaeological discoveries made in Egypt is a papyrus roll, in excellent condition, dating from about 1700 B. C. This roll, which had a long heading beginning, "Directions how to attain the knowledge of all dark things," proves beyond doubt that the Egyptians of that time had a thorough knowledge of the elements of arithmetic.

Numerous examples show that their principal operations with units and fractions were made by means of addition and multiplication. Subtraction and division were not known in their present form, but correct results were obtained nevertheless.

Equations are also found in the papyrus. Here is one that brings the Egyptian schoolboy home to us:

Ten measures of barley are to be divided among ten persons in such manner that each subsequent person shall receive one-eighth less than the one before him.

Another example given is: There are seven men; each one has seven cats; each cat has eaten seven mice; each mouse has eaten seven grains of barley; each grain of barley would have yielded seven measures of barley. How much barley has been lost?

The papyrus also contains the calculation of the area of a circle, attempts to square the circle and finally calculations of the cubic measurements of pyramids.—New York Tribune.

ENLIVENED THE SCENE.

But Hero's Improvisation Did Not Help Leander Much.

Innumerable are the tales of actors in difficulties. Here is one related of Christian Brandes, the dramatist, who in his youth belonged to a strolling company which played pieces of an extremely primitive kind.

On one occasion the play was entitled "Hero and Leander," the dialogue being left pretty much to the discretion of the players. It had been agreed, however, that Hero was to be coy and not confess her love for Leander till he had again and again expressed his readiness to be hanged, burned and drowned in her behalf. But the lady was soft hearted, besides being exceedingly fond of Brandes, nor could she listen unmoved to the first passionate pleadings of the youth, who explained that he had swum across the Hellespont to see her. "My dear Leander," she exclaimed, "I cannot resist you. Accept my hand and my heart."

Leander knew not what to say. All his prepared phrases were useless. The manager came to his aid with a loud whisper addressed to Hero, "In the fiend's name, improvise a few words and retire!"

The poor girl, turning to the audience, repeated her lesson. "In the fiend's name, I improvise a few words and retire," and then tripped off the stage, greatly relieved.—London Graphic.

A Rossini Joke.

Rossini promised a place in the opera orchestra to a trombonist and then forgot about it, says the Musical Courier. At one of his dinner parties the butler announced the visit of this same protege. Rossini hastened to welcome him and, relieving him of his instrument, disappeared a few moments, to return with his friend. Handing the instrument to the trombonist with a request to let the company hear him, Rossini prepared to listen. Trombone to lips, the musician rose—dismay, no sound, cheeks bulging, eyes distended. In vain the unhappy man makes superhuman efforts to produce harmonious sounds. At last! Oh, effort supreme! With a sound like a hoarse goose cackle there shoots from the trombone a mass of sticky macaroni. "No harm, my friend," said Rossini; "you have proved yourself a strong musician." And the next day the coveted position was offered to the trombonist.—Boston Transcript

VALUE OF SYSTEM.

Whether In Working or Thinking It Helps on to Success.

Working or thinking without system enfeebles the mind and leaves the mental faculties in a clogged condition, so that they do not work sharply. The mind must be kept clear and clean for the present problem, so that it may seize and grasp with all its might the thing it is attempting to accomplish.

There is only one best way to learn how to act. That way is the way of system. Systematize your thoughts, your energies, your abilities. Learn early in life to do this, and it will prove the master habit that wins success.

Systemless men are always surprised that the heads of great enterprises can find so much time for social life, for hobbies, for travel. They cannot understand it at all. They do not realize that a man of great organizing ability, with a splendid system, can do more effective business in a single hour at his office than a systemless man can accomplish in twelve. It is not the number of hours, but the effectiveness of the system, that tells.

One of the advantages of a college course is that it trains the mind to work by system. Whether he likes to or not, the student is forced to concentrate his mind when the time comes, no matter what his mood or how he feels. Four years of training in this should put the mind into working order. It should tune the intellect so that all the strings will be in harmony. A good college education should train the mind to think concisely, deeply, effectively at will.—Orison Swett Marden in Success Magazine.

ANIMALS IN A FRENZY.

There's Danger Afoot When Captive Wild Beasts "Go Bad."

What those who have charge of wild animals in captivity, and especially trainers, dread most among the large beasts is that inexplicable change of temperament on the part of the animal known in the parlance of the menagerie as "going bad."

Lions are likely to go bad about the tenth year of life; tigers, two or three years earlier. The male tiger is the dread of the profession when he reaches this condition, because he is more likely to go into a frenzy without warning, and once gone bad nothing will satisfy him but murder.

He will leap for any man within reach, and when once his teeth are on the bone nothing but fire will make him relinquish it, and not always that.

This "going bad" may come in the nature of a sudden attack or it may develop slowly and be counteracted if taken in time. An old trainer can usually detect the symptoms of this curious ailment. It seems to be in the nature of a disease, and other animals recognize it and shun the affected one.

When its progress is apparent the danger is not great. All that is required then is a level head and the wisdom to refrain from further interference with the animal.

Sometimes this bad temper will last but a short time, and again it will become the permanent condition of the animal. In that case he is sent to the lonely cage to spend the rest of his life in comparative obscurity, disturbed merely by the passing crowd and his daily meals.—Pearson's Weekly.

Household Debate.

"I could have done better than to marry you."

"You bring that question up at inopportune times, my dear. Suppose we place a regular weekly evening on the calendar, to be devoted to its discussion."—Pittsburg Post.

Sufficient Proof.

Lady—And you guarantee that the parrot talks quite a lot? Dealer—Rather. His last mistress sold him because she couldn't get a word in edgeways.—Fliegende Blatter

Notice to Creditors.

In the Matter of the Estate of A. J. Willaby, deceased:

Notice is hereby given to all persons whom it may concern that Clyde Willaby has been appointed administrator of the estate of A. J. Willaby, deceased. All persons having claims against the said estate are required to present them, with proper vouchers as required by law to the said administrator at the law offices of Peterson & Wilson, his attorneys, at Athena, Oregon, or Pendleton, Oregon, within six months from the date of the first publication of this notice.

Dated at Athena, Oregon, on this the 1st day of September, A. D., 1911.

Clyde Willaby,
Administrator.

Peterson & Wilson,
Attorneys for the Administrator.