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BOXING IN THE SCHOOLS.

Supt. of Schools Shoop himself to be annoyed by the fact that the Hyde Park high school permits boxing exhibitions. One point he makes is good. He says that he is opposed to a form of sport which offers exercise for a few and a spectacle for many.

That is a good point, but the objection is easily removed. Why not have all the boys boxing? Mr. Shoop's objection to the boxing itself will not stand criticism. He says that one of the objects of the schools is to take pugacity out of the boys.

We hope not. We hope that American schooling will never include any such purpose in its scheme. Pugacity is a needed element in a boy. What the schools must do is to train it, discipline it, restrain it from violent outbreaks, give it form, code and manners, decorate it with honorable motives and make it a way to character.

A boy meets life and life has a knock out in each hand. It is not intended for weaklings. Physical hardihood is not the quality merely of the brute. The most perfect character of roman history was Sir Philip Sidney. He was not timid.

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If it happens that a young man who might have been a gang leader is transformed by his training as a prize boxer and his ambitions as a boxer into a decorous citizen, fighting only according to rule and by form and leading a clean life to save his wind, what reason is there to suspect that a young fellow of gentler breeding because he has learned the forms of individual athletic contest?

Force is the law of life. If people try to escape it they merely expose themselves to it. The rabbit finds it the law even as the wolf does. Intelligence would rather meet the law of life as the wolf than as the rabbit and best of all as the watchdog, trained to defeat the wolf.

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STATE MASTER JUDSON GIVES HIS ANNUAL ADDRESS TO IOWA GRANGE

A. B. Judson, state master of the Iowa grange, in his annual address at the state convention held by the grange in Des Moines last week, touched on many things of interest to the farmer and especially members of the grange. The address was of such length as to preclude its full text, but the following taken from the printed address covers the essential features of the speech:

The all-important work of the state grange is to endeavor to devise ways and means to organize the farmers of the state under the banner of the grange for the good of all; to plant strong, active, reliable and permanent granges in every part of the state, and also to use every possible means to keep the granges now in existence in good, active condition.

The greatest good of the order must result from making the grange of the greatest possible service to the real, living, working farmers of the state. It must be conservatively progressive, with sound thinking safely guiding every progressive step it takes. It should seek rather than share responsibility and invite the whole world to witness how sanely and firmly it meets these responsibilities. In work well done must forever be the greatest good of the order.

Since the last session of the state grange there has been organized in the state ten subordinate granges with an average membership of about fifty. Some granges have reported a loss in membership, while others have reported large gains. During the past year we have, through our deputies, endeavored to have each grange inspected, to ascertain its efficiency in all lines of work. We found only a few that were near perfect in all lines of grange work, and many that were very deficient, especially in the ritualistic work. We also found that where the grange was efficient in all lines of work the officers looking after every detail to see that everything was done perfectly, that grange was prospering and a live factor in community interests and every member was a booster for the grange. Therefore we want to impress on your minds the necessity of efficiency and thoroughness in all lines of work.

Several degree teams have been organized by Brother Joe McGlasson with good results. These degree teams have been a great help in some granges in arousing interest among the young people and I no doubt are a good thing where properly organized and conducted.

There seems to be a growing demand for juvenile granges and some provision should be made at this session to encourage this work. Without doubt the juvenile grange is a great help in any community where it is properly carried on and the right person is placed in charge. There are three or four juvenile granges in the state and the people interested are loud in their praise. There is no grange law in this state providing for or governing these organizations and therefore I would recommend that the committee on constitution and by-laws draft suitable by-laws for juvenile granges so that the state grange may have some jurisdiction in the matter. Sister Sitter of Jasper county has taken a smash in the nose in their youth in order that when they have become men they may take a staggering blow, such as life surely and certainly will deal them, and take it without flinching.

Coddle the youth and ruin the man. Boxing is a form of discipline. Life requires discipline and fortitude. Its laws cannot be evaded by weakness. They can be met only by strength. Chicago Tribune.

BEWARE CHRISTMAS FIRES. Ole O. Roe, state fire marshal, sounds the following notes of warning against fires during the holiday season: Fire may turn your merry Christmas into a sad one. "A house of merriment is better than a house of mourning. Install the maxim of "safety first" in the minds of each member of your family. Remember that the most destructive fire in the history of our state, which occurred December 23, 1904, was the result of carelessness in the handling of holiday goods and occasioned a loss of \$1,750,000. Each one of us should see to it that we have a Christmas without a single regret to mar it. Put out the blaze quickly if it occurs; so keep your fire extinguishers in good condition and water near at hand. Risk no lives. Tell Santa Claus to use discretion in the matter of combining long cotton whiskers, inflammable garments and burning candles. Every bit of inflammable decorations should be discarded. Use asbestos or mineral wool in place of cotton for snow, and tinsel in place of these paper garlands and bells. Ventilation in Mr. Merchant's store room will prevent spontaneous combustion in his surplus stock of holiday goods. Extra care should attend the Christmas tree and its decorations. See that it stands securely, that the candles are properly protected and that children are not allowed to light them. Never hang decorations near open gas jets or near lights of any kind. Take time from your festivities to keep an eye on the stove or furnace. Install electric wiring for decorative purposes with particular care. Our "dads" and "brothers" should be cautioned to be careful with their Christmas cigar and cigaret stubs. Never be too busy in the holiday rush to consider fire hazard. COMPULSORY SERVICE. The compulsory military training proposition is getting some very serious consideration these days. The highest officers in the army maintain that the Mexican border mobilization has been convincing proof of the inefficiency and insufficiency of the national guard and of the whole volunteer army plan. Secretary of War Baker made this statement when ask-

ing a great deal of interest in this work and should be given credit for what has been done during this line. Education is one of the fundamental principles of our order. It is conceded on all sides that education is the greatest factor for the general advancement of the farmer and his family and the plan of his business on the high plane desired. To arrive at this result it will be necessary to give him a broad and liberal education of both hand and mind in the arts and sciences which pertain to his business. To this must be added a good business training and it is also desirable that he should have a good understanding of the social, political and economical problems. To devise ways and means for arriving at this condition is really the greatest problem which confronts our organization.

The State Teachers' association has been taking advanced steps along educational lines and some of their recommendations are worthy of careful consideration. While we believe the teachers and educators should be consulted in regard to legislation pertaining to our schools, we also believe that the people directly interested, that are responsible for the maintenance of the schools should have some say as to how they should be conducted. The teachers' association should give careful consideration to the taxpayers' side as well as that of the patrons and teacher, and see that the people get more for their money. People don't usually complain when they are getting value received, or, in other words, getting what they pay for.

We have been hearing a great deal about the high cost of living, with the opinion often expressed that the farmer is responsible, not only for the high prices prevailing for foodstuffs, but he is accused of buying automobiles, thereby creating a demand for automobiles, causing our city cousins to buy more for automobiles than they would have to if the farmers didn't buy them. If we stop to consider there are many things that contribute toward high prices. First, the shortage of crops caused by adverse weather conditions; second, the increase in population of nearly 2,000,000 a year; third, the greatly increased consumption, caused by reason of the better financial conditions of the millions of people who are being paid higher rates of wages than ever before in the history of the country; fourth, the increased foreign demand, caused by the European war.

These are all legitimate reasons, none of which the farmer is responsible for. True, as compared with former years, the farmers are prosperous, and why shouldn't they be? If you will compare their prosperity with the prosperity of the great industrial interests of the country who are paying enormous dividends on their capital invested, you will find the farmer a pauper in comparison. We venture the assertion that the average net income on the farm land of this great agricultural state will not exceed four per cent on the selling price of the land. The farmers of the country have never had their full share of prosperity as compared with industrial interests.

ed whether or not he favors compulsory military training: "The obligation to serve the country is a universal one. The question of how to bring about the anticipatory preparation for national defense is a question of policy rather than theory. Whether universal military service, or a selective conscription is the correct answer, I do not know."

Go into a bank and ask for a loan. Show that you borrowed money before and paid it as you agreed. It may be but a dollar a week, and you get the accommodation. Go into a department store and ask for credit. Show the credit man that you bought a bill of goods, a piano, a victrola, a house on instalments and kept your payments promptly and on to the minute and you are immediately rated a safe credit risk.

Don't get pessimistic when you compare your station in life with that of some wealthy man. If you make any comparisons go back to the point where he was your age. You will probably find that you are enjoying now, many luxuries and advantages that he got along without.

The relations of the United States to Europe are very similar to those of Mr. Ordinary Man to the weather. You can protest all you want to, and make a known your wishes if you so desire, but that will not have any effect on the question of whether or not it is going to snow some more. The United States with less than a fifteenth of the population of the earth, now has more life insurance in force than exists in all the rest of the world put together, according to estimates presented at the recent annual meeting of the life insurance presidents.

The farmers of the United States evidently expect high prices for wheat will continue over the coming year. They have planted many thousands more acres to winter wheat than they did last year. Excepting for the year 1914-15, this year's acreage is a record. It is estimated by those who ought to know, that between two thousand and three thousand people in the state of Illinois, are blind as the result of improper care at birth. Don't let the merchant be the real owner of the Christmas gifts you send to your friends. Pay for them when you get them. Your chance to get ahead in this world is very likely no better and certainly not worse, than that of hundreds who have achieved success. Buy goods made in Ottumwa when you can. That boosts your home town. The only money raised in this coun-

Evening Story

DOING NEW YORK. By Louise Oliver.

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Tom Crawford jingled the change in his pocket and looked out at the snow, the first of the season. He had much the same thought now that he had had when the first yellow buds on the maples in front of the house were swelling in the spring. Why was it that the seasons changed so fast and he was still not engaged to Martha? Any other chap would have been married to her long ago, but here he was as uncertain in his mind as ever about taking the step that would make her his forever.

The whole thing amounted to this: Tommy was never sure that he wanted Martha forever until some other fellow came along and threatened to carry out the program himself. Then he would rise like a gladiator, take a fall out of the enemy and monopolize Martha again for a while, always however, steering clear of the actual subject of marriage, but maintaining a proprietorship that he had no right to.

"I think," he said, with a shrug, "that I need a change. A week or two of New York will put new life into me. The girl there will have dash and style that's diverting after a diet of quiet village maidens. Even Martha, pretty as she is, has about as much pep as milk toast, and although she's sweet and restful at times, this isn't the time of year I feel as though I wanted a sedative. I'll just fix things up today for a much needed vacation and take the train east tonight."

So he packed up, fixed things at the office so he could leave, and called Martha on the phone to say "good-by." "Isn't it funny," answered Martha, when she heard the news, "I was just going to call you and tell you the same thing. I'm going to New York, too. Cousin Walter's wife sent for me to make them a visit, and I'm starting tomorrow. Wouldn't it be funny if I'd see you there?"

Now this was Tommy's cue to say: "Of course you will, if you give me your address." But instead he answered hastily: "Yes, wouldn't it? I'm afraid I won't be so lucky. Every minute will be full to the limit; business must be attended to, you know. But I hope you will have a fine time, little girl, and don't quite forget me while you're doing society."

His tone was tender, but mentally he was registering a sentiment something like this: "Poor Martha! Her New York won't be mine. Most likely she'll be left minding the baby up in a Harlem flat while Cousin Walter's wife goes shopping. But, anyway, what else could Martha do in a sporty place like New York? She's a misfit there sure enough, even if she is the prettiest girl in this little town."

And with his mind firmly fixed upon the good time he intended to have with Brinton from Albany, whom he had wired to meet him, he boarded the 8:30 express and forgot all about Martha.

But when he reached the hotel next morning he found a telegram from Brinton saying that he couldn't be present at the festivities on account of a wedding which happened to be his own and that he and his wife were going south on their honeymoon. This was a damper because he had always counted on Brinton to steer him around, but the latest stage favorites, the movie stars, which cabaret was the most popular of the minute, and the latest gasp in dances.

However, Tommy had a quality of character that had helped to build his fortune which was never to say die. So as he had planned to have a time in New York, a time he would have. He registered with a flourish, engaged a \$10 room and started in. He tried to think of what he and Brinton had done in the mornings on their last visit to Manhattan; surely they had done something to choke in the time. He stood at a window in the lobby watching the crowds hurry past. But the dense did every one in such a rush? What had he and Brinton done mornings before? Then he remembered. Why sleep, of course. They never got to bed until 3 or 4, and they rose at noon. There were no mornings. Oh, those were good old times! Well he hadn't come to New York to sleep, so he sauntered out and ran into a policeman. "What's worth seeing?" he asked, the usual question of the uninitiated. "Well, there's the Metropolitan Museum and the Bronx Zoo, the Botanical Gardens and the Aquarium. You might go to the top of the Woolworth building or take a bow around the island, or go down to Coney, though there ain't much doing down there this time of year. If you like to skate, the rinks are open."

Dinner Stories

He had worked for the farmer nine years, and was apparently contented until his employer added poultry-raising to his list of activities. Then he had to write on each egg, with an indelible pencil, the date and the name of the hen that laid the egg. One day he marched up to his employer and announced: "I'm going to leave." The farmer was astonished. "Why are you going to leave," he asked, "after working for me all these years?" "Well," said the man, stotily, "I've done pretty near everything about this place now, but I'll starve before I'll go on being secretary to your old hens."

During a murder trial in New York two countrymen were among the spectators. "Sure enough," said one of them, "the evidence will convict the prisoner."

"Not only convict him, it will hang him," said the other. "Man alive! They don't hang murderers in New York."

"Well, if they don't hang them what do they do with them?" "Kill them with elocation."

The local bigwig's presence in the chair of an entertainment was desired, and two of the organizers waited upon him with a deferential request. The required promise was duly obtained. "You may rely upon me," said the big man. "Friday, the twenty-fifth, in the parish room. It's quite an unsectarian affair, I suppose?"

"Bless your heart," came the reply. "The place was lime washed only last week. You won't find nothing of the kind on the premises."

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NEW RAILROAD PLANNED

Dubuque, Dec. 20.—Considerable interest is being taken by Dubuque men in the proposal to construct a new railroad to connect Lithograph City, (Floyd county), Iowa, with the outside world. The plan received its birth at the inland town and residents of that place are now in Dubuque interesting local capitalists in the proposition. It is said the town will guarantee close to half a million tons of freight yearly. The road proposed will run due south and connect with the Chicago, Milwaukee and St. Paul road at a point just east and one-half miles from Lithograph City.

LITTLE BENNY'S NOTE BOOK BY LEE PAPE

THE KING. O the king has a palace to live in. And the queen has a rite there to. And the subjects help to pay the rent. But they ain't even aloud to wawk throo.

Upon his hed he wears a gold crown. With jewelry on it to match it. But no matter how bad his hed itches. He can't take it off to scratch it.

O the kings got a throne to set on. And the queen can set feel pritty hard. And suttimes it must feel pritty hard. But wat elts is there to do?

The palace has got 1,000 rooms. All made out of marble. But if the king played hide and go seek in them. Everybody wood think that was horribil.

O the kings little boys are all little kings. And his wifels are all little queens. And they eat berds tungs off of golden plates. And never even herd of pork and beans.

Its hard to get to be a king. Because kings are born that way. And it nite be fun for a week or 2. But it woodent for every day.

RUNS FROM MARSHAL; FREEZES HIS FEET

Dubuque, Dec. 20.—The condition of William Schaeffer's hands and feet is serious and amputation of all four members may become necessary. Schaeffer froze both hands and feet when he ran from his home at Cascade in his bare feet and with no extra coat or wraps in an effort to escape the Cascade marshal. He was found unconscious about ten miles west of Cascade later by a posse in search of him. He was taken to the county jail here and later removed to Mercy hospital.

CHARITON GIRL IS OVERCOME BY FUMES

Iowa City, Dec. 20.—Sulphuric acid gas fumes overcame Miss Octavia Bellor of Chariton in the laboratory at the dental building, causing her to cough so violently that she ruptured a slightly healed wound which remained from a recent operation for appendicitis. She was taken, unconscious, to the hospital. It is believed she will recover.

STUDENTS SAVED ON DOCTOR'S BILLS

Iowa City, Dec. 19.—Students of the University of Iowa were saved a total of \$2,740 on surgical and medical treatment in the single month of November by the arrangement whereby member of the staff of the medical college give treatment at merely nominal charges or none at all. Even though they be a healthy like the young people at the university, 3,000 persons are bound to need considerable attention from physicians and surgeons within a month. The students who found it necessary to go to the hospital numbered fifty-eight. Had they been charged the regular rates, their total bill would have been \$2,189.94. Instead, they paid a total of only \$449.40.