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THE EDUCATIONAL GOOSE

Killing the goose which lays the golden egg has never been considered an economically sound proceeding. Yet that is just exactly what is happening in the educational world.

Industry and business are calling the good teachers because they pay rewards somewhat commensurate with the labor invested, and school teaching does not. If it were merely a matter of removing some teachers and replacing them with others it might not be a serious affair. But it is more than that. If the teachers of today are removed from the teaching service, where are the good teachers of tomorrow to come from? They must be taught. Not only must the subject matter be taught, but also the processes of imparting knowledge in a satisfactory manner must be passed on. This can be done successfully only by teachers who have had experience in teaching.

And if the teachers of today go out into industrial laboratories and executive positions of one sort and another, what becomes of our next generation?

Is the American public going to stand idly by while its children are deprived of their birthright? If there is one institution more purely and fundamentally American than another, it is our public schools.

When a parent hears that his child has 70 students in one room this year, the parent is mildly sorry for the teacher who has the extra work; but how many times does he grasp the fact that when his child is one-seventieth of a class of which he should, by any proper standards, be one-thirtieth, his child is losing over half the training which should be his?

How long are we going to keep on killing the educational goose?

CURING ANIMAL DISEASE

Practically all the diseases to which human beings are subject are found at some time in the United States. Only one-half the diseases of the world's animals ever get into this country. And of those which have entered in the past, several have been completely eradicated.

It isn't that we care less about human beings or more about animals. The government cannot take such drastic action in dealing with human beings as it can with animals. If a dangerous disease is found among the live stock in a certain locality the Bureau of Animal Industry is called upon to check it. It will, if necessary, slaughter the sick animals to stop the spread of the disease.

One of the diseases almost wholly eradicated is the Texas fever, carried by the cattle tick. In its fight against this southern pest the government carried on operations over 700,000 square miles of farming territory. It has been on this job for about 13 years and is not expected to finish before 1923. But when the end is reached, the cattle tick will be no more within our national boundaries, and the cattle industry of the South will be enabled to thrive as it should.

Pleuro-pneumonia was eliminated from the cattle herds of the country 35 years ago, and because of a careful quarantine has not reappeared.

Tuberculosis is one of the most serious of the animal diseases because it is shared by humans. It is said that 25 per cent of the children who die from tuberculosis have the bovine type of the disease. In view of that fact it is not a pleasant thought that 10 per cent of the nation's dairy cattle are still tuberculous. But the government is carrying on vast operations to get rid of the disease, and several small areas—among them the District of Columbia—are now absolutely free from it.

Many citizens are entirely ignorant of this work which is going on all the time. It is instructive and encouraging occasionally to learn of some of the big, constructive efforts which continue unobtrusively and very efficiently, in spite of other troubles.

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OWNING THINGS

The Russian Reds, imitated by the Reds in this country, as learned from propaganda matter seized by government agents, in their effort to abolish private property would resort to these means:

Seize all means of production and all products.

Destroy fences and other evidences of private ownership.

Burn public records and instruments of indebtedness. Blow up barracks, burn prisons and release the prisoners.

Murder those designated to enforce the law.

Abolish everything and exterminate everybody that stands in their way.

And when they have done all this, and really instituted a regime where people were all equal and owned everything in common, how long would it be until everybody was clamoring for private ownership again?

What Walt Whitman called "the mania of owning things" may be wrong or foolish, but it is human nature; and human nature cannot be changed even by destroying fences, burning legal papers and murdering officers of the law.

Comment of the State Press

Valueless—

A fire insurance policy so worded as to be binding in case of fire unless the insurance company desired it to be bound not to be valuable; neither would a League of Nations formed in accord with the views of Senator Lodge. Out with such stuff, the world is too busy to fool with it, declares the East Oregonian.

A Matter of Habit—

It would do us no harm to learn to display more openly the respect we feel for the American flag, the Register remarks. The man who remains hatted and impassive while the flag goes by will uncover promptly and deferentially if a woman of his acquaintance passes.

Better Phones—

The 50 or 60 business and professional men in attendance at the Commercial Club Tuesday luncheon today heard the best news that has come to Corvallis since the signing of the Armistice—that this city is to have better telephone service at an early date and may get it at a slightly less expense. It is certain, beyond the shadow of a doubt, says Editor Ingalls of Corvallis, that the service is going to be improved and quickly.

Last Court of Appeal—

The murderous element will find after a while that a court of last resort will mean the great heart of the people—and that heart will not listen to appeals for changes of venue. —Hillsboro, Argus.

The Allen's Code—

The Dallas Chronicle says—Aliens and vice go hand in hand. Every time an alien comes to this country, crime is likely to increase, according to the police records. The reason is simple. At home these men were not taught high ideals. They held the idea that anything one could get away with was right.

70 Years Ago—

One of the old land marks of Lebanon is going this week in the tearing down of the old Peterson residence at the corner of Maple and Main street, reports the Criterion. This was one of the first houses built in Lebanon, and was constructed about 70 years ago.

A Herculean Task—

We are trying to give you the news the Harrisburg Bulletin says, but as we are working about sixteen hours a day in the office it don't give us very much time to get out and hustle for news, so wake up and give us the items yourself and don't say to yourself, the editor will hear of it anyway, for maybe he won't.

Treat Em All Alike—

The coal miners have been brought to task because they interfered with the nation's fuel supply. Now let the government deal just as sternly with the profiteers and hoarders who are tampering with the nation's food. —Baker Herald.

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