

# Do Our Public Schools Really Educate?

In the April Woman's Home Companion Anne Morgan, daughter of the late J. Pierpont Morgan, writing a "Talk to American Girls," comments on the New York public schools:

"In the year ending July 31, 1914, over thirty-five thousand children left the New York City schools to enter some form of gainful occupation. What equipment are the girls taking with them, what standards have they acquired after employer and the answer is always the same: 'The average girl who comes to us for a position is totally uneducated, her years of school life have failed to teach her the mere rudiments of a business career.' The primary tools of reading, writing and arithmetic have been placed in her hands with such blunted edges that they are of little value, and the basic qualities of accuracy, concentration, thoroughness and ambition are conspicuous by their absence."

These wants go into the homes of over 10,000 families.

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| <p><b>Wanted</b></p> <p>WANTED—YOUR OLD CARPETS TO make into rugs, beautiful and durable rugs from old carpet at reasonable prices. Write for descriptive catalog. Bloomfield Rug Works, Bloomfield, Iowa.</p> <p>WANTED TO BUY—80 TO 150 ACRE farm near Ottumwa. Lock Box 705, Eddyville, Iowa.</p>  | <p><b>For Exchange</b></p> <p>WANTED TO EXCHANGE—A LARGE new modern home in fine Iowa town for good small farm anywhere. Address M-12-A care Courier.</p>   |
| <p><b>For Sale</b></p> <p>NOTICE—WE HAVE GOOD RE-cleaned timothy and mammoth clover seed. Ask for prices. Hedrick Grain Co., Ottumwa, Iowa.</p> <p>FOR SALE—150 BU. HOME GROWN Early Ohio potatoes, 75c per bu. E. N. Sterner, Agency, Iowa. Batavia phone.</p>   | <p><b>Farm Property For Sale</b></p> <p>FOR SALE CHEAP—A 40 ACRE hunk of dirt, improved. Write me, Elmer B. Miller, Dudley, Iowa.</p> <p>FOR SALE—40 ACRES CLOSE TO Ottumwa. Address M-13-B care Courier.</p> <p>WISCONSIN—FOR SALE OR EXCHANGE—120 acre farm 4 1/2 miles from town; one-half mile from school; good buildings, water in house and to barn from reservoir. Running water in field. Price \$100 per acre. Cash \$9,000. Address owner, C. J. Weiland, Elroy, Wis.</p>  |
| <p><b>Eggs and Poultry</b></p> <p>WHITE WYANDOTTE EGGS, \$1 PER sitting, \$5 per hundred, also a few cockerels at \$1.50 to \$3 and some Buff Cochins Bantams. W. C. McMichael, 41 N. Clay, New phone 771-K.</p> <p>S. C. WHITE LEGHORNS AND AN-corn lay and pay. Prices reasonable. W. H. Boon, Batavia, Iowa.</p> <p>BARRED ROCK EGGS FROM LARGE vigorous birds, 75c per 15, \$4 per 100. Grace Emmons, Libertyville, Iowa.</p> <p>BRADLEY STRAIN FULL BLOODED Barred Rock eggs \$4.50 per 100, new row barred, Special mated pen \$15.00 per 15. Frank Gitter, Ottumwa, Ia. New phone 584-W.</p> | <p><b>WEST POINT</b></p> <p>A. C. Malmberg, who has conducted a cleaning establishment here the past few months, is expecting to bring his family here this week and make this place their home.</p> <p>Earl Sanderson, who has been attending business college at Fort Madison during the winter, has returned home to remain during the summer.</p> <p>O. H. Masters of Bloomfield has leased the Freidel farm south of town and with his family moved there last week.</p> <p>Mr. and Mrs. Roy Royer have returned from a year's stay at Green Castle, Mo., and will make their home at Fort Madison.</p> <p>Miss Theresa Geers has been a recent guest of her sister, Mrs. Will Kiener, at Fort Madison.</p> <p>Miss Almee King is at Cedar Falls taking the six weeks teachers' course at the State Normal school.</p> <p>Mrs. Anton Kleasner and children, Mrs. Henry Mohmert and children, and Miss Anna Ventum departed Monday for their home at Sheldon, North Dakota.</p> <p>John Sporer and family, who have farmed for several years south of town, moved Saturday to a farm near St. Paul.</p> <p>Mrs. Theodore Fedler Jr., returned Friday from a visit with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. William Pieper, at Mt. Hamill.</p> <p>Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Jansen have been recent guests of their daughter, Mrs. Frank Buescher, at Burlington.</p> <p>Four pupils at the public school and eight at the parochial school took the eighth grade examination last week.</p> <p>Word has been received here of the death of Leonard Raid, which occurred at the county home. Mr. Raid took his own life, death resulting from a self-inflicted wound on the throat. For some time Mr. Raid had made his home with nephew, Harvey Raid, of La Crew. He left there about four weeks ago and went to the county home, since which time relatives here supposed he was well and contented. He was a familiar figure in West Point as he had lived here many years. He is survived by several brothers and sisters, among them being John Raid and Mrs. Chris Metzger of West Point. He was about 65 years of age.</p> <p>Born, February 28, 1915, to Mr. and Mrs. Edward Mertens, near St. Paul, a son.</p> <p>Born, March 3, 1915, to Mr. and Mrs. Gerhard Menke, near St. Paul, a son.</p> <p>Relatives here have received the announcement of the birth of a daughter to Mr. and Mrs. Frank</p> |

**PEOPLE'S PULPIT**

The Courier will publish in this column articles contributed by its readers. The communications should be typewritten or in plain hand, on one side of the paper, and signed.

To the Editor:

I note in a recent issue of The Courier the reprint of the story of the repeal of the skating rink ordinance by the city council. To begin with the article does not entirely give the real cause, nor the main facts as they are set forth in the petition.

I desire to give justice to all concerned. The Cook property mentioned in one-half block from both the First M. E. church, which is conducting revival meetings at this time, and from the Bloomfield public library, and within one block of the public schools besides being in a closely settled neighborhood. The combination of the close proximity of these institutions and the probable influence of the rink upon the revival meeting produced the known result.

Yours sincerely,  
John W. Teed,  
Bloomfield, Iowa.

**MOTHER-TEACHERS TO MEET.**

Cedar Falls, March 15.—The annual state meeting of the mother-teachers' congress will be held in Cedar Falls April 8, 9 and 10 and large delegations from Des Moines and elsewhere are expected.

**IOWA RED APPLE IS DUE FOR PRIZE**

A large 8 room house, two big lots, nice lawn, shade trees, big horse barn that will hold a lot of horses, with hay room above. Located close in and the whole property priced at only \$2,500. Owner wants to get a modern residence and will give some one a good square trade. Let us tell you about this property.

A two story 3 room house that rents for \$30 per month. Well located on the car line in a good neighborhood and priced at only \$3,000. Owner wants to trade for a small farm of about 40 acres.

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We have a large list of properties of all kinds for sale or exchange and it will cost you nothing to list your property with Roth Bros. Real Estate Co. No sale, no pay.

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**OPINION EXISTS THAT IT SHOULD WIN HONORS AT SAN FRANCISCO FAIR.**

Iowa's red apple is scheduled for a first prize at the Panama-Pacific International exposition, if the judgment of those who have seen the horticultural exhibit at the world's fair amounts to anything. Iowa's horticultural exhibit is not installed. In fact, owing to the delay in getting the appropriation from the legislature, there is still some question as to whether or not Iowa will be able to recover the space in the horticultural palace which had been assigned to her six or eight months ago.

Half a carload of Iowa apples, the prize winners at the horticultural exhibit held in the state house early in January are in cold storage awaiting disposition. The commission had hoped to have them on display by this time. It is possible that they will be shipped within a day or two and will be entered for prizes a little later. During the past few days there have been many visitors at the exposition, who know the Iowa red apple in fact three or four farmers who grow Iowa red apples have been looking over the exhibits of the other states and are confident that if Iowa can get in under the wire, she will get away with first money.

One of the San Francisco newspapers a day or two ago published an interview with an Iowan who was spending a few days in San Francisco in which the Iowan given out last fall by the Greater Iowa association were quoted. It caused consternation in the horticultural palace when this interview was published, because it referred to the statistics of the United States government and showed that while Iowa was not considered to be an apple state that she compared favorably with the three big apple states of the northwest, the figures for the past ten years showing that Idaho produced 1,000,000 apples for each year—Oregon, 1,600,000; Washington, 2,900,000—and poor little Iowa only \$3,500,000 worth. This sort of boasting didn't sit well with the Californians or with the boosters from the northwest.

Buescher, Burlington, February 19, 1915. Mrs. Buescher was formerly Miss Frances Jansen, of West Point.

Word was received here that Clyde Stephenson had been injured in a wreck which occurred on the mountain side near Santa Fe, N. M. Mr. Stephenson is employed as mail clerk on the D. & R. G. railroad. The accident happened while the train was returning from the mountains to Santa Fe, N. M., when six coaches were derailed and thrown into a twenty-foot gully. To get Mr. Stephenson it was necessary to break in the door of the mail car. His injuries, while severe, are not serious. Mr. Stephenson was a former resident of West Point and left here three years ago for New Mexico.

Rev. J. C. Kendrick of Ottumwa will preach at Pittman chapel Sunday morning, at Pleasant Ridge in the afternoon, and at West Point in the evening. Communion services will be held at each service.

Miss Nora Link has returned from a visit with her sister, Mrs. Roy Bear, at Fort Madison.

Mrs. D. J. Meents and Miss Luene Clemens were Burlington visitors Tuesday.

Mrs. E. S. Cook of New London has been visiting Misses Elizabeth and Mary Geers.

Mrs. Julius Groene returned Tuesday from Moline, Ill., where she was called two weeks ago by the serious illness of her daughter, Mrs. Arnold Soethe.

Mrs. Frank Elkmeyer of Fort Madison has been visiting her daughter, Mrs. George Pogge.

Miss Elizabeth Sanders of Fort Madison spent Thursday at the home of her brother, Ben Sanders.

Edward Martin of Oak Park, Ill., has been a recent guest of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Martin.

Theodore Brinck and sister, Mrs. Joseph Reinstein, attended the funeral of Peter Pieper at Houghton last Thursday.

Miss Mary Stebbins, who has been visiting at the J. E. Cantril home the past six weeks, departed Saturday for a visit at Fort Madison before returning to her home at Bonaparte.

C. L. Peebler held a public sale of his household goods Saturday afternoon. Mr. Peebler has not decided where he will locate, but will probably remain here this summer.

Mrs. George Willis of Hillsboro has been visiting at the Mrs. S. Wilcox home.

Rudolf Jansen departed Saturday evening for a few days visit with his brother, Simon Jansen, and family, at Burlington.

Miss Minnie Pogge of Fort Madison is visiting at the Henry Pogge home.

Mrs. Henry Vance of New London is visiting her brother, C. L. Peebler.

Albert M. King and daughter, Miss Almee, are visiting Mr. King's sister, Mrs. N. K. Alderice, at Burlington.

At a recent meeting of the elders of the Presbyterian church a call was extended to Rev. Glick as pastor of that church another year. Rev. Glick has been pastor of the church one

year and has many friends in the church as well as non-members who are glad that he will remain another year.

The last number of the lecture course, the St. Louis Trio, appeared here Wednesday night.

Mrs. Mary Hesse of Fort Madison visited her mother here Saturday.

Miss Helen Younk is visiting her sister, Mrs. Marie Kaltenfleiter, at Fort Madison.

Perhaps the most interesting basketball game of the season was played Friday evening March 6, when the West Point town team met the Salem girls at Salem. The game was hotly contested throughout and the girls were evenly matched but the visitors were victorious by a score of 12 to 9. The Salem bunch has but recently organized the team and this was the first public game. However, they have some star players. A large crowd was present and the game was fast and furious. The West Point team is loud in the praises of the Salem girls and the courteous treatment shown them. A return game will be played just after lent. Following is the lineup for West Point: Neents, center; Burns, left guard; Clemens, right guard; Pogge, right forward; Hall, left forward; Ray, Hall, referee; Will Elchorn, linesman.

**PALMER GETS OFFICE.**

Washington, D. C., March 15.—Former Representative A. Mitchell Palmer of Pennsylvania has been elected by President Wilson for chief justice of the United States court of claims, to succeed Judge Charles B. Howry, whose resignation is to take effect April 1.

**LIBRARY WAS BUSY.**

Waukon, March 13.—The annual report of the librarian of the Waukon public library shows that during the year past there were 1090 borrowers; 714 books were loaned. The library has over 1300 volumes and many more could and will be added when the extra room needed is provided.

## PUBLIC LAND SALE

ON SATURDAY, MARCH 20, 1915

I will sell to the highest cash bidder, my farm of 157 acres, lying one mile northwest of Lancaster, Mo. I will furnish abstract of title showing title in me clear of encumbrance except one real estate loan of \$6,000, bearing 5 1/2 per cent interest, due November 4, 1917. This is an unusually good farm, well located and improved. Public road passes farm on east and south; mail route passes door. Improvements consist of good one and one-half story frame house, good post barn, 32x36 feet; good shed 14x40 feet, together with usual outbuildings. Farm is well supplied with water and shade. Land is good strong black loam, gently rolling, and equally adapted to farming or stock raising. Settlement must be made in cash at time of sale. Taxes for 1914 paid by me. All accrued interest to day of sale to be paid by me. Anyone desiring a strictly first-class farm should take advantage of this opportunity. Sale will take place on the farm at 2 o'clock p. m.

**Will Also Sell on Above Date the Following Personal Property**

**4 HORSES AND MULES**—One coming 3-year-old gelding well broke to harness; three splendid work mules.

**35 HEAD OF HOGS**—Two registered Chester White brood sows will farrow early; two gilts, will farrow early; one brood sow with nine pigs by her side; thirteen Hampshire (both sex) shoats subject to register, will average about 50 pounds; eight Duroc Jersey shoats, will average about 80 pounds.

**TERMS**—A credit of nine months will be given on all sums over \$5.00, purchaser giving an approved note with 6 per cent interest from date. 2 per cent off for cash. \$5.00 and under, cash.

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**Railroad Time Tables**

**C. M. & ST. P. TRAINS**

| No.   | Going Southwest.               | Depart      |
|---|--------------------------------|-------------|
| 5A  | —Cedar Rapids, Marion          | 1:10 p. m.  |
| 3A  | —Kansas City Local             | 10:15 a. m. |
| 33B   | —Ottumwa to Seymour            | 5:30 p. m.  |
| 93B   | —Local freight                 | 7:00 a. m.  |
| 92B   | —Going East, via Cut-off.      | 7:45 a. m.  |
| 8A  | —Davenport, Chicago            | 5:17 p. m.  |
| 12A   | —Leave Junction                | 12:10 a. m. |
| A stub train will leave station for Junction at 11:40 p. m., returning arrive at station at 12:15 a. m. |                                |             |
| Marion Line, Going North  |                                |             |
| 4B  | —Ced. Rapids, Savanna, Chicago | 9:30 a. m.  |
| 108B  | —Cedar Rapids, Marion          | 1:10 p. m.  |
| 98B   | —Local freight                 | 6:30 a. m.  |
| Marion Line, Coming South   |                                |             |
| 103B  | —From Marion                   | 10:15 a. m. |
| 21B   | —From Marion                   | 12:15 a. m. |
| 97B   | —Local freight                 | 4:00 p. m.  |
| A—Daily.  |                                |             |
| B—Except Sunday.  |                                |             |
| Local freights depart from and terminate Ottumwa Junction.  |                                |             |
| Locals 92B and 98B run on Monday, Wednesday and Friday.   |                                |             |
| T. H. Jacobs, Agent.  |                                |             |

**BUPLINGTON ROUTE C. B. & Q.**

| No.                    | Going East.               | Depart      |
|------------------------|---------------------------|-------------|
| 13A                    | —Chic., Dubuq., Quincy    | 1:00 a. m.  |
| 10A                    | —Chicago Limited          | 6:30 a. m.  |
| 22A                    | —Ar. from Des Moines      | 10:05 p. m. |
| 6A                     | —Chicago Limited          | 11:30 p. m. |
| 212B                   | —Ft. Mad., St. Louis      | 1:35 p. m.  |
| 4A                     | —Chic., St. Louis, Qcy.   | 7:15 p. m.  |
| 2A                     | —Chic., Peoria, E. R. Rd. | 11:25 p. m. |
| 178B                   | —Ottumwa, Burlington      | 11:35 a. m. |
| Going West.            |                           |             |
| 5A                     | —Omaha and Nebr.          | 1:15 a. m.  |
| 3A                     | —Omaha, Ore., Calif.      | 7:37 a. m.  |
| 23A                    | —Des Moines local         | 8:05 a. m.  |
| 213A                   | —Ar. from Ft. Mad.        | 11:30 a. m. |
| 179B                   | —Peoria to Creston        | 1:55 p. m.  |
| 1A                     | —Chicago to Denver        | 4:50 p. m.  |
| 11A                    | —Ar. from Burlington      | 5:50 p. m.  |
| A—Daily.               |                           |             |
| B—Except Sunday.       |                           |             |
| J. H. Robinson, Agent. |                           |             |

**C. R. I. & P. RAILWAY.**

| No.                    | Going North.  | Depart      |
|------------------------|---|-------------|
| 471B                   | —Des Moines, Omaha  | 7:25 p. m.  |
| 473B                   | —Des Moines, east and west  | 11:30 a. m. |
| 475A                   | —Des Moines, east, west and north   | 6:22 a. m.  |
| Going South.           |   |             |
| 470B                   | —South and southwest  | 3:45 a. m.  |
| 472B                   | —Keokuk and south   | 3:32 p. m.  |
| 174A                   | —Connect and 98B run east bound at 12:45 a. m., and Kansas City and southwest at 1:52 a. m. |             |
| A—Daily.               |   |             |
| B—Except Sunday.       |   |             |
| J. H. Robinson, Agent. |   |             |

**WABASH RAILWAY.**

| No. | Going South.            | Depart     |
|-----|-------------------------|------------|
| 2A  | —Moberly, St. L., K. C. | 8:00 a. m. |
| 60B | —Moberly and east       | 8:00 p. m. |

Get your harrow out and see if it needs any teeth or draft hooks. I have them to fit almost any harrow. Almost any endgate seeder can be supplied with chain or repairs if you will but bring in your old parts. This suggestion also holds good on disc harrow or almost any farm machine. Lots of John Deere repairs.

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Our retail horses sold on trial, to suit or refund the money—Send word what you want or what you have for sale.

**FARM DEMAND GOOD.**

We had 180 horses last Friday and while we had the usual number of war horse buyers we had in addition a buyer from Wisconsin for big farm mares, a St. Louis buyer for mixed southern stuff and a customer for four-year-old feeders for Ohio. Also there were a lot of buyers from this and surrounding counties picking up useful stock for the season's work. This will be the case for the next few sales.

**Horses For Retail.**

We have now at the barn some 35 head of horses of all classes and size, running in price from \$25 to \$250, and these can be had at private sale any day up till Friday. My only days at home are Mondays and Fridays but Mr. Heller, the barn foreman, is authorized to make sales.

**Billing Places.**

Here's where I'll be myself: Bonaparte, Tuesday, March 16. Keosauqua, Wednesday, March 17. Russell, Thursday, March 18. Chariton, Saturday, March 20. And "I'll buy them from \$5 to \$200. Ralph Williams at Truro, Tuesday, the 16th; at New Virginia Wednesday, the 17th; Saturday the 20th at Belknap, Drakesville and Eldon.

**MORRIS WILLIAMS.**

**CEMETERY WALL STOPS GERMANS**

To the east of Chamby's few houses runs a bad byroad. Where this byroad joins the highway at the end of a hundred yards is a walled-in graveyard, one wall running at right angles to the road and facing the open fields. This wall is pocked with bullet holes except where the larger loop-holes were knocked through it from within.

Just as it stands the wall should be preserved. It proved to be one of France's stoutest defenses. Before it was fought one of the first terrific combats of the battle of the Marne. Against it the German army broke. It had been hurled across Belgium and nearly one hundred and fifty miles into France, to be stopped and routed before this cemetery wall.

As a cemetery wall it is useless now, anyway. The graves outside are almost as thick as within, and they extend to the far side of the plateau. Behind the wall the immortelles were still lying all awry as they had been knocked in haste of combat. Before it the fresh grapes had been dug among blood-red poppies.

In every direction, and as far as we could see for a mile, there were graves, some unmarked, which were evidently filled with blond men in dirty gray uniforms, others marked with rude crosses, and by that we know they contained darker men in badly fitting long blue coats and red trousers. The crosses were made by tying two sticks together with cord. The winter will rot the cord, and by spring German and French graves will be alike unmarked.—Arno Doeh, in the February "World's Work."

**WOMEN HURT WHEN BIG OVEN EXPLODES**

Webster City, March 15.—A sixty-five pound gas oven exploded Saturday, wrecking the building and terribly burning the proprietor, Miss Etta Brewer, and an assistant, Mrs. Ella Millard. Miss Brewer's injuries may prove fatal. Miss Brewer was attempting to light the oven when it exploded. She was hurled backward on a red hot stove from which Mrs. Millard rescued her, suffering severe burns while doing it. Miss Brewer is terribly burned about the head. The interior of her restaurant is a total wreck.

**S. P. Hartman**  
Ottumwa, Iowa

**Dr. D. E. Graham**  
Hours—9 to 12 a. m.; 1 to 6 p. m.  
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