STARTING UP LIBRARIES

HOW NEW JERSEY PROPOSES TO PROMOTE INTELLIGENCE.

The State May Help Every Town That Helps Itself—Libraries In Manufacturing Cities—Qualities of a Librarian.

[Special Correspondence.]

PASSAIC, N. J., Feb. 6.—New Jersey has the best roads of any state in the Union and is taking systematic steps to have the best public libraries. The New Jersey Library association, of which Dr. E. C. Richardson of Princeton university library is president, has pursued the subject in a practical way, and the probabilities are that the legislature will pass an act authorizing the state to give $100 to every new library and every small library in the commonwealth that will raise an equal amount of money for the purchase of new books. It is also proposed to establish a state library association to have charge of the expenditure of moneys for library purposes and exert influence in the selection of books. The proposed law provides that the librarian or trustees of any free public library in the state or any person or persons desirous of organizing a free public library may ask such commission for advice in regard to the selection of books, the cataloguing thereof and any other matters pertaining to the establishment, maintenance or administration of such library, and the commission shall give such advice in regard to such matters as it shall find practicable.

A special committee, of which W. C. Kimball of this city is chairman, has been studying the library question in general and has reached conclusions of value not only to New Jersey, but to every town in the United States. This committee urges that the value, moral, physical and intellectual, of a public library and reading room in the turbulent sections of manufacturing towns cannot be estimated, a place where law and order prevail, where personal cleanliness is essential and where the best and most worthy thoughts of our greatest men and women are attractively presented.

The committee talks very plainly about the selection of librarians and does not hesitate to say that women are generally more successful than men. Evidently presuming that the selection will be a woman, the committee says: "She should be trained in library science, and, in addition to a general education and wide information, she should be a person of character and business ability. among the least of her qualifications should be an affable and courteous manner, for the librarian is the medium between the public and the

PASSAIC PUBLIC LIBRARY AND CITY HALL.

storehouse behind the desk and should therefore be a person easy to approach. The popularity and success of the library may depend to a greater extent upon the popularity of the librarian than she herself may realize. A reader who is made to feel that his taste in literature is inferior is not likely to visit the library more frequently than he can help. A person of tact and adaptability will not snub a borrower who inquires if Mary J. Holmes and E. P. Roe are good authors, and it is also part of the librarian's duty to accept patiently and good naturedly criticisms, kindly or otherwise, as to the correctness of her own literary taste. The librarian of whom it is said, 'She thinks she knows everything and owns the whole library,' is not a success."

There are now 129 cities and towns in New Jersey having a population of over 750 which have no library of any kind, and it is the purpose of the present movement to agitate the subject until a beginning is made in every one of these benighted places. Burlington, a town of prominence in colonial and Revolutionary history, has the distinction of possessing the oldest established public library in the state, it having been organized in 1758 under a charter granted by King George II. This library is owned by an association, but is free to the public, the city contributing $600 annually toward its support.

Massachusetts has only seven towns without a public library, and it is the ambition of New Jersey to overtake and surpass the proud Bay State in facilities for public enlightenment by means of books. The New Jersey library movement will be watched by other states in a similar condition of intellectual darkness. Not only is the universal establishment of libraries with state aid a matter of national interest, but the influence exerted upon the various communities after they are in operation.

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HEMP INDUSTRY IN THE SOUTH

How the Crop Is Sown, Cultivated and Harvested In Kentucky.

[Special Correspondence.]

LEXINGTON, Ky., Feb. 5.—The center of the hemp industry of the United States is in this vicinity. Kentucky produces a crop of hemp worth annually nearly $700,000. Farmers and experts tell us that no part of the world is better adapted to the successful cultivation of hemp than this and numerous other sections of our country. If this statement is true, why import each year over $675,000 worth of hemp from foreign countries?

As early as 1629 attempts were made to raise hemp in Plymouth colony. Nathan Burrows introduced the plant into Kentucky in 1796. Since then the industry has been subjected to varying fortunes. Previous to the war this state devoted over 30,000 acres to hemp, and high prices prevailed. The war devastated the cotton fields, and, there being no demand for hemp rope to bind cotton bales, the hemp industry languished.

Hon. James Wilson, secretary of agriculture, has lately said that there is a reasonable prospect of establishing an extensive hemp industry in the United States on new lines, involving the use of a taller variety or two crops of the short variety, growing the crop on large areas of cheap land, plowing deep, putting on the necessary fertilizers, reaping and breaking by machinery and using the process of water setting.

As many as 20 successive crops can be grown on the same ground. Seed is sown in May and is scattered broadcast. In three months the crop matures. The plants reach an average height of 8 feet, although in some parts of the world 15 feet is attained. When ripe, the stalks are cut near the ground with a scythe. A workman is paid $2.50 a day for this labor, and he can cut half an acre in ten hours.

The hemp, after being cut, is placed on the ground and is there allowed to cure for about two weeks. Then it is raked into bundles somewhat less than a foot in diameter and stacked. In the early part of December the stacks are taken down, and the hemp is placed on the ground. The rains fall, and the fiber or lint becomes loosened and can then be easily separated from the stalks of the plant.

Negroes are employed to separate the fiber from the stalk. They use a wooden frame with metal blades called a brake. Some of the negroes are very expert in this profession. A fair worker can break and clean about 125 pounds in a day. One negro, Graves Harris, could break 600 pounds in a day, and his performances, although exceptional, were often repeated. One man has invented what is claimed to

HEMP BREAKING.

be a very successful machine for breaking hemp, but the results from a commercial standpoint have not yet been fully established.

An acre has been made to produce 1,500 pounds of hemp, although 1,000 pounds is a fair yield. The cost is from $25 to $30 an acre. Prices fluctuate greatly, and many fortunes have been made and lost in speculating on these changes. One man down here made $17,500 in a few hours, and another held his hemp a few days too long and was out $8,000.

Russia, Italy, Holland, Turkey, Great Britain, the East Indies, the United States and the Philippines are the principal hemp producing countries of the world. It is singular how greatly is the hemp plant influenced by its environment. Some climates so affect it that the fibers are ruined as far as any commercial use is concerned. In the United States no such trouble has been observed.

Hemp is used in making rope. In England they weave hemp fibers into coarse sheets, towels and tablecloths. The Russians roast the seeds of the hemp plant and use them on bread. Oil made from crushing seeds is utilized to some degree in mixing paints and in preparing varnishes.

The time has arrived for farmers and capitalists to consider the profits which may be made from hemp raising. There is much waste land in the United States in the very districts where hemp will grow readily, and such tracts can be purchased at low cost. Then, too, as soon as hemp seeds have been planted no attention is given to the growing plants until the crop is ready for cutting. Farmers for this reason like to cultivate hemp.

The diversifying of crops is much discussed here in the south. Why not plant hemp? A leading farmer said to the writer recently: "I have been planting hemp for many years, and I have always made money on the crop. Hemp requires little care, and all I ask is that prices should be fair."

DONALD DUNCAN.

An Editor's Life Saved by Chamberlain's Cough Remedy.

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