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KLAMATH FALLS, THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 24, 1908.

### MODERN IDEAS IN EDUCATION ARE IMPRACTICABLE.

We all know that the children of the last two decades in our schools have not been educated. With all our training we have trained nobody. With all our instructing we have instructed nobody, says Rheta Childe Dorr, quoting Woodrow Wilson, president of Princeton University, in the October Deilemeator. At an educational conference held in Kansas City, Missouri, Miss Mary Fisher, a high school teacher, said:

For some years it was my duty to conduct examinations for entrance into higher courses of study. In one examination of nine girls, ranging from sixteen to twenty years, two of them high school graduates, not one knew who Benjamin Franklin was. All of them said he had been President of the United States, and one said that he had "invented electricity with a kite."

To illustrate the hopeless confusion of mind of the majority of grammar school graduates, this teacher described an examination of pupils in the Manual Training High School of Kansas City. A list of words was given and the pupils were requested to use the words in intelligible sentences. Here are a few of the words and resultant sentences:

**Discovery:** Invention.—"The invention of the locomotive was discovered by Watt." "James Watt discovered the steam which now runs on steamboats." "Steam was discovered by Priestly." "Steam was discovered at this period and was put into use, hence the laboring classes were thrown out of employment."

**Cotton:** "Cotton grows on a sheep's back."

**Psychology:** "Psychology is the study of rocks." "Psychology is the study of how the world began."

When exhibits of this kind are shown to educators—not teachers, but the big men who make out courses of study and tell the teachers how they ought to teach—they show annoyance, and say that the ideal of modern education is not to cram a child with facts, but to develop in him the power to accumulate facts. Is the ideal even faintly realized? Not so, according to business men who employ boys and girls, civil service examiners, and others who have ample opportunity to know.

### "BACK TO THE SOIL."

(Oregonian.)

A most hopeful sign of the times is the eagerness of farmers to learn more of their vocation. Time was when plowing and sowing and gathering into barns met all the requirements of knowledge of farming. The "lucky year" was looked for hopefully to balance the short crops of unlucky years, and severe economy in living, cheap raiment, lack of all indulgences in the way of amusement or entertainment, were the only known methods whereby money could be saved to pay the taxes and keep up the interest on the mortgage.

All this is happily changed. Agriculture has grown to the dignity of a vocation that, properly pursued, gives certain results year after year in this blessed land of assured climatic favors. The how, why and wherefore of agricultural methods that produce with unerring certainty the results desired are eagerly and intelligently sought. It is thus that representatives of the State Agricultural College found attentive audiences at the State Fair when dairying, the control of insect pests, tree grafting, apple packing, the good and bad points in judging stock and kindred topics were presented. This was a new feature of the State Fair and one that awakened great interest. Its popularity was assured from the first, and it will no doubt commend itself to the managers of the State Fairs of the future. It extends the instruction which young men and women receive at the State Agricultural College to farmers who have long outlived their school days and in whose boyhood farming was simply an inherited vocation. The earnest attention given to the topics treated, by men and women grown middle-aged and even old on the farm, plainly attest the need

of the instruction given and the open minds with which it is received.

Truly there is much to learn that was not written in the requirements of early farming in Oregon. The posts introduced by commerce have come to nest and prey upon the products of our fields and orchards; the virgin soil, long cropped to a single product which would bear slow transportation to far markets, has been exhausted of its fertility and become stinging in its yield; civilization has made more exacting demands upon the quality of products year after year. To counteract these drawbacks and conditions the science of agriculture has arisen and, fostered by the Government, National and state, has become a sure help in time of need. "Back to the soil" is the slogan of this science, and it is meeting response, far and wide.

In his address at the dedication of Stephen hall, at Crookston, Minnesota, an agricultural institution, Jas. J. Hill, chairman of the board of directors of the Great Northern railway, said: "If I had my way I would build a couple of warships less—yes, one would be enough—and I would take the \$5,000,000 which it would cost and with it construct 1000 schools of agriculture within the United States."

Just to show the people that intimations of the Democratic national committee that Taft canceled his engagement to attend a banquet in Chicago October 7 because he didn't want to meet Candidate Bryan are wrong, the Republican national committee will charter a special train to get Taft there for the banquet.

The cholera situation in Manila is steadily improving and the health authorities have repeated their declaration that the disease will be practically stamped out by the time the American fleet arrives October 1st.

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 August 6, 1908.

Notice is hereby given that Gertrude I. Hellemann, of Klamath Falls, Oregon, who, on May 25, 1908, made Timber and Stone Application, No. 4188, (Serial No. 0283), for w 1/2 sec 34, Section 17, T. 38 S., R. 10 E., W. M. has filed notice of intention to make final proof, to establish claim to the land above described, before County Clerk, Klamath Co., at his office, at Klamath Falls, Oregon, on the 12th day of October, 1908.

Claimant names as witnesses:  
 Augusta J. Hayden, W. W. Mendenhall, Wm. Hellemann, B. E. Hayden, all of Klamath Falls, Oregon.  
 J. N. WATSON,  
 Register.

**NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION.**  
 Department of the Interior, U. S. Land Office at Lakeview, Oregon.  
 September 16, 1908.

Notice is hereby given that Jennie E. Ballinger, of Klamath Falls, Oregon, who, on August 17, 1908, made Timber and Stone application, No. 9382, for sw 1/4 nw 1/4, Sec. 34, T. 37 S., R. 9 E., W. M., has filed notice of intention to make final proof, to establish claim to the land above described, before County Clerk Klamath Co., at his office, at Klamath Falls, Oregon, on the 28th day of November 1908.

Claimant names as witnesses:  
 W. A. Deizeil, J. F. Butcher, Jesse C. Cravens, Wilber White, all of Klamath Falls, Oregon.  
 J. N. WATSON,  
 Register.

**NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION.**  
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 September 16, 1908.

Notice is hereby given that William E. Hayden, of Klamath Falls, Oregon, who, on August 19, 1908, made Timber and Stone application, No. 9404, for ne 1/4 nw 1/4, Sec. 29, T. 37 S., R. 9 E., W. M., has filed notice of intention to make final proof, to establish claim to the land above described, before County Clerk Klamath County, at his office, at Klamath Falls, Oregon, on the 28th day of November, 1908.

Claimant names as witnesses:  
 Albert Harrison, A. M. Jamison, John G. Schallock, Ben Carlisle, all of Klamath Falls, Oregon.  
 J. N. WATSON,  
 Register.

**NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION.**  
 Department of the Interior, U. S. Land Office at Lakeview, Oregon.  
 August 19, 1908.

Notice is hereby given that Dunn W. Bursell, of Merrill, Oregon, who, on Dec. 16, 1904, made Homestead Entry, No. 3336 (Serial No. 0383), for ne 1/4, Sec. 13, T. 37 S., R. 10 E., W. M., has filed notice of intention to make final Commutation Proof, to establish claim to the land above described, before Register and Receiver, at Lakeview, Oregon, on the 5th day of October, 1908.

Claimant names as witnesses:  
 Mark Howard, of Merrill, Oregon, Frank Johnston, of Klamath Falls, Oregon, Roy Whitney, of Klamath Falls, Oregon, Chas. Wagar, of Klamath Falls, Oregon.  
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