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OVERCROWDED SCHOOLS.

The schools of this country are a fine example of how much of the past year has been devoted to words and how little to deeds. From almost every school district comes the same old report of overcrowded buildings, with the resulting basement schools, half-day classes, and all the other makeshifts by which distracted school authorities have tried for years to meet the problem of overcrowding.

There is more excuse for the condition this year, perhaps, because conditions for building have been so unsatisfactory. But for whatever reason, once more the people have slighted the most important factor in civic life, proper provision for the education of children.

Of course some of the school funds which otherwise might have gone into enlargement and new buildings went into increased salaries which were amply deserved; but the whole situation shows that the school problem has not been met broadly enough.

Better co-operation between the school authorities and the public is the only solution. The school authorities cannot do it alone.

Parents must interest themselves. Business men must realize the importance to them of better educational facilities for the coming clerks and other employes. And somehow, between them, if they take interest enough, there will be evolved a practical plan for financing schools on a large enough scale to provide for the increased enrollment from year to year.

MR. HUMANITY IS A PIKER.

Ministers of the gospel are, as a rule, the poorest paid people who devote time, talent energy to the cause of right and the conservation of humanity. A good bartender gets a better salary. This is true, also.

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in almost every similar calling. We find it so in journalism. Those who want us to write and advocate that which is wrong offer big money for it, and those who want us to write and advocate that which is right, hand us all kinds of hot air and little of anything more substantial. It is lucky that a fellow gets some satisfaction from his own heart and mind and soul in this world for doing what is right, for that is about all he does get. The good-goody advocates, as a general thing, let their workers starve, while the satellites of sin hold out gold and raiment, purple and fine linen as inducements. We are not particularly complaining about it, but just stating a fact, one of the disagreeable habits we have.

We do not care, as far as we are concerned, for we don't do right with expectation of pay, but simply because it is right and because we have done so much wrong that we sort of feel like we ought to do right now to pay up old scores, as it were, and, in fact, as it is, but the dear people, as such, and all reform organizations in particular, and church organizations in general, certainly ought to show more substantial encouragement to those who spend their time and their money, and often their whole lives in the cause of humanity.

The devil is good pay and "Lord all time bloke."

Mr. Humanity is pretty much of a piker.

PEACE AND THE BOOKSHELF.

In history, "The Book Bills of Narcissus," Richard le Gallienne tells the story of Narcissus by the books which he was reading at different phases of his career and just so the public libraries of today tell the story of the people.

War books are no longer in demand, or even stories of the war. Books on trade, investment and business are called for instead, art and literature are asked for increasingly. The minds of the people are swinging back to the problems of life on the old, every day basis of peace, and they want books which tell them how to live along those lines.

That there is much interest in foreign trade is shown by the empty spaces on the library shelves where these books are kept when not in use, and all books dealing with Americanization are rapidly becoming shabby.

There is more than a hint here of the temper of the people. Congress wrangling over the treaty, might do worse than take a day off and con-

sult the evidence submitted by the public libraries of this country. It would show the law-makers plainly enough what the people want, and would impress them afresh with the idea that whatever decisions they arrive at must be constructively along the lines of peace.

"No more interest in war" is the testimony of the book shelves.

CARTER GLASS' PATCHED "PANTS"

The Virginia senate since Patrick Henry's time has heard a good deal of patriotic oratory, but nothing, we may suppose, more eloquent than Secretary Glass' appeal for the wearing of old clothes to beat the profiteer. Commending the suggestion of his predecessor, W. G. McAdoo, who declared that "we should use every effort to win the war, even though we wore patched trousers," Mr. Glass said: "Mine are not patched, but they are old enough to be. I expect to wear this suit five years longer if it will stand it."

If this is not a patriotic example, what is? A suit of American clothes that will last five years after reaching the patching state is perhaps a better suit than most people wear. But the precedent is the important thing. When a man who superintends the spending of billions of dollars stands ready to wear old clothes, the rest of the public ought to be willing to make the attempt. Most people, indeed, who tried the experiment as a war conservation measure were surprised to find how presentable a discarded suit could be.

If we are to combat profiteering "we must acquire the habit of strict economy and saving," says Mr. Glass. Certainly there need be no false pride about wearing of clothes after the gloss is off. A people clad in patched "pants" worn for a principle might even claim an added self-respect and look upon the patch as a decoration.

WHEN BOTH SIDES LOSE.

"The last thing that labor wants to do," declares a prominent labor leader, "is to strike. No matter what the outcome, both sides are licked."

Wise employers know this just as well as wise employees, and deprecate both strikes and lockouts as much as the workmen do. The outside public probably recognizes the truth of it better than either of the parties immediately concerned, because it sees the thing dispassionately. The public knows, too, that it is "licked" as well as the combatants.

It is the same in war. Seldom indeed is there a war in which it cannot be said truly that "both sides are licked." There is generally, in an international war as in a labor war, much triumphant shouting on one side and much depression on the other; but when the results are reckoned afterward, calmly and logically, it is nearly always found that even the apparent

victor is worse off than he would have been without the conflict.

What is wanted is a reversal of this wasteful old device of war, in industry and in international affairs. If labor strikes and war declarations can be stopped, and some peaceful method of settlement substituted, instead of both sides losing, both sides will win—and that innocent bystander, the public, will win, too. There is a better prospect right now of this happy consummation than there has been for many years.

HYPODERMICALLY ADMINISTERED

Occultism, like hash, is full of mystery.

The man who is above suspicion is dead.

Time flies in spite of the wrist watches.

Your sins and your wife will find you out.

All are born equal, but many of us outgrow it.

No perfume is a good substitute for a bath.

An ass prefers thistles to grass 'cause he's an ass.

Male dogs are usually taxed less than vice versa.

Some chickens go to roost early and some don't.

Always do your gleaning early in the game.

A high brow may also be built of solid ivory.

Brace up! Don't make a noble like a funeral.

A biscuit maker is a better wife than a dolly maker.

THE DEADLY BREWS.

So numerous are the reports of fatalities from the use of denatured and wood alcohol as beverages that the internal revenue bureau has issued orders that all dealers who sell either one must print upon the container the exact effect of these liquids upon the human system.

Denatured alcohol cannot be safely used even for external purposes, and wood alcohol is still more dangerous if the greatest care is not exercised to prevent inhaling the fumes or getting the alcohol near the eyes.

Used as beverages, the effect of these liquids upon the human system is to cause blindness, paralysis and death.

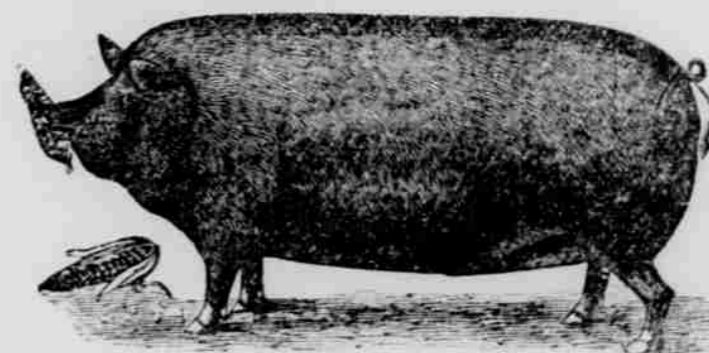
The person accustomed to his daily tittle may sometimes in these thirsty days be heard to remark that he is dying for a drink. If he takes either wood or denatured alcohol, he may literally die for his drink.

The world is so full of good things to eat, and to quench the thirst, that the abnormal craving which leads to the consumption of wild beverages of unknown or doubtful origin is a hint that the imbiber may need mental treatment.

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TEACHERS HOLD PICNIC.

Yesterday afternoon the teachers of the public schools held their first teachers meeting of the season, and to enjoy to the fullest measure the wonderful autumn weather of Nebraska, the members of the teaching force decided to stage a picnic supper along the banks of the lovely Missouri, and accordingly were conveyed to the Burlington bridge where beneath the cool and inviting shade of the bluffs the picnic supper was enjoyed and fires lighted over which wieners were roasted and delicious coffee prepared which served to add to the enjoyment of the members of the party. Almost all the members of the teaching force of the school were present and the event was one long to be remembered.

TRAINS ARE HELD UP.

From Tuesday's Daily.

Yesterday afternoon as freight train No. 77 was pulling up the hill west of Pacific Junction, leading to the bridge, a draw bar was pulled on one of the cars as well as a broken brake beam, and this stuck the freight, blocking the line from the bridge into Pacific Junction and making it necessary for No. 2 the Denver-Chicago passenger due in this city at 4:30 to be sent by the way of Council Bluffs. As a result of the change in schedule of No. 2 a number of Plattsmouth people who had sought to return on the train were compelled to wait in Pacific Junction until a stub could be sent from this city to bring them over the river.

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