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EDUCATIONAL WEEK
 "The foundation of every state is the education of its youths," reads an inscription upon the walls of the Congressional Library at the national capital. It is a great truth, tersely told.

The present week, designated "American Educational Week," is being generally observed throughout the United States and Hermistonians are taking an active interest in the observance of the realization of the supreme importance to the country of the establishment of literacy among all the people whereby the grade of the nation's citizenship may be elevated and liberty, which is based upon knowledge, may not perish.

Following up its matchless service to the country and to civilization, upon the fields of France, the American Legion has taken up a greater battle—that against the ignorance which breeds vice, contempt of law and failure to realize the importance of good government. Education Week is under the special care of the Legion. Closely identified with it is the Grade Teachers' association allied with the state and national education associations. The United States Bureau of Education has given its endorsement to the crusade and President Harding has called upon the people to observe the week and that for which it stands.

Education is no longer the privilege of the favored few; it is a necessity for all. The field of knowledge has broadened enormously and the demands of civilization upon the individual have increased ten-fold in the past half century. Organized society—government—has made available to the poorest child all of the advantages that formerly were open to only the children of the well-to-do.

It is one thing to have the ability to do and another to have the will to do. Educational advantages are open to all. What now remains is to

create the will to receive that education. It is for the stirring up of the interest of people—all the people—that Education Week was instituted.

THE BIGGEST CITY

The latest figures from London show that city only four-fifths as populous as New York. The fraction would be still smaller if New York were regarded as including, as it does for practical purposes, the thickly settled adjacent strip of the New Jersey shore.

Greater London, or London County, is used for purposes of comparison. It contained on April 1 of last year, 4,484,000 people. That is only 79.8 per cent as many as Greater New York had on January 1, 1920.

New York's official area is larger than London's. Yet New York has as many people as London on an area only two-thirds as large. That is to say, what is ordinarily regarded as "New York," consisting of Manhattan, the Bronx and the northern part of Brooklyn, is more thickly settled than London. New York is the most congested of cities.

There is therefore little reason to brag about mere size. Population that means hideous congestion is better dispensed with. New York, far from being enviable in the matter of population, is to be pitied. It is an unfortunate victim of geographical and economic conditions, which have made vast fortunes for real estate owners at the expense of the mass of inhabitants.

London sees such evils more clearly than New York and is actively encouraging the spread of its population to the surrounding country. With transportation and enlightenment improving as they are who can doubt that in the future such vast communities will be regarded as "cities of dreadful night" and small cities will be preferred?

AMERICA LEADS THE WORLD

October showed an increase in the export trade of the United States of \$59,000,000 or 20 per cent over September, a gain over October of 1921 of approximately \$29,000,000 is also recorded, an increase in products sent abroad of 35 per cent. During the ten months of the present year American exports totaled \$3,050,000,000, exceeding the total exports of Great Britain, America's nearest commercial rival, by approximately \$150,000,000. These very satisfactory figures are given out by the Trade Record of the National City Bank of New York.

These magnificent gains are extremely interesting in their suggestion as to the future of the nation's export trade, for the figures clearly indicate that the United States has taken its place at the head of the world's list of exporters of domestic products.

The figures show that approximately 40 per cent of the exports from the United States during the ten-month period were of manufactured articles, which goes to indicate that the world is looking to America for something more than food. This fact alone is decidedly encouraging as to the future of industry.

Of course, when Europe has accomplished the immense task of rehabilitating her industries and finances the competition will become far keener, but with the impetus given during the present year to American exports there is every reason to expect that the United States will continue in its position of trade leadership.

TYPE AND PRODUCTION

It is worthy of note that the first five cows in the aged cow class at the Hermiston Dairy and Hog show were sired by gold medal bulls, showing the possibility of combining type and production. The first three were sired by Poppy's St. Mawes, and the other two by Silver Chimes of S. B. Hermiston's Jersey association is widely known, the bulls having exceptionally good production breeding. One of the five, Blossom Lad, sired the champion bull of the show, besides the champion purebred heifer, champion grade cow, first young dairy herd and second get of sire, Silver Chimes of S B sired the first get of sire group—The Oregon Farmer.

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The Arlington station is so busy all the time that the broadcasting of Congressional matters probably will be limited to the larger questions in which the public is particularly interested.

Such a service may be of value. If it tends to quicken public interest in congressional activities and so to encourage greater efficiency in Congress it will be an excellent thing. If it tends to over-emphasize spectacular public questions and leads the people to greater indifference as to the regular activities of their servants at Washington it will do more harm than good.

Every day in Congress is important to the people whose laws are being made and whose money is being spent.

OTHER OPINIONS

Reports from many college and universities that offer agricultural training in all its phases indicate an alarming swing of young men and women to commercial or so-called business courses in preference to preparation for agricultural pursuits. Many are taking up business courses that are intended to fit them for positions in offices, banks, mercantile concerns, exporting firms, brokerage houses, and so on. No doubt most of these young people have in view positions of power in their chosen professions—positions of presidents, managers, superintendents, district representatives and the like. It is well that they should aspire to high positions.

But we wonder if a large percentage of these students are not making a mistake. Just now agricultural life is not as satisfactory as it has been at times in the past. Farming is going through a period of tribulation. Looking at the present only it is not surprising that many who aspire to success look elsewhere for their futures. But farmers will come back! Prosperity will again perch upon the wings of agriculture. Just how soon is problematical, but of its return in due time there can be no doubt.

Is not that young man or young woman who, being fitted by nature for farm life, looks forward a few years and prepares for trained service to agriculture or trained activities on the soil of his or her own farm using sound judgement? We believe so. The student who enters college this year or next and takes up a "business course" may, upon graduation in a few years, discover that farm life has regained all of its former attractiveness and much more, while the position in the city business house may have lost much of the appeal which it now has. There is every reason to believe that this will be true. We believe it so firmly that we appeal to farmers to

stick to their farms and to the young folks to direct their studies with a view to fitting themselves for enlarged life out in God's great outdoors.—The Oregon Farmer.

O. A. C. FARM REMINDERS

Pruning of apples, pears, cherries, prunes, and peaches can be started any time after leaves fall in western Oregon. In eastern Oregon pruning had best be delayed till late in the winter or early spring, to avoid the colder weather which is dangerous to pruning wounds.

Looking after the orchard spraying equipment is advisable at this season. Clean the spray with water and oil the pump cylinders thoroughly. It is well to drain the engine to prevent damage from freezing and store the equipment in a protected place ready for spring spraying.

Flake naphthaline placed in wardrobes, under rugs or in the folds of garments that are to be placed in storage will prevent the attacks of clothes moths and beetles.

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