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Missouri's Educational Interests.

PRIZE ESSAY READ BEFORE THE HOLT COUNTY TEACHERS' INSTITUTE.

BY S. J. HENNINGER.

A subject that embodies in it almost the very foundations of the State. If the literary and religious institutions are neglected, all will be tumult and discord.

We may build cities and towns, cultivate farms and gardens, but without that proper management which education alone can give, we will be like a ship upon the billowy deep, without a helm, without a mast, tossed hither and thither upon the tempestuous sea of time, and at last be buried beneath its waves, and return to the barbaric state of nature.

But education must be well as well as will save us from such a fate. Well and truly did Webster say, "If we work upon marble, it will crumble; if we work upon brass, time, with an iron hand will efface it; but if we work upon man's immortal mind, it will never die, but continue to brighten, and brighten through all the centuries."

Let us first notice a part of the early history of Missouri, before going to the present. The first settlement in Missouri was made by the French, who called it Louisiana, belonging then to foreign governments.

It was constantly changing hands, first the property of one nation, then another, and finally, after many vicissitudes, it was the stone the builders rejected. And when Thomas Jefferson took upon himself the responsibility of purchasing it, the people thought it a piece of wild extravagance, and a general waste of public funds.

Upon the very eve of its admission to the Union, Hon. Thos. H. Benton, then editor of the St. Louis Intelligencer, wrote as follows: "Before you get forty or fifty miles from the Mississippi, and plains set in, and the country is uninhabitable except on the borders of the rivers and creeks."

But little he knew that those same plains were to be the richest part of the west. It was regularly believed by the first settlers of Missouri, that gold abounded in great quantities in the interior, and they were disgusted when they found nothing but a sterile, unproductive soil.

They were disappointed in their expectations, and remained until they were forced back by endless streams of immigration that flow from east to west.

Not until the establishment of our government, has a single State been the subject of such intense excitement as Missouri. For two long years she stood knocking at the door of the union for admittance, and she was refused.

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