

EDUCATION AND CRIME.

It has become quite common for men to say that education, the common school, academy and kindred institutions are the support of the nation and the safety of society. To a certain extent this is true, but the idea that education is alone necessary to sustain our country should not be allowed to go too far in its effects upon the many other essentials to the self-support of our people. Education is a necessity to a proper condition of manhood, all admit, and of its advantages none should speak in derision, but the necessity of giving to the young a thorough knowledge of some trade or gainful industry should not be overlooked in our professional love for the common school. One of the things to be sought is a training for the young that will make them useful members of society and keep them from the paths of vice. Mental training will not, and does not, effect this purpose. The educated scoundrel is often found and the better the mind has been stored, the greater the villain in many cases. By this we do not mean to argue that education should be neglected or avoided, but to suggest that mental training does not of necessity furnish an honest way of acquiring a living, and that in the absence of such a way the devil finds work for hands to do that are made cunning because directed by a well stored brain. What then should be added, if anything, to our present system? We are free to say that we believe in the teaching of the practical ways of earning a living. In other words, our boys when their school days are over, should know not only how to read, write and solve ordinary mathematical problems, but should also possess a knowledge of some trade or business that should take them out of that great and unfortunate class known as unskilled laborers. The reasons for this belief are simply these. The great mass of criminals are men who have no trade and because of the small earnings they receive are easily led to other and dishonest methods of securing a living. Their very position in life leads them to crime. If we remove the condition we decrease the tendency to evil doing. This tendency to crime is well shown by the reports of our penal and reformatory institutions, an example of which we find in the last yearly report of the directors of the Eastern Penitentiary of Pennsylvania. It says "Of the 510 convicts received—56 had acquired trades by apprenticeships, 7 were apprenticed but left before time expired, and 447 were unapprenticed. Of the 447 unapprenticed, 46 learned trades by working at them, making 102 who were in possession of a trade and partially instructed in handicraft knowledge, leaving 408 entirely ignorant of any trade knowledge." Our educators quote the reports showing the ignorance of prisoners thus confined, why should they not join figures like the above and in the appeal that they make for mental culture ask for the addition of a system of instruction in the trades and practical callings of life. Let us stop idealizing and be practical. The knowledge of some ordinary pursuit can injure no body, be he the son of rich or poor, and may keep him from a life of shame. The question of the reduction of crime is an economic one that has an interest to all. How can we better approach it than by affording all an opportunity to gain an honest living?

Experiments have proved that the tensile strength of a wet rope is only one-third of the same rope when dry, and a rope saturated with grease or soap is weaker still, as the lubricant permits the fibre to slip with greater facility. Hemp rope contracts strongly on being wet, and a dry rope twenty-five feet long will shorten to twenty-four on being wet.

An Ohio poultry raiser has made a curious discovery. He says that if you go out to feed a flock of chickens and will cause them to wait, they will invariably, as they crowd about you, begin a circuit around you from right to left, in front, and continue this revolution as long as you stand there. No amount of interruption or maneuvering can confuse or compel them to take the contrary direction at any time.

Two postal cards sent from a German town to the German consulate at Yokohama, one by Canada and the other by Brindisi, and there remained to the sender, each by the route opposite to that in which it had come, have arrived in the German town again, having been around the globe in a little less than three months.

To distinguish steel from iron, pour on the object to be tested a drop of nitric acid of one-half specific gravity. Let it act for a moment, and then rinse with water. On iron the acid will cause a whitish-gray stain, and on steel a black stain.

Queen Victoria, who traveled to France as Countess of Balmoral, took her own bed and bedding with her, a custom which her majesty never breaks, even if invited to stay in a royal palace.

Since the war of '70 France has spent 7,710,000,000 francs besides the "ordinary estimates."

STUCK OIL.—At \$1.25 per gallon can best Standard "A" oil, at the Willamette Packing Co.'s store.

The unstable and unreliable character of much of the booming in Oklahoma is shown by the readiness with which so many of the boomers were discouraged. They are boomers, so to speak, going off in an irregular way, and coming back with as little regard to any known law. All the discouragements they experienced, the poor character of much of the soil, and the fact that the boomers greatly outnumbered the opportunities offered for settlement were widely known before they left home. If they had calmly sat down to count the cost they would have stayed at home and saved so much money. As it is they only exemplify the old saying, "A rolling stone will gather no moss."

Sol Hirsch of Portland has been appointed minister to Turkey. "Sol" is a great feeder and we see no reason why a "minister" in Turkey should not have all the fowls he wants. "Sol" is a broad minded man and will make a creditable representative of American interests at the Sublime Porte.

The Baltimore American declares that if George Washington were alive to-day he would be one of the great leaders of the Republican party. Of course, of course. Why, he and Dudley would be inseparable.

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