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## HOW TO MAKE SCHOOLS WORSE

Before his six children, all of school age, seated at the dinner table, the successful business man of an important city in the Northwest was criticizing the methods of the principal of the high school. He told how poor the discipline was, and gave examples. The whole system was bad, he said.

Finally, one of the guests, a woman who had been a school teacher, interposed with this statement:

"Yes, the schools are bad. And you are doing all you can to make them worse. You have proved, perhaps, that this principal is not so good an executive as you are. Would you take his job? You are making \$33,000 per year; the principal \$1,400. You complain because you are not getting a \$33,000 executive, who also has to be a scholar, which you are not, for \$1,400.

"Moreover, before your children you are stating your disapproval of his discipline, thus undermining his influence and making it impossible for him to exert what discipline he can.

"Have you ever gone to him, as man to man, and as a friend of the schools, wishing him well in his conduct of them, and given him some of these suggestions for improving his methods—putting at his service what you have learned in your conduct of your plant? You have not. You sit back and criticize him where it will do the most harm, before the children, and you are one of the influential men of this town who are satisfied to pay the man in charge of your adolescent children the salary of \$1,400.

"Whose fault is it that the schools are bad? Yours!"

This will bear a little thinking by any parent, employer or other citizen to whose interest it is that the schools should be good.

## COAL WAGES

Dr. Garfield suggests a 14 per cent wage increase for the coal miners, believing that the operator can pay the 14 per cent and never miss it. That is to say, they can pay that without raising the price of coal to the consumer.

Mr. McAdoo believes they can pay Secretary Wilson's suggested 31 per cent increase without either raising the price to the consumer or going to the poor house. Mr. Glass agrees with him. As collectors of the income tax, these two gentlemen ought to know something about it.

Why are people so slow to grasp the fact that the community is a whole and not separate pieces? Paying one's employees a wage below living comfort, forcing them to live below a decent standard, is merely cutting off one's nose to spite one's face. Nobody who ever substituted high-priced, high-class labor for low-priced, low-class labor lost by the change. There has always been a gain. Paying workers enough so they can maintain proper living standards benefits everybody.

## BERRIES MAKE IT POSSIBLE

The berry industry has already started the wheels turning in the matter of using logged-off lands. Organizations are already being formed to enable growers to get on this cheap land.

It will soon be a common sight to see a settler on ten acres of stump land with his loganberries and strawberries planted among the stumps as he clears the land. Over the largest stumps he can run evergreen blackberries while in a corner of the stump land he can have a chicken yard.

This is no dream picture, it is actually happening in numerous localities and berries have made it possible for the

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man of small means to actually get a start and make himself independent by his own labor.

## OHIO G. O. P. DIVIDEND

Senator Harding's entry into the presidential lists means that there is to be a fight in Ohio for the G. O. P. re-election. Opposing Harding and favoring General Wood will be found some of the leading members of the Republican advisory committee. The battle will be to a finish and will be interesting to watch for it will mean a new line-up of Ohio Republicans. To the victor will naturally go the leadership of the state organization and if Harding is victor the war club will be used on the heads of those who have humiliated him by trying to "smoke him out." The Buckeye G. O. P. organization is indeed in a row and one which will not do the party any good.

G. O. P. leaders tell big business men that if they are to be saved from anarchy they must elect a Republican president next time. Probably that is the reason this Congress did nothing with the 70 or more bills introduced relating to anarchistic activities in the U. S.

Return of the Republicans to power in the next Congress means not only a continuation of the leadership of Henry Cabot Lodge but an endorsement of it. Having had some six months of this kind of leadership we are willing to venture the suggestion that ere next November comes the public will be glad to overthrow Lodge and the petty partisan leadership that he has been guilty of.

The "National Tobacco League of America," formed to oppose possible anti-tobacco crusades, is a rather superfluous organization. Tobacco is strong enough to take care of itself.

## Comment of the State Press

Snappy Gleanings from the Press of the Valley

The Sentinel Editor Should Worry—

Two or three newspapers in Coos county have at various times criticized Editor Young and his Coquille Sentinel for various outrances. None of the criticisms have been taken seriously, at least Editor Young has not been neglecting business on that account. If we publisher as good a newspaper as does Editor Young we wouldn't care who criticized for that would be satisfaction enough.—Coos Bay Harbor.

Put It Off—

If you are planning on doing something mean, just put it off until tomorrow, advises the Brownsville Times. You know tomorrow never comes.

A Windy, Wicked City—

The Congregationalist weather-vane says that the wind is in the south while the Methodist indicator insists it is in the north, indicating that denominational rivalry is a vane thing.—G. T.

Embargo Lifted on Wheat—

The embargo has been lifted on wheat, and importations and exportations can now be made without all of the red tape which has been so necessary since it has been under government control, comments the Express. Traders can now use their best judgment, and many will hope that the price of flour will decrease. But the inexorable law of supply and demand pays no attention to the rules made by mere man and since the early winter weather in Canada has brought the fall planting down to less than one-third the people to the north of us are anticipating three-dollar wheat next summer. The only hope for cheaper prices is favorable weather and men willing to work. When those conditions prevail we can be assured of lower prices, and not before.

They Have to Eat—

It now develops that airplanists are after the money—and we thought the nature of their business put them above worldly lusts! —Brownsville Times.

## Without a Kick in It

Since kicks are unlawful and knockers taboo

By H. & A.

We Went to Flo-Flo Last Evening

Blessings on you, barefoot girl,  
Up and down the stage awhirl;  
I don't wonder that you keep  
All eyes looking at your feet!

Eyes are on you, bareback lass,  
How I wonder if you're as  
Startling to look upon  
Farther up and lower down.

What if the thread on your white  
should,  
Should fall or break or lose its hold?  
Wouldn't that spell cat-as-trophe,  
Twinkle Toes and Dimple Knee?

Blessings on you, barefoot girl,  
Up and down the boards awhirl;  
A risque and outre act you do—  
Please do it over, P. D. Q! —A.

SHE FELL

Dear Sir—Give the under dog a pat as well as a kick occasionally. A ton of coal in the hand is worth two in the mine. Which are you, the pot or the kettle? Butter has become yellow gold. The skeletons at the feast are of our own creation. It was blue Monday butter raised a cent. Ever try staying at home and calling on your wife? All is fair in love and war and profiteering. In the fall when leaves were falling, what happened to Eve? Yours truly—Mail.

There once was a youngster named Beridge,

Who bought him a gasoline carriage;  
He lit a seegar  
Near the tank of his car,  
Now his wife is a widow by marriage.

WE SHOULD FRET

The nation is greatly worried because several I. W. W. have gone into a sulk and refused to eat good, free victuals.



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