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THE LITTLE RED SCHOOLHOUSE

Poetry and sentiment and fond recollections cluster around the "little red schoolhouse." It has inspired painters, poets, orators and advertisers; literature and the Congressional Record are full of it. What it has done for the nation is beyond estimate, and it is entitled to the honorable position it occupies, and to all the tributes written and spoken and sung and painted in its behalf. But the United States public health service, while it is not unkind to the sentimental reverence due the institution, prosaically and emphatically says that, from a sanitary viewpoint, it is obsolete and dangerous.

Dr. Ezra Kimball Sprague, who has been associated with the United States public health service in many capacities for over twenty years, says in the Outlook magazine:

The fact is not generally appreciated that country children are physically inferior to those reared in our cities; but investigation has shown that children in the rural districts suffer decidedly more frequently from malnutrition, disease of the lungs, heart, eyes, ears and from adenoids than do city children. Many of those defects are attributable to unsanitary surroundings in the little red schoolhouse. How lacking these educational centers are in playgrounds, heating, lighting, ventilation, seating arrangements, sewage disposal, and lavatories many of us know only too well. To overcome these deficiencies, almost invariably due to lack of skilled advice, and with the hope of affording the country child the benefit of his otherwise healthful surroundings, the attention of several of the service's ablest officers, under the leadership of Surgeon Clark, is directed to school hygiene.

Many a rich rural district, where the farmers are prosperous, with comfortable bank accounts and few debts supports a district school that is conspicuously in all the accessories enumerated in Dr. Sprague's criticism. "What was good enough for us is good enough for our children," seems to be the general sentiment of such communities. But nothing, of course, could be further from the truth. It takes no account of progress.

It should be remembered, too, that the little red schoolhouse with its inadequate heating apparatus, with its primitive lighting arrangements, its poor ventilation—if it has any at all—and with all its other drawbacks and shortcomings can scarcely be expected to attract a competent teacher. The pupils suffer, therefore, not only physically but mentally.

In a few weeks, throughout the state, hundreds of district schools will open their doors for the new term. Would it not be wise for their patrons to learn for themselves something about the conditions surrounding these school plants. It would be a good work for the parent-teachers' associations to make investigations, or if there are none the people of the districts might take the matter up individually.

FOREST FIRES.

Recent reports have brought dismal tidings of property devastated or human lives snuffed out by the frightful forest fires which for weeks have swept the province of Ontario. The suffron hue of the atmosphere during the past ten days was attributed to these fires. The puny strength of multitudes of men seemed impotent to stay the onrushing flames, which devoured everything in their wide and ever-expanding paths; yet armies of men were exerting themselves to the utmost in the lingering hope of being able to check or divert the fires sufficiently to save the homes of themselves and their neighbors—and not a few of them died in the attempt.

Not only were vast areas of valuable woodlands reduced to ashes, but entire villages were erased from the landscape as effectually as if they had never existed. The property loss amounts to millions of dollars, the list of fatalities is long and ghastly, and the end is not yet.

It was in dread of some such calamity as this nearer home that many of the Oregon and Washington papers took occasion several times to urge every precaution against the starting of forest fires. "Behold how great a matter a little fire kindleth," wrote a wise old Hebrew many centuries ago. The warning is as applicable today as it was then. So great and so real is the danger, one instinctively hesitates to comment on the comparative freedom from forest fires which the northwest has experienced this season to date.

The possibility, not to say the probability, of loss by forest fires will be with us for a month yet, or longer. The lighted match, the burning cigar or cigarette stub, the embers of the campfire, the glowing ashes in the bottom of the pipe-bowl—these are sources of tremendous peril when carelessly left on the dry material which abounds in the woods at this season of the year. The Outlook again urges caution, and calls the experience of other seasons to witness the need.

THE SCHOOLS AND LABOR DAY.
So far the action of the Portland school board, in deciding to open the city schools on Labor day has not been rescinded and there is no probability that it will be. Most likely the schools will open to empty benches as the opposition is so widespread that not many parents will allow their children to attend on that day.

The Gresham grade school will also begin work on the same day and there is a feeling that the directors should change the opening day as a concession to the feelings of those who are of the opinion that a legal holiday was made to be observed.

Labor day, especially in the big cities, is sacred to those who rarely get holidays which they may justly call their own. Great preparations have been made to celebrate next Monday by the men and women of the allied trades, and they naturally desire to have their children celebrate it with them. So there is to be the spectacle of official arrogance setting itself up in opposition to the great masses of working people just out of pure stubbornness. To concede the request of the societies and the protests of many others would be a graceful act of the board of directors, and one of the least forms of recognition the public can give to labor.

The school directors who so determinedly assert their arrogance and labor and its most cherished institution are inviting unnecessary trouble. While the situation in Gresham is not so acute as it is in Portland it may be serious enough for some to remember in the future. At any rate there will be nothing gained by the opening of the schools here or elsewhere on Labor day.

QUEER CAR SERVICE.

The 10:15 car from First and Alder street to Gresham on Sunday night contained 125 passengers for various stations along the line, according to the register. As there are but 56 seats in the car it was a matter of standing up for the others until seats were vacated. Twenty-four of the passengers came through to Gresham.

It was noticed that the Oregon City train, leaving two minutes ahead of the Gresham car, carried two empty trailers and there was considerable complaint because a trailer was not sent out to Gresham. Of course the congestion on the Gresham car was not foreseen, but it is of common occurrence on Sunday nights and much complaint could be avoided by providing for just such emergencies.

If the railroads were to demand an increase in wages (and that is what an increase in rates means) and being refused took a strike vote of the officials, what would the public say and do? In what respect is this different from the action of the employees in train and engine service who were refused another increase in wages approximating \$100,000,000 a year, declined to arbitrate and are now taking a strike vote?

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J. A. FRAKES

GRESHAM, OREGON

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The stealing of automobiles has been reduced to such an effective science that it is getting to be a case of uneasy lies the head that owns a car. But even yet there are a good many people who don't feel that it is necessary for them to worry about such a thing.

The bonehead subscriber of a Clackamas village wants to know if we would give \$25,000,000 for the Danish West Indies. Of course not. In the first place we are a little shy of that amount, and, secondly we have no need of a naval station.

It wasn't so very many years ago that the Society of Equity startled everybody by urging farmers to hold their wheat for \$1. Now it says that they must get \$1.60 for it. How prices do grow in this country, as well as wheat!

The weather of last week shows what the weather man can do when he gets into mid-season form.

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HENRY E. REED, County Assessor, Portland, Oregon, August 19, 1916. First pub. August 22, 1916. Last pub. Sept. 12, 1916.

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Those who attended the reunion were Mr. and Mrs. D. J. Cooper of The Dalles; Dr. Belle Ferguson and daughter Ruth, of Portland; Mr. and Mrs. E. N. Cooper, Billings, Montana; Mr. and Mrs. C. I. Thomas and daughter Elizabeth, Troutdale; Mrs. F. W. Bayley, The Dalles; Mrs. Virgilia C. Northup and children, David, Daniel and Nancy, Cardiff-by-the-Sea, California; Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth I. Cooper, Mosier; Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Cooper, Independence; Mrs. George M. Parker, Vancouver Barracks; Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Cooper, McMinnville; Mr. and Mrs. Ben Lauerman, San Francisco; Dr. and Mrs. Paul B. Cooper and daughter Margaret, of North Yakima, Washington; Miss Nellie Cooper, McMinnville; Riley D. Cooper, Chehalis, Washington; John E. Cooper, Canby; E. W. Cooper, Albany; Mr. and Mrs. M. H. Craft, Hood River; Mr. Oliver C. Cooper, Hamilton, Montana; Mrs. H. H. Northup and Miss Laura Northup, Portland.

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