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SCHOOLS AND COMMUNITY LIFE

PROBABLY no other agency of man's creating has such far-reaching power for good in the community as good, live, up-to-date schools.

The time is long past in this country when "just any old school" will serve the purpose.

In no age of the world was business competition ever so keen and relentless as at the present, and never before was it so imperative that our young brains be trained and developed to their full capacity.

Nothing is truer to-day than that a community is known by the quality of its schools, for it is a fact that the school is a perfect barometer for the community. As the community, so the school; and conversely, as the school, so the community.

But, aside from the mere educational consideration, a progressive school in a community exerts its influence in other directions, frequently very little regarded by the community generally.

In the first place, a real, live, progressive school is never found in a dead community. As well expect mushrooms from a barren soil as to expect educational perfection where none is expected or demanded.

So, then, the really progressive school presupposes a like spirit in the community.

Men of observation and intelligence have this fact in mind when seeking a location for a home.

Probably the two first questions asked by nine out of every ten home seekers are: "What of your schools?" and "What of your churches?"

The really desirable citizen, with a family of sons and daughters to rear, is always suspicious of the town without good school facilities. He is aware of the fact that the mere absence of these facilities argues a lack of interest on the part of the community at large, and rightly refuses to cast his lot with them.

So that, from a material point of view, the higher we build our schools, the stronger the drawing power in the material things of life.

We have said that the school is the barometer for the community. It is pre-eminently so from a standpoint of morals.

The old adage, "As a father so the son," is fast losing its force in this day. Instead, we are tending to coin a counter-adage, "As the son, so the father." So that, as we build up our schools year by year to a higher and higher state of efficiency, they in turn are building up the individual members of the community, gradually trimming off crudeness and coarseness, elevating the character and generally remodeling and revitalizing the entire body politic.

Then what of the schools of this community? Are they our first consideration? They should be.

What other interest in life have you, reader, that can for a moment compare with the welfare of your children?

And what other influence in the child's life is there to compare with that of his school?

Get this fact firmly fixed in your brain and heart: As your school, so will your child be. The child will be a faithful product of the school that moulds his character.

Are we afraid to invest a few hundred dollars, or a few thousand in modern school facilities?

No community ever yet made the investment, that it was not returned many fold. Viewed from a purely financial standpoint, it is the safest investment we can possibly make.

There is absolutely no excuse for a poor school in any community of self-supporting men and women.

The community that refuses to give of its best to its schools, will find itself as the years go by gradually losing in the race of life.

And the people who deem no sacrifice too great to be made for their children's welfare will year after year climb higher.

What of Andover?

Marriage is a lottery only where one side draws all of the prizes.

Yes, it takes a wise man to hood-wink you into believing he is a d. f.

September again — and the best we can make out of it is September.

The writer who escapes criticism is not a writer. He is just a scribbler.

A good way to annihilate an enemy would be to send him up in one of our airplanes.

A girl's frame of mind is not half as important as the frame that holds her mirror.

And still, when a frenzied financier gets caught it is but natural that he should become frenzied.

It may be true that love comes unbidden, but it generally takes a fat bank account to hold it.

Some men are said never to know when they are whipped. But, perhaps they are too good at running to get into a scrap.

WHY TRADE AT HOME?

MANY people ask that question, but in very few trouble to seek the answer.

Why should people patronize their home merchants?

Because it is a great saving of time, and time-to-day represents money.

Because the home merchant can only remain in business thru the patronage of home people, and a town without merchants would be a sorry place in which to live.

Because the home merchant sells goods that do not have to be returned because of defects or inferiority of quality. It is the only way in which a local man can hold his trade.

Because the local merchant is not in the habit of charging excessive prices. You may at times be able to get the same article elsewhere for a little less money, but the quality will invariably be reduced in proportion to the price. The local merchant can not afford to sell "cheap" stuff. His customers would not tolerate it.

Because the prosperity of a community depends upon the amount of money in circulation in the community, and that is regulated mainly by the marketing of surplus products abroad and the keeping of as much as possible of the receipts at home.

Because a community that spends most of its money abroad for supplies soon finds that it has but little left for the purchase of additional supplies.

It is so simple a child could understand it, and what a child can comprehend should not go unheeded by adults.

Think it over.

Thinking may accomplish much good. It certainly will do no harm.

WHY NOT TROT OUT

DAWES AGAIN?

THE United States Shipping Board has come about as near to giving something for nothing as it is humanly possible to do and yet escape — and that, too, on a mammoth scale.

The board recently contracted to sell two hundred and five wooden ships for \$430,000. These ships were built during the war at a cost to the government of about \$1,000,000,000.

The shipping board might as well have given them away. The junk in them is worth more than the price received for them, altho the ships are said to be in good condition.

Somebody made a mint of money when these ships were built at governmental expense, and somebody else will probably make another mint thru their "sale."

The benevolent tax payer foots the bill.

Four hundred and thirty thousand dollars for ships that cost a thousand millions of dollars, more than two thousand times as much as the price received for them.

How long would a private business enterprise survive if managed in such a loose manner?

President Harding turned General Dawes loose on the governmental departments in Washington. No doubt the dignified department heads and bureau chiefs wriggled and cussed and fumed, but Dawes is an artistic cussier himself and he knows how to wield a pruning knife. The result was a saving to the tax payers of millions upon millions of dollars.

General Dawes is still alive and in vigorous health.

He should be turned loose again — this time upon that expensive white elephant known as the shipping board.

It needs pruning, it needs carving, it needs to be dissected and put out of business entirely. It is too expensive a luxury for even the richest nation on earth.

The cussing general polished off the Washington bureaucrats to a finish, a task which has never been accomplished heretofore.

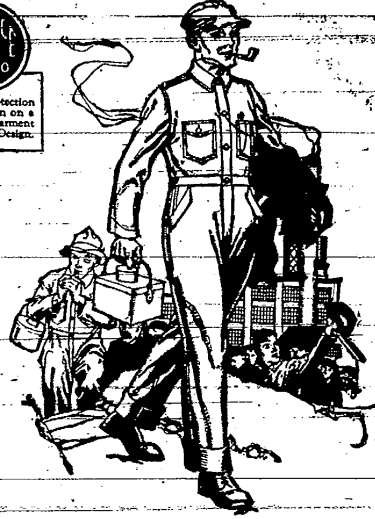
If any man can create something out of nothing we believe General Dawes can do it.

And the shipping board, from the standpoint of a nasset, comes about as near to being nothing as anything we know of.

Trot Dawes out again.

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The fight for supremacy between the pen and the sword is at an end. The sword is no longer used in battle and the pen has been supplanted by the typewriter.

No matter what may be accomplished at that Washington conference, the American housewife will never be disarmed. The broomstick is a fixture in every home.

A public health official states that college graduates are rapidly drifting toward a state of race suicides. That, however, is probably only one of the elevating effects of higher education, and can hardly be charged to wood alcohol.

Put "real news" into your ad for the prospective buyer of real estate and you'll get acquainted with him.

'Tis said that an eagle can live without food for twenty days. But even that would not reconcile us to an ex-change. We don't care to sport an eagle's beak.

FINE RESORT ON LAKE KEUKA N. C. Woodward, of Hornell, has purchased Drake's point, Lake Keuka, and will convert it into a park, next year to be known as Lake Side Park. The property is now one of the most attractive on the lake. Among the improvements in the plans are a large dancing pavillion, built out over the water and the establishment of a community kitchen to be used jointly by the cottagers at the point.

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