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CONFIRM ARMSTRONG

There is not an experienced business man in the country who will believe that Thomas F. Armstrong was guilty of any moral wrong for his connection with the agreements of terra-cotta manufacturers during the war...

ON MAKING US UNEASY

"YOU" boomed Representative Wingo, of Arkansas, to Representative Johnson, of South Dakota, "will make the country uneasy."

BUCKETER KOHN'S CONVICTION

AMATEUR plunger was always on the verge of a killing in the stock market yet always mysteriously losing out to read the evidence presented against Edward E. Kohn...

AS ONE WOMAN SEES IT

How Much Are You Worth and What Rate of Interest Are You Paying on the Original Investment In You?

BY SARAH D. LOWRIE

A RATHER lively writer out on the Pacific slope known as Alma Whitaker put a very disturbing thought into my head long ago...

She said that she had felt that a ransom of \$10,000 which some heathen bandits had extorted for the safe return of one maiden lady...

She calculated that her boy of thirteen had cost \$5000 to date, beginning with \$500 as the cost of his birth and outfit and monthly nurse, hospital, etc.

She herself back in the more economical nineteenth century had cost \$10,000 the time that she was twenty and about \$100 a month since, which brought her to a total of \$34,000 to date in actual outlay or investment in herself.

She had made in that time about \$50,000 and her investment in her own person had almost doubled on her capital and now represents a sum of money spent on her or held by her of nearly \$100,000.

She struck me as being a very practical person who had made the original \$10,000 investment and by her husband who had put up the balance.

VERY few women, even nowadays, in this "go-to-work" age, have done so well or come anywhere near doubling the original investment in themselves.

One woman I know, whom I have regarded as a royal money-maker as a writer, has actually done little more than pay 6 per cent on the capital invested in her to make her a substantial, creative person that she is.

She died ten years ago, and I think that capital could be realized by royalties on her works. On the other hand, another woman, with a lovely disposition and good executive ability and almost no education...

But as another woman said to me, it is not always possible to prove in dollars and cents what money you have made, because, though you may have a great deal of money by the way you manage your own affairs...

INDEED to some people the bare idea of doing such a thing would seem mercenary and unnatural and beside the mark.

FRANK C. NIEWEG On the Summer Public Schools

THE Philadelphia public schools will conduct summer schools for the first time in 1922, and plans for them have now been practically completed.

"The specific reasons for summer schools are many," said Mr. Nieweg, "but the two great ends in view are the saving of time for the pupils and of money for the Board of Education and hence for the public, who in the end pays for the public schools."

Not for Backward Children

"The summer school is by no means a school for backward children and the hopelessly deficient are not eligible for admission to it."

What Do You Know?

1. What is the poetic classical name for Scotland? 2. Who was James Watt and in what connection did he live?

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Answers to Yesterday's Quiz

1. Grant at West Point was frequently known as United States Grant, Uncle Sam Grant or Sam Grant. The nicknames were in course, derived from the initials U. S. G.

2. The quotation from Gray's Elegy is, "The 'seven years' of their way," not the "seven years."

3. Napoleon III was Emperor of the French during the American Civil War.

4. The Island of Furusawa belongs to Japan.

5. Loki in northern mythology was the god of mischief and evil.

6. Lloyd George became Prime Minister of England in December, 1916.

7. Philippa Montez of Portugal was the wife of Christopher Columbus.

8. Scientists are of the opinion that the average thickness of the earth's crust is about ten miles.

9. A hyrax is a small rabbit-like quadruped of a class which includes the Syrian rock rabbit and the South African rock badger.

10. A suffragan bishop is one consecrated to assist a bishop of a see by managing part of the diocese, or any bishop who is consecrated to his archbishop or metropolitan.

Recognizing the importance of this work, the teachers will be chosen with the greatest care from the eligible list, this list being created on the basis of successful experience in the Philadelphia elementary and high schools.

No teacher will be taken who has not had at least three years' experience in school work, and in the elementary schools these three years must have been in the Philadelphia system.

"We realize that this instructing will require especial aptitude and training, because it is putting across a piece of tutorial work which will consist of the essentials of the work which has been done in the last five months. The teachers who are selected must have such powers of discrimination as to be able to differentiate the important parts of a subject from the less important. This fact can be readily understood when it is considered that the time in the regular school is four times that which will be available in the summer schools."

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"While it is impossible at this time to give any idea as to the number of pupils who will attend the summer schools, we believe that the enrollment will be as large as the capacity of the schools will allow. There will be from eighty to eighty-five teachers in the summer high school and from 100 to 150 in the elementary schools, all of whom, as I said, will be carefully selected."

"We are now sending out 220,000 letters to parents of pupils in the elementary schools, calling specific attention to what we have to offer and inviting their special interest and cooperation."

Saving Time and Money

"By attending the summer schools regularly, many a pupil will be able to gain a full school year. But this is not the only advantage of the summer schools. It not only costs \$60 for each high school pupil who spends five months in school, if that pupil fails of promotion and has to repeat the work, this money has been lost; but if that time can be made up through the summer schools, it is saved."

"It will also do something toward assisting the crowded conditions of the schools. Every pupil who advances a grade makes room for a new one. The repetition by loss of promotion often means that the pupils must take two sessions instead of one, and sometimes crowds the classes to forty-five pupils where it was hoped to have as low as thirty-five."

"There will be eight elementary and two high schools operated as summer schools. The elementary ones are the Huey, Childs, Southwark, Hackett, Blaine, Kearney, Taylor and Filler schools, and the high schools will be the Central, at Broad and Green, and the Northeast, at Lehigh and Eighth streets. All these schools will be open from July 5 to August 18, inclusive, and no sessions will begin at 8:45 A. M. and close at 12:15 P. M. from Mondays to Fridays, inclusive. The high schools will be organized on the basis of four periods of fifty minutes each."

"The high school pupils and those of grades seven and eight will attend only for the specific subjects for which they have been recommended, and no pupil will be recommended for more than two subjects except in special cases. The pupils of the elementary grades from one to six will attend full time each day."

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