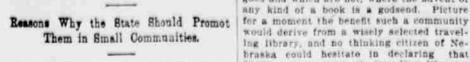
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EDUCATIONAL VALUE OF GOOD BOCKS

expended.

Practical Examples.

Proposed Law for a State Commission to Push the Work Along Practical Lines-Plans for Traveling Libraries.

The Nebraska legislature of 1901 will be can be had now and then. More than this, asked to consider a bill which has for its object the furtherance and spread of the thirst for good books that nothing but library movement in Nebraska. It is pro- the establishment of public libraries will posed to create a library commission, to quench. A traveling library is an eloprovide for a system of traveling libraries quent missionary. As a result of the and to make an appropriation sufficient to work of the commission, with its strong carry the law into effect. The Nebraska right arm of traveling libraries, Nebraska Federation of Woman's Clubs, the Nebraska will have more and better managed public Library association and other societies are libraries, school libraries and private enlisted in the cause, committees have been libraries, more endowed libraries and better appointed and they hope to receive the ac- library buildings and equipments. tive co-operation of every friend of educational progress in the state. The benefits to be derived from the operation of such the superintendent of schools at B-

a law are so obvious as to need only to be a town of 2,000 inhabitants, attends the set forth briefly in order to command the State Teachers' association meeting at Linsupport of the citizens of the state. It is no untrodden path into which the commission, secures a printed circular con-

atate is asked to venture. Seventeen states taining the library laws of Nebraska and have already established library commis- some hints on starting a library and goes sions and thirty-three states are enjoying home to consult with the people he is sure the advantages of some form of traveling will be interested. Shortly afterward these libraries. The states having library com- | people send for some representative of the missions are as follows: Colorado, Connecticut, Georgia, Indiana, Iowa, Kansas, Maine, Massachusetts, Michigan, Minnesota, New Hampshire, New Jersey, New York, library is helped along by the presence of It is high time Nebraska joined so goodly a company.

These commissions are composed of peo ple who serve in nearly all cases without a library building. The library board of salary and whose sole efforts are to raise B---- appeals to the library commission the intellectual and moral standards of for suggestions as to plans for buildings, their respective commonwealths. It is the and the result gives B---- a marked adbusiness of a library commission to foster vantage over towns having no public librathe growth and establishment of free pub- ries, which, in turn, stimulates these other lie libraries, to assist in raising the standard of library management and to co-operate with all the educational forces of the state in the spread of intelligence by the use of books.

Methods of Promotion.

There is no need of arguing as to the denot a public library. A man having a choice what to buy or where to buy them. The in the legislature, as to where his family shall live will, if he traveling library will open a new world to is wise, prefer a town that has a public such people and will transform many a library to one that has not. It is one of home. The library commission will pubthe duties of a library commission to en- lish and send out with the traveling courage the establishment of free public libraries and in other ways lists of books libraries. There are many ways of doing suitable for private purchase in rural comthis. Many towns are without public libra- munities. The county newspaper and the bors? ries merely because people are too busy to | Herd book will cease to be the only printed | find out what are the legal steps required matter in many a home. by the state laws and how to go to work to Much of the world's best literature-parcreate sentiment in favor of establishing a ticularly that in periodical form-is stowed avenue? public library and secure funds to support it away in the garrets of Nebraska or has when established. The library commission been set aside by libraries that have re- and play in the street now? will publish and circulate the library laws ceived it by donation because it duplicates of the state, will study out and disseminate things already in the libraries. By means ways of creating public interest and secur- of the library commission this literature ing funds, will send its members or officers, if so desired by a community, to aid in advocating the establishing of a public li- magazines placed where they will do the brary and will at all times be on the alert most good. to foster the growth of the library movement

with the state superintendent, the teachers There is much that the commission can do to assist libraries already started and institutes, the study clubs and other eduthose whose establishment has already cational societies in advancing the educabeen decided on. Whenever requested, the tional standards of the state. Its members been decided on. Whenever requested, the library commission shall be prepared to give advise as to the best methods of se-tional meetings, study educational methods the the set of the sugar for my coffee. I lecting, buying, cataloguing and circulating and possibilities, to the end that there dropped the other one. books; also as to general library manage- shall be the closest co-operation between

EXTENSION OF LIBRARIES a good book is never seen, where the people takes the turn of antagonism to commis iave no way of finding out which books are stons simply has to submit to the inevitagood and which are not, where the advent of ble, and would do well to expend his enany kind of a book is a godsend. Picture ergies in finding out just what commissions for a moment the benefit such a community the state really needs. would derive from a wisely selected travel-

No Politics in It. The only other serious objection, aside

from the financial one, will come from those \$2,000 a year spent on traveling libraries who fear that the commission will be comwould be moncy well spent and would yield posed of political partisans, who will use returns all out of proportion to the amount their positions to spread their own particular doctrines. This sort of opposition has Traveling libraries will be the means of developed to some extent in the last two keeping alive the small libraries, where legislatures, when the matter was being only a few books can be added each year. considered. Nothing could be further from interest soon dies out when people have the intentions of the supporters of this read all of the contents of a library that movement. Nothing could be so fatal to the they care to, unless a fresh supply of books purposes of a library commission as to have the faintest tinge of partisanship in its traveling libraries will help to create a membership. It is proposed to draft into the service as ex-officio members the state superintendent, state librarian, chancellor and librarian of the university, with possibly one or two other members. Their services are to be entirely unremunerated. the actual work being done under their direction by an officer of their own selecting who shall receive such componsation as they direct. The chancellor and state superintendent are already entrusted with the chief educational functions of the state and the As a concrete illustration, suppose that two librarians preside over the two largest libraries in the state-which ought to be sufficient answer to this objection.

The economical objector must also be coln, hears an address from the library reckoued with. Iowa appropriates annually \$4,000, the Minnesota commission has \$5,000 a year and the coming legislature is to be asked to raise it to \$10,000 a year. Wisconsin has \$7,500 a year for the commission alone, without any traveling libraries, and many of the other states having library comommission to come to B----, and they hold a public meeting, which results in the missions spend considerable sums on the work. A traveling library of fifty volumes. establishment of a public library. This carefully selected, prepared and packed in Ohio, Pennsylvania, Vermont and Wiscon- traveling libraries until somebody, who a strong shipping case costs, on an average not less than \$75. An annual \$2,000 would would never have thought of it if there supply only twenty-six libraries to meet the had been no public library in B----, endemand that, beyond a question, could not dows the book fund or gives money to erect adequately be met with 100 such libraries. The work of the commission as outlined would require at least another \$2,000 a year to make it effective. Iowa has already found the \$2,000 devoted to that purpose entirely inadequate. Nebraska could not hope to put this work on a firm basis for less towns until they vie with B---- in providing educational facilities for their citizens. than Iowa can do it, but the friends of this In the rural districts the mere presence movement would undertake to make an anof the traveling libraries will be an argu- nual \$4,000 yield results in excess of any ment for more books in the schools and other annual \$4,000 spent by the state for the home. When people live hundreds of educational purposes.

Anyone who wishes to co-operate with miles from a book store they cannot be expected to buy books or to know what those who inaugurated this movement could sirability of establishing free public libra- books to buy. Many a family that has not do so more effectively than to call the ries. Rather, it has come to be considered abundant means to buy good books is attention of his neighbors to it, and one a reproach to a town of any size if it has without them because they do not know and all to urge it upon their representatives MRS. BELLE M. STOUTENBOROUGH.

PRATTLE OF THE YOUNGSTERS.

Little Miss Upperten-Mamma, doesn't the bible say we should love our neigh-

Mamma-Yes, dear.

Little Miss U .- Does that include those on the back street as well as those on the

Tommy (aged 4)-Mamma, may I go out Mamma-What! You want to go out and play with that big hole in your jacket? Tommy-No, mamma; I only want to will be encouraged to leave its hiding play with the little boy next door. places, exchanges will be effected and the

Johnny had been watching the crowded street corner from his father's downtown The library commission will co-operate office window for nearly an hour. of Nebraska, the conductors of farmers' that's goin' to git run over! No, he ain't,

he added, in a tone of deep disneither." gust. "He got out o' the way!"

Mamma-Well, here's another. But where



Mrs. Watson tells all suffering women how she was cured and advises them to follow her example. Here is her first lotter to Mrs. Pinkham :

(PUBLISHED BY PERMISSION.) " March 15, 1899.

"TO MRS. PINKHAM, LYNN, MASS. :

"DEAR MADAM:-- I am suffering from inflammation of the ovaries and womb, and have been for eighteen months. I have a continual pain and soreness in my back and side. I am only free from pain when lying down or sitting in an easy chair. When I stand I suffer with severe pain in my side and back. I believe my troubles were caused by over-work and lifting some years ago.

"Life is a drag to me, and I sometimes feel like giving up ever being a well woman ; have become careless and unconcerned about everything. I am in bed now. I have had several doctors, but they did me but little good.

"Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound has been recommended to me by a friend, and I have made up my mind to give it fair trial.

'I write this letter with the hope of hearing from you in regard to my case "-- MRS. S. J. WATSON, Hampton, Va.

ent, rules and regulations, choice librarian and everything pertaining to the most approved developments of library

science. It shall send its members, if re- sibilities of the work of a library comquested, to study the needs of a given mission, but is not this enough to conlibrary, instruct the librarian in methods vince the most obdurate that Nebraska and aid in every possible way in giving the must no longer delay in this work? With community improved library service, library scarcely a score of free public libraries marry my big sister, can you? buildings, etc. In this way small libraries in the state, can anyone doubt the wisdom with limited funds and untrained librarians of taking steps to encourage the establishmay be spared expensive mistakes, as well ment of more libraries and the strengthenas being made increasingly effective.

ing of those already established? With It is one of the duties of a library com- wide stretches of unsettled territory to mission to publish and circulate library in- which it is desired to invite the best class formation, lists of books and other matter of settlers, who would have the temerity that would be helpful-particularly to the to say that Nebraska does not need travel- suburbs, suddenly saw a grass snake slide small libraries which, in Nebraska, means ing libraries? A reading people are a con- into a knothole in the sidewalk. all the libraries except those in Lincoln and tented people. Let us soften the solitude Omaha.

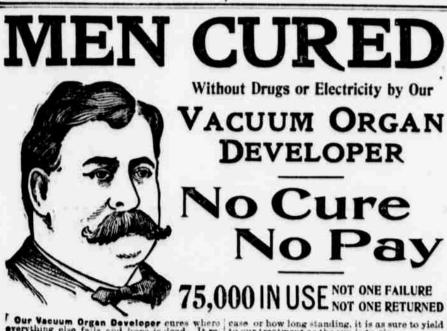
of the dwellers of the sandhill country lest When demand for such a school comes, it they seek more alluring fields; let us give is the duty of such a commission to hold a the children of Nebraska the opportunity he had brief school of instruction in library methods to continue their education on through order that librarians whose salaries life; let us put into the hands of the chilwill not permit of attendance at any of the dren of the foreign-born pioneers-those distant library schools, may learn better settlers whom, for their industry, courage methods of library management. and sturdy manhood and womanhood, we It is also the duty of a library commis-

welcome to the hardships of pioneer lifesion to study the needs of the state in the the books that will enable them to overway of library legislation and to report the come the disadvantage of their parents' results of such study to the governor from unfamiliarity with our language, literature time to time. and history; let us put within reach of

Traveling Libraries.

the farmers the latest and best books re-So far the work of the commission reaches lating to their profession, the profession on only the cities and towns, but there is much which the material prosperity of the state that the library commission can do for the depends, and in so doing thereby make glad druggists, 19c, 25c, 50c. rural districts by means of a system of the waste places until, from Richardson to traveling libraries. These collections of Sloux, and from Kimball to Dixon, there is books are purchased by the commission not a waste place, in any sense of the from money appropriated by the state for word, in fair Nebraska.

that purpose and received from philanthropic | The friends of this movement will have sources. Under rules prescribed by the to meet several objections. It will not commission, these traveling libraries are take long to find the man who opposes the sent out wherever in the state there is a creation of any more commissions. He is demand for them, and are kept from three easily disposed of. There may be good and to six mouths. This makes it possible for bad commissions, but they are not all bad. an isolated rural district in the thinly and even the bad ones are generally necessettled part of the state to enjoy the use of sary evils. In the evolution of a state the world's best books. Even in progres- there has to be a division of labor, hence sive Nebraska there are communities where commissions. The citizen whose patriotism



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of the libraries and the schools did you drop the first one? Time for Action. Much more might be said as to the pos

Small Boy-In my coffee. Little Johnny-People can't get married after they die, can they?

Mr. Slowboy-No, I guess not, Johnny, Little Johnny-Then you can't never Mr. Slowboy-Why, I-er-what makes you think I can't. Johnny?

Little Johnny-'Cause I heard her tell ma the other day that you was a dead one.

A child just in her teens, who was accompanying her father to a street car in the

"Say, papa," exclaimed the startled youngster, "did you see the snake?" The man, bent upon work, declared that ないのない

habitant of the anthracite region of Penn-

Then the little girl made this staggering inauiry:

"Why is it, papa, that snakes don't wear themselves out crawling on their stomachs the way they do?"

The father caught the first car, but before he did so he told his child to shoot the same question at her mother.

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OUT OF THE ORDINARY.

A celebrated English physician says that he has found that warts may be cured by revaccination. He revaccinated a girl of is who had ninety four warts on one hand and seven weeks after the operation the warts had all disappeared. Many other remedies had been tried in vain.

It is the law in Maine that the bounty on bears must be paid when the animal's nose is shown, while in New Hampshire the money is forthcoming upon exhibition of the ears. Some enterprising sportsmen who live near the boundary collect double bounty-showing the noses in Maine and the ears in New Hampshire.

the ears in New Hampshire. Christmas trees are already being cut down in Washington county. Maine, and the season's output from that section will amount to 400 carloads, with 360 bunches to six trees. The trees are sent to New York and Boston, where they will retail for about ten times as much as they are worth on beard the cars in Maine.

on board the cars in Maine. Quite, the capital of Ecuador, cannot be approached by rail or by wagen road. In two years it is expected that a New York syndicate will have completed a railroad to that point. Horses and mules and thou-sands of men and women are engaged in bearing burdens to Quite and other towns. It takes sixteen indians about thirty days to convey a plane to Ecuador's capital from the nearest point. The last compress appropriated them in

the nearest point. The last congress appropriated \$3,000 to erect the clock at Sloux City and the secre-tary of the treasury let a contract for a time piece costing but \$1,380. It is to have no striking attachment and no illuminated dial and is not at all satisfactory. It seems now the citizens will follow the example of St. Joseph, Mo., where the same kind of a deal was attempted. A protest sent to Washington caused the "village" clock to be ordered taken to Wilmington, N. C. for service and an up-to-date one substituted at St. Joseph. The total cost of the Pan-American ex-

at St. Joseph. The total cost of the Pan-American ex-nosition to be held in Buffalo next year is estimated at 10.000,600, and John N. Scatch-erd, who is chairman of the executive com-inittee, says that the resources now in sight amount to about \$6,600,000. Progress on the work of construction is proceeding rapidly. nearly 5,600 workmen now being employed. The "midway" at the exposition will cost \$5,000,000. The exposition grounds will be half a mile wide and a mile and a quarter long, and will comprise 350 acres. It will open May 1, 1901. Until a few days are Brown county to

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That a mile wide and a mile and a quarter diana, had neither railway, telegraph ner to facilities anywhere within its borders. It is still minus the two first mentioned necessities of modern life, but to within the next week, as the purfied to built a new state curriage for the government of Ecuador at a cost of \$10,000. It is modeled after the carriages of the popen and the khedive, but lacks the solid gold ornaments of the former and the gems of the latter.
Never in the memory of the oldest in-



Mrs. Pinkham's advice was promptly received by Mrs. Watson and a few months later she writes as follows :

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"November 27, 1899.

"DEAR MRS. PINKHAM :-- I feel it my duty to acknowledge to you the benefit that Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound has done for me.

"I had been suffering with female troubles for some time, could walk but a short distance, had terrible bearingdown pains in lower part of my bowels, backache, and pain in ovary. I used your medicine for four months and was so much better that I could walk three times the distance that I could before.

"I am to-day in better health than I have been for more than two years, and I know it is all due to Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound.

"I recommend your advice and medicine to all women who suffer."-MRS. S. J. WATSON, Hampton, Va.

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