

All Should Aid in Illiteracy Fight, Says School Head

Education Is Sole Hope of American Democracy, Asserts Margaret K. O'Toole.

Margaret K. O'Toole, principal of Lothrop school, is interested in the subject of illiteracy. She prepared a paper for education week. She believes that education alone can prepare the way for better understanding of the duties as well as the principles and opportunities of a democracy.

She believes it is the duty of every good citizen to promote an educational conscience in those who need to be stirred.

Miss O'Toole's paper follows:

"The term illiterate as used by the census department means the inability of persons over 10 years of age to write in any language. Generally speaking, however, illiterates, as a class are supposed to be those who have received no schooling whatever. Illiteracy itself is due in part to the lack of educational opportunities in earlier decades of our history or to related chances in out of the way districts.

"The surgeon general's report on illiteracy in the draft some years ago shows that 21 and 21 could neither read nor write. This means that one-sixth of the entire army we recruited seven years ago could not read an order of their superior officer or write a letter to the home folks.

"There are today in the United States millions who can neither read nor write and other millions who can read and write English. A vast number of our illiterate millions, though born here, are as ignorant of American traditions as they are of those of the faraway fatherland.

Nebraska Ranks Twentieth.

"Here in Nebraska we may be better off or the problem may not be so acute. In 1920 our state ranked 20th with 14 per cent illiteracy; but even this is too high, as figures go to show that the average American has just a little better than six-year course. Our slogan must be "No illiteracy."

"In a representative government like ours, where the welfare of the people as a whole rests upon the intelligence of the individuals in the masses, the education of the citizenry is the one way to make democracy safe and keep liberty securely enthroned.

"One of our first problems is to be sure that all can speak and understand a common language. Unless they are familiar with English, they will never catch the spirit of our patriotic songs that breathe the life of free America, nor will the solemnity of the words they utter be brought home to them when they say, "I pledge allegiance to the flag of the United States of America and to the republic for which it stands; one nation indivisible, with liberty and justice for all."

Home, Church, Movies Can Help. "Education alone can prepare the way for a better understanding of the duties as well as the privileges and opportunities of a democracy such as ours. Formal schooling is democracy's best tool and America is looking with anxious hope to the school to banish illiteracy. This is the function of education as performed by the school, home, church, playground, cinema should further the work and help determine the character and tendencies of the citizen, but the groundwork belongs to the school.

"That this is both true and recognized is evident from the purpose of Education week suggested by the National Education association and sponsored by the American Legion.

"As illiteracy is a menace and education the antidote, the National Educational association, the greatest single influence in educational affairs in the United States, has made the removal of illiteracy the first provision in its educational program for America.

Work is Duty for All. "This is not a campaign in which we are free to enter. It is not a social uplift stunt; it is rather a duty common to all to extend a helping hand to the work of arousing an educational conscience in those who need to be stirred, to give every one in every walk of life an opportunity to fit himself to take part intelligently in the affairs of the community of which he is a member.

"The public schools of various kinds owing to their place in the state, their co-ordination and their efficiency, are naturally the center and source of the activities of such a campaign.

"What they can accomplish over and above the splendid work they are doing most, of course, be done after the usual hours. To a gratifying extent, night schools are solving the problem, encouraging the illiterate and bringing him into the realms of knowledge and power.

Opportunities for All. "Here are the opportunities for adults, for the man or woman who failed to find them in earlier years and for the foreigner who has found his way to our midst. Their work is made congenial by the cordiality of the teachers, and all are happy in the work.

"With such experience in the cause of literacy, our way is clear. We must extend the work. The public school system with its organization and equipment can and should be utilized to the limit in the effort to extend the benefits of education to all.

"In the campaign against illiteracy or ignorance, many means have been suggested, all of them good in their way and in their place. A first step, however, is to remove indifference or antagonism on the part of some and to point out to others the advantages and benefits to be derived from the opportunities offered.

"In a community like this, our best plan is to encourage illiterates to take and use the chances offered them of bettering their condition, of breaking out of the prison house of ignorance in which they are entombed.

Age Is No Bar. "Should any hesitate on the score of age, we can assure them that age is no bar, for it is never too late to learn, as approved in the case of

Mr. and Mrs. I. W. Malm, 45 and 67 years of age respectively, who upon recent arrival from Sweden enrolled in a Minneapolis night school.

But why do you ask me should I be able to do to men grown old? Or who are growing old? Ah, nothing is too late till the tired heart has ceased to palpitate.

"The great Lincoln, when a boy, wrote on a fly leaf of his well-thumbed copy of Shakespeare, 'I will study and prepare myself and some day my chance will come. Note that he did not say "may" come, but "will" come. Lincoln knew that he was the cause of all the chance that would come to him, that he was his own maker of opportunity. What was true of Lincoln is true of us all. Study, prepare, and the chance will come.'

MARGARET K. O'TOOLE.

Drivers Warned Against Slippery Tramway Rails

More Than 1,100 Men and Women Attend Omaha Safety Council Night Classes for Drivers.

A warning to automobile drivers against slippery street railway rails was issued Saturday by the Omaha Safety council. In fall and winter, damp weather and falling leaves cause steel surfaces to become slippery, causing a rise in the number of traffic accidents if automobiles drive in the street car tracks. Driving on the rails by automobiles sweeps from the tracks the sand placed there by the street railway company.

More than 1,100 men and women have attended the weekly meetings of the Commercial Motor Vehicle Drivers school in the city council chamber. At the meeting Monday night at S. H. W. Peters, Davenport garage will speak on "Power Plant Cooling System." L. C. Schiebel of the Omaha Motor Parts company on "Clutch, Transmission and Differential," and George E. Douglas of the Douglas Street garage on "Garage Accidents, Hazards." The Central High school orchestra will play.

PARENTS' CLUB AT WALNUT HILL

Miss Jessie Towne, Central High school dean of girls, addressed the newly organized Walnut Hill Parent-Teacher association last Wednesday at Walnut Hill school. Mrs. Robert H. Bloodgood, president of the Field Club Parent-Teacher association, and Mrs. Wallace, president of the Minne Lusa Parent-Teacher association, also spoke.

Officers of the Walnut Hill association are: Mrs. H. J. Knudsen, president; Miss Cassie Roys, first vice president; Mrs. H. H. Henshaw, second vice president; Mrs. Wayne Savell, treasurer; Mrs. Frank Twiss, recording secretary; Mrs. S. J. Embien, corresponding secretary; Mrs. R. L. Pennington, chairman courtesy committee; Mrs. J. H. Hunt, chairman membership committee; Miss Mary Cleland, chairman program committee; Mrs. E. A. Manuagh, chairman publicity committee, and Mrs. J. A. Haje, chairman social committee.

Scouts Make Trip Through City Jail

Boy Scouts of Omaha made a visit through the Iten Biscuit company plant and the city jail Saturday morning. A series of educational journeys will be made by the scouts to various industrial and business places in the city, including the Northwestern Bell Telephone company, Gordon-Rainalter Candy company, Ford Motor company, Live Stock exchange and stock yards, Union Pacific shops, and others.

Junior Moose Plan Meeting

A father and son meeting will be held Sunday at 2:30 at 117 1/2 North Sixteenth street under auspices of the Junior Order of Moose. A. L. Payne, local governor, presiding. All fathers and sons are invited.

"Franklin Booster" Appears.

The first issue of the Franklin Booster, published by pupils of Franklin school, has been issued. Robert Hastings is editor; Rodney Bliss, treasurer; Leslie Vest and Lloyd Jones, advertising managers. Reporters from the eight grades are Josephine Monbelle, Lloyd Jones, Howard Fischer, Jean O'Leary, Helen McNanny, Elmer Pollard, Helen McCague and Jean Hulke.

ADVERTISEMENT. FITS OR EPILEPSY REMEDIED

Discovery by Dr. Fred E. Grant Proves Most Terrible Cases of Fits or Epilepsy Can Be Remedied.

WILL BE SENT FREE!

Wonders have been accomplished by Dr. Fred E. Grant's discovery of a home treatment for fits and epilepsy. Investigation bears out his claims that fits are needless and that the worst cases yield to proper treatment.

Among thousands of others who swear by this treatment, W. S. Hilton of Wentworth, Mo., testifies that he has found relief by following directions. It has now been two years since Mr. Hilton took a drop of medicine. He says: "I am well, haven't had to take any of your medicine for two years and have had no return of symptoms. I am truly thankful and will always praise your methods."

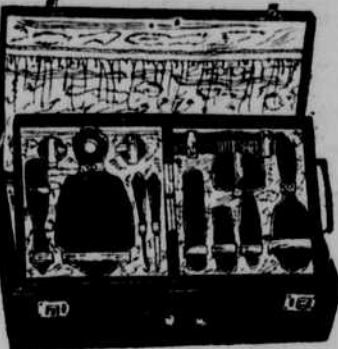
Now everyone can try the same treatment that has been so effective for many former sufferers, in the privacy of their own homes without it costing a cent. Just send your name, age, address and description of your case to the Dr. Fred E. Grant Co., 807 Keystone Bldg., Kansas City, Mo.

Don't Squeeze Black-Heads—Dissolve Them

Squeezing and pinching out blackheads make the pores large and cause irritation. Blackheads are caused by accumulations of dust and dirt and secretions from the skin and there is only one safe and sure way and one that never fails to get rid of them—a simple way, too—that is to dissolve them. Just get from any drug store about two ounces of calomine powder, sprinkle a little on a wet cloth—rub about the blackheads briskly for a few seconds—wash off and you'll be surprised to see that every blackhead has disappeared and the skin will be left soft and the pores in their natural condition.

Our Toy Shop Is Open

Toys Bought Now Will Be Carefully Packed and Delivered Christmas Eve.



Fitted Cases

for those who must travel to their Thanksgiving dinner. Savings of 20 per cent to 30 per cent.

Ladies' black grained Traveling Cases with silk lining and tortoise shell fitted, removable, folding pullman tray cases, complete 19.75

With fittings in lid instead of separate case, the outfit is 17.50

Unfitted Case with tray 12.50

Ladies' Over Nite Bags 7.50



Trunks

at Prices That Register Savings

An excellent full size Hartmann Wardrobe Trunk with complete equipment. Special at 39.50

With blue moire lining and five nickel trimmed drawers 58.00

18-inch Black Enamel Hat Boxes 3.95

Handsome chocolate brown Gladstone Bag with padded corners and smart hardware 19.75

Cretonne

Is both acceptable and appropriate, eloquently expressing your wish to please. Many customers are making laundry sacks, darning pockets, shoe bags, dollies, pillows and handkerchief cases. Prices, per yard—

50c 68c 1.00

Drapery Trimmings

Much used in the making of Christmas gifts, are shown in large variety. Table Covers, Lamp Shades and Bags, all can be trimmed from this department.

Gold Galloons, per yard, 10c, 15c, 25c and up.

Cretonne Edges, per yard, 15c and up.

Lamp Shade Fringe, per yard, 1.00 and up.

Picture Cords from, each, 1.25 to 5.00 per pair.

Lamp Pulls from, each, 75c to 2.00.

Gold or Silk Tassels from, each, 50c.

Fringed Curtains

Very desirable dining or living room curtains in file, super file or casement effect in the much favored Egyptian colors, priced by the pair for this sale at only—

2.65 3.25 4.85 6.85

Overdrapery Materials

Plain, figured and iridescent effects in artificial silks and sun-fast fabrics. In many shades of blue, rose, gold, mulberry and green. 36, 45 and 60 inches wide—

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Bring your measurements—there are many bargains.

Orchard-Wilhelm

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Five Hundred Excellent RUGS in a Sale That Really Saves You Money

The products of Bigelow-Hartford, Alexander Smith, Whittall, and other well-known mills form the bulk of this offering. The qualities are such as will give you real satisfaction. Designs and colorings present a broad and pleasing choice, while the prices are such as will enable you to see that immediate action, on your part, is both necessary as well as being mighty profitable.

9x12 Wool Wiltons

Choice of 21 up-to-date patterns and color schemes executed in excellent wool yarns; each rug with a linen fringe. Regular values, 95.00 to 110.00, now—

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9x12 Seamless Velvets

There is a wide choice in this big pile of rugs. Every one of them a real bargain. Regular values, 57.50 to 69.00—

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A choice of 75 patterns and color combinations, including small neat patterns, large Oriental designs and a few florals. Regular 32.50 and 35.00 qualities, now—

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Remarkable Values in Smaller Rugs

27x52 Good Axminster Rugs in small patterns and band end borders. Plenty to choose from 3.15

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15.00 and 16.00 27x54 Wilton Rugs in very fine patterns 13.75

23.50 and 25.00 36x63 Wilton Rugs to match those above 19.75

24x36 Oval Colonial Rag Rugs 2.75

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18x36 Hit and Miss Rag Rugs, neatly fringed 49c

24x48 Hit and Miss Rag Rugs, neatly fringed 95c

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Of fine Wilton Rugs and Carpets in sections measuring 27x40 and 27x72. Such sizes are useful in a hundred places, including bedrooms and halls. Our prices are considerable less than half the price of the fabrics; per piece, 3.95, 4.75, 6.75

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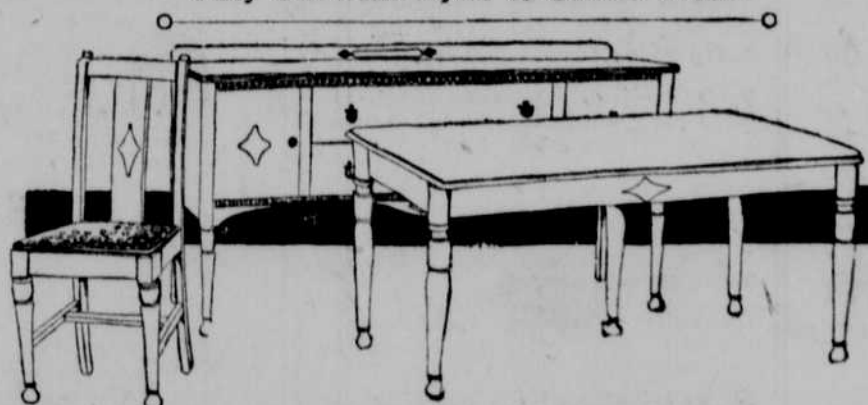


Handsome Living Room Suite

Three Pieces Upholstered in Mohair, Complete... 198⁰⁰

Built in our own factory with expert attention to every detail of design, construction and finish. Full front upholstered in plain mohair, with rich figured velour seat cushions. Sides and back in plain velour. A customer who spent three days shopping came in and left her order for two of these suites, one for herself and one for her daughter.

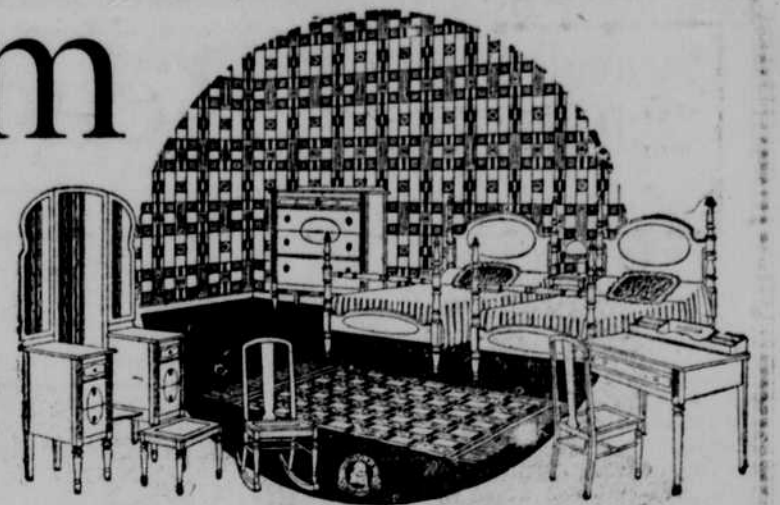
Other Three-Piece Overstuffed Suites from 139.75 Fifty Different Styles to Choose From.



A Wonderful Dining Suite Value

A value that cannot be duplicated for anything like the price. Suite includes a cleverly designed and arranged 60-inch buffet, a 42x45-inch 6-ft. extension table, five chairs and arm chair with rich blue and gold tapestry slip seats.

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Hepplewhite Bedroom Suites With Twin Beds

You'll admire every feature of this suite, executed in well matched walnut veneers. There's a very modern vanity dresser, a chest of drawers, a desk, chair, rocker, bench and the two twin beds; eight pieces in all for only—

197⁵⁰

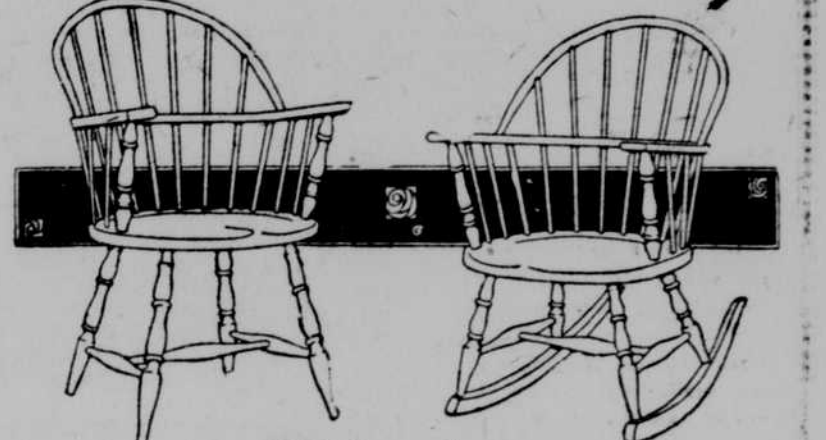
Same suite with regular style dresser instead of vanity, and without bench. Seven pieces complete 169.75

Same suite with regular dresser, chest, chair, rocker and full size bed. Five pieces complete 116.50

Guaranteed Mattresses

Hotel Special Mattresses, full size, 23.50

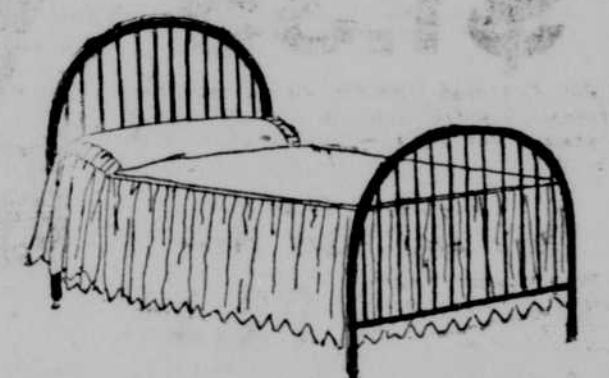
Twin size 21.50



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Finished in American walnut in full size only, this popular style is offered for Monday's selling at—

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In Mohair and Velour combination at 79.00

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Substantially built of selected gumwood carefully finished antique brown mahogany—

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84.50 Detroit Jewel Gas Range, semi-white porcelain, large cooking top, 18x18x12 oven... 79.50

92.50 Detroit Jewel Gas Range with 18x18x12 oven, all white porcelain, nickel trim, three standard and one giant burner... 75.00

150.00 Stewart Gas Range, gray and white porcelain, nickel trim; porcelain-lined... 117.50

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