

# RURAL SCHOOLS TO BE HONORED

## To Have First Place at Next International Congress.

### PROBLEMS ARE COMPLEX.

Educators Will Meet in Buffalo Aug 25 to 30 to Discuss School Hygiene. "Little Red Schoolhouse" and How to Improve It Will Be Chief Theme of Discussion at Session.

The "little red schoolhouse" is to occupy a place of honor on the program of the Fourth international congress on school hygiene, which will meet in Buffalo from Aug. 25 to Aug. 30, according to a statement issued by the program committee, which is composed of Drs. Robert W. Lovett and David L. Edsall of Harvard, Dr. Luther H. Gulick of New York and Dr. Thomas A. Storey of the College of the City of New York, secretary general of the congress.

"The problems of the city schools have received a great deal of much deserved attention," say the members of the committee in their announcement of the program. "The very serious problems of the village school and of the rural school have received but little attention. The study and the solution of these problems are of obvious complexity and importance. The committee is therefore anxious to secure papers relating to rural school hygiene and village school hygiene as well as to the city school hygiene."

**Dr. Claxton's Report.**  
In a report issued at Washington United States Commissioner of Education Philander P. Claxton calls attention to the subject of the little red school in the following terms:

"Until very recently few careful studies of the rural schools have been made, and we yet have little accurate information about them and little knowledge of the factors entering into the problem of their improvement. We do know in a general way that their terms are short, their support inadequate, their teachers poorly prepared, their attendance irregular, their management unscientific and wasteful of money, time and energy; their courses of study ill adapted to their needs and the houses in which the children are taught cheap and poorly equipped and furnished. That this is not true of all rural schools goes without saying, but it is unfortunately true in a large measure of most of them."

In all there are some 212,000 one teacher little red schoolhouses in the United States alone, according to the Washington report, prepared by A. C. Monahan. In this report there is a picture of a one teacher rural schoolhouse which is characterized as "a fair type of about one-half of the 212,000 one teacher rural schools." Most of the original red paint seems to have been washed off those schools.

**An Erroneous Impression.**  
"A general impression has been created," says Mr. Monahan, "that there exists an American school system which is sufficient and nation wide, with equal educational opportunities in all parts of the country. The impression is erroneous. It is probably true that the public schools, both urban and rural, have made considerable progress, but the marked progress has been confined almost wholly to the city and town. The majority of rural schools are housed in uncomfortable buildings, unsuitable from every standpoint, without proper furniture or facilities for heating, ventilating and lighting; without adequate provisions for guarding the health and morals of the children and with comparatively little equipment for teaching."

Dr. Fletcher B. Dresslar, school hygiene specialist in the bureau of education, who is chairman of the committee on scientific exhibit at the fourth international congress, has recently been making a special study of the rural school building and grounds. The result of his investigation, which is to be published in a special bulletin, will be called to the attention of the delegates at Buffalo. Dr. Dresslar found that, although there is great need for reform, nevertheless the indications at the present time point toward a marked improvement in the rural school building, ground and equipment.

### MENDICANTS USE AUTO.

**Blind Man and Wife Are Alms Seekers de Luxe.**

A blind man and his wife sitting helpless in a broken down motorcar near Wamego, Kan., attracted the attention and aroused the sympathy of L. A. Phillips and Guy Holmes. Holmes and Phillips are in the service department of a Kansas City automobile company, and they travel about the country repairing cars. They spent two hours working on the blind man's car and sent it away in good shape, the wife driving. In Wamego the "good Samaritans" explained their delay in arriving.

"Yes," said a resident, "that couple travels in a motorcar. They are beggars de luxe. The man fiddles, and the woman sings. It's a business with them, and they are working the towns of western Kansas. When they approach a town they hide the car in the woods until they clean up, and then they speed away to the next town."

### PENNSYLVANIA SUNDAY LAW.

**Worldly Employment or Business on Sunday Prohibited.**

If any person shall do or perform any worldly employment or business whatsoever on the Lord's Day, commonly called Sunday (works of necessity and charity only excepted) shall use or practice any unlawful game, hunting, shooting, sport or diversion on the same day, and be convicted thereof, every such person so offending shall, for every such offense, be fined or imprisoned, forfeit and pay four dollars. Provided always, that nothing herein contained shall be construed to prohibit the dressing of victuals in private families, bake houses, lodging houses, inns or other houses of entertainment for the use of sojourners, travellers or strangers, nor to the delivery of milk or the necessities of life before nine of the clock in the forenoon, nor after five of the clock in the afternoon of the same day.

The following explanations are decisions as rendered by the courts of Pennsylvania:

1. Persons who profess the Jewish religion and others who keep the seventh day as their Sabbath, are within the meaning of the act. The acts in favor of liberty of conscience are not in conflict with the Sunday laws, or with those for the suppression of vice and immorality, these are intended to protect the social customs of the people, and have no intention to enforce their religious opinions.

2. Shaving and hair dressing for hire, in a shop kept for the purpose, is a worldly employment forbidden by the act. The fact that persons were shaved without compensation makes no difference.

3. A sale of cigars by a licensed inn keeper, whether to his guests or strangers, is a violation of the act.

4. The sale of Sunday newspapers is a work of charity and necessity.

5. Repairing a railroad track is a work of necessity and charity.

6. Baseball playing on Sunday at an unfrequented place is not such a breach of the peace as to make the parties indictable, in the absence of evidence that any one was disturbed. The court may grant a preliminary injunction at the instance of the attorney general to restrain the playing of base ball on Sunday.

7. The sale of ice cream on Sunday, by a baker who conducts a refreshment room in connection with the bakery, but who does not furnish the ordinary public entertainment, is protected by the act. The clause authorizing the dressing of victuals does not include the right to sell.

8. Carrying on the business of selling milk in an open store, to all who may call for it, is a worldly employment and not within the provision permitting the "delivery of milk." delivery and sale are not synonymous.

### Foster's Weather Bulletin

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WASHINGTON, D. C., Aug. 2.—Last bulletin gave forecasts of disturbance to cross continent Aug. 3 to 7, warm wave 2 to 6, cool wave 5 to 9. This storm will be of greater than usual force, very cool about three days preceding its arrival and very warm about three days after it has gone by. Not much rain. Bad weather for corn, good weather for spring wheat where rainfall was sufficient in July.

Next disturbance will reach Pacific coast about Aug. 7, cross Pacific slope by close of 8th, great central valleys 9 to 11, eastern sections 12. Warm wave will cross Pacific slope about Aug. 7, great central valleys 9, eastern sections 11. Cool wave will cross Pacific slope about August 10, great central valleys 12, eastern sections 14.

Unusually hot and dry weather will prevail while this disturbance is passing and the corn and cotton crops will be injured thereby. Storms will not be of great force and general weather will be favorable to those who wish to take their summer outings. Good spring wheat weather will continue to prevail where July rains were sufficient.

It must be noted that our July

rainfall forecasts, in a general way, were good. Those rains had the effect to lower prices of grain. We now expect the August drought to put grain and cotton higher and we still advise not to sell the new crops of cotton and grain.

Third storm wave of Aug. will reach Pacific coast about the 12th, cross Pacific slope by close of 13, great central valleys 14 to 16, eastern sections 17. Warm wave will cross Pacific slope about August 12, great central valleys 14, eastern sections 16. Cool wave will cross Pacific slope about August 15, great central valleys 17, eastern sections about the 19th.

We are of opinion that financial affairs will be favorable to business expansion during the next six months and that all farm products will sell at better prices. Mexico and the Central American states must soon return to business and drop the occupation of war. To recoup they will need much of our farm products. The Balkans are in much the same condition as Mexico. The opening of the Panama canal will bring new demands for our products. Our own population is rapidly increasing while our cultivated lands are at a standstill or decreasing. The unsettled conditions in European governments will increase immigration to this country and Canada. All these matters will tend to make good prices for farm products.

### STAMPING OUT TUBERCULOSIS DEMANDS MORE HOSPITALS

**Hardly One Bed for Every Eight or Ten Consumptives Provided—For states Have None.**

Nevada, Utah, Wyoming and Mississippi are the only states in the United States which have made no hospital or sanatorium provision for consumptives, says the National Association for the Study and Prevention of Tuberculosis in a bulletin issued today. At the same time the Association asserts that, while there are 33,000 beds for tuberculosis patients in other states, this number is very inadequate, hardly more than one for every eight or ten needy patients being provided. Some states have less than 30 beds, and in not a single one is there a sufficient number available.

The bulletin points that, although the death rate from tuberculosis has declined steadily for the last twenty-five years, a marked increase in hospital and sanatorium beds must be made before a rate of even 4 or 5 deaths per 1,000 population can be reached. At the present time the city death rates in this country range from eight or nine per 1,000 living to as high as 35 or 40, with the average around 15 or 16, according to the latest reports of the Bureau of the Census.

The National Association estimates that there are over a million consumptives in the United States, of whom probably at least one-third are unable to provide for themselves the necessary treatment at home. Most of these cases are a menace to the health of their families and associates, and should be in special hospitals. At the present time, however, even if every case were known, it would not be possible to provide accommodations far more than one in eight or ten. The removal of these foci of infection demands more and better hospital and sanatorium provision.

### NOTED LANDMARK PASSING.

(From the Tarrytown News.)  
Washington Irving's great Treaty Tree at Sleepy Hollow, in the Philippe Manor section, lost its last three leaves recently. Tourists and visitors have noted with much concern for over a year that it was dying. It is 20 feet in circumference at its base. It had bravely withstood the disease that has destroyed most of the chestnut trees throughout the East, and it is probably the last to die in the Sleepy Hollow and Tarrytown sections.

This monarch of the forest is known in history as the tree under which the last treaty was made between the whites and Wequasqueek Indians. Under its romantic shade also Irving wrote his famous "The Headless Horseman," with scenes laid at Philippe Manor. Although the Treaty Tree is practically dead it will not be felled and destroyed.

## THE CHILDREN'S CORNER



What Willie Bat is afraid will happen if the flying machine becomes a success.

**Game of Soldiers.**  
A blackboard game not generally known is called "soldiers." Two boys each draw a row of ten o's about a quarter of an inch in size and half an inch apart; the two rows must be separated by a distance of twelve or fifteen inches. Each boy takes a piece of chalk and then pretends that he is the commander of one row of soldiers. He then fires a shot from one of his soldiers at the opposite row, drawing his chalk rapidly across the blackboard from one row to the other to do this. The boys shoot in turn, and every time a shot (chalk mark) crosses near the center of one of the

**Riddles.**  
When a young man calls on a young lady what three "tions" should be always carry with him? Confection in his pocket—perfection in his manner and affection in his heart.  
When is a pig not a pig? When it is turned into a pen.  
What kind of a person does an auctioneer like best? One who is for bidding.  
Why are convicts like a pack of cards? Because there is a knave in every suit.

**Nonsense Verse.**  
"The cat is a little tiger,  
I know very well," said Willie,  
"But how is it that the cattail  
Is never a tiger illy?"  
Hear the ocean moaning,  
Over moaning, sad and low,  
'Tis because that fat old bather  
Stepped upon its underrow.

like hundreds of its fellows there. It is to be preserved, and long trailing flowering vines have been planted about its base to cover it completely in the future. It stands almost in the center of the Philippe Manor property, close to the Hudson River, in full view from Broadway or the old Albany Post road.

### CARBONDALE MINE BILL VETOED.

The mine fire measure allowing the city of Carbondale an appropriation of \$150,000 to extinguish a long-burning coal mine, has been vetoed by Governor John K. Tener.

### THE UNIDENTIFIED BURIED.

Only once before was the city so moved as it was recently, when the twenty-one unidentified victims of the Binghamton Clothing Company fire were buried in Spring Forest cemetery. That was when Daniel S. Dickinson, the great leader of the "War Democrats" of the North, the man whose orations made plain the duty of untold thousands during the "dark and bloody days," was buried in the same cemetery years ago.

At Dickinson's funeral the great ones of the nation came to mourn and, by their eulogies, delivered here and elsewhere, testified to the greatness of the mighty dead. Then, as yesterday, the entire city was in deep mourning and then, as yesterday, the cemetery was so thronged with people that it was almost impossible to find a place to stand inside its boundaries. But yesterday's funeral was more impressive still than that of Dickinson. If there were no orations of tremendous power, there was the more eloquent tribute of awed silence as the vast assemblage of people watched the long line of coffin-bearers form at the gates and bear the twenty-one bodies to the plot set apart for them. The full force of the calamity came to the people at large as they saw that grim procession and as they reflected upon the awful price sometimes exacted under the conditions of modern industrialism. The impressive services at the opera house and at the graves had a most powerful effect upon the public, bringing home to each one present the needs of the hour.—Binghamton Republican.

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### EVENTS AT WHITE LAKE.

The dates for the weekly water tests at White Lake, Sullivan county, which are to be held throughout August, are announced. The first of the series was last Thursday, while the others will come off on Thursday of each week. The Sagamore Club, of New York city, will be in charge of the regatta. The following events were found on the program: Men and women's singles, men and women's doubles, cask race, mixed doubles, duck race, no-oar race, swimming race and canoe tilting contest. Prizes are offered for all of the above events. The annual regatta is announced for Wednesday, Thursday and Friday, August 20, 21 and 22.

Fishing, which receded somewhat into the background during the preparations for the regatta and the card parties, received a strong stimulus Saturday, when Mr. William Yeager, of Gray's Casino, landed a five pound bass after a hard struggle. To be exact, the fish weighed about five and a half ounces over the five pound mark. This is the banner catch of the season.

### CURES PIMPLES EASILY.

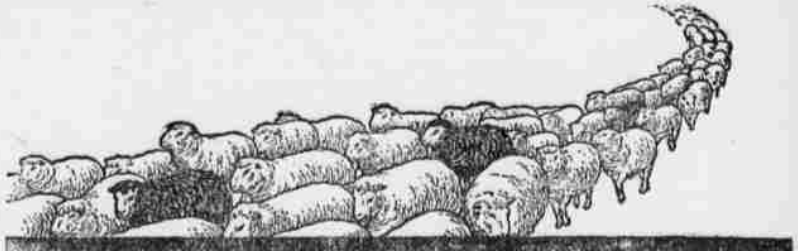
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