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THE PENALTY OF CARELESSNESS

By S. W. English, Fire Prevention Expert.

Every time you hear the cry of "Fire!" you can be almost absolutely safe in thinking that someone has been careless. Fires don't happen. They are the inevitable result of combinations of preventable things. When analyzed to the last equation it will be found that carelessness is the root whence spring nearly all fires.

What a penalty industry pays to carelessness! Fire is the great destroyer. The wealth of a generation can be wiped out in but a brief hour.

Why not fight fires before they start? Why not so conduct your habits and so keep your premises that when the fire demon wants to offer your savings as a sacrifice he will pass you by, just as those of Egypt of old were passed over when the sign they had been told to place over their doors, were seen?

Too often when those who are responsible from fire cry out they are the victims of bad luck, they are not paying the natural penalty for their own carelessness.

If you want to keep down your fire insurance rates, wage eternal warfare against those things that ever breed fires.

RURAL SCHOOL TERM SHOULD BE EXTENDED

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

In most States school days for country children are fewer than for city children. The average length of school term in cities of the United States is one hundred and eighty-five days; in rural communities one hundred and thirty-eight days, a difference of forty-seven days. In some States the difference is much greater than this average. In many counties the average length of the rural school term is less than one hundred days, and in some districts it is less. On the other hand, in the States of California, New York and Connecticut, the country schools are in session one hundred and eighty days in a year, and in several other States almost as long. The country schools of Rhode Island are in session one hundred and ninety days in a year.

If all children are to have an equal opportunity for education we must even up the school terms of the country and give to all country children at least as many days as are now given to city children. One hundred and eighty-five days of schooling a year for all children will not be too much. There are countries in which the schools, both for city and country, are in session from two hundred and twenty to two hundred and fifty days or more in the year. American children need as much education as those of any other country, and this applies to the rural as well as urban districts.

AN AGRICULTURAL COUNCIL

By T. N. Carver, Professor of Economics, Harvard University.

Every city has its chamber of commerce or its Board of Trade. The purpose of such an organization is to study economic and business opportunities of the city and to promote enterprises which will help to build the city. Does any one know of a good and sufficient reason why every rural neighborhood ought not have a similar organization?

In Germany they already have such organizations. They are generally called the "landwirtschaftsrath" or agricultural council. Some students of the problem of rural organization are strongly of the opinion that such an agricultural council is necessary before much can be done for the bettering of rural credit or the marketing of farm produce. There is no object, for example, in having more capital in a farming neighborhood unless the farmers know without any guess-work just how to use that capital so as to increase the production and the profit of their farms. If all the leading farmers of a neighborhood would lay their heads together and talk over the situation and study the opportunities for new investment, they would be less likely to make mistakes than if they work secretly, as separate individuals.

CIVILIZATION'S GREATEST TRAGEDY.

Extract from article by W. D. Lewis, president Texas Farmers' Union, opposing woman's suffrage:

"We are willing to join in every effort to elevate woman but will assist in none to drag her down. The descent of womanhood is the most awful tragedy in civilization. As she sinks she may, like the setting sun, tint the horizon with the rays of her departing glory. She may tenderly kiss the mountain tops of her achievement farewell; she may, like the sinking sun, allure the populace with her beauty as she disappears for the night but when she steps downward, the earth is as certain to tremble and plunge into darkness as death is to follow life.

TWENTY-FIVE YEARS AGO IN HEPPNER

Heppner Gazette, August 7, 1890.

Rev. H. F. Dennis is over from Island City. He will assist in the protracted meetings which will commence in the M. E. church South tonight.

Jay Shipley and Ed. Driscoll went to the McDuffee springs Tuesday where they will remain for a month, reaping the benefits of that health restoring resort.

Mrs. Wm. Rush came up from Portland last Monday. Her daughter, Mrs. Arthur Minor, who accompanied her below, remained for medical treatment.

Geo. Conser this week purchased W. P. Dutton's residence property on Chase street. Consideration \$3000. Geo. has been doing some lively work on the place and expects to make it one of the most attractive homes in the city.

The water supply has run out, and the street sprinkler is stopped as a consequence. The business men and residents on Main street will have to suffer with the dust, which is beginning to get very deep, the remainder of the season.

Grant County News: Mr. T. E. Fell, manager of the Morrow County Land & Trust Co., of Heppner, has been in Grant county for a few days looking after business. Heppner is getting an immense trade this year from Grant and Harney counties and she appreciates the patronage.

Mr. Otis Patterson, editor-in-chief of this first-class family weekly, returned from his visit to the old plantation in Indiana last Monday evening. He is able to be on deck at present, although he was pretty badly used up in a railroad wreck on his way home, necessitating his being laid up in Portland for a week. He reports having an enjoyable time, and a very pleasant visit with the folks at home.

Walt Richardson writes the Gazette that the snow banks of Greenhorn are preferable at this season of the year to the less attractive bunchgrass region, and invites us up to spend a week or two. Some prospecting and mining is being carried on in the Greenhorn range this year with indifferent success. Martin Anderson succeeded in dispatching a large bear with a .38 caliber Smith & Wesson revolver, a few days ago, and is declared the champion nimbrod of the region of cool shades, mosquitoes and "hoss" flies.

TAKING CHANCES TO PUT THRILLS IN MOVIES

That motion pictures in the making often require the players to face real and serious danger, and even the possibility of sudden death, is a feature of the movies that few persons realize. The popular notion is that any act involving danger is "faked"—that in a fall, for instance, the actual fall is made by a dummy and not by a living player. This was true of motion-picture making in the past, and to a limited extent is true even at the present time. Some of the feats shown on the screen could never be performed by a living person without the certainty of death. But competition between the leading producers has become so keen and the taste of the public so exacting, that a thrilling act must as a rule be the perfection of realism, and this usually means that it must be the real thing. How the players go to the limit of safety—and beyond—in meeting this requirement is shown in a number of pictures appearing in the August Popular Mechanics Magazine.

One of the most daring of these feats is a fall now being shown in one of the big plays. The actor is seen standing on a balcony 20 ft. above the ground. Suddenly he clutches at his breast as if shot and pitches backward off the balcony, turning over during the descent. This entire act is performed by a living actor who makes falling his business and who is said to have fallen a total of more than five miles in the past three years. In an act like this, the actual tumble would formerly have been made by a dummy, and the effect of continuity in the pictures would have been given by stopping and starting the camera at just the right instants as the dummy was substituted for the actor and as the actor took his position on the ground in place of the fallen dummy. Another act of a dropping nature is that of a fugitive drooping from a signal bridge to the top of a moving locomotive without injury to the actor while the locomotive was running at a speed of 17 miles per hour. A fight on the top of a locomotive was staged with the locomotive running at a speed of 29 miles an hour and the pictures were made from the rear of a train ahead. A single careless movement of either of the actors might easily have resulted in the death of one or both.

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