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YOUR CHILD'S FUTURE

The school situation is not a joke. Talk about it in newspapers and magazines is not mere propaganda for slight increase of salary for teachers. At the risk of boring its readers, every newspaper with a sense of public duty is obliged to harp on the fact that the school situation as it exists today all over the country is a national menace.

If the child of today is to become the useful citizen of tomorrow, he must have schooling today. The actual number of classes—not children, but classes of from thirty to seventy children each—which will have no teacher at all next year is not less than 50,000. The number of classes now being taught—and the number will be greater next year—by inexperienced teachers, untrained, half competent, who have been given emergency certificates to teach, is 120,000.

Only one-fifth of all the teachers in the country have had training equal to two years beyond the high school. Nearly half have had no training at all beyond the high school—which is to say, they have never been taught anything at all about pedagogy, school management, psychology. They do not understand the fundamental principles of education. Through haphazard experience some of them have gained some knowledge of how children's minds work, and how to get at the task of educating them successfully. But the first few years of their teaching have been raw experiment with the plastic material of the children's minds under their care.

The apprentice dressmaker begins her work by trying out a gown on cheap material, and learns her principles and practice before she dares to set her shears into a good fabric. Not so the green teacher. She does her first slashing on the mind of your child.

It is the fault of every single citizen that this situation has come about. It is up to every single citizen to get about the cure. This is no time for dallying.

FOREIGN LANGUAGE SCHOOLS

A Buffalo judge recently refused naturalization papers to an applicant because the man, though seeking citizenship, was sending his children to schools in which the Polish language is the medium of instruction. The judge declared that the children of persons seeking naturalization must be receiving knowledge of American institutions, and that they

should be taught in the English language.

Most Americans will agree wholeheartedly with the judge. Certainly any foreigner who sincerely desires to become an American citizen should be eager to give his children the best possible opportunity to enjoy their future citizenship by being prepared for it.

It is more than likely that the father in this instance was not insincere in his wish to become an American, and it was probably far from his intention to have his children grow up un-American. He simply had not seen the situation clearly, had not thought about the matter at all. The Polish school was perhaps close at hand. In it were gathered teachers and pupils who had come, like himself, from the Old Country, or whose parents had done so. The school spoke a familiar tongue, and he sent his children to it naturally enough. Yet the school was wrong, and he was wrong.

The incident re-opens the question discussed passionately during the war. Why should there be any foreign-language schools in this country? Where were the authorities who had failed to supply a good American school in that district, or who had failed to interest the foreign residents of the district in that school if it existed? Real Americanization begins with the children of our foreign population, but if we ourselves do not see to it that they get into our schools, how can we expect their foreign-born parents to do so?

Comments of the State Press

Standard Oil Dividends—

One of the Standard Oil subsidiaries operating in the Rocky Mountain region has declared a 200 per cent stock dividend, advancing the stock from 55 points to 645 points, by beating Uncle Sam out of the income tax—Capitol Journal.

U. S. Senate—

It takes about as long to arrange a battle between fistie champions as it does for the United States senate to ratify a peace treaty after the war is over. Dempsey and Carpentier may fight some time next year if no further obstacles intervene—East Oregonian.

Fair and Unfair Play—

Senator Borah is proclaiming to the world that large amounts of money are being expended in behalf of Leonard Wood and Mr. Lowden. He is supported by the New York World, a democratic newspaper which has a candidate of its own for the presidency. The Idaho senator does not charge that the money is being corruptly expended—how can the people be bought?—but he says that the purpose of the men who put up the money is to control through money the republican national convention.—Oregonian.

Bone Dry—

Senator Hitchcock, leader of the democratic party in the senate, is in favor of light wines and beer; Governor Edwards is opposed to prohibition in any form; Wm. J. Bryan is a bone-dry nation.—Eugene Guard.

TODAY'S EVENTS

Thursday, April 1, 1920

Watch your Step, for—
This is All Fool's Day.
Centenary of the birth of Charles Gayler, a noted American playwright of the last century.

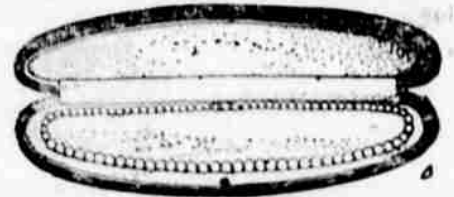
The relationship between art and industry is to be the general theme of the annual convention of the Eastern Arts Association, which is to meet in Boston today.

Prominent speakers, including several State governors, are scheduled

to address the annual convention of the League of the Southwest, which is to meet at Los Angeles today for a three-day session.

Conventions Opening Today
Birmingham—Alabama Educational Association.
Memphis—West Tennessee Teachers' Association.
Miami, Fla.—Florida State Hotel Association.
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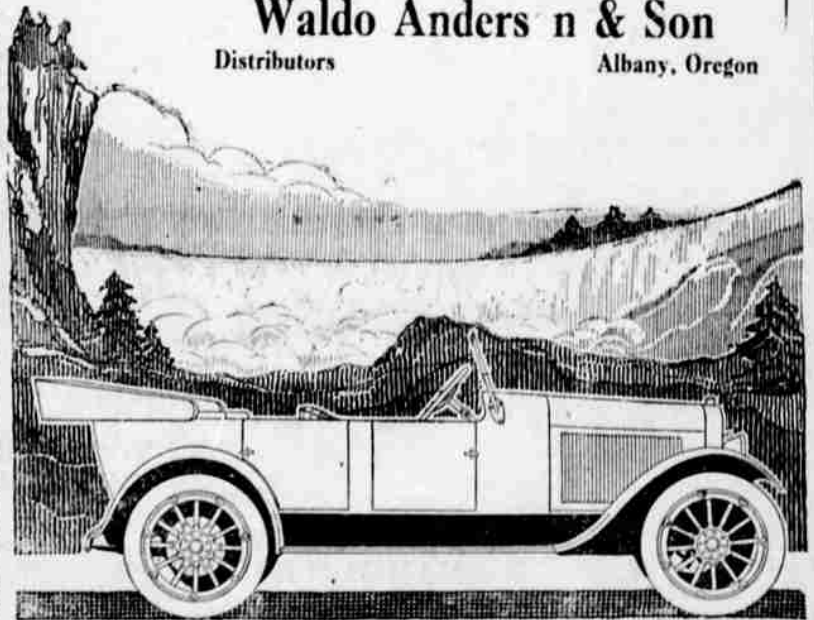
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