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GIVE PLAYS IN SCHOOL ROOM

Mrs. Emmons Blaine Writes Strong Article in Teachers' Journal Setting Forth Her Views.

Chicago, April 5.—Dramatic acting in the school room as a means of educating the children in history, literature and ethical truths is the novel pedagogical method recommended by Mrs. Emmons Blaine in an article on "The Dramatic in Education," which appears in the April number of "The Elementary School Teachers." The magazine is published by the University Press and is edited by the faculty of the school of education, which Mrs. Blaine has endowed to the extent of nearly a million dollars. The plan she suggests is being tried in the classes there.

Mrs. Blaine holds that the dramatic instinct is strong in children and that by careful training it may be made "a power to construct in them stronger and better men and women, with clearer images and finer thoughts. This dramatic instinct, however, Mrs. Blaine would have worked out by the children themselves in school room plays. She says that there are few things on the stage at the present time that children should see or hear and suggests that the theaters set aside Saturday afternoon for plays to be given for the school children.

BRITISH INCOMPETENCY.

Present Rule in South Africa Misfit Thing, Says Joubert.

Incompetency and injustice are the keynotes of the present English government of conquered South Africa, according to General G. D. Joubert, bearer of three wounds and a brilliant reputation, achieved in fighting for what he believed to be his country's interests. That her future, at least for the next 10 years, is black, is the belief of General Joubert, who is now in Seattle.

General Joubert looks the soldier. He is a tall, heavily built man, with piercing black eyes, jet black hair and a heavy black mustache, such as could properly be worn by none but a soldier. He is a nephew of the elder General Joubert who died six months after the war began. He was commander of the Southeastern division of the Orange Free State, and was a figure in the battles of Stormberg, Magersfontein, Colenso and Sandport, near Bloemfontein, where the British General Broadwood lost his entire convoy of 200 wagons, besides an incidental 10 field pieces, all the cannon he had.

The general believes that in the end his country will turn out all right. "We will eventually get what we want by diplomacy," he said. "But the country is now crippled. It is devastated from one end to the other by the war, and it is governed by men who know absolutely nothing of South Afrikanders. England should have put men in charge who were familiar

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"And now the whole country is dissatisfied because of the attitude that is being taken on the subject of cheap Chinese labor. With a land ruined by the war, they want to bring in coolies and crowd out the men who must work to poverty. The country is being run for the benefit of the capitalists.

"But in the end it will turn out all right. South Africa will not always be governed by men who know nothing of her. There will not be another revolution, for England has learned her lesson and will give us our needs without compelling the use of force. But not for 10 years will there be prosperity in the Transvaal. Just to show what we have to put up with now, the prime minister of Cape Colony is Dr. Jameson than whom no one could be more distasteful to the people of the country.

"The English officers were not soldiers. Many of them knew nothing of war. The English officer must come from the aristocracy. He may buy his commission. The Boer officer earns his. That's the difference. Every Boer officer was an officer because he had proved his ability. To be sure, none of us knew anything of the game of war until war came upon us, but it didn't take us long to learn. Our officers earned their ranks by deeds. Our best generals rose from the ranks. General Dewit began the war as a private soldier.

General Joubert commented on the marksmanship of his soldiers, but he does not believe that they are the only marksmen in the world.

"We had many Americans with us," he said, "and they could shoot just as well as we could. The Americans showed their worth at every turn. They could get themselves out of a hole if they got into it, and that is just exactly what the British could not do. We didn't have to show the Americans anything."

General Joubert has watched the course of events in the Japanese-Russian conflict, and believes that Japan has lost her chance. Said he:

"The Japanese started out all right, with a dash that looked as if it would carry everything before it. I expected that she would either take Port Arthur or cut her communications at once, but she has not done so, and now Russia is ready. She has her railroad defended and her forces ready to meet the Japanese on the Yalu river. Makaroff at Port Arthur seems to be a capable commander, and able to defend the city."

OLD HERO'S SAD FATE.

Aged Man Burned to Crisp in Effort to Save Comrade

New York, April 5.—At the age of 90 Samuel Mowery has sacrificed his life at Washington, N. J., to save William Drake, aged 80, from burning to death.

They were in a meadow burning off dead grass and soon Drake discovered that his clothing was on fire. He tottered and fell, crying for aid. Mowery hastened to him and tried to beat out the flames with his cap and bare hands. Too weak to carry the victim, Mowery managed to roll him over several times, then fell senseless, overcome by the smoke and his exertions.

No persons were within hailing distance and Mowery perished in the flames. Members of the family found both men lying in the charred rubbish several hours later. Mowery was burned to a crisp, but Drake may recover.

Mrs. Flaglar's Interests.

New York, April 5.—Andrew Freedman of this city has been selected by Judge Gilderleeve, of the supreme court, to succeed Eugene M. Ashley, of Lockport, N. Y., as committee of the estate of Ida A. Flaglar, formerly the wife of Henry M. Flaglar. Mrs. Flaglar was adjudged incompetent about five years ago and since then has been under care of specialists in New Rochelle, where a splendid home is maintained for her on an allowance of \$25,000 a year. Mr. Freedman is required to furnish a bond of \$2,500,000 for the faithful performance of his trust.

Find Town Deserted.

Tokio, April 5.—At noon reports have been received here from Ping Yang to the effect that when the Japanese scouts entered Wiju on Sunday last they found the town deserted. The Korean residents of the town informed the scouts that the Russian forces on the upper branches of the Yalu river consist of small detached parties.

More Cases of Plague.

New York, April 5.—Contrary to reports that no new cases of bubonic plague had been reported, a dispatch from Lima, Peru, to the Herald says four were found Sunday making a total of 30 cases in the Lazaretto. Fifteen are recovering rapidly.

SWARMED AT THE POLLS

Interesting Municipal Election Held in Chicago—Half Council Elected.

QUESTIONS ASKED VOTERS

Ownership of Railways and Validity of Mueller Law Considered—Shall It Be Franchise or License.

Chicago, April 5.—The municipal election in Chicago today was the most interesting in many years, involving not only the selection of 35 aldermen—one-half of the city council—but the question of municipal ownership of street railways. There were a multitude of candidates in the 35 wards and the contests have been lively for a week, as the aldermen elected, with the holdovers, will have to act on the necessary ordinances in case the city acquires the street car lines. The advocates of municipal ownership made a hard preliminary fight and the interest aroused brought to the polls an unusual number of voters for a city election.

What is known as the Mueller law, passed by the state legislature, was submitted to the voters. The enactment authorizes cities in Illinois to construct, own operate and lease street railways and to provide the means therefor. The voters today also balloted on the questions:

Shall the council, upon the adoption of \$1,000,000, shall be located on the lake ownership of the street railways under the powers conferred by the Mueller law; and, shall the council, instead of granting franchises, license the street railway companies until municipal ownership can be secured, and compel them to give a satisfactory service?

In addition to choosing the aldermen and voting on municipal ownership of street railways the voters balloted to decide whether members of the city board of education, now appointed by the mayor, are to be elected by the people; also whether South Side property shall be taxed one-half a mill for the support of the Field Columbia museum, and whether the John Crerar library building, to cost \$1,000,000, shall be located on the lake front.

RAILS FOR THE NORTH.

First Shipment For Alaska Central Being Prepared.

St. Joseph, Mo., April 4.—Sixty-three carloads of sixty-pound steel rails are being loaded here for shipment to Seattle for use in the construction of the Alaska Central railroad. The rails are consigned by the Isaac Joseph Iron Company of Chicago to the Tanana Construction Company. They will go forward in three extra trains over the Burlington and the Northern Pacific routes, for delivery in Seattle before May 1.

This is the first shipment of rails for the actual roadbed of the Alaska Central railroad. There have been prior shipments to Alaska, notably a recent one on the James Dollar, but those rails have been used entirely in constructing the terminals of the road at Seward. The rails now to be forwarded will be for the first division of the road out of Seward.

This shipment of 63 cars will go forward from Seattle to Seward by ship somewhere between May 1 and May 10. The Pacific Packing & Navigation Company has the contract for carrying them and will send a special ship for the purpose. Other shipments of rails will be received from the east and sent on to Alaska from time to time during the summer. It is the purpose of the company to construct at least 25 miles and maybe 40 miles of track this year. The rails now en route for St. Joseph will construct, it is estimated, about sixteen miles of track.

Only about 150 men are at work in the construction crew now, but as the season advances this will be increased largely.

Crimes Not Recalled.

Cleveland, April 5.—The Cleveland police have made careful inquiry at all of the city's precinct stations to try and locate the crime which Mrs. Doctor mentions having committed, as told in a dispatch from San Francisco last night. There is no recollection of such a happening.

Tenants Are Evicted.

New York, April 5.—Nearly 800 evictions already are impending on account of the increase in east side tenement rentals. Arrangements have

been made for a mass meeting of tenants for the purpose of devising means to fight the increase. It is claimed that the leaseholders brought about the latter by concerted action and that they have added an average of 25 per cent to their rent rolls, largely for the purpose of increasing the valuation of Bronx and Williamsburg has been heard, but it is not likely to materialize.

WANT THE DUTY RAISED.

American Shingle Men Handicapped in Competition With Canadians.

Bellingham, April 4.—Competition of Canadian shingles is viewed with alarm by American manufacturers, and is having a baneful effect upon the market. Canadian shingles are admitted to the American market upon payment of a duty of 30 cents a 1,000, regardless of quality. This, in view of cheaper labor and cheaper stumpage prevailing in Canada, is not sufficient protection to the American manufacturers, and enables the Canadians to compete with the Americans by shipping shingles into the latter's territory, while at the same time the American mills have found it necessary to organize for the curtailment of their production to maintain prices.

These conditions have been brought to the attention of the chamber of commerce by local millmen, who argued that if the duty on shingles could be raised to at least \$1 per 1,000, it would materially strengthen the shingle market. The president of the chamber was instructed by resolution to appoint a committee of five to prepare a memorial to congress, and, if necessary, the secretary of the treasury, upon this subject. The memorial will also be sent to other commercial organizations on the sound.

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Court Enjoins Union.

Chicago, April 5.—Judge Kohlsaat in the United States district court has issued an order restraining the officials of Franklin Union, an organization of press feeders, and 41 members from interfering with the business of the American Color Type Company. Under other proceedings in the past the union has been enjoined in the state courts, has been fined for contempt, indicted for assaults and conspiracies and punished repeated in the police courts.

In the bill for the injunction the company sets forth that last Thursday three members of the Franklin Union withdrew from it and applied for membership in the Printing Pressmen's Union, and that Mitchell Flannery, then threatened to call out the Franklin men in the plant if the company did not discharge the men who had left it. This the company refused to do and a few hours later President Robert McGinley, of the pressmen, was beaten.

The case was taken into the federal court because the company is not an Illinois corporation.

Astor Battery For Fair.

St. Louis, April 5.—George S. Gels, secretary of the Astor Battery Association has announced that arrangements are being made for a reunion of the Battery in St. Louis during the world's fair. The Astor battery served in the Philippines, its members being New York men.

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