

Students Learn Geography Now by Direct Method

Visits to Industrial Plants Give Pupils First-Hand Information; Textbooks More Interesting.

Leon O. Smith, assistant superintendent of schools, has written some of his ideas on "Geography Teaching Today Versus 'The Good Old Days.'" He takes the following slant of the subject:

Schools don't teach geography like they used to teach it. Do you remember when geography meant a big book behind which you could put a "Diamond Dick" or some other thriller and have it hidden safely from the teacher's eyes? It also meant a fine place to eat apples or cheap chocolates. Even the books are different now. While the geography text is still larger than books in other subjects because of the maps they contain, they are not quite skin to the atlas in size, as were the textbooks in the days of your youth.

Do you remember how in your school days your study of geography was confined to dry, encyclopedic facts about the number of degrees and the width of the various zones, "bounding states and countries," naming and locating innumerable capes, bays, gulfs, rivers, cities, mountains, harbors, etc. In some cases we actually committed to memory in order of importance, capes, bays, gulfs, rivers, etc., lying around the marginal continent. Then if we wanted to locate any particular point with reference to some other point we had to start at the starting point at the north and parrot-like repeat all these places until we came to the one in which we were particularly interested. And then, there were the names of all the states and their capitals which took much time. The old sing-song geography lessons with the locations "Maine-Augusta, on the Kennebec river; Vermont-Montpelier, on the Onion river, etc." were effective in placing some bounds that made it possible to keep Harrisburg in Pennsylvania and Helena in Montana, but who in Helena or Omaha is interested in Montpelier on the Onion river. Such a system seemingly placed as much emphasis on Carson City as upon St. Paul or Indianapolis.

Began With New England. "In the good old days" pupils began their study of the United States with New England and followed the historical development across the country finally ending up with the Pacific northwest without any regard for the interest or industries of the pupils in question.

Now it is all different. Geography is taught as a live, vital, thrilling subject whose content is around about us and which affects us from our waking moments in the morning until we go to bed at night. At the present time, geography texts are used in the Omaha schools which emphasize and begin the study of the geography of the United States with the middle west where we live, and move, and have our being—that portion of the country which furnishes so much of the world's food supply. Many of the pupils approach the subject of geography by a study of the foods which they find on their own tables and this makes a natural contact with both foreign and domestic regions of interest.

Furthermore, the modern textbooks are leaving behind the formal, stilted, dry way of presenting live material and in the present day book the language is simple, the material more interesting, and often the statements are made in the vernacular. The following description of a portion of Texas by an American soldier is quoted in a geography text: "This is a country of more streams and less water, more cows and less milk, and where you can look farther and see less than in any other country in the world." In the same paragraph, we find this statement: "Water is so very scarce that the natives have learned to go a long time without it. If you ask an Arizona man if he will have a drink of water, he will probably reply by saying, 'No, thank you, I drank yesterday.'"

First-Hand Information. Now the pupils not only read about things in the text, but they get actual first-hand information by doing them. Last year a class at Pacific school, Thirtieth and Pacific streets, was studying about silk, so the members of the class actually procured some silk worms and kept them supplied with mulberry leaves. The "worms" had developed sufficiently to form cocoons and demonstrated the manufacture of silk.

Then there is Journey-geography. A certain class desired to see New York city. They wanted to see the buildings and the people, especially how the people lived. Among other places mentioned were Niagara Falls, the Hudson river, Washington, D. C., Mt. Vernon, Asheville, N. C., and the blue grass region of Kentucky. The class decided to become acquainted with the circle tours offered by the railroad companies and selected the circle tour which would include most of these places. It was found that the eastern objective of many of the circle tours was New York city. The pupils inferred from maps the routes connecting Omaha and New York city. These inferences were checked by inquiry at the information bureau. Various routes were discussed as to time, cost and scenery. The route finally selected was from Omaha to Chicago, from Chicago to Montreal, Montreal to Boston and from Boston to New York. The return journey was made by Washington, Mt. Vernon, Cincinnati, Lexington, Ky., to Chicago. The attractions along the routes selected were studied in detail. Illustrated literature issued by railroads, chambers of commerce and steamship companies supplied material not found in textbooks. The imaginary journey emulated so far as possible all the experiences of a real journey, bringing a part of the real world close to each child.

Actual Industries Seen. Do you remember the old-fashioned stereoscope on the marble center table in the parlor? Now, the stereoscope and stereograph are used scarcely

York Hotel Pays Off Old Debt and Dividend

York, Neb., Feb. 21.—Hotel McCloud, York, Neb., where the state association of hotel men held their annual meeting last week. The hotel was built by local capital five years ago. The high cost of building made it necessary to borrow more money than was planned. This sum was paid



off the past year and a five per cent dividend was given stockholders, the certificates being used as place cards at the annual hotel meeting.

B. A. Slocum, who heads the hotel, was elected state president of the Nebraska Hotel Men's association and I. A. Medlar of the Midwest Hotel Reporter was re-elected secretary.

Concretely presenting a geographic setting. There are lantern slides galore, to say nothing of moving pictures depicting life and activities in various industries in numerous states, cities and countries. Then, too, Omaha children make many excursions to key industries in the city. One day a class may, under the direction of a teacher, visit the telephone company or the smelter, or a packing house, or a candy factory (oh! boy). Another day the same class, or another class, may make a tour of inspection to the cracker factory or creamery or see some other huge industrial process carried on.

Concrete material of a supplementary nature is furnished through the various commercial exhibits furnished to the schools. These show the process of manufacture of cocoa, lead pencils, pens, paper and numerous other commodities. In many classes the pupils make huge scrap books of pictures, interesting information, statistics, etc., which serve as valuable sources of learning and also "a memory book" of the subject. Sometimes the whole class will co-operate in making a book which is "a thing of beauty and a joy forever."

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Cotner College Notes. The affirmative debating team of the Brock High school defeated Lincoln High school Friday, by a two to one decision, on the league of nations question. The Brock team is coached by Richard M. McCann, principal of that high school. Mr. McCann was captain of the affirmative state championship college team last year and winner of one of the Alice Jeary debating prizes.

Wardell Wilson, Harvard, played an original composition at chapel Thursday, around the spring assessment a year ago but departed before the taxes became due. The number of distress warrants is about half that of two years ago.

A Baby in Your Home. Mrs. Lenore Burkett Van Kirk, director of the one art project, instructor in voice, appeared with Dr. Louise Shellenbarger, who attended the annual convention of the Nebraska Student Volunteer Union at York last Friday. Professor Shellenbarger has been faculty representative on the advisory committee to the state union. Miss Gilmore, a monthly publication of the organization, for the ensuing year.

J. H. Bicknell, secretary of the college, preached in the Bethany church last Sunday morning and evening.

Grocery and Market Sales Monday

- Choice Small Pork Chops 19¹/₂c
- Choice Steer Round Steak 19¹/₂c
- Pure Rendered Lard, 2 lbs. 35c
- Dold's Fancy Lean Bacon, 1/2 or whole 25¹/₂c
- Fancy Country Roll Butter 31¹/₂c
- Guaranteed Strictly Fresh Eggs 32¹/₂c
- Rex or Gem Nut Oleomargarine, 2 lbs. 45c
- Excelsior Brand Coffee 45c
- M. & J. Blend Coffee, lb. 50c 2 lbs. 98c
- Fancy Un-colored Japan Tea, lb. 60c
- Breakfast Cocoa, lb. 10c 3 lbs. 25c
- 15 lbs. Best Granulated Sugar \$1.00
- 3 Tall Cans Danish Pride Milk 25c
- Gallon Can Karo Blue Syrup 57c
- 6 Cans Fancy Early June Peas 65c
- 6 Large Boxes Wizzard Matches 25c
- 48-lb. Sack Diamond H. Flour \$2.45
- 48-lb. Sack Omar Wonder Flour \$2.48
- Winesap Apples, bushel basket \$1.39
- Shredded Wheat Biscuit Package 11c
- Fancy Florida Grapefruit Each 5c
- Fancy Bulk Dates, lb. 10c
- Del Monte Pkg. Raisins, 15-oz. Pkg. 10c
- Boston Ferns Pot 15c
- Fancy Layer Figs, lb. 15c

HAYDEN'S RUGS = Draperies

Will Be Placed on Sale for One Week Starting Monday

Thousands of Yards
New Draperies
Most Attractively Priced
Drapery Nets
In white, ivory and beige colorings; open mesh with neat all-over patterns; some conventional effects. 45-inch widths,
59c YARD

Fine Drapery Nets
In the finer filet weave, shadow effects and small designs. Very fine quality. 45 inches wide. Per yard,
69c

Terry Cloths
In block patterns, bird patterns, striped effects, soft, dainty weave; used for covers and over hangings. Very effective. 36 inches wide. Special, yard,
75c

\$2.25 Ruffle Curtains
In a very fine quality, marquisette with tie-back; dotted patterns in white and colors. 24 yards long. Pr.,
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Marquisette and Scrim
One lot of marquisette and scrim in cream and white dots, figured patterns, lace bordered edges, perfect goods, all 36 inches wide, 35c value at, yard,
21c

Lace Panels
One lot of odd panels in the ecru shades fine quality net, rich neat patterns, values from \$4 to \$6, each,
\$2.50

Drapery Madras
In a large range of colorings, tan, gold, rose and blue combinations, used especially for over-drapes. 49c and 69c values.
39c

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Wilton Rugs
In the finer quality worsted yarns, soft oriental colorings in very attractive patterns, a few dropped patterns for quick selling.
\$120.00 values, 9x12 size, at **\$94.75**
\$110.00 values, 8-3x10-6 size **\$84.75**
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Axminster Rugs
New shipment of Axminster rugs for every room in the home, soft rich colorings, extra long nap, new patterns, perfect goods, 9x12 size, \$49.00 values at, **\$34.75**
each **\$2.15**
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Third Floor

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Bright, cheerful, flashing, is the keynote telling the story of the new, fashionable tub fabric for spring. **Tubfast** and **sunfast** colors are here in wonderful variety.

See the new fast-color Martha Prints at, **29c**

Interesting, color-fast Cambric Percale, plain and figured **29c**

Broadcloth in plain colors and stripes at, yard **69c**

Manhattan Madras, lustrous woven color shirting, yard **49c**

Dainty shades of Silky Check and Striped Lingerie Material, yard **39c**

Lustrous Rayon Silk Embd. Crepe in pretty plain colors, yard **98c**

Soft, lovely Printed Crepe de Chine, tubproof silk and cotton, yard **95c**

Color-Fast Gingham, checks and plain colors, yard **44c**

Pongee—the tub fabric for so many uses, pajamas, shirting, etc. **49c**

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Black kid, hand turn, military heel, blucher cut, soft glove kid.

Price **\$7.50**

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Grover 2-strap, hand-turn sole, rubber heel, like cut.
\$4.95

Black or brown, glove kid, hand welt sole, rubber heel.
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Priced for Monday Only

EXPERTS TO FIT THEM

Mail Orders Filled and Shipped PREPAID Same Day as Received

New Gloves

1st Lot—\$1.00 and 59c
\$1.25 Gloves **59c**

2d Lot—\$2.00 to \$1.00
\$2.25 Gloves **\$1.00**

The latest fancy embroidered cuffs and embroidered backs.

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New Enlarged Optical Dept.
Our Prices Save You Money

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Special all this week—Zylo shell-rim frames and lenses complete for reading or sewing as shown in this illustration, \$2.95.

Registered Optometrist in Charge
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In lace, chiffons, linens, etc. Two special lots on sale Monday.

1st Lot—\$1.00 to \$1.25 values **59c**
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