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Central Point Schools Visited

Last Monday afternoon I visited the different rooms of the grade and high schools. I apologized to the pupils in each room for staying so long in Central Point before paying them a visit. While it seemed impossible for me to get away before, I sincerely regret that I put off my visit as long as I did.

The teachers in every department treated me with marked courtesy and made me to feel right at home.

I first visited the 8th grade, Prof. Davis being in charge. I sat at his desk for nearly half an hour and in that time the discipline maintained was especially fine, and I have visited schools in Portland and also in country districts and therefore, am in a position to speak on this point. The pupils under Prof. Davis manifest a sincere respect and regard for their teacher. On the other hand, I was pleased to note the teacher's manner of conducting his work in the schoolroom. He is very calm and quiet in bearing, walking about the room so quietly that a pupil studying, his mind on his work, would never know that his teacher had moved from one side of the room to the other. When he speaks, he speaks in the same calm, deliberate, quiet way. He stands erect always, thereby setting a correct example before his pupils in the matter of their habits of standing and walking and breathing.

I then followed down behind the lines of young people when they marched out to their recess and play on the school grounds. I noticed what a fine, big campus the Central Point schools have. The sturdy old Oaks bedecked with great clusters of mistletoe set here and there on the campus by Nature add to the fine campus a feature both attractive and serviceable.

After the recess period Prof. Smith very kindly took me around the other rooms and introduced me to the teachers and the pupils in their charge. I enjoyed this round of calls for I enjoy meeting teachers and young people in our public schools. I always think of our public

schools as mills—Uncle Sam's "citizen mills" where our dear old uncle Samuel is ever grinding out new citizens to take the places of those dropping off year by year.

In the second grade room, Miss Daily being in charge, I was given a reception that made a hit with me. Before I could get my breath, after entering the room, at a word from Miss Daily, the children rose in a body and gave me a warm welcome, the chorus of children's voices manifesting genuine enthusiasm and sincerity in their words of welcome.

Later Miss Weiderrecht, principal of the High School, was very kind in assembling the high school classes in order that I might say a few words to the students in this department. I appreciated this very much and certainly enjoyed meeting this fine body of future citizens of the grandest democracy under the blue dome of the universe.

I believe the people of Central Point have reason to feel proud of the teachers in charge of the grade and high school departments of our city schools. They are an earnest, finely equipped lot of teachers who are doing well in their work.

Editor.

SHIP building is becoming one of the great constructive industries that appeal to the pride of the people.

The Seattle Construction & Dry Dock Co. is a striking illustration of one unit of this great industry.

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The people of the Pacific coast have been given a taste of ship building and have seen the benefits derived from this single line of industry. They are beginning to realize what individual companies employing thousands of workmen mean to a community.

San Francisco, Seattle and Portland are fully awake to the benefits derived from an industry which brings millions of foreign capital to this coast to be spent.

The interior sections are realizing that this industry is making a sale for their lumber, ores, hardwoods, and many other products heretofore languishing for want of a market.

Fair legislation both state and national, low taxes and satisfac-

tory labor conditions are necessary for the permanent success of any great industry. Laws discouraging investment of American capital in American ships must be eliminated, taxes must be held down and measures looking to the settlement of costly labor disputes must be evolved.

AGRICULTURE and all the productive industries of the west will be expanded and made more important by the war with Germany, for the simple reason that the government will become buyer of products.

The patriotic action of railroad managers and copper and metal producers shows the nation that it has nothing to fear from "big business" and that as a matter of fact the largest interests of the country are loyal to the core.

The shipbuilding will become next to the army and the navy and the transportation system, the right hand of the government, and the call for a thousand and sea-going craft from the largest warship to the smallest launch will be met.

The war industries will have a great influence on the labor market and the demand for the services of skilled and common labor will be as great as the demand for men to enter the army and

navy and their services will be as patriotic.

Fortunately for the country, a better understanding and stronger bonds of co-operation between capital and labor than ever before. The willingness to arbitrate differences and the spirit of concession are marked features of the times.

In general efficiency and the absence of disturbing and trouble making elements our country is probably the strongest in the world—presenting a homogeneous mass of one-hundred millions and over of citizens who are the peers of any in the world.

It will be found that while the nation has had the least militarism, and in actual preparedness has been the least forward of any nation under the sun, the strongest of the old-world military monarchies.

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