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IGNORANCE IN PUBLIC SCHOOLS

College Students Know But Little About Current Events, Questionnaire Shows

Whether or not the American Federation of Labor is right in claiming that present textbooks are both without and against labor's viewpoints, there is reason to wonder whether the general public has not less to fear from even biased histories than from schools which do not teach current events. This question is raised for Labor Day and the new school year in a report on how 7,500 school and college students in all parts of the country recently answered a current events test. The test was issued by the Review of Reviews and taken by 200,000 students in public and private schools and colleges. Returns from 7,500 students who averaged 4 per cent. were turned over for study to the Institute for Public Service, of which Julius H. Barnes is chairman. Its summary is in part as follows:

The current events questions were not catch questions calling for freak memories. Instead, they called for knowledge and understanding of frequently mentioned men, places and issues affecting our national life, like Uncle Sam, Samuel Gompers, Budget Director Dawes, Lloyd George, Senators Lodge and Borah, home-state governors and school heads; Coblenz, Haiti, Costa Rica, Moscow; budget, collective bargaining, buyers' strike, poeage, sales tax, sovietism and Sinn Féin. They dealt with no problems beyond the comprehension of grammar school graduates, but they did call for right study of current events. Yet mixing up in one average the lowest marks, like 8 per cent. and 17 per cent., with highest marks like 88 per cent. and 92 per cent., the country-wide average for 17,500 students was 44 per cent.

College juniors and seniors did the best; they averaged only 60 per cent., while 400 college freshmen averaged 63 per cent., the same as 3,000 students in high school graduating classes. Of 10,000 high school students, 1,500 in the second term of the third year did the best, earning 55 per cent., while 2,900 high school freshmen averaged only 35 per cent. For 2,250 grammar school seniors the average was 42 per cent., while 1,500 seventh grade pupils earned 30 per cent.

Typical ignorance or misunderstanding with respect to current problems the following answers are cited from high school and college students:

"In one state college three of 36 juniors did not identify a cartoon of Uncle Sam.

"Samuel Gompers, president of the A. F. of L. is given as head of the shipbuilding trade, a poet, labor's representative in congress, secretary of labor, head of the strikers, the civil service commission and all the unions of the world, and minister to France, England and Japan.

"Lloyd George, Britain's prime minister, is given as king of Ireland, king of England, prominent in England, ambassador to United States and English diplomat.

"Senator Henry Cabot Lodge is given as former senator, secretary of war, writer on psychic research, ambassador to England, believer in conversations with the dead, member of Harding's cabinet, president of the senate, English speech-maker, advocate of spiritualism, known to but seven of 2 high school seniors in a New England city.

"Charles E. Hughes was President Wilson's private secretary and how wants to conquer Russia. Budget director Dawes is secretary of the navy. Senator William E. Borah, fighter for disarmament, is widely unknown, marked as Uncle Sam and dubbed a socialist senator.

"Movements, places and problems were like-wise either unheard of or seen thru a glass darkly:

"Budget is a bill of particulars, a

A LAST WORD

(For Republicans.)
This is a circular letter to all the county papers. It, like my other articles, is condensed as a matter of economy. This article will answer, directly or indirectly, a few of the reports circulating in the county concerning me.

Am I an "organization" man? I don't know. Be your own judge. I am a Republican. I believe the principles of the party are economically sound. I believe a party organization is a necessity to get these principles before the people and enacted into law. Any party organization that works for the welfare of the people I am with. Any party organization whose vision does not carry beyond their own interests or those of their friends has no justification for its existence. I have never asked the permission of the county organization to become a candidate. Many of the individuals of the county organization are among my most cordial supporters. Some are undecided and a few, I understand, are planning to remove me from the political horizon at the last moment.

The operation will, no doubt, be under way by the time this article gets into print. Possibly a repugnance to carnage is why our Assemblyman fled to Europe instead of staying on the job with the boys.

I have promised favors to no one; am under obligations to no one and ask no one to vote for me or work for my nomination who wants any other reward than the consciousness that he or she is working for the common good of all. During my campaign I have pursued a course which has often caused me to be referred to as running "independent" because I have run with the soul purpose of being, if nominated and elected, subject to no will or interest other than that of the people of this county.

The Wellsville Reporter of September 1st has an article under this heading "Assembly Scrap—Duke vs. Gordon." The truth concerning Duke's so-called Sunday traffic amendment—The word "souvenir" was inserted in the old law—no other liberties given by the Duke amendment.

The law referred to legalizes the sale of souvenirs on Sunday. The Reporter takes the position that it was too small a thing for me to make such a fuss over. It was small and uncalculated by this county and it was also not the bill to which I referred in my article. The bill I did refer to took the lid off from Sunday business so it could be carried on all day long instead of until 10 A. M. as now. The bill, introduced March 17 as No. 1350, never became a law but was stricken from the calendar April 16.

I have used the press as a mouthpiece that what I said to one might be said to all.

I have addressed no remarks particularly to women voters because early I discovered that the women did not need to be urged to inform themselves that they might vote intelligently. I have received twice as many inquiries regarding my position on questions of interest to them as I have from the men.

The direct primary law is theoretically nearly an ideal law in principle but in practice it is often a failure. The fact that 5000 more voters are registered for the primaries to the county this year than last indicates that the people are beginning to realize that it is just as much their duty to come to the primary and select their candidates as it is to get out election day and vote for them.

Remember the date, September 13, from 7 A. M. to 9 P. M.
Rushford, N. Y.
DEAN D. GORDON.

NOTICE OF FILING COMPLETED ASSESSMENT-ROLL WITH TOWN CLERK

NOTICE is hereby given that the Assessment-Roll of the Town of Andover, in the County of Allegany, for the year 1921, has been duly completed by the undersigned assessors, and a certified copy thereof was filed in the office of the Town Clerk at Andover, where the same will remain open for inspection for fifteen days.

Dated this 31st day of August, 1921.

L. L. BULLARD,
W. C. DOWNER,
ELMER KAPLE,
Assessors of the Town of Andover.

booklet for keeping mob in Russia, a party of people in Russia trying to gain power or the socialists in Ireland.

"Our last two constitutional amendments brought us railroads, steamships, paved streets and restricted immigration."

"The Knox peace resolution called for indemnity from Germany, assistance from foreign affairs, reduced navy from international disarmament."

"Poison is the murder of a law regarding punishment of negroes."

The Irish Question

Why Not Let the Irish Rule Ireland as Americans Govern the United States?

At this writing the Irish question, which has been particularly active for the past few months, seems as far from settlement as it did 700 years ago.

Recently we received a copy of "The Bulletin," a small paper issued by the American Association for the Recognition of the Irish Republic, published at Albany, N. Y. It is devoted exclusively to the interests of the association in the State of New York.

The News has received many letters, articles and papers having the same ideals as has this Albany publication, but viewing the subject thru our optics, their attitude would often be detrimental to their cause if given publicity, and in many ways would do their cause more harm than good. But not so with The Bulletin. The issue we received is free from all such matter, and hits the nail on the head every crack. It is clean. It gives not abuse, but facts, and its circulation will be a power in creating sentiment in New York State for the freedom of Ireland, if it continues along the lines of the issue before us.

And right in this connection we take the opportunity of saying, distinctly and emphatically, that the Andover News believes in and heartily endorses the movement for the freedom of Ireland, or any other oppressed people. The old principle that "governments derive their just power from the consent of the governed" should be as true today as it was in 1776, and as true for the Irish in Ireland as it was for Americans in America.

We cannot see how any American citizen can do otherwise than sympathize with the Irish people. They have more reason for demanding their freedom than we ever had for fighting for our liberty with the same opponents as have they. The only difference is that we were fortunate in having the Atlantic Ocean between us and England, while Ireland has them for backdoor neighbors.

Lovers of Ireland in America are cited by the knowledge that the struggle for popular government, after seven hundred years of fighting for freedom, was never in such fine shape as it is to-day. Lovers of liberty all over the world are being treated to a defense of liberty that for endurance will be an object lesson so long as the world exists.

Alice Stone Blackwell, publicist and noted lecturer, and for years editor of the "Woman Citizen" of Boston, has written a letter for the Recognition of the Irish Republic, and in closing says "I am an Englishman's daughter, and I love England, but I love justice and liberty more."

Such sentiments should fill the hearts of every true American.

English statesmen did not hesitate to aid our enemies in the time of the Civil War. They assisted the confederacy in every way imaginable. Surely with such a great principal at stake as liberty and freedom, to which the American people have always stood loyal, we cannot be expected to side with our former arch enemy.

New York State is about to send a mass petition to our legislative committee at Washington when it is ready for action. May the Empire State send the longest petition she has ever sent to Congress.

If you are asked to sign such a petition do not hesitate but get your name on the "dotted line" just as quickly as possible. It is the one thing you can do to help the cause of freedom now.

OLEAN CAR HIT BY TRUCK

Mrs. Elizabeth Baham Injured and Taken to Hornell Hospital

Mrs. Elizabeth Baham, of Olean, was seriously injured last Saturday morning in an accident on the state road between Andover and Alfred. The woman was sent to the Bethesda Hospital where she received treatment under the care of Dr. George Taylor.

Mr. and Mrs. Baham were on their way toward Hornell. According to the story told by Mr. Baham they saw a truck coming toward them on the wrong side of the road. Just as they were about to pass, Mr. Baham says he was forced over into the ditch in order to avoid a collision, but instead of going by the truck turned directly toward them.

Mr. Baham says there were a man and boy in the truck, the boy doing the driving. The truck stopped after the accident and Mrs. Baham was hurried to Hornell for treatment.

The name of the truck driver was not learned in the exchange Mr. Baham failed to get him.

When you are searching for your lost dog that he to publish a "Lost Ad"

Tidbits From Our School

School opened on Tuesday with the following faculty in charge:

Levi R. Tubbs, principal, Mathematics and Science.

Miss Sara Jones, preceptress, English and Spanish.

Miss Elizabeth Letimer, Latin and History.

Mrs. Edith Thorne, Eighth Grade, Biology and Drawing.

Miss Annette Taylor, Grade Seven.

Miss Nora McAndrew, Grades Five and Six.

Miss Ruth Taylor, Grade Four.

Miss Mary Snyder, Grades Two and Three.

Miss Nellie Diffin, Grade One.

Miss Ethel Litchfield, Physical Instructor.

The registration for the first day was Grade One, 38; Grade Two, 15; Grade 3, 22; Grade 4, 19; Grade 5, 21; Grade 6, 28; Grade 7, 18; Grade 8, 21; total in the grades, 182.

High School registration: Freshmen, 24; Sophomores, 26; Juniors, 10; Seniors, 7; total 67. Total in the school 249.

Where are the boys? There are 22 boys in the study hall and 66 girls.

Some of the members of last year's Senior Class have planned their work for the coming year.

Everett Clair has begun his work as a pharmacist by accepting a position at Young's Pharmacy at Hornell. Dan DeRemer is teaching school on Gall Hill.

Daniel Flynn is teaching school in his home district.

Dora Wagner is teaching school on Purdy Creek.

Donald Pingrey will enter Alfred University.

The beautiful reproduction of Corret's "Dance of the Nymphs" which was hung on the wall of the study hall at the close of school by the Senior Class, has been augmented by a group picture of the class which has been hung just beneath it.

BEATEN, ROBBED, LEFT SENSELESS NEAR ROADSIDE

Hornell, Sept. 8.—Beaten into insensibility and then robbed, the unconscious form of Clarence Eicher, driver for a local taxi cab service, was found at daybreak about half a mile beyond the village of Woodhull. His head had been beaten in with some blunt instrument.

He was brought to St. James Mercy Hospital here, where it is said that he will probably recover.

About 9 o'clock last evening a call came to the Wyckoff taxi service for a machine and Eicher was sent out with a new sedan. He says that a young man and girl said that they had broken down in their car and wanted to get to their home in Woodhull, 25 miles away. They made a deal with Eicher to drive them there. He says that when they reached Woodhull the man said that their home was about a quarter of a mile down the road, and asked Eicher to drive on. A minute later Eicher was struck a stunning blow over the head. He was dragged from the car, his pockets rifled and then he was beaten until he was unconscious. His body was hurried into a clump of bushes and the man and girl sped away in the taxi cab. This occurred about 10:30 o'clock last night. It was 6 o'clock this morning before the holdup was discovered and the police notified.

The assailants are believed to have been a couple who had concessions at the Fair this week.

At this writing the couple have not been located.

If the opportunity advertised seems not only genuine, but a good one for you, look into it.

BIG I. O. O. F. PICNIC WAS A SUCCESS

Andover Lodge Members Carry Off Four of the Prizes — Rain Stopped Ball Game and Addresses

The first annual Odd Fellows picnic at Cuba Lake, near Olives' Pavilion, was a big success in every way. It is estimated that eight hundred people were present.

The first event of the day was the ball game between Wellsville Lodge No. 295, and Andover Lodge No. 786. The Andover team won the box of cigars easily, the score being 2 to 5.

After the ball game, the people scattered thru the grounds and at the tables with their dinner baskets. Every one seemed to have plenty of provender, and to spare.

The tug-of-war between members of Cuba Encampment and the Orientals was pulled off directly after dinner, the former winning a box of cigars.

Undoubtedly the most interesting stunt of the day was the tug-of-war between ladies of Andover and Alfred Rebekah Lodges. They were very evenly balanced, and it took the entire three minutes to determine which was the stronger. But finally the Andover girls, with a sharp jerk, gained the three foot lead necessary for victory. Their prize was a box of candy.

In the 100-yard dash for men weighing over 200 pounds, Wallace Wingert, of Fillmore Lodge, outdistanced his two other rivals. H. L. Watts, of Cuba, came in second.

The 100-yard dash for men under 200 pounds was won by Fay E. Boyd of Andover Lodge No. 786.

Miss Frances Beebe, of Andover, won the 50-yard dash for women.

After the races which took place on the ball field, the crowd was ushered down to the pavilion grounds for the addresses. Atty. M. A. Federspell, of Niagara, who is a candidate for Grand Warden, and Hon. John W. Slacer, of Buffalo, president of the Erie County Past Grand's Association, were introduced. The former interested his hearers and made a good practical address, but the latter had not much more than got under way when the rain drove his audience for shelter and the speaking was off.

The base ball game between the Bolivar town team and the Victor Aluminum team of Wellsville was rained off after the third inning. Bolivar had the lead by 3 to 0.

In the evening nineteen Past Grand's took the Past Grand's Association degree in the Cuba Lodge room.

Had it not been for the rain which finally got into action just as the ball game was beginning, the picnic would have been a success in every way.

Andover Lodge was represented by as large a delegation as that of any lodge in the district.

NINE MILLION BARRELS OF CRUDE OIL STORED

Amount of Crude Petroleum Now Being Held in Mid-Continent Field

Approximately 9,000,000 barrels of crude oil is now being held in storage in the Mid-Continent field by the Sinclair Crude Oil Purchasing Co., jointly owned by the Standard Oil Co. of Indiana and Sinclair Consolidated Oil Co. The Sinclair Pipe Line, owned jointly by the same companies, is now in excess of 65,000 barrels of oil daily about 40,000 barrels of which is going into storage by the purchasing agency. It is understood that more than 55,000 barrels storage tanks have been ordered to handle oil going into storage.

HOSIERY WORK SHIRTS OVERALLS

MRS. C. W. WILLIAMS

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