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Shall Teachers' Pay Be Cut?

Here is a matter that demands the immediate consideration of every thinking Seattle citizen—teachers' salaries.

Seattle people—a big majority of them—The Star, feels certain, favor keeping the teachers' pay up to its present level. All candidates for the school board in the recent election expressed themselves strongly as favoring that course. Meetings of citizens during the campaign appeared to be uniformly sympathetic with that idea.

Yet, with the new board hardly more than comfortably seated, comes the auditor with his preliminary budget estimate which, many school officials say, makes a cut in teachers' salaries imperative.

The Star is not convinced on this subject. Surely careful pruning of other items, greater economies in administration, in the building program and other lines can save the day.

The teachers were only advanced to their present non-too-lucrative scale thru the exigency of war-time competition, and they surely ought not to be reduced if there is any other way out.

The Star calls upon the members of the board to bring out for public perusal ALL the facts, ALL the figures, and calls upon taxpayers and parents to devote their best thought to helping work out the best possible budget for the Seattle schools for the coming fiscal year.

What You Overlook

Discussing fake trance mediums B. J. Walton, magician known on the stage as Professor Heller, says in a letter to Detective Story Magazine:

"As for the evidence of scientific men, would say that as a magician and medium I dread the eyes of the average small boy more than those of the average scientist, so far as the detection of deception is concerned. And I know, for I have worked before both audiences."

Children are keen observers because, to them, everything is fresh and new, hence interesting.

As we become older, we observe that life is a series of repetitions, generally dull, frequently stupid and burdensome. We lose interest, and with it, the incalculably valuable power of close observation. You have noticed how easy it is to "put something over" under the very eyes of the aged.

After the average person reaches 40, his brain cells become "set," like concrete.

Vanity convinces the ego or inner self that it has become fairly familiar with life, that the routine of existence is comprehended to the last detail.

The individual loses interest, stops observing, becomes "set in his ways." It is difficult to drive a new idea thru his head. Brain cells are closed and locked, instead of open and receptive.

That is the reason why middle-aged people are not so quick to see and grasp opportunities as the young fellows, despite their superior ability and "background" of experiences.

Ancient alchemists searched for the universal solvent—a fluid that would dissolve anything. The search lasted centuries, consumed an infinite amount of energy and time. It stopped when an observant young man said, "If you get it, what will you keep it in?"

When the power of close observation becomes feebler or nearly paralyzed—good-by to opportunities!

Without a keen and unslugging sense of observation, success is elusive, or, of already achieved, slips from one's grasp.

Force yourself to become interested in every detail of life. Develop, thereby, your powers of observation and analysis. Like flabby muscles, they can be trained into strength.

Observation is the key to success—also the handcuffs that prevent youth slipping away from you.

The Lord Jehovah is my strength and song; and He is become my salvation.—Isaiah xlii.2.

If those who died of joy had but been softened by thankfully gazing aloft, they would either not have died at all, or else would have died of a sweet rapture.—Jean Paul Richter.

A man in Pittsburg hit a policeman on the nose; but all of us don't live in Pittsburg.

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In Cincinnati, six robbers blew two safes and got \$25,000. Police think robbery was the motive.

The future of the flapper will consist of worrying over the flapper of the future.

A movie star is in trouble because he got two marriages ahead of his divorces.

J. P. Morgan has been made a doctor of commercial law. It needs one.

State Rights vs. Progress

The United States supreme court has decided that congress cannot use its interstate powers to suppress child labor. The principle of state rights stands in the way.

The supreme court's decision accords with the constitution; but the constitution must be amended if American civilization is to advance at an even level.

State rights, originally invoked to protect the confederated original colonies from a majority cabal against any of them, has become in some disquieting respects an unintended bulwark of reaction.

It is necessary for American welfare that there be no permanent differences in the rate of progress of the various geographical divisions and that class legislation be suppressed. The tendency of American nationalism should be toward more centralized government when there are similar rights of all citizens to be protected.

There is no just reason why all the officials of the several states and their subdivisions should be exempt from paying the federal income tax. Nor is it right that the states and their subdivisions should be privileged to issue tax free bonds. Divorce and marriage laws of all the states ought to be the same. Health regulations and attention to social welfare should not be at the mercy of 48 governing bodies. These are some of the matters that call for congressional control.

Practically all taxes should be raised on luxuries. People do not have to use luxuries unless they want to, and if they do buy them at all, they can gauge their purchases by their desires and their ability to pay.—Senator Myers (D.), Mont.

The girl who uses a vanilla lipstick has good taste. Now they promise to love, honor and dismay.

A Letter From AVRIDGE MANN

Dear Folks:
Today we stand with lowered head, where lie our honored soldier dead; by word and act we try to show we've not forgot the debt we owe; we decorate each silent grave, in memory of what they gave.

We pause a while, with tear-dimmed eye, where silent, cold and still they lie; we pause a while in silent prayer and lay our floral tribute there; we pause a while in vain regret; we pause a while—and then forget!

Is this the only way we know to pay the mighty debt we owe? What coin to pay for all they gave—their days of strife, their early grave? Is there no nobler, better way that, tho they're gone, we still can pay?

Yes! We whom Fate has left behind must pay the things they gave in kind; for sometime, somehow, pay we must, with heart for heart and trust for trust; the faith they gave—dare we betray, by sacrificing less than they?

We cannot reach them thru the grave, to give them back the gift they gave; yet, from the sepulcher we hear their message which spread low but clear, "Your debt of Love you still may give to countless other folks who live!"

So let us give our lives for theirs, and live to lighten others' cares; to foster, every way we can, the brotherhood of man to man; and crown, with living diadem, a fit Memorial to Them!

Arvidge Mann

GEOGRAPHIC PUZZLES

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YESTERDAY'S ANSWER
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POEMS for your CRAP BOOK

KEEP FAITH!

BY LEO H. LASSEN

Another year has come and gone again
And Summer's threshold beckons to fair Spring;
In this gay carnival of May the hours bring
This day; from city street and country lane
We offer blossomed tribute for those sons
Who carried high a glancing cross to keep
Us free; they found their peace in quiet sleep
That knows no dreams of crimson rain and guns.

But lest we desecrate that sacred rest
They must not know that those same lanes and streets
That echoed cheers to their firm, measured beats
Could jeer their living comrades on the quest.
We must keep faith! Fall not the living now,
Lest they should dream, learning it somehow!

LETTERS to the EDITOR

Applauds Mrs. Meyer's Letter

Editor The Star:
I agree with Mrs. M. B. Meyer in the view she takes on the prohibition question. It shows she is a person of broad and liberal views.
The world needs more people like her and less fanatics. Christ is our leader. At the marriage feast he said to those about him when he raised his glass, "Drink of the wine that maketh glad the heart of man," but rebuked them for over-indulgence. Here we find the greatest man of all times to be liberal and broad in his views toward all of us. Not a command, but good advice. We all know that fruit juice must go thru a certain process of fermentation before it would change heart of man. Give us more people with the broad and liberal views of those of Mrs. M. B. Meyer. Thank you.
H. P. DEVLIN,
Auburn, Wash.
R. F. D., R. 2, 261A.

Easy Seating in a Movie Theater

Editor The Star:
In reference to my theater seating plan and the rather critical answer of G. V. Hughes, I would say that my description may have been rather complex to have warranted such an answer. Would like to simplify it.
In a theater of a small type, having three aisles, one in the center and one at each side, next to the walls. People coming in will take the side aisles and move thru the rows of seats to as close as possible to the center aisle, which is the exit aisle.
If there is someone sitting between you and the center, or exit aisle, they will have seen the entire program before you do and therefore will leave before you do, because they came in first and took seats ahead of you.
It is then for you to move into the seats they vacate and continue the cycle.
It may seem a lot of seat-changing, but if there are not many seats in a row between entrance and exit and there will be few changes before you are next to the exit aisle yourself.
I claim that it is just as easy to change your seat as it is to stand up and allow someone to pass you, and easier. Sincerely yours,
ORSON M. POPE,
1907 E. Madison.

America for All Except Two

Editor The Star:
In your issue, May 24, one William Klauing takes issue with Richard Mansfield White regarding his brilliant letter in which he called attention to the Hun propaganda that again compel our children to study the German language, which has become so odious to us.
Perhaps Mr. Klauing, in his love for the mother tongue, "The Deutch," as he calls it, is misinformed as to the attitude of those who so recently helped to trim and mop up the Hun hordes, and if so, may this be a gentle reminder to him and all other Hun lovers, that all Hun propaganda is going to stay barred from our public schools.
America for all but Huns and Japs.
GEO. CLARK.

What We Need—More Feelings

Editor The Star:
It seems strange that such relics of antiquity as Harry Fox still have the nerve to publish such a letter as the one he had in The Star last week.
He is right about women feeling; they certainly do. They also think the latter, tho, is of lesser importance than the former. We already have too much cold, calculating thinking or scheming in politics. We need more feeling. More feeling for the poor children toiling in sweat shops, the working man with a family trying to live on \$3 a day. More feeling for the groaning taxpayer.
As most of the men in office at present seem to be incapable of any feeling except for the special interests they are working for, I think it high time a few women were introduced to put a little feeling into politics.
In regard to Mr. Fox's statement about women's clothes, I am interested to notice that the younger generation of women are throwing aside the high-heeled shoes, corsets and long skirts, for clothes which allow real freedom of bodily movement!
Women's clothes right now are far more sensible than men's. A woman can dress to suit herself, for nearly anything is stylish as long as it is loose and comfortable. But look at the men. Same old style as a hundred years ago, and I wonder if Mr. Fox is such an independent thinker that he discards hat, tie and vest and collar, and works in a low-necked, short-sleeved shirt on a hot day?
Also, if Mr. Fox will take the trouble to think a little and look about a little, he will discover that the poor millers and manufacturers deliberately take all the vitamins out of food so it will keep longer, for weevils and bugs live fat on whole foods, but would die of starvation in devalitized products. Because more women don't use these products is no sign they care only for exteriors, but it is because doctors, editors, etc., in conjunction with the manufacturers, have influenced public opinion against these foods by claiming them of less caloric value than refined foods. Another instance of man's lack of feeling.
It would be too bad to ruin our noble state. We have such a noble

LEARN A WORD EVERY DAY

Today's word is ANOMALY.
It's pronounced—a-nom-a-li, with accent on the second syllable.
It means—something which departs from the common rule, which refuses to be classified or explained.
It comes from Latin "anomalia," something uneven or irregular.
It's used like this—"It is a strange anomaly of the British parliament system that, while a woman is entitled to membership in the house of commons, she may not sit in the house of lords."

and feeling governor and other officials in Olympia and Seattle, it would be a shame to let a few more women corrupt them.
A Woman Who Feels, Raises Babies and Does a Little Thinking on the Side.

From Sex That "Can't Think"

Editor The Star:
As a rule, when I run across a letter like the one signed Harry Fox, in The Star of May 23, I just consider the source, but Mr. Fox goes too far in his vicious attack on women.

He wishes to request that we elect no more women to public office, because—"Women can't think" and cites, as one of his reasons for so saying, that women wear high-heeled shoes.
Some of them do, indeed, just as some men consider themselves extremely dressy when they climb into a pinch-back coat, skin-tight pants, pointed-toe shoes that pinch, and a three-inch collar—when fashion decrees that it is the style. The majority of women at present, however, are wearing sensible, low-heeled, round-toed oxfords, as Mr. Fox could plainly see if he were looking for facts. Also, he says women demand white flour and sugar instead of the oatmeal but more healthful brown. I know, personally, of at least 10 women who have tried in vain to introduce brown breads into the daily menu, and with one accord the men of the family have pronounced the best efforts of Seattle's bakeries in that line "not fit to eat."

And who was it that kicked on the "O. D. sugar" during war time? Housewives used it that the boys in camps might have the white sugar they craved.
As to lodges, quite true; some of them do not admit women to membership. Probably because the lodge is their last stronghold, the only place they have left where they can foregather, and, in the absence of women, get a last grim and desperate hold on the wornout tradition of their superiority over women. And, to the woman "suffrage typewriter," who talks equal rights to him, he can only reply "women can't think!"



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A very brilliant reply, coming from a supposedly intelligent man who "can think."
Men have had the running of governments for many generations now, and I ask the whole wide world if there's any possibility of their being in any worse shape than they are right now. If any one is going to save them it will have to be women. Man has demonstrated his inability beyond any shadow of a doubt.
As for running Seattle and our noble state, Mr. Fox has doubtless heard the old adage to the effect that "you can't spoil a rotten egg." It strikes me that Ole Hanson and our present mayor and Gov. Hart have done about all that can be done in that line.
On the whole, Mr. Fox's letter impresses me as having been written by a particularly unintelligent member of the masculine persuasion, whose pet corn has been trampled on by some brainy woman; or who, perhaps, is afraid that if women are allowed to use their God-given ability to think, they will find out and tell how many men there are who "can't think."
In conclusion, dear Editor, let me say that this isn't aimed at intelligent men who are not afraid to recognize intelligence in others—even tho they be women—when they see it. I only hope Mr. Fox has sufficient intelligence to understand and absorb the above. Yours for more and more women in public office,
RUBY M. LOKKEN,
7739 8th Ave. E. W.

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