

able; the pumps are tried to make sure that they are in perfect working condition; every needed precaution is made, for beyond the bar the storms have their way, the secret currents are in stealthy flow; there may be icebergs without and fires may be kindled within the ship; on the breast of the ocean the winds often hold a carnival and so wild and lawless are the elements, that for ages men have been trying to meet and outride them in safety.

On the land, as his harvests begin to ripen the farmer looks to his fences, lest the vagrant livestock of his neighbors invade his fields and blast his hopes; he looks out for noxious weeds and when found destroys them; he is careful lest his blooded stock make misalliances with the scrub stock of a degraded neighbor; he looks to the sanitation of his premises lest disease germs may be tainting the air; he looks to the roads and sees that they are kept in order, that the heaviest loads may be hauled with the least strain upon his teams and wagons; he tries to kill the germ of ignorance by having good schools for his children; he tries to raise the best and finest livestock possible, that better service and more revenue may be obtained for his horses, his cattle, his sheep and pigs and chickens. If any wild beasts haunt his neighborhood, to protect his own stock he hunts and exterminates them; if thieves appear he has them arrested, tried and if convicted, punished.

His pride and self-interest are both alert to do what good he can for himself and his neighbors.

Now a government is to the people what a ship is on the sea, what a farm is on the land. Many people look up to the government as a something beyond them, a great mysterious something in the hands of exalted and wise men who know just what is needed, to insure the safety, the peace and prosperity of a country. But the trouble is men are often elected to office who are unworthy, often men who in the government what a cowboy who never saw a ship would be had he charge of a ship's engine, or what he would be as master of a ship who could not, at noonday "take the sun."

There are others who in high office are but what a bull would be in a china shop. There are others who are sometimes given office who, because they are familiar with the sciences and classical literature believe that with so much learning as they possess must necessarily meet the requirements of the office by an intention of their own, which must be infallible.

Such an one would, if he essayed to navigate a ship, be the laughing stock of every old tar aboard; or if he undertook to manage a great farm, would make the Chinaman who was doing the laundry work of the farm, cry out: "What for? He d—d fool!"

But the truth is the handling of a ship or a farm requires the same order of mind that a government should have, for the government is not unlike a big farm or ship. If the former, then there must be foremen for the cattle and horses and some sheep herders; if the latter, there must be mates and engineers and possibly a sailing master. But the essential things with all are safety and progress and for these all needed precautions should be taken and then the work done should be efficient work.

The roads should be kept in order, the fences made secure; the low lands drained, the arid lands irrigated; the school house kept in repair and all the details looked after every day, that there may be no failure or waste of effort; that everything may be done in season; the trees sprayed to ward off parasites and if any foes appear the means should be at hand to beat them off, whether they be human thieves or enemies to vegetation or diseases that attack animals.

And no long debates are necessary; if the practical effects of a certain idea are found unprofitable, the idea should be abandoned; if some one is given a place on the reputation of being an expert and he utterly fails he should be fired and the original requirements, safety first and then progress, should be the impelling objects on the ship, on the farm and in the government.

#### Military Drill In The Schools

HAD Professor Gowans been at Lexington that morning when the "embattled farmers fired the shot heard 'round the world," he doubtless would have protested vigorously against the spirit of militarism that had suddenly taken possession of them.

When, later, at Bunker Hill a more pronounced spirit of militarism took possession of those devoted men who with their old-fashioned muskets three times rolled back the remnants of the solid columns of Lord Howe, the professor doubtless would have inveighed against their work and pointed out the baneful effects of that work.

The object lesson presented by the cadets corps of our high school has no effect upon Professor Gowans.

The state of their health is a material proof that his flabby charge that the drill is a menace to the health has no foundation in fact, and his other charges are equally foundationless. He could frame just as plausible a reason against teaching students geography or English grammar.

He could assert that a knowledge of geography would almost certainly awaken a desire in the heart of the student to leave his legitimate work and go to see the countries told of in the geography, or should he become a grammarian he would have a desire to abandon his father's cabbage patch and enter refined society.

The one thing that American boys most lack is discipline.

The military drill of the schools is the first lesson in real discipline that many boys ever had. The next thing that boys need is honest pride and the discipline of the drill awakens that. The most essential thing in the education of a boy is to have his mind, hands and eyes trained together and the drill is necessary for that.

The one thing that is more essential to impress upon a boy than any other, is patriotism and respect for the flag that symbolizes the sovereignty of this republic. As nothing so insures the peace of a country as the knowledge that it is prepared against attack, when full enlightenment shall come and every boy on leaving school will be known to be accomplished in the preliminary training of a soldier, that knowledge will be an almost certain guarantee against attack from any outside nation or any combine of nations.

One of the very best features of a preliminary military training is to teach a youth how to protect his own health. This is the more especially true when accompanying the training there are annual autumn encampments, where the simpler sanitary requirements are enforced.

The outside world is envious of the United States, and outside nations have proven in the last year that when an advantage is offered, nearly all of them can find excuses for violating their most solemn agreements. Our gates are always lifted up for the vicious and the poor of the outside world to flock in, and experience has established that many of these would rather make trouble than honestly earn a living.

Every state should have a trained militia to guard it against disorder. These lawless wretches will be careful against committing overt acts against the tranquility of the state when they know that every man in the state has received such a training as will enable him to become an effective soldier immediately if called upon.

We hope that the next Utah legislature will make it imperative upon every male student in

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