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"The Kindergarten Should Become Part of Every Public School System."

By P. P. CLAXTON, U. S. Commissioner of Education.

The kindergarten is a vital factor in American education, both for its direct work with young children in the kindergarten and for its influence on the care of children in the home. The boys and girls of today are to be the nation tomorrow. Very unwise, it seems to me, is the community that refuses to insure and guarantee its country for the future, by withholding from its children an educational advantage to which they are clearly entitled and which would increase their value to the nation and to the world.

The kindergarten ought to become a part of the public school system of every city, town and village in the country, and a sufficient number of classes should be maintained to give every child the pleasures and benefits of this training.

The children of foreign origin especially should receive this preparation for American citizenship.

"I Have Never Yet Met an American Officer Who Wished to Be at War."

By NEWTON D. BAKER, Secretary of War.

When I became secretary of war about five years ago, I think I was not less well informed than the average man in civil life about the army, and yet when I think back to my state of mind at that time I am driven to wonder how many people in the United States feel now as I felt then; how many have as little knowledge about the army and its impulses, its performances and its real mission as I had at that time.

For instance, I had an idea that all army officers belonged to a class which had as its chief purpose in life the bringing about of active military operations, because they offered the only opportunity they could have for the exercise of their talents. I don't think I ever did the army the injustice of feeling that men wanted to have a war so that they might get promotion, but I had the erroneous feeling that, after spending years in fitting themselves to perform expertly a particular task, they would want to see the machine work, and, therefore, that the military viewpoint was the one we would expect the professional soldier to assume . . .

I have learned in the course of my five years of very intimate association with army officers the fallacy of there beliefs and opinions. Having associated on most intimate terms with officers of the army, from the highest nearly through the whole official list, I can say, and am happy to say, that I have never yet met an American officer who either wished to be at war or wanted war. I think all officers I have seen have believed that it was the duty of the officer to be, in Stephen Decatur's phrase, ready for any duty which his country might summon him to perform, and that if we were going to have any army at all it should be an efficient army and an army in which the best of success was the measure of efficiency.

"Mine Eyes Have Seen the Glory of the Coming of the Lord."

By WILLIAM ALLEN WHITE, in Emporia (Kan.) Gazette.

The next change in the Constitution may come in order to establish a prohibition of child labor, and long hours for woman and minors in industry. The Constitution must be amended to give congress full rights over commerce and industry, instead of the limited rights congress now enjoys. The Constitution must be made more flexible. A petition from twenty states—through their legislatures or through the initiative—should place an amendment in the Constitution upon the ballot at any biennium where a two-third majority of the popular vote or a two-thirds of the states would establish the amendment. The right of the people to vote upon a declaration of war except in case of physical invasion, should be incorporated in the American Constitution. That will make for international peace. For if America adopts that provision, it can insist upon associating with its country in a league or a council or court of nations, which does not give the people that right. Then the President and his cabinet should be made responsible to congress; if the political complexion of congress changes, it should affect the President's status.

These four amendments are as "wild" and as "visionary" as the four just adopted were twenty years ago. But they are coming. The Constitution is not the laws of the Medes and Persians. It is a living, growing document. It is sacred only as the will of the people is sacred. And the more it is changed the nearer it will come to the will of the people.

But more than any other amendment that has been passed since the Civil war this last amendment—the Susan B. Anthony amendment—has the seeds of dynamic change in it. It has more than all the others recently adopted combined.

"Mine eyes have seen the glory of the coming of the Lord!"

McMillan-Hager Nuptial Case Settled

The civil court was occupied most of the day Friday with the trial of a civil suit in which John L. McMillan sought to recover from Fred Hager the value of a crop of hay he had stacked on the Wheeler place, Hager claiming ownership of the hay, but which was later sold to Mr. Boyer. The value of the hay was placed at $1000.

The boys it appeared from the testimony, had agreed, but Mr. McMillan was on a deal for the purchase of the property and under a verbal agreement with Mr. Wheeler, he went ahead with the seeding. Later Boyer closed a deal for the place and the new owner proceeded to harvest the crop, on the ground that he had bought the land as it stood without any reservations, and that Mr. Wheeler should take care of McMillan's interest.

The jury returned a verdict giving McMillan damages in the sum of $774.50.

Woodson & Swock appeared for the plaintiff and Sam K. Van Vactor for the defendant.

School Notes

HEPPNER HI DEFEATS FOSSIL HI

Local High School Remains Undefeated

Heppner High climbed one notch higher toward a chance for the championship of eastern Oregon when she defeated the fast and heavy Wheeler county High football team here on Armistice day.

The game was called promptly at 2:00 o'clock with the Heppner boys kicking off. Peterson kicked a short onside kick. Aiken was down on it in an instant and ran it up to the 20-yard line. Chidsey took the ball through center for eight yards, then on the next down Irwin made yardage, followed by Peterson, who scored a touchdown. Peterson missed goal. This ended the first quarter—Heppner 6, Fossil 0.

The second quarter Heppner again kicked off and on a fumble lost the ball to the Fossil boys. The visitors using their heavy backs plunged time after time for yardage, Morris being the big gainer, when finally on a cross kick Morris to Webb, who fumbled, Aiken, Heppner's fullback was again on the ball and raced 50 yards through a broken field for a touchdown.

On another kickoff Fossil ran the ball back to Heppner's 30 yard line and open up with a passing game. After making yardage twice on passes Aiken intercepted one and ran it back 35 yards, and Peterson took it over. Heppner 19, Fossil 0.

The second half started with Smith kicking for Fossil. On the return an onside kick was again run down to Fossil's 10-yard line by Aiken, only to be returned to the center of the field and again given to the visitors owing to the rule on this play.

The last half the Fossil boys outplayed the locals, but could not score.

The game was free from excitement except for Morris' 20-yard run, and Capt. Aiken's 35-yard run on a fake play.

The report for the month ending November 5 shows an enrollment of 345 pupils and an attendance of 97 per cent. The eighth grade had the highest per cent of attendance, it being 98 7-10 per cent. The seventh grade was second with 98 1-10.

The rooms having no tardiness for the month were the eighth, seventh, and fifth grades.

The cast of characters is being chosen for the student body play entitled "Fanny and a Servant Problem." Miss Palmeter will act as coach. The play was written by Jerome K. Jerome.

The senior English class has taken up debating. Those making the team will be given one credit for the work.

The proceeds for the candy sale that was conducted by the girls of the high school on Armistice Day was $21.48.

A large number of books have been received from the state library. The books are to be used by the history classes of the school.

A large and much needed bookcase has been added to the grade school library equipment.

The Heppner high school football squad is scheduled to play the Stanfield squad at Echo on Saturday, November 20, 1920.

The boys will have some stiff practice this week in preparation for the coming game.

Patron-Teachers Hold Interesting Session

A large crowd was present at the regular meeting of the Patron-Teachers association in the high school assembly hall last Tuesday afternoon.

An enjoyable program was given by the first and third grades and the high school girls' chorus also assisted with the entertainment.

A vote of Prof. Framer and a reading by Eleanor Cohn both elicited applause.

Mrs. George Thompson and Mrs. Howard James each read interesting and instructive papers on the choice of reading matter for school children.

It was also recommended at Tuesday's meeting that the library board be requested to place at least three copies of a standard work on this subject on the library shelves where they will be available to parents and others who are interested in selecting suitable reading matter for their children.

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