

BACK TO DESKS AND BOOKS AGAIN

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recognize the important intellectual work which the schools propose to do and there are still others with different reasons.

It takes money to maintain efficient schools. The majority of us realize the value of the mental training and discipline obtained in them, and there are those who welcome the opening of the Fall term because of the opportunity afforded to turn over the discipline and government of some restless child to the teacher, at least for a part of the day. If this last cause for interest in the schools were wide-spread, we readily recognize that the burden placed upon the teacher would be unbearable. Fortunately, the great majority of people in an intelligent community, such as this, are interested in the schools for worthier reasons.

It takes no argument to prove that the public schools in any town can have no more valuable asset than a healthy sympathetic and intelligent interest on the part of the people in general. The efficiency of the schools varies directly in proportion to that sort of interest. Without it, it would be impossible to build up and maintain an effective school system.

There is not one chance in a hundred that a community lacking an intelligent interest in its schools, will favor an adequate financial support. If the community does not favor it, such support will not be forthcoming, for no board of directors can be expected to fly in the face of public opinion. But money is as indispensable an element in the maintenance of the schools as it is in any other institution. In this community a commendable generosity has been shown. The physical equipment for the carrying on of school work is good. Of course, there is, and always will be, room for improvement in the matter of physical equipment; however the schools suffer less for the lack of financial support and physical equipment than they do for lack of the right sort of personal interest on the part of every individual in the community. It is to this, that it would be well for us to turn our attention just now with the opening of the schools so near.

It is perfectly fair and right that we should look for an adequate return on the large sums of money expended on the schools. Any reasonable person will admit, certainly, that the returns which we may legitimately expect from the schools differ quite radically from that which we may expect from money invested in bonds or mortgages.

To be sure we expect the schools to help develop practical efficiency—their contribution to this end must be distinctly positive. However, we look for something else, also, which is necessary and which therefore must be essentially practical, if we are to be intelligent and fair-minded citizens.

We put our money into the schools, not simply because we expect them to sharpen the wits and develop mathematical accuracy, but because in addition to these things we expect them to be an important factor in arousing and drawing out those qualities of character which serve to make the individual a desirable neighbor and citizen.

To secure this return is no small task—nor can it be done by the teachers unaided. It requires something more than the "hireing" of experienced and trained teachers if the community is to obtain the right sort or in fact any reasonable return for the money invested.

Even practical efficiency in its barest and baldest aspects cannot be secured except through the intelligent cooperation of the parents with the teachers. Looking at it simply from that standpoint, it pays, and pays well, for the people to cooperate sympathetically and intelligently with those in immediate control of the schools. Nothing can affect the work of the schools so disastrously as a critical, distrustful and carping attitude on the part of the mature people in the community toward those who have been placed in charge of the work of instruction in the school room.

If the quality and kind of interest shown by certain parents, and they are not few, could become characteristically predominant in all the homes here the quality of work done and the efficiency developed would change marvelously for the better. It would react inevitably on both pupils and teachers.

The demoralizing influence of an ungracious and indifferent pupil upon any class or group of students cannot be easily computed, but that it is great is painfully evident to even a casual observer. In so far as the teacher is responsible for such an attitude on the part of any pupil, let him bear the blame and insist that he apply the remedy, but justice demands that we recognize the fact that in many cases there is nothing the teacher can honorably do, and anything dishonorable is woefully ineffective, to change such a attitude and make the condition favorable for all for fair and honest work.

It is appalling how large a number of boys and girls drop out of school before completing the high school course, even after entering. Almost never, is this due to real lack of ability. Some of course, are forced to stop because of financial reasons. But a large proportion become discouraged and lose interest simply because of repeated failure in school work. It does not take long to destroy whatever interest the pupil may have in it if he forms the habit of neglecting his work.

Too frequently this habit and the

indifferent and ungracious attitude referred to above are fostered and directly abetted by the attitude of the older people in the home. We can easily see that this is all wrong for we are putting obstacles and hindrances in the way of one of the community's institutions in which at heart, we take great pride and from which we expect much.

Now, here is a practical and effective way of securing greater returns on the school investment which could be advantageously followed in any community. The interest in the schools here is good, but it could be better. By making the quality of interest uniformly higher the results in the mental and normal life of those who attend the schools could be greatly improved.

The problems which the schools have to face are not easy of solution—it is not an easy matter to determine just what changes should be made in subject matter or in method of presentation to make the schools meet the ever changing condition. That there should be readjustment is evident but just what readjustment should be made is not a matter of unanimous opinion.

Here is one place where those who are facing these problems ask for sympathetic interest on the part of the community. If a part of the leisure time of any considerable number in such a community as this is, were to be used in studying and attempting to solve some of these problems it would be vastly easier to make the readjustments and there would be greater likelihood of their being sane and in accord with the actual needs of the particular community.

It would be a fine thing if every father and mother with children in school could visit the schools at least once during the next year. It would pay to come to know those who have charge of the children in school in some other capacity than as a "school m'am." Three sets of people would be benefited—the pupils, the parents and the teachers.

The schools belong to the community—they are supported by local money chiefly and the children of the community are being largely molded by them. Therefore it is right that the people should have a rational and proper sense of ownership. It only remains for a large number to exercise that right in a wholesome and helpful way.

We are looking forward to a year of good work and for the sake of the schools and the community bespeak the healthy, sympathetic and intelligent interest and cooperation of the people of Colfax.

DOINGS RECORDED IN THE SUPERIOR COURT

Civil.

John Neiertz et al. vs. John Entel et al.—Order for the publication of summons.

State of Washington vs. Lester T. Blane—Remittitur from the Supreme Court confirms the judgment of the Superior Court and taxes costs \$59.25 to the defendant.

State vs. L. William Fortune—Continued to September 4th to be then set for trial.

State vs. Theodore Rickter—Sentence, \$50.00 fine and costs \$13.80; five days in which to pay same.

State vs. Carl Weems—Continued to Sept. 5th to be then set for trial.

Naturalization of Hans Michaelson—Order correcting date.

State vs. George Miller and Allen Jackson—Continued to Aug. 26 for defendants to plead.

Probate.

Estate of Lois Spaulding—Order appointing A. J. Turner administrator with bond fixed at \$600.00.

Estate of James H. Gaines—Order for Clerk to pay money to administrator.

Estate of Lars Anderson—Decree settling final account, distribution, and discharging administrator and bond.

Estate of Harriet K. Roberts—Order fixing time for settlement of final account.

Estate of W. R. Johnson—Order confirming sale of personal property and order fixing time for confirmation of sale of real estate.

Estate of J. L. Follansby—Petition to sell real estate, order to show cause.

In the Matter of the Welfare of Edith See—Order fixing time for hearing on complaint.

Estate of William M. Lawson—Order appointing appraisers.

Estate of Charlotte Eliza Bainton—Order fixing time for settlement of Final Account.

New Cases.

William A. Sampson vs. Cecil James Sampson—Action to quiet title.

John Neiertz et al. vs. John Entel et al.—Action to quiet title.

E. E. Paddock Company vs. W. G. Akens—Transcript of judgment from Justice court—action for money due.

Frances E. Bigelow vs. Mrs. R. N. Porter—Action for money due.

Emma Hagler vs. Frank R. Hagler—Action for divorce.

In the Matter of the Welfare of Edith See—Action of the Home Finding Society to place the child under better influences.

State vs. Theodore Rickter—Charged with carrying intoxicating liquor in quantities greater than one gallon into a dry unit.

George Miller and Allen Jackson—Charge of robbery.

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23, 1878.

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Married—On the 21st inst., at the residence of the bride's father, J. Stray, near Almota, by Rev. M. S. Anderson, Mr. Zell M. Beebe to Miss Frankie Stray, all of Colfax.

The Benevolent Society of Colfax met at Mrs. Ada Renshaw's last Thursday afternoon and elected the following officers: President, Mrs. L. A. Hall; vice president, Mrs. Ada Renshaw; secretary, Mrs. E. N. Beach; financial secretary, Mrs. K. P. Wolfard; treasurer, Mrs. Nannie Runkell. This society has for its object the diffusion of information, benevolence and sewing, in which all the members take an active part.

Every day brings reports of the rapid settlement of Stevens county. We see many people going to Spokane Falls and other parts of the county. Some predict that in another year all the government land will be taken up in Whitman and Stevens counties, but this is very improbable, as there are millions of acres of the best kind of agriculture land open to settlement.

Our artists, Messrs. Pritchett & Frisbee, are taking some photographs of Colfax. All those who wish to secure views of the different buildings in Colfax, or the bunch grass covered hills near town, will now have an opportunity to do so.

Geo. W. Sutherland of W. J. Hamilton & Co.'s drug store, starts today for Walla Walla to attend to forwarding freight.

Money to Loan.

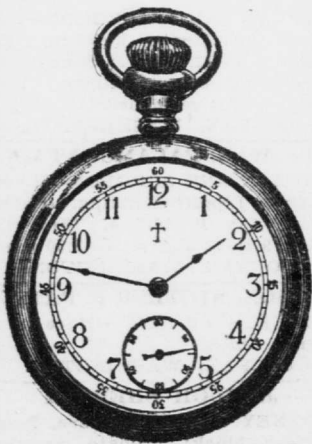
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"THE SUNNY SIDE OF BROADWAY."

What promises to be one of the best attractions to visit our city this season will be that nifty song-show, "The Sunny Side of Broadway," which will appear at the Ridgeway, Tuesday, August 29, headed by that clever comedian, Max Bloom, with an all-star supporting company of principals and the youngest and gingeriest bevy of show-girls that have ever played this city. The comedy should be an immediate hit from start to finish. Manager Boyle Woolfolk has spent a small fortune in mounting the production and dressing the performers. The wardrobe of this company will be a revelation to local theatregoers. Women especially will see gowns that will cause many a heart to flutter. Madame Bloodgood of New York, designed the costumes for this play, as well as for many of the big companies that will be sent on tour this season. Among the many song hits that are interspersed throughout the play are, "Oh, Mr. Moon, You're Fool To-Night," "When It's Raining," "Love is Very Foolish," "Carita," "Beware of the Garden of Love," "My New Motor Boat," "Selling Papers," "Every Town Has a Broadway," and the talk of the country, "The Pazzaz Plant." This song, which bids fair to be one of the season's successes, shows a tree that instead of fruit bears miscellaneous collections of everything from an old shoe to an air-ship. The song is introduced by Max Bloom, assisted by his bevy of dancing ponies.

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FORTY BOTTLES OF BOOZE.

Rickter Carries Too Much Into St. John in Suitcase.

Explanations could not explain away the guilt of Theodore Rickter who was arrested in St. John last week with a suitcase containing 40 bottles of whiskey, each one wrapped in newspaper. When arraigned in superior court he pleaded guilty to carrying an unlawful quantity of intoxicating liquor into dry territory. He is working out a fine of \$50 and costs.

When arrested Rickter plead his innocence declaring he intended to drink all the whiskey himself. He was told if that was the case he might as well go to jail first as last and save the headache. He secured the booze at Tekoa and told the conductor on the train that he was going to make regular trips hereafter.

APPLES SELL FOR CASH.

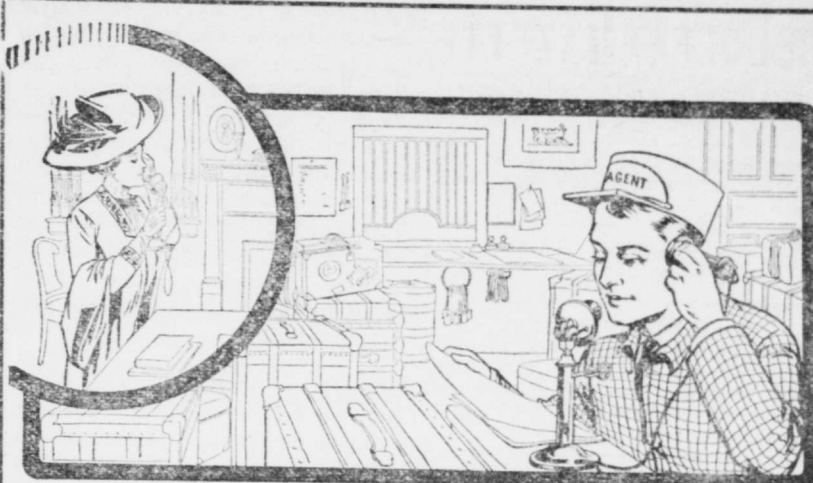
Eastern and European Buyers Getting into Market Early.

Washington fruits are beginning to move. From many of the districts come reports of important sales. Wenatchee is said to be crowded with more buyers than ever before. It is encouraging to the growers that many of the sales are for cash, eliminating consignments, as a result of which the producers lost heavily in the past. The sales now are mostly intended for Eastern markets. Inquiries from European buyers are active. Within the next sixty days, Washington fruit growers will be getting between \$15,000,000 and \$20,000,000 for their crops.

Announcement.

All interested in music, dramatic art and elocution are urged to meet Miss Verna Estella Putnam of the Western Academy of Music and Elocution, at her studio in the Lippitt building any afternoon between 1 and 6 o'clock.

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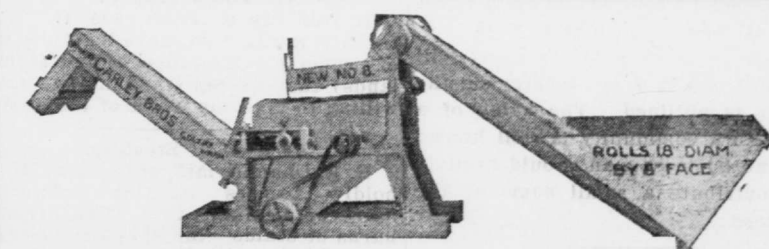
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