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THE VALUE OF THE KINDERGARTEN.

Dr. Wm. T. Harris, U. S. commissioner of education, wrote to the New York Kindergarten association: "In my opinion the kindergarten should be a part of the public school system of every city in the United States. The ideal kindergarten should take children at the age of four and retain them two years. The character of its work is such to humanize the children in a way that it is impossible for the primary school according to its methods. The kindergarten is the most essential adjunct now required to perfect our system of city schools."

There is no man in America better prepared to give a judicious opinion on this subject than is W. T. Harris. He was superintendent of the St. Louis city schools when the kindergarten was made a part of the public school system of that city, through the influence of Miss Susan E. Blow.

Although Mr. Harris was not at that time enthusiastically favorable to it, the results of the experiment were so beneficial, both to the children of the kindergarten age and to the same after they reached the primary schools, that he became a vigorous advocate of the kindergarten and has written many articles in its favor, and has spoken for it in educational conventions on all proper occasions.

His wide experience and observation, both in this country and Europe, make his opinion worthy of consideration.

CROPS AND WEATHER.

A bulletin made up from government reports received from 173 correspondents shows that frosts were general, but owing to the retarded state of fruit buds and vegetation there was no damage done. The showers helped to keep the soil wet, thus delaying spring seeding, the dampness and cool winds have not been favorable to the young lambs and some loss is reported there from.

While the weather conditions are not favorable to a rapid advancement of vegetation, yet it is rather beneficial, as it allows the roots to gather strength and gives a slow but healthy growth. Fall wheat is reported to be better rooted and rooted than for many years.

INFORMATION FOR BIRD DESTROYERS.

Every newspaper should publish the law in full in regard to the protection of birds so that their readers will know the law. The title of the measure is "An act for the protection of birds within the state of Oregon," and the law reads as follows:

Sec. 1. Designates the birds imported from Germany and Eastern states. The remainder of the act is as follows:

Sec. 2. Every one who shall, within the state of Oregon, after the passage of this act, for any purpose injure, take, kill or destroy, or have in his possession, except for breeding purposes, sell or offer for sale, any robin, bluebird, blackbird, oriole, wild canary, wren, snowbird, meadow lark, grove lark, goldfinch, indigo, finch or swallow, shall be guilty of a misdemeanor; being the domestic birds of the state of Oregon.

Sec. 3. Every person who shall, within the state of Oregon, at any time after the passage of this act, destroy or remove from the nest of any nightingale, skylark, black thrush, gray singing thrush, linnet, goldfinch, greenfinch, bullfinch, chaffinch, red-breasted European robin, black starling, crossbeak, mocking bird, robin, bluebird, blackbird, oriole, wild canary, wren, snowbird, meadow lark, grove lark, indigo finch, or swallow; any egg or eggs of such birds, or have in possession, sell or offer for sale any such egg or eggs, or willfully destroys the nest of any such birds, shall be guilty of a misdemeanor.

Sec. 4. Every person convicted of a violation of any of the provisions of this act shall be punished by a fine of not less than \$50 and not more than \$100, and in default of payment of fine imposed, shall be imprisoned in the county jail of the county where the offense was committed, at the rate of one day for each \$2 of the fine imposed. One-half of all the money collected for fines for violation of the provisions of this act shall be paid to the informers and one-half to the district attorney in the county in which the case is prosecuted.

Sec. 5. All acts and parts of acts in conflict herewith are hereby repealed.

If we expect to add to our population, or even hold what we have, the digging of the canal is a necessity. A number of our population are ready to move out if that project should fail; scores of people will move in if only assured that it is a certainty.—Lebanon Express.

SUGGESTED COMMENT.

The fight on the alliance is confined principally to the East.

How can you teach your boy a trade if you do not know one yourself?

It is so much easier to profess a good creed than to lead a good life.—Dr. Corwin.

This office is in receipt of valuable bulletins on fruit culture from the department of agriculture.

Mud is nearly gone and the reign of dust will begin. What is needed on our streets is well-laid gravel after underdrainage.

Some lines of business are not overdone in Salem. There are but two newspapers and twelve saloons to twelve thousand population.

Why is it there are so few patent medicine remedies for sickness among animals and so many for each disease human flesh is heir to?

A Chicago man was grossly insulted the other day when asked to pay a bill. The associated press need not have gone to the other side of the Rocky mountains to find an instance of this kind.

The kindergarten is gaining ground in Salem. A second school has already fifteen pupils. Parents who do not give their four-year-olds a chance at this new education deprive them of a great blessing.

Interesting articles in Babyhood are "Tuberculous Joint Diseases in Children," and "Objects and Methods of the Bath." Minor topics are: "Disturbed Sleep," "Early Singing," "Quality of the Teeth," "Hives," etc., etc. \$1.50 a year. Babyhood Publishing company, New York.

Of Oregon's ex-governors, five are still living, and three of these, W. W. Thayer, Z. F. Moody, and S. F. Chadwick—were in Salem the other day. The other two are Hon. L. F. Grover, of Portland, and Hon. John Whitaker, of Lane county. Governor Thayer resides at Portland, and the other two at Salem.

The Woodburn alleged independent paper has let up on its stream of abuse of our county officials. Has it concluded that it had no case? Or has it ceased to be a journal of reform? Its great cry and little will be more difficult, if it ever becomes necessary, to call public attention to any real abuses.

S. F. Chronicle: A free-trade paper speaks of the "heavy duty" retained on refined sugar. This is a deliberate misrepresentation. The duty is only 4-10 of a cent a pound—considerably less than the rate fixed in the Mills' bill.

The corporations have a powerful grip on Oregon by land or water.

What has happened to the advertising manager of that congenial fellow—Jack the Ripper?

A good deal of dust will be moved this year in Salem, both by shovel and pen and ink conveyance.

The newspaper puff gives the fellow puffed a higher opinion of himself and a lower opinion of the paper.

The democratic party always favors a tariff for revenue. It has always been able to make the most political revenue of republican tariffs and the least out of its own.

The Utah Mormons favor protection to the fur seal. Each male appropriates about twenty wives.

The most extensive beer trust is that among the fellows who buy a glass at a time.

Beer sugar is not a new thing. The grocers know hundreds of men who beat sugar bills whenever they can.

THE JOURNAL'S idea as to the cause behind the farmers' movement has been very generally endorsed by the Oregon press.

For a man who was knocked out in his own state, Ingalls attracts unusual attention by his utterances. It is a safe gamble that the ex-senator is a presidential possibility in 1892.

The devil has got a strong grip on the man or woman who acquires a habit of idleness, and it is easily acquired in Oregon.

This JOURNAL cannot divest its mind of the belief that Senator Mitchell, of Oregon, would be a strong man for the republicans to place on their ticket in 1892.

Hopeless, Yet Saved.

From a letter written by Mrs. Ada E. Hurd of Gresham, S. D.: "Was taken with a bad cold, which settled on my lungs, cough set in and four doctors gave me up. I gave myself up, determined I could not stay. My husband was advised to get King's Discovery for Consumption, Coughs and Colds. Took in all eight bottles; it has cured me and I am now well and hearty." Trial free at Fry's Drugstore.

GENERAL NEWS NOTES.

Owing to the fine condition of the ground, Crook county farmers will put in a larger amount of grain this season than ever before, and prospects for a good yield were never better.

The report to the effect that Lebanon's public school would close soon is without foundation. The school board is composed of men who will not allow nothing of the kind.

Settle Bros. cleared their warehouse of wheat last Monday, having sold to Salem parties between ten and twelve thousand bushels of wheat at 75 cents per bushel.—Lebanon Express.

Speakin' of roads, dar am several leadin' in ter dis city dat which eber de way-farer mount chance ter take he'd be sorry he didn't took de udder, perwidin' he didn't backslide 'fore reachin' his destinashun.—West Side.

Give a Oregon moseback the goose that lays the golden egg every morning before breakfast, and the cost of her feed will break his miserly heart in less than three weeks.—Klamath Star.

Mines have commenced to work in the placers near Prineville.

Indianapolis has a man who took ten cents' worth of morphine, ten cents worth of chloroform, a spoonful of "rough on rats" and two grains of strychnine without feeling any particular inconvenience. The deadly gripe would have a slim show with that robust citizen.—Seattle Telegram.

Jerry St. Dennis, who lives on the Wild Horse, near Athena, states that thieves have stolen from him ninety-three head of cattle, six horses, harness, saddle, etc., all during the last ten months.—Pendleton Tribune.

We read a letter last Saturday from a man interested in mining in some of the rich districts in this state and also in Idaho. The gentleman has heard good reports from the Santiam mines and says when sufficient depth has been reached in certain claims to confirm existing reports and to insure a permanent ledge he will visit the mines in company with men of capital and begin work at once.—Lebanon Express.

On Saturday, there occurred a sad accident on Cherry creek, twelve miles from Burnt Ranch, in Wasco county, which caused the death of little Meda Elma McBreen, fourth child of Terrence E. and Carrie M. Breen, aged three years and five months. She, with her three sisters, was playing near the house. Little Meda crossed the road and picked some buttercups, which she carried to her mother who was ill and lying on the lounge, and said: "Ain't I a sweet little girl?" She then went to get some more flowers. A horse was grazing there, and she went too near to pluck a flower when the horse, which was shod, kicked her, striking her on the arm and right temple, killing her instantly. Only a tiny blue mark was left to show what caused her death, and one small out to mar her pretty baby face.—Pendleton Tribune.

Charles Kohler, who has been driving a slop wagon for John Barreth, committed assault and battery on Mrs. Martha Jones, who resides near Jones' mill, on Saturday. The trouble arose over a pig. Said pig was in a muddy pen. Charles is a member of the society that believes in mahogany sweet-scented pens for pigs, and he remonstrated with Mrs. Jones because she didn't give the pig a clean feather bed. She did not heed his counsel and he let the pig out on the road. This made Mrs. Jones angry. On Saturday morning, when he drove by, she stopped him and scolded him. He got off his perch on the wagon and began to belabor her with a hazel stick. She fought back bravely and smashed a bucket over his benevolent head. She "stayed with 'em" until he wearily crawled back on the wagon. Charles was arrested in town and after dinner he came before Justice Fouts and plead guilty. He is earning \$20 by 10 days in jail.—Oregon Courier.

Competitive drills between the military companies have a tendency to elevate the national guard service and ought to be encouraged. The state of Oregon has a special pride in the national guard organization because it is composed of the flower of the land, and it is the state's main dependence in case of war or of domestic violence. According to the Jeffersonian idea, the volunteer militia is the only army a republic needs; yet, it is proper that the militia should be kept in training and thus be in readiness for any sudden emergency. It is likewise a good policy to keep the martial spirit alive among the young men of the country. The chivalric ideas associated with a military life always exert an elevating influence. Your true soldier is always the true gentleman. The sense of honor is exceptionally high in military circles. The brave man is invariably the many man. Thus, aside from the public advantage in keeping up a state military organization, the effect on the social life of the community is beneficial.—The Dalles Chronicle.

TELEGRAPHIC DISPATCHES.

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MISCELLANY.

STILL BEN BUTLER.

WASHINGTON, April 5.—Gen. Ben. Butler created some little excitement in the treasury department Friday afternoon. He went there to get his check from the government in payment for his property on Capitol hill, bought by the last congress. Secretary Foster had the check made out for \$275,000, as appropriated. As he laid it before the general, the old man took out the deeds from his pocket. The general looked at the check and said: "I want \$9 more for this deed." The secretary replied that he was sorry, but the appropriation only allowed \$275,000, and he could not pay the extra \$9 demanded. The general then waxed wrath and raised his voice so loud that he was heard all over the treasury corridor. He swore he was not going to lose \$9 for drawing up a deed, and he would see if the government would pay it. He grew so mad that he finally refused his \$275,000 check, and put his deeds in his pocket and walked out of the treasury. For this \$9 General Benjamin may refuse to sell his property unless he cools down in a day or two.

HOW IT STANDS IN LITTLE RHODY. PROVIDENCE, R. I., April 5.—Returns from Wednesday's election, as corrected by today's advices, show the vote for governor as follows: Burton, nationalist, 384; Davis, democrat, 22,249; Ladd, republican, 30,965; Larry, prohibitionist, 829. These figures show that Davis' plurality over Ladd was 1254, but he lacked 960 votes of a majority necessary to elect. The complexion of the legislature shows: Senate, 22 republicans, 7 democrats, 1 independent and 6 to be chosen. House, 34 republicans, 19 democrats and 19 to be chosen, which will give the republicans on joint ballot a majority of one, with their present strength.

TERRIBLE TRAGEDY.

PENNINGTON, N. D., April 5.—One of the bloodiest tragedies in the history of Pembina county, occurred near Bowermont yesterday, at the residence of Robert Irwin, where Fred Bartlett shot and mortally wounded Thomas McConnell, H. G. Hill and Irwin, and an hour later blew his own brains out. It appears that Fred and Thomas Bartlett knowing that McConnell was at Irwin's house, went there for the purpose of killing him, claiming he seduced their sister under the promise of marriage, and then married another woman. McConnell was shot twice at the barn, when he ran to the house and up stairs. He was followed by the Bartletts and shot again. He got out through the window and across the prairie where he was followed and shot twice again. Hill and Irwin were shot while defending McConnell. Tom Bartlett is under arrest at Drayton. All the parties are well-to-do neighboring farmers and married, except the one that took his own life.

SEATTLE NEWS BOYS.

SEATTLE, Wash., April 5.—The newsboys of Seattle struck last evening against the Evening Press-Times and instituted a vigorous boycott which caused great excitement on the streets. Several hand-to-hand fights nearly ended in a riot. The trouble was caused by the announcement that hereafter unsold copies of the paper would not be bought back. The boys promptly organized a strike refusing to buy the paper. The business manager hired a number of district messenger boys to sell the papers, but each boy was pursued by a band of strikers, who yelled, "Don't buy the scab Press-Times." Finally they took to snatching the papers from them and tore them into tatters with shouts of triumph, and severely bruised any of the boys who resisted. George Schultz, John Lookie, Henry Hoegel and Ernest Clark, all boys, were arrested. The boys returned to the Press-Times office and continued their former tactics until about 7 o'clock, when the attempt to distribute papers was abandoned. The boys paraded the streets headed by the leaders, John Lookie and Armstrong, known as "Little Chicago." They have improvised a band of tin pans and are wild with excitement.

FAYA STILL IN WASHINGTON.

WASHINGTON, April 5.—Baron Faya is still in Washington. It was his intention to leave yesterday for New York and to sail from there to Europe, but he has been ill for some days, and he felt so little able to travel that he changed his plans and decided to remain here for some time—it may be for days and it may be for months—and there begins to be a glimmering possibility that it may be for years. Some people have read the signs of the times to mean that Premier Rudini may want to explain that the order of recall was issued under a misunderstanding and may want to re-establish the baron at the head of the