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CURRENT COMMENT

THERE'S lots to be said on both sides of the college question. It is true that you can find college graduates in jail, and boys who have never seen the inside of a schoolhouse sitting in the seats of the mighty, but that isn't the rule. An American with no schooling at all has one chance in 150,000 of becoming eminent. With a high school training he has 87 times as good a chance. With a college education he has 700 times as good a chance. Going to college, for most boys, means a few years of hard study and penny pinching, but if it increases the chances of success 700 times, you have the answer to the question, "Why go to college?" Why, indeed, shouldn't the boy go to college, even if it involves some sacrifice on his own part, and some on the part of his family?

THOUGH peace has been patched up in the far East, keen observers of world conditions predict a war in the not far distant future. The Turks are determined to get back into Europe, and when they attempt it war will break forth. There is but one way to prevent it. If the Turks are to be kept out of Europe, Christians must necessarily be kept out of Asia Minor. The white race is the dominant race of the world. It is also the minority race when it comes to taking a world census. Ancient and medieval history teach us, if they teach us anything that a dominant race is courting destruction when it undertakes to press either its plan of government or its religion upon another race.

EMMETT is not alone in being hard put to find room for her public school pupils. The newspapers of practically every village, town and city are facing the problem of overflowing school buildings. In some cities the pupils are put on half time. This is an unwholesome condition. The best thing that a democracy can do for its children, and incidentally for itself, is to give them each a seat under a competent teacher. It is an expensive undertaking, a hundred million dollars for a million children; but if the education is what it should be, it is the most profitable investment that a community or a state can make. "After bread, education" is a good motto to write above our budgets, which means that they are to be passed not with less scrutiny, but with deeper realization of what an educational budget really means. These budgets are growing enormously, but till every child has a fair chance to get the education to which he is entitled, and which a seat should not only symbolize but secure, they cannot be said to be too large.

ACCORDING to the dispatches Samuel Untermyer has expressed a willingness to assist in the attempt to impeach Attorney General Daugherty. Daugherty's offense was that he tried to stop sabotage and violence with the railway strike. There is no doubt of his guilt. As a result of his action it is a crime to assault a non-union workman or burn a railway car. Freedom has been attacked in one of its vulnerable spots.

STATEMENTS made by Candidate Alexander that the "Cabinet Form of Government" and offices in the state house are responsible for high taxes in Idaho were shown without foundation by Captain A. H. Connor,

candidate for attorney general, when he analyzed one of Mr. Alexander's own tax receipts at a meeting recently held in Salmon City. Under the name of the Alexander Realty Company, Mr. Alexander owns a farm in Lemhi county. His receipt for his 1921 taxes was No. 6, and was divided as follows:

State tax	\$27.12
County tax	82.26
School tax	45.00

Total \$154.38

Captain Connor showed that of each dollar paid in taxes for state purposes only 15 cents goes to the maintenance and upkeep of the various departments of state government which Mr. Alexander delights in calling the "Cabinet Form of Government." The remaining 85 cents goes to schools, roads, interest and sinking fund on bond issues, legislative and judicial departments, all of which Mr. Alexander has publicly stated must not be touched. He burned his fingers in his previous administration when he cut appropriations for state schools to the point where the institutions were seriously crippled and he says Idaho must have good roads. He told a Salmon City audience: "We are going to build good roads. We are going to build them all over the state and if the Republicans don't like them they can ride in the brush." So that leaves only 15 cents for state departments where he can save his million dollars to the taxpayers of Idaho. On his Lemhi county farm that would amount to just \$4.06. If he would close the state house, discharge all employed there and abandon the functions of the state government, he would save just 15 cents on each dollar of his state taxes.

I See That—

Everybody's cash increased by 46 cents in August, according to the treasury department. Ours must have gotten lost in the mail.

The estimated cost of maintaining a private soldier in the United States army is \$2680 a year. Whe-e-ew, what it must cost to maintain a general or a supply sergeant.

A man 104 years old, arrested for drunkenness, was released on his promise not to take another drink for 30 years. We fancy that if he can hold out the first 10 years, he'll be safe.

A director of the Harriman National bank of New York, which loaned the Miners Union \$100,000 during the height of the coal strike without other collateral than the integrity of the 900,000 members of the union, says the men could have borrowed 5 million dollars as well as \$100,000 on the same security.

A centenarian claims his 100 years are due to the fact that he has always raised Ned and lived the life of a tough. Lots of old boys like to brag how wild they were in their youth.

The postoffice window is to go. Uncle Sam plans in the near future to hand the mail out over a counter. The country store postoffices of bygone days, and those maintained in saloons such as Zeke Sweet tells about, are to be vindicated at last.

It will only take 28 hours for New York air mails to reach Frisco, provided, of course, they reach there at all.

Mr. Gompers has decided to impeach the attorney general, but will not determine for several days whether he will remove President Harding or not.

TALES OF TOWN

MY EPITAPH.

I ask no stone to mark me where I lie,
Only a pine's tall shaft in a deep wood
Beneath blue skies with white clouds
drifting by
Where I may sleep in soundless
solitude.

And let there be no written record
planned—
My scroll shall be the seasons as
they pass;
The white of snows when winter veils
the land;
The moons of springtime latticing
the grass—

It may be then that I shall hear again
The things I loved so well so long
ago—
The fitful drumming of the young
year's rain,
The first spring flowers thrusting
through the snow.

BROWSING IN BOOKS

THERE is, I know not how, in the minds of men, a certain presage, as it were, of a future existence! and this takes the deepest root, and is most discoverable, in the greatest geniuses and most exalted souls.—Cicero.

It is hard to tell what and when the world is coming to.

The country's bumper crops are all

right, but they seem to have no place to go.

Babe Ruth has a swell job. All he does when he wants to go fishing is cuss an umpire.

These are also the days when the new teacher sizes up the parents via the children.

A woman is as old as she looks—a man is never too old to quit looking.

The list of Emmett young folks who are attending college or who are teaching looks almost like a roll call.

We have seen a few of the new long skirts in Emmett, and really we can't say that we like 'em.

Were it not for the radicals and the pullbacks we would have no middle ground. We then would either go to smash or die of dry rot.

On the way to the upper country a traveller asked a farmer of foreign birth which of two roads was the better. He said: "Both is the same far, but one is the most hill up."

An Emmett man came to this office to buy old newspapers to put under a carpet. On being offered a bundle of comic supplements he refused them, saying that his wife was inclined to be hysterical, and he was afraid the "funny papers" would tickle her feet.

Little Mary was attending her first class in domestic science and was asked to tell briefly the surest way to keep milk from souring. And Mary, being an exceedingly practical child, gave this recipe: "Leave it in the cow."

An old friend of ours, a German by preference and because he cannot help it, and his wife did not get along. One day at the close of a particularly violent argument his wife remarked, "I wish I was in heaven!" "Huh!" commented Heinrich, "I wish I was in a beer garden." "There you go," exploded his frau, "always wishing yourself in the best place."

A man wanted by the police was photographed in six different positions. The pictures were circulated among the police of other cities. The chief of a small town wrote headquarters, saying: "I duly received the pictures of the six miscreants whose capture is desired. I have arrested five of them. The sixth is under observation and will be arrested soon."

On a summer evening, after a shower, you wonder where all the bugs come from and where they have all been keeping themselves before the shower. So it is when the schools start. The school children swarm out on the streets and you wonder where they all come from and where in the world all of them kept themselves during the summer months.

The Methodist conference had just adjourned and one of the brethren was feeling very much disappointed over his appointment. A kind hearted brother, wishing to comfort him, laid a friendly arm about his shoulders and said: "Now, my dear brother, cheer up! You must look for the hand of the Lord in your appointment." "I do," mourned the disappointed brother, "I do! But every time I look for the hand of the Lord I see the paw of the presiding elder."

A typographical error is always possible. The cold sweat trickles down our spine when we read the paper after the edition is printed and find that some linotype slugs have gotten mixed in the makeup. Other editors undoubtedly have the same trouble, as witness this card of thanks clipped from an exchange: "We take this means of extending our thanks to all those who were so kind during the sickness and death of our loved one. We especially thank the givers of the beautiful flowers, 1 sulkey hay rake, 1 log chain, a grindstone and other articles too numerous to mention."

"Speaking of snakes," remarked Old Bill Misgivings, "they ain't bad critters at all if you know how to treat them right. I found a snake one winter day out in the yard near to perishing. Evidently he had neglected to provide himself with a hole for the winter and just fooled around until a sudden cold spell caught him out in the open and he mighty near froze to death. I sort of pitied the reptile and took him up to the fire, warmed him and gave him some sweet milk to drink. Well, that snake was the most grateful snake I ever saw. He would follow me around like a dog and when I whistled he would come a-crawling to me as fast as he could. He was a heap better than any cat for catching mice and when I used to be working in one of the outside fields and didn't want to go home for dinner that snake would go to the house, take the lunch my wife had put up in a lunch basket, take

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