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Random Thoughts on Education.

The greatest fallacy of prevailing educational methods is that they start from the premises that man is vile, that he begins life naturally inclined to insubordination and to idleness, and that nothing but a system of rewards and punishments will bring good out of him. In this way, the acquisition of knowledge has been made a torture; our brains have been worked as mercilessly over books as manual labor has overtaxed the workman.

The teacher should have no task before him except to awaken the energies of his pupils. He must teach them individual energy; his mission is to discover a child's aptitude, by asking him questions and by developing his personality. Children have an insatiable desire to learn and to know, which ought to be the only spur to study, not punishments or rewards; and it is evident that we ought to facilitate for every one the study he is most inclined to. It should be made attractive to him; he should be induced to engage in it, and to go on with it by the force of his own comprehension, and with the pleasure that may arise from continual discoveries. To make men by training them to be men—is not that the problem of education?

The purpose of our schools should be to turn the natural instincts of each to some good purpose, instead of repressing them. Thus naturally idle children should be treated as if they had been sick; teachers should try to rouse in them emulation, and to strengthen their will power by making them take pains to study subjects chosen by themselves—things that they can understand and love. The strength of the turbulent can be utilized in hard work; the miserly shown a love of method; the proud and the jealous, who are generally endowed with much intelligence, urged to triumph over others by accomplishing the most difficult tasks. Thus what the world has been taught to call "man's lower instincts" will become fuel on the glowing hearth whence life derives its inextinguishable flame. Thus all the living forces will be put to their proper use, and all creation will be regulated by the law of order which flows over human existence and is conducive in bringing humanity to a happy state.

After having imparted to children such elements of general knowledge as would be of use to them in life, teachers should especially familiarize them with facts and things that they might understand what is real in the world; they should also endeavor to awaken in them a sense of order, and by daily experience make them learn the value of method; without method there can be no useful work. It is method which classifies, which enables us to accumulate knowledge without losing what we have already acquired, and learning from books if not exactly set aside, should be relegated to a place of less importance; the child learns thoroughly only what he can see, what he can touch, and what he can understand.

We should not oblige him to bend slavishly over incomprehensible dogmas, and make him dread the person and tyranny of the teacher, but encouraged to discover truth for himself, to understand it, and to make it his own. There is no other way in which we can train boys into men. The individual energy of each child should be awakened and employed into the work of his own instruction, thus making mistakes educational. We should give up the system of rewards and punishment or recourse to threats or caresses to make the lazy work since no one taught by this method will be lazy. There will be occasionally sick children and children who do not understand what has been badly explained to them, or children into whose brain it is the custom to pound knowledge with a ferule for which they were not prepared.

By utilizing the great desire to know which glows in every human heart, the inextinguishable curiosity a child feels about everything around him, so that he is always tiring grown people with his questions, instruction will cease to be a torture and becomes a constant pleasure as soon as it is made attractive. The teacher should endeavor to stimulate the intelligence of the children and so direct them to make fresh discoveries for everyone has the duty and the right to inform himself, and thus be prepared to go out into the vast world in which he will some day take his place as a man. Thus trained he will have energy for action and a power of will by which he would be directed how to act and to decide. Let us give him notions to begin with, then scientific truths to be acquired by a logical and gradual emancipation of the intellectual faculties.

Their best instruction must come from life itself, for the ultimate purpose of all science should be to teach how life should be lived. To give them an idea of human brotherhood—the common brotherhood of man.

Search for Parents' Remains.

Two weeks ago the Herald made mention of the fact that John Humphrey of St. Paul, had visited St. Peter for the purpose of continuing his search for the burial place of his parents and their two children, who were murdered at the Lower Agency during the Sioux massacre of 1862. In the opinion of Dr. A. W. Daniels, St. Peter's pioneer physician, the bodies were never moved from the original burying place. Writing from Pomona, Cal., under date of Sept. 26, 1913, of Dr. Humphrey and his family Dr. Daniels says:

Editor of St. Peter Herald—
My Dear Sir:
When at St. Peter, a year ago, I met Mr. Humphrey, who had then commenced his search for the burial place of his father, killed by the Indians in August, 1862. Dr. Humphrey, as my successor, having been appointed physician to the Sioux July, 1861. They numbered at that time more than three thousand, and lived in villages about the agency. He served little more than a year when the outbreak occurred. His flight that morning of the massacre of the whites at the agency, with his sick wife and three children, is one of the most tragic and pathetic incidents of the Indian war. Since meeting the son of the doctor I have made many inquiries of the older settlers and have become satisfied that the remains of Dr. Humphrey and family have never been removed from the place of their first burial.

August 28, 1862, General Sibley reached Fort Ridgely with his company of 1400 men, and on the 31st detailed 150, with 17 teams, to proceed to the Lower Agency, to feel the enemy and bury the dead. My brother, J. W. Daniels, was surgeon of that command, and from him I learned the particulars of the finding and burial of Dr. Humphrey, his wife and children. The remains of the doctor were found lying near the door of the Wagner cabin, the wife and children were killed inside, and their charred remains gathered from the debris of the burned building. All were buried a few rods away, and the grave marked as best they could with the means at hand.

This was the first command to reach the agency after the massacre. They buried many dead, and camped for the night at Birch Coulee. The following day occurred one of the most desperate battles of all our Indian wars. The slaughter was immense. Twenty-three were killed, forty-five wounded, and many received slight injuries, and ninety horses were killed.

Fifty years ago I well knew the locality of the Wagner home, but so many changes have since occurred it would now be impossible to discover the site, but it would seem probable that some of the older settlers of that neighborhood might do so.

Very truly yours,
Dr. A. W. Daniels.
—St. Peter Herald.

Nicollet County Jurors Drawn.

The following is a list of jurors drawn for the October term of district court by Clerk of Court Mallgren, Sheriff Olson and Justice Osborn:

GRAND JURORS.		
Name.	Address.	
George Sackl	Lafayette	
George Burke	Lake Prairie	
Ernest Kienlen	Ridgely	
John Kummerow	North Mankato	
John Michels	Oshawa	
Alvin Starke, Sr.	Belgrade	
W. M. Trench	St. Peter	
Henry Mann	Oshawa	
Charles Baumierster	Ridgely	
Wm. Rieke	West Newton	
J. C. Kettner	St. Peter	
W. L. Buck	St. Peter	
Henry Burke	St. Peter	
D. Donahue	St. Peter	
Jacob Oster	Granby	
E. E. Miller	St. Peter	
E. O. Haugen	New Sweden	
G. A. Carlson	St. Peter	
D. L. Holland	St. Peter	
Louis Paquin	Traverse	
Henry Robel, Jr.	North Mankato	
John Keltgen	Belgrade	
Geo. H. Towley	St. Peter	

PETIT JURORS.		
Chas. Bianchi	West Newton, New Ulm, Minn., R. 1	
E. A. Rasche	St. Peter	
August B. Peterson	New Sweden, Nicollet, Minn., R. 2	
Fred Bode		
Courtland, Courtland, Route 1		
Victor Lund	Lafayette Village	
Oscar Quist	New Sweden	
Ed. Simonsen	Lafayette	
Chas. Poncin	Traverse	
A. B. Swenson	Lafayette Village	
Chas. Gustafson	Oshawa	
Louis Compant	Granby	
August Sinder	Traverse	
Walden S. Roust	North Mankato	
Alex. Russell	West Newton	
Wm. Piepho	Belgrade	
Math. Sheehan	Lake Prairie	
Levi W. Samuelson		
Bernadotte, Lafayette, R. 1		
Oliver J. Quane	St. Peter	
E. W. Johnson	Oshawa, St. Peter R. 1	
John Strand	Lake Prairie	
John Fox	Traverse	
C. W. Carpenter	St. Peter	
Fred Muecing	Nicollet	
Louis Rice	St. Peter	
Julius Schleuder, Jr.	St. Peter	
John Stippel	West Newton	
Lars Karstad		
Bernadotte, Nicollet, R. 3		
C. J. Knock	St. Peter	
Charlie Anderson	Brighton	
N. H. Swenson	St. Peter	

Farewell For Schmid Family.

Jos. Schmid, for thirty one years a resident of Sleepy Eye, was with his wife and son, Leo, the recipients of a big farewell party given last Sunday evening in McNeill's hall by the Christian Mothers and St. Margaret Society and the church choir of St. Mary's Catholic church. The festivities began at about eight o'clock in the evening and lasted until early hours the following morning. About one hundred of Mr. Schmid's friends were present. They were at first treated through the courtesy of Mr. McNeill to a fine moving picture show revealing life in the jungles of Africa. After the show the guests retired to the reception hall and the real entertainment of the evening began. An orchestra consisting of Mr. Schmid, himself at the piano and Joe Bruckbauer and Geo. Saffert furnished music for the happy dancers. At twelve o'clock supper was served in the dining hall and such a supper that would excite hunger in most persons.

The farewell party was given in acknowledgment of Mr. Schmid's departure from here and his high place of respect among his host of friends.

Mr. Schmid and family leave in about ten days for Bruno in Pine county, Minn. His son Leo having bought a farm there will be engaged in farming while his father will go into the real estate business. Mrs. Joe Marhart and Mrs. Hans Nelson, daughters of Mr. and Mrs. Schmid reside near Bruno now. Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Robinson, the latter another one of their daughters will move there also.

The Schmid's will be greatly missed here among their large number of friends. They go to their new home with the best wishes of all who know them.—Sleepy Eye Herald-Dispatch.

Chas. Bierbaum Weds.

The friends of Charles F. Bierbaum will be pleased to learn of his recent marriage to one of Tracy's charming young ladies. The Tracy Weekly Herald chronicles the happy event as follows:

Miss Mary Winifred Evans and Mr. Chas. F. Bierbaum, both of this city, were united in marriage at the home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. D. H. Evans, Tuesday evening at 9 o'clock, by Rev. Dobson of the First Presbyterian church.

The wedding was a very quiet affair. Those present aside from the immediate family were Miss Clara Jacobson, Mrs. Dobson, Miss Vivian Patridge and Miss Ruth Bell, the two latter being intimate schoolmates of the bride at the University.

The bride was becomingly attired in a beautiful gown of white charmeuse and carried a bouquet of lilies of the valley and orchids. She was attended by her two sisters, Theodosia and Dionessa who were gowned in white and carried white roses.

Following the ceremony a three course supper was served. The dining room was prettily decorated in cupids and hearts and pink and white carnations.

The young couple left for a short wedding trip, after which they will return to this city where they will make their home.

The bride is the second daughter of Mr. and Mrs. D. H. Evans and has lived in our neighborhood since her birth. She is a charming young lady and has more than her share of feminine attractiveness. The groom is a splendid specimen of young manhood, good looking, healthy and ambitious; from one of the sturdy German families at New Ulm where he was raised and educated.

Old Resident Dislocates Shoulder Blade.

While inspecting the addition that is being built to the Journal office, George Doehne on Saturday morning about 10 o'clock got a dizzy spell and fell, thereby dislocating his left shoulder blade and fracturing the process of the bone. He was immediately taken to Dr. Strickler's home. On account of the advanced age of Mr. Doehne it was for a time feared that his injuries might prove serious. He rallied nicely, however, and was taken home Sunday. At this writing he is getting along very nicely.

A mixed pastoral conference comprising the Lutheran ministers of the Minnesota and Missouri Synods resident in this district is being held at Sleepy Eye this week. The conference convened yesterday and will be in session until the 9th of October. Rev. C. J. Albrecht will be present during the entire deliberations of this body and Prof. Ackermann and Prof. Meyer of the Dr. M. L. College will make an effort to attend for a day at least.

A monster good roads meeting arranged by the farmers of Brighton township, Nicollet county, will be held at the school house, near the Methodist church, in that township, Saturday evening of this week, commencing at 8 o'clock. The most important matter to be discussed at this gathering is the proposed improvement of the highway to the Bernadotte town line which is in a very poor condition owing to the fact that partially no work has been done on this road during the past season. It is proposed to make the necessary improvement before cold weather sets in, if possible.

County Auditor Louis G. Vogel has taken an interest in the promotion of boy scoutcraft in New Ulm and as a result of his efforts the prospect for organization in this city are very promising as about forty boys have already expressed a desire to become charter members. Mr. Vogel has communicated with the state scoutmaster at Minneapolis and as soon as he receives a reply, together with detailed information and instructions relative to the organization of a local branch, he will begin to perfect plans with this end in view. All New Ulm boys wishing to become scouts should call on Mr. Vogel at an early date to insure their entrance in the branch as charter members.

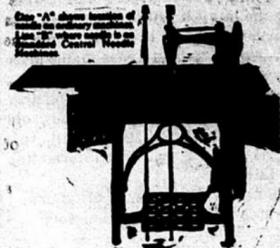
At the preliminary examination held before Judge Cutting in the municipal court at Sleepy Eye last Wednesday Albert Gieseke was discharged on the grounds that there was insufficient evidence to bind him over to the grand jury on the charge of assault in the first degree with a dangerous weapon. Michaels and Davis of Marshall were attorneys for the defense and County Attorney Fredrickson of Springfield represented the State. Lawyer Davis argued that the revolver in Gieseke's hands was not a dangerous weapon at a distance of twenty feet unless loaded which fact was not proven. Therefore in the final analysis Nic Beckius was not assaulted at all. It was this that made the defendant's freedom possible and on motion of defendant's attorneys, Judge Cutting entered an order discharging the prisoner.

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