

EDUCATORS ORGANIZE TO FIGHT EXTRAVAGANCE

San Francisco.—Soft, silky lingerie, silk stockings, shirt waists and other luxurious wearing apparel must go; for thrift is going to be taught in every public school of the West, superintendents of public instruction of the states of Washington, Idaho, Utah, California and Nevada decided at a meeting here called by the federal government. The educators will at once establish in every public school throughout the Twelfth federal reserve district a standardized, permanent course in thrift, graded like any of the three R's and taught upon a plane with them. As a laboratory of thrift there will be organized in every schoolroom in every elementary and high school, savings societies and the superintendents of instruction have memorialized the federal government at Washington not only to continue the thrift and war-savings campaign as a permanent policy, but to elaborate it by the introduction of penny, nickel and dime thrift stamps.

In a "Declaration of Principles" containing suggestions of a practical plan of procedure upon which the thrift course in its initial steps will be predicated, the Western educators, one of whom was Mrs. Josephine Corliss Preston, president of the National Education Association and state superintendent of schools in Washington, had this to say:

"Extravagance in dress must be checked among the school boys and girls, manifested in many ways, but especially in the purchase of silk hosiery, silk shirts, neckties and expensive footwear. To this end we recommend that school principals and teachers insist upon reasonable economy and modesty in dress and with appeal to parents and pupils to co-operate in an effort to check such extravagance."

The conference of Western school superintendents was called by Governor John U. Calkins of the San Francisco Federal Reserve bank, who is also chairman of the war loan organization for the Twelfth federal reserve district. The first sessions were held in the senate chambers at Sacramento and in the offices of Will C. Wood, superintendent of public instruction for California. The closing

session was held in the Federal Reserve Bank here. All of the sessions were attended by Robert E. Smith, director of the war loan organization for the Twelfth federal reserve district, and C. A. Farnsworth, associate director. The government officials went before the educators frankly admitting that they had no programme and that they wanted the superintendents of instruction to work out the problem of training not only the children, but the adults of the West away from extravagance and into habits of thrift. To this end the courses and laboratories in thrift will be established under the direction in each state of the superintendent of public instruction, who, as a government official, will bear the title of state educational director of thrift.

In the opinion of the various educators attending the conference, the meeting was a historical one and was considered such a success that a permanent organization of Western States School Superintendents will be formed. For this purpose Mrs. Preston was named temporary chairman. It is planned to have the new organization, when it is formed, meet at least once a year.

The "Declaration of Principles" and the resolutions in full follow:

"We are living in a period of exceptional extravagance and high prices. Never in the history of the nation has there been such waste of time, labor, money and materials. During the war, the people of America were told that thrift would win the war, that we should save food, clothes and money. The people responded to the drives that were made and saved, sometimes until it hurt. It is evident, however, that the practice of thrift has not carried over. On the contrary, there has been a reaction that has now reached the point of danger. We therefore feel that a concerted effort should be made to check extravagance and promote thrift as a life habit.

"Thrift is the saving of four things—time, talent, health and money. It needs no argument to show that those things are essential in the life of the nation. The world will not be safe and stable until there is greater conservation of those things. Our nation is facing a winter of unpreparedness. Unless the prices of shoes, hats, milk, butter, eggs, potatoes, flour, fuel and

other necessities are reduced the children of the nation will suffer. At such a time it is alarming that people of small means should make extravagant and unnecessary purchases, and even anticipate their income by making such purchases on time. Children growing up under such conditions are certain to develop false ideas and form extravagant habits.

"In the interest of the future citizenry of America, we, the state superintendents of public instruction in the Twelfth federal reserve district, appeal to our people to do everything in their power to discourage and check extravagance, and by precept and example, to aid the schools in the teaching of thrift. We urge upon school officials and teachers the necessity for the teaching of thrift, as a patriotic duty and as a means of meeting this great social and economic crisis.

"As a practical plan of procedure, we advocate the following steps:

"First—The teaching of the principles of thrift as a regular part of the school program.

"Second—The setting up of suitable administrative school machinery to enable and encourage children to invest in thrift and war savings stamps.

"Third—The checking of extravagance in dress among school boys and girls manifested in many ways, but especially in the purchase of silk hosiery, silk shirts, neckties and expensive footwear. To this end we recommend that school boards and teachers insist upon reasonable economy and modesty in dress and we appeal to parents and pupils to co-operate in the effort to check such extravagance.

"Fourth—That thrift education be regarded as a continuous process involving habit formation that must be directed and controlled outside of school as well as during school attendance.

"Whereas, The savings of children are made in pennies, nickles and dimes, rather than in coins of larger denominations.

"Resolved, That we recommend to the federal authorities the issuance and sale of thrift stamps of smaller denominations.

"Resolved, further, That we heartily endorse the war savings stamps movement inaugurated by the federal government and urge the congress of the United States to continue and extend the present plan by passing appropriate legislation.

"Resolved, That teachers in elementary and high schools, having equal training and equal experience, shall receive equal salaries.

"Resolved, That we favor a larger unit of local school administration based upon natural, social and economic grouping."

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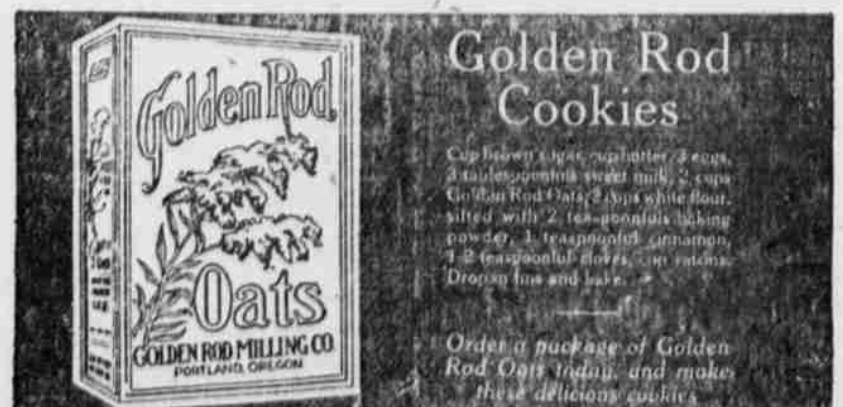
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We read the item shown below in the Portland papers, and figured it was mostly advertising, but a representative of the Company was here recently with a sample of the new phonograph, and we found to our surprise that it was all that they claimed for it.

NEW PHONOGRAPH INDUSTRY STARTS

C. Guy Wakefield Constructs New Machine Involving Unique Sound Idea.

What promises to develop into a Portland industry of considerable magnitude is the new company organized to manufacture a phonograph using the sound chamber perfected by C. Guy Wakefield, a well known Portland phonograph and piano dealer. Wakefield refers to his invention as a happy accident. The difference between his sound box and the style used by other instruments lies, he says, in the fact that the sound boxes of the other instruments are not sound chambers, but are megaphones.

"We experimented with the ordinary phonograph by closing up the center of the tone arm just back of the reproducer and then playing the instrument," says Wakefield. "We found that we had about nine-tenths as much tone as we had before we had closed up the opening."

"This proved to us that the tone wave followed the metal tone arm back to the wood foundation or resonating substance. Our idea was to attach the tone arm directly to the sound chamber to make a direct contact and provide a medium for the tone wave to pass from the tone arm to the sound chamber. To have the sound chamber sufficiently resonant, we built it of three-quarter-inch spruce, which is used almost universally for piano sounding boards."

The Wakefield Music company is displaying samples of the new machines, which are being manufactured by the Valentine Manufacturing company of Portland. The company expects to be turning out completed phonographs at the rate of 250 a month within the next 90 days.

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