

PEACE DAY FOR PUBLIC SCHOOLS

May 18 Is Set Aside For Observance.

PROGRAMS ARE ARRANGED.

United States Bureau of Education issues Bulletin Containing Directions and Suggestions For Celebration—Indications Are That Interest Will Be Widespread.

Peace day will be widely celebrated in schools throughout the United States this year. Although introduced but a few years ago, this special school day in behalf of international peace is now regularly celebrated in many American schools, and the indications are that its observance this year will be extended to thousands more.

Since May 18, the day set aside as peace day, falls on Sunday the schools will probably hold their exercises on the nearest school day.

Importance of Movement.

Realizing the growing importance of the peace movement among school children, the United States bureau of education has just issued a peace day bulletin for 1913 containing, besides a suggested program for the day, a number of interesting short articles on different phases of the international peace movement, accurate and comprehensive information about the various organizations working for peace and a collection of appropriate poems and prose quotations by famous peace lovers of many nations.

The material was compiled for the bureau by Mrs. Fannie Fern Andrews, secretary of the American School Peace League and a world known worker for peace.

The Temple of Peace at The Hague, the centenary of peace between England and the United States, the cosmopolitan movement in the colleges and universities and what it signifies for universal peace, the work of The Hague tribunal and other peace agencies—these are among the important topics gathered together in the bureau's bulletin, "The Promotion of Peace."

International Sentiment.

That the sentiment for observance of peace day in the schools is not confined to the United States, but is distinctly international, is shown in the words of M. Buisson of Paris, quoted in the bulletin. He says:

"Peace day. Let it shine one day in the year among all nations. The whole year is consecrated, as it ought to be, to the promotion of love of country, to teaching our duties toward our native land, even to the extent of sacrificing ourselves for her.

"On this special day, however, it is in order not to forget our country, but to see her transfigured in the future, to see her lead in the movement which binds one nation to all others, making a sort of higher country, the federation of the United States of the civilized world."

QUEEN OF CROOKS REFORMS.

Mrs. Lyons-Burke to Devote Life and Fortune to Convicts.

Mrs. Sophie Lyons-Burke, known through almost the entire world for twenty-five years as the "queen of the crooks," recently astonished the police by announcing at Detroit, Mich., that she intended to reform and devote the remainder of her life and her fortune of \$300,000 to an attempt to save first offenders from careers of crime.

"There is something I want more than property," she said. "That is the respect of the good people. Maybe I can get some of it by showing that I am not all bad and am sincere."

Mrs. Lyons-Burke will publish a book, "Why Crime Does Not Pay," which she will attempt to put into the hands of every convict in the United States as an educational effort to in-

duce lawbreakers to mend their ways when they are released. She is sixty-eight years old and is the wife of Billy Burke, now in a Swedish prison.

CHURCH BROUGHT BY FLOOD.

Building, Complete With Bell, Dropped on Blannerhassett Island.

Historic Blannerhassett island, in the Ohio river, has fallen heir to a substantial frame church, with an 800 pound bell, which was deposited on the island by the river during the recent flood.

A few days before the water had receded the inhabitants managed to moor the big church building on a desirable spot, where it will in the future play the part it was built for in another place.

Nothing could be found about the building to indicate where it had come from. With the exception of the floor the church is in good condition.

Religiously inclined natives of the historic old island declare the church is "bread they have cast upon the waters in former times returning to them."

Mohammedanism For Japan.

Mohammedans of India are planning an effort to Mohammedanize Japan. A strong deputation has been commissioned to study the situation, and the first advances toward spreading the religion in the mikado's empire will probably soon be made.

"EAT SPARINGLY"—JOHN D.

That's His Health Rule, but He Eats Pretty Heavily.

The prevalent impression that John D. Rockefeller cannot eat is apparently without foundation in fact, as is proved by the daily menu he enjoyed recently at Sea Breeze, Fla.

For breakfast he usually had oatmeal, lamb chops, baked potato, toast, milk; for luncheon, clam broth, fish, cold chicken, toast, rice pudding; for dinner, oysters, consommé, fish, roast chicken, rice, spinach, baked potato.

"Most people eat too much," said Mr. Rockefeller one day. "My theory is to get up from the table a little hungry."

By following this rule he is hale and hearty at seventy-three and weighs 168 pounds.

NAVY TO AID SEA SCOUTS.

Branch of Boy Scout Movement Receives Official Sanction.

Former Secretary of the Navy Meyer issued recently a general order to all navy officials and commandants of navy yards and naval stations to cooperate in every way possible in the development of a division of "sea scouts" as a branch of the Boy Scouts of America.

Notice of the issuing of the general order was received by Colin H. Livingstone, president of the national council of boy scouts, and the national organization took immediate steps toward the developing of the sea scouts as an important adjunct to the boy scouts' organization.

Fake Curio.

Dr. Waking, the Egyptologist, tells us that it is useless to warn the tourist against the fake curio. He buys and is sold with an unflinching regularity, and hardly any imitation is too gross to deceive him. Dr. Waking tells us of a lady who bought a scarab from a boy who assured her that he had himself stolen it from the excavations in the temple of Aknoton. And she displayed her treasure triumphantly and always with the words, "And I am sure it must be true, for he had such an honest little face."—Argonaut.

No Use For the Doctor.

"Why did you send the doctor away without permitting him to do anything for you?"

"He said he could get me up and out in three days," the sufferer groaned, "and my accident insurance amounts to \$30 a week more than my salary as long as I'm disabled."—Chicago Record-Herald.

A Business Tip.

She (looking at photo proofs)—Do you mean to tell me that I have such an ugly nose as that? Photographer—My apparatus cannot lie, madam. She—Then for goodness' sake have enough sense to go and get one that can!

AMERICAN BIRDS NEARLY EXTINCT

Some Valuable Species Already Gone, Scientists Say.

BETTER GAME LAWS URGED.

Only Long Closed Seasons Will Save Wild Life of the Country, Is Experts' Opinion—Destruction of Insect Eaters Causing Big Loss to Farmers—Startling Facts Presented.

That American birds, like the American bison, soon will be extinct unless immediate measures are taken for their protection is the prediction of an investigator who recently set forth his views in the Chicago Record-Herald.

Ornithologists and sportsmen for several years have been calling attention to the same fact and have repeatedly pointed out that better game laws must be passed and rigidly enforced if we are to save the wild life of our country.

The robins, whose arrival in the north is considered one of the first authentic signs of spring, are being slaughtered by tens of thousands every year, authorities say. In fact, no bird, from humming bird to eagle, is safe from the craze to kill.

As for the so called game birds, the ducks and snipe and prairie chickens, they are already so scarce that their busy haunts of twenty years ago are silent and deserted today. Some species are already extinct, and many others are almost gone, yet the sportsmen who make our game laws refuse to save any of the vanishing species by the only possible means—a long closed season. Emerson Hough, who is a citizen first and a sportsman afterward, frankly writes:

"Our game laws have failed, and we know they have failed. Our game is almost gone, and we know it is almost gone. America has changed, and we know it has changed, although we have not changed with it. We have handled our game in a wholly greedy, unscrupulous and selfish fashion. This has been our policy as a nation."

Loss to Farmers.

The game of North America does not belong exclusively to the men who kill. The other 97 per cent of the people have vested rights in it far exceeding those of the 3 per cent.

Farmers are already suffering millions of loss from insects that used to be kept within bounds by the quail and other birds. Yet at the present moment we are permitting the extermination of our finest species of birds, mammals and fishes "according to law."

"There is not a single state in our country," says William T. Hornaday, director of the New York zoological park, "from which the killable game is not being rapidly and persistently shot to death, legally or illegally, very much more rapidly than it is breeding, with the extermination of most of it in sight. We have reached the point where the alternatives are long closed seasons or a gameless continent, and we must choose one or the other speedily."

Startling Facts Cited.

Mr. Hornaday has written a book, "Our Vanishing Wild Life," in which he sets forth some startling facts. Here are some figures he compiled:

In 1890 pot hunters in Hartford, Mich., shipped three carloads of dead passenger pigeons to market each day for forty days, making a total of 11,880,000 birds. Another Michigan town marketed 15,840,000 in two years.

Today the passenger pigeon is totally extinct save for one lonely female bird twenty years old in the Cincinnati zoological gardens. The greed of man has wiped it from the face of the earth, and, like the great auk, it must be numbered with the dead species.

Other species that have been exterminated in our own day are the Labrador duck, the pallas cormorant, the Eskimo curlew, the Cuban macaw, the Carolina parakeet and the yellow winged green parrot.

Mr. Hornaday names more than twenty-five other North American birds that are threatened with early extermination. He says it is already too late to save the stately white whooping crane and the trumpeter swan. Three of the most beautiful and curious water haunting birds of the southern United States—the flamingo, scarlet ibis and roseate spoonbill—are doomed unless the European feather trade can be stopped from having them shot into total oblivion. The upland plover, black capped petrel and California condor are about gone.

The wood duck, one of the most exquisitely plumaged birds in America, is threatened with extinction. Yet many states are actually encouraging its destruction by giving extra long open seasons for the killing of this species.

Birds Were Shipped.

For forty years the marshes, prairies, farms and streams of the whole upper Mississippi valley have been combed over year after year by the guns of the market shooter.

Often the migratory game was located by telegraphic reports. Game birds were slain by the wagon load, boatload, barrel and carload "for the Chicago market." And the farmers of the middle west stolidly plowed their fields and fed their hogs and permitted the slaughter to go on.

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