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CENSOR THE SCHOOL BOOKS.

A READER of the Bonanza came to this office the other day with a copy of a book bearing the title of "Commercial Geography of the United States" with a request that the editor devote some spare moments to the contents so far as they relate to Nevada. The result was overwhelming. Scarcely a line in this book that is supposed to tell the children of Nevada of the resources of this commonwealth with an idea of fostering patriotism and inculcating a knowledge of the state gives any information on the three most important features of our physical life. The livestock industry is covered by a paragraph that tells of the extensive range industry of the west and then dismisses the subject by referring to growth of in the industry in such states as Texas, Arizona, Montana. Not a word about Nevada or the millions of cattle and sheep raised in the vast area between Utah and California. Not a word about the magnitude of the wool industry in Nevada, which is one of the greatest in the union. The mineral resources are treated with even more reckless disregard for the truth. The one great mineral discovery is given as that of the Comstock of 50 years ago, while the finding of Tonopah and the subsequent discovery of Goldfield and the millions contributed by those camps to the national wealth are dismissed with the statement that "the most recent important discovery in the United States is in Nevada." Why should such a book be accepted by the educational authorities of this state. The men who authorized the use of this publication in Nevada schools were grossly negligent of their responsibilities in not seeing that the book contained some facts about the chief industry of the state, while Colorado is remembered in a paragraph stating that the greatest gold discovery of the age was in Cripple Creek. If the author was engaged in avoiding invidious reference and could not find reason for expressly stipulating the extent of the mineral wealth brought forth from the mines of Tonopah and Goldfield, then he was not warranted in singling out Cripple Creek to illustrate the value of mining. But this is not all. The chief silver producers of the country are given as Colorado, Montana and Utah in the order cited with a mere reference to Nevada and Idaho carrying the explanation of silver production that "much of it is really a by-product secured in mining lead and copper. Lead and zinc are not shown as products of this state and in other respects the book impresses on the young mind the greatness of every other western state while neglecting to dwell on the proud fact that Tonopah alone has produced over \$100,000,000 of silver and gold, while Goldfield with its proud record of \$80,000,000 in gold does not call for the slightest reference. The book bears the imprint of a Chicago house copyrighted in 1911 although the statistics do not extend beyond the period covered by 1907, which should have been sufficient excuse for devoting a page or two to this district, which in that year was occupying a central position among the world's most sensational mineral producers.

Irrigation is another lamentable deficiency. A cut of the Carson-Truckee diversion dam appears without a single word of explanation, although eight other reclamation projects are listed as the most important undertakings of the reclamation service. Why this oversight should be tolerated and accepted in a book intended for acquainting the young idea of Nevada with the importance of this state is past comprehension. The author is so wilfully ignorant of his subject, so far as Nevada is concerned, that the slighting of the chief industries of the state are nothing short of criminal. The book should be banished from the schools, for it is calculated to do more harm than good by misleading the pupils in every detail of the life in which their parents are important factors in developing. The use of such books in our schools should be inhibited as pernicious literature tending to advertise the resources of other states and encouraging the belief that Nevada is a rotten borough incapable of self support.

This is the class of school books that led the state of California to proscribe all but books issued under seal of that state for use in its public schools where the doctrine of loyalty to home institutions is dinned in the ears of students from the dawn of reason until the consummating glory of graduation. The potentialities of that state are preached from the cradle to the grave and this accounts for the race of boosters found in the smallest California hamlet. Nevada is too small to essay the publication of its own school books but the men at the head of school affairs should be advised that the appearance of noxious and mendacious intelligence is not acceptable to parents who are paying for the circulation of this prejudiced literature which evidently is intended for eastern consumption. "Know thyself" should be the slogan of every teacher in the public schools for the dissemination of the potential facts showing the wonderful growth and resources of Nevada are essential to building up and fostering a loyalty to the environment of which we all are so proud.

Turkey is long on promises of good behavior, but wait until the kaiser has his say about the American missionaries in Armenia.

Nevada is ready to do her part in preparedness by introducing military training in public schools.

Austria beats Wilson for weary waiting in failing to answer the demands of the United States for an explanation of her submarine policy.

One hundred dollars a month pension for the widow of the man who would have caught Villa had it not been for orders from Washington, measure the gratitude of a republic.

The fallacy of economizing in the American navy is demonstrated by the announcement that the United States has not a sufficient number of competent gun pointers to man five score ships of the American merchant marine mounting one gun apiece.

Carranza has taken time by the forelock in establishing an export tax on petroleum products. He probably has been reading that England raised \$5,000,000,000 for a new loan and thinks he is entitled to his bit.

'Twas ever thus. Man blames woman for all the evils of life.

This sorry evasion began in the garden of Eden when Adam wiggled out of the apple-stealing job. Today the government investigators have got as far as explaining that the food shortage is due to thrifless housewives.

Photographs of the alleged food rioters in Philadelphia show the women and children dressed in warm winter garments which suggests that the demonstration may be traced to the agitation of the I. W. W. who have moved their field of operations to the ef-fete east.

After declaring a dividend of \$25,000,000 the Standard Oil company wants to grease the rails with \$150,000,000 indemnity for destruction of its plants in Rumania. The bill collector should be referred respectfully to the kaiser or the war office in London, which seem to have divided the honors of destroying this industry in the vanquished kingdom.

The lieutenant governor of Nevada is willing to let his successor take chances with that \$100 a month for doing nothing as commissariat of the state police of three members. Justice McCarran of the supreme court was not loath to raise his own salary after he had been elected to office. This is a precedent that should work both ways.

American courts are strange institutions. Only a short time ago the state of New York was engaged in trying to prove that Harry Thaw was insane and therefore ought to be returned to Matteawan asylum. The mother of the degenerate was successful in convincing a jury that her boy was perfectly sane and entitled to his liberty. Now the positions are reversed. The mother is endeavoring to prove her boy insane while New York state is engaged in an apparently hopeless task of demonstrating his insanity.

SHINPLASTERS VS. SILVER CURRENCY.

Judge Goodwin in Goodwin's Weekly indulges in the following reflections on silver:

"Germany is following the example set by the United States in our Civil War—issuing fractional currency to serve as part of her circulating medium; all the gold and silver having been called in by the government.

"Every day seems to bring a new proof of why silver should be re-monetized. The president and his party in Congress are anxious, apparently, to impress the country that they are trying to be officially economical. A five line statute would save to the miners of the west \$100,000,000 per annum. It would save to all the people of the country 60 per cent on all they purchase from the Orient. It would likewise regulate the disturbed exchange with foreign countries within a month, and give our exports a little chance of sale to the half of the world's peoples from whom they are now shut out.

"Just when steam and electricity had multiplied fivefold the working forces of civilization and, in effect, had sounded to the world the command: 'hount face and forward march,' less than one hundred thieves in New York and London caused half the world's real money to be converted into a commodity.

"The sinister results have been apparent ever since, even while new and unexpected vast reserves of gold have been given to the world.

"Now, within two and a half years, a mighty war has cost 15 times as much as all the real money in the world represents, and deprived the people of Europe of all the circulating medium they had on which to do business, except the paper promises of bankrupt nations to pay. Still, the interest gatherers of the world refuse to have done a simple act of justice, and the world's lawmakers bow to the edict of the thieves."

SELLS SAND SPRINGS MINE TO CALIFORNIA MAN

C. W. Kinney, L. L. Leonard and C. M. Hoover have given a bond and lease on their "Dan Tucker" property four miles from Sand Springs, to Henry Whitley, a wealthy man of San Francisco, who it is reported, recently disposed of his oil interests in Oklahoma for \$300,000. His uncle, J. D. Whitmeir, an eminent mining engineer, inspected this property last summer and recently closed the deal. Active work is to begin on the property the first of May.

The property has been duly exp-erted and the eight foot ledge of free gold ore makes it look quite promising.

PIONEER OF CHURCHILL CO. PASSES TO HIS FATHERS

For the third time within about a week the messenger of death has called an old timer of this community, says the Churchill Eagle. On Wednesday morning James Leete passed into the great beyond at the age of almost 87 years.

It was 22 years ago he settled at what was historically known as "Ragtown," nine miles above Fallon on the Carson river, this being a station on the old emigrant trail. The station was finally named Leeteville in his honor. The deceased was married March 4, 1861—the day that Abraham Lincoln took his seat as president. They moved to Nevada in 1882 and in 1894 came to Churchill county.

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TO MUCH LAND GIVEN TO SUGAR

PORTO RICO PLANTERS URGED TO PLANT MORE BEANS, VEGETABLES AND FRUITS

(By Associated Press.)

SAN JUAN, Porto Rico, Feb. 28.—The food supply question is so serious that Governor Yager called the sugar and other planters together and urged them to devote a portion of their lands to raising beans and other vegetables and fruits. Twenty-five thousand cane field employes are striking. They are demanding \$1 for eight hours. There have been no disorders.

SUNDAY HOME GAMES FOR WESTERN TEAMS

(By Associated Press.)

NEW YORK, Feb. 28.—A study of the major league baseball schedules for the coming season shows that 25 Saturdays have been allotted about evenly between the eastern and western clubs of both organizations. The western teams, of course, have a monopoly of the Sunday home games, playing from two to three times the number of contests that the eastern clubs compete in while abroad.

In holidays the plums are well distributed, all the teams securing these special dates either for their home diamonds or while traveling.

The Portland and Olympic clubs are leading in the U. S. Revolver Association inter-city shoot with perfect scores according to the latest reports from the association. Neither team has been defeated to date. Springfield and Boston are next in order with but one defeat and 13 victories.

The 50th birthday of Ernie Hjertberg, the Swedish Olympic athletic trainer, was recently made the occasion of a celebration at Stockholm. Hjertberg was the guest of honor at a banquet and was presented with a handsome testimonial. It was announced that he had been definitely bound with a long term contract by the Swedish athletic authorities as trainer and coach of trainers. A special course of instruction for the latter will be begun in the near future and Sweden expects to have plenty of expert trainers when the time comes for a revival of international athletic competition.

J. Graham Symes, a London lawyer, is the new English amateur billiard champion. In his two previous appearances in the championship tournaments he was defeated in the semi-final rounds. Mr. Symes is also noted for his skill as an amateur golfer. He will join the army next month.

RECONSTRUCTING TOP WORKS

The machinery in the hoisting works of the Great Western mine, which burned last week, is being rehabilitated. The loss is less extensive than was feared. The motors are being rewound and the hoisting engine repaired. There will be few replacements required. In a day or two the work of rebuilding the hoist house and change room will begin.

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