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SCHOOL DAYS.

An interesting experiment is being tried out in the Richmond public schools. It has to do with tardiness and deportment. Tardiness is punished by long confinement after school hours. Good deportment is attained by a reduction in the grade of the child. The experiment, for such it is, seems on the face of it, to have good results, although it is almost too soon to tell what the final conclusion will be.

The basis of the grade for the term ending is 75 per cent. for scholarship and 25 per cent. for deportment. Thus it is that the student theoretically must attain 75 per cent. to pass. The plan looks well on paper—but how will it work?

The question of tardiness is one which has long been troubling the local schools, the high school in particular. The plan seems to work admirably—for those students who do come are there on time. But it is being vaguely whispered around the town that many scholars who are in danger of being late, stay away from school and have their parents write out an excuse. These excuses are for the most part said to be perfidious. It is well for the authorities to consider the matter, for unless this feature is eliminated, the scheme fails by its own weight, in as much as there are hours of school time lost by the students as opposed to minutes under the former system.

In regard to the deportment system, it is doubtful whether the docking of a student's grade is all it should be. Parents are accustomed to look at the grades for what they should represent, i. e., the actual scholarship of the student. But in the insistence upon good behavior the authorities are upon the right track. There has been entirely too little stress laid on good deportment. It would seem, however, that the demerit system such as is in vogue in not only West Point and Annapolis, but in other schools, might well be employed. A certain number of demerits should automatically exclude the student from further attendance in classes. It does seem that the coupling of scholarship and deportment is not quite fair. Whether it is or not, it is being said among students that deportment has not improved and that many who were formerly good in deportment have become stubborn. The evidence is in truth, in both cases, of the hearsay type, so that it may be fairly held not to prove anything except the talk of children who dislike the new rules because they are effective.

The test must necessarily come at the end of the term when it can be seen in comparison with the former records for corresponding periods, whether or not there has been an increase in tardiness and absences, or a great lowering of grades and an increase in failures.

It may easily be that these new methods will succeed well. If they do, it will improve the school system much. The attempt, whether right or wrong in its details, has a good object, as these things are above all others the principal evils in our schools. Most authorities incline to the belief however, that the question of deportment is one which is entirely a personal equation between pupil and teacher. Some teachers have the faculty of keeping order with little apparent effort, while others of even higher mental attainments, often fail. That, it is safe to say, will remain a problem as long as there are schools. Up to this time, as far as any one knows, the only way to keep order is to employ such teachers as can and will keep order and then to back them up.

TRADEMARKS.

Under the pure food law many beneficial things have come to pass. The purchaser now knows what he is buying. A new development, somewhat unlooked for, has come to pass by the recent decision of the court of appeals of the District of Columbia. This affects trade marks.

In his speech before the Sphinx club, a business men's club of New

York, Dr. Wiley, who as chief of the chemical bureau of the department of agriculture, has been active in the crusade for pure food said:

"The court of appeals of the District of Columbia has handed down a decision which is pregnant of the future. It deals with a trademark, the advertising of which was false and misleading. The court said it would not protect any trademark about which any false statements had been made. Now, suppose a man puts the proper label on his article and then advertises falsely, then by the decision the court will not protect that man in his trademark."

I read advertisements in the elevated and subway cars and on the platforms. Everywhere there are extravagant, false, misleading statements. Now, gentlemen, that's not advertising its immorality. The American products do not need this misrepresentation. They have virtues enough to brag about and to test your skill of composition and still keep within the truth."

Dr. Wiley is right in what he says about American products having enough merit to do away with untrue statements about them. In its final essence such false advertising is little better and perhaps worse than obtaining money under false pretenses.

As an illustration of the workings of the pure food law in regard to trade marks a wholesale grocer in this town said the other day. "We sold for many years a popular brand of coffee known as 'XXX Java.' The sales were enormous. Under the law the manufacturers of this brand were forced to change the name inasmuch as there was not a particle of Java coffee in it. The manufacturer continued in his business, but the trade has fallen off. People now come in and ask for this brand. We can only tell them the circumstances and tell him that this is the same thing. Few customers, however, avail themselves of this, but buy real Java which is considerably higher in price.

Another man, the competitor of this same firm, has for many years sold a brand of coffee of the same grade. It was for a long time a good, but not a great seller. This firm has now profited under the law because it has always sold its coffee for exactly what it is. The firm still keeps the same trade mark and since the Pure Food law has gone into effect it has had a remarkable sale."

This is a practical illustration of what is going on all over the country. The trade mark which deceives is the menace of not only the honest merchants and manufacturers, but the public at large. It will be a very fortunate thing if the law be applied to all branches of trade. It would save the public thousands of dollars every year.

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◆ An Excellent Recipe for
◆ Obstinate Coughs. ◆
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An obstinate cough is about as disagreeable an ailment as a person could have, and has many dangerous features. The battle with such an aggravation can be won within a few hours by utilizing the simple home recipe given below. Since it was first recommended many have tried it with surprisingly prompt results. The recipe is worth saving.

Granulated Sugar Syrup... 13½ oz.

Pinex... 2½ oz.

Take a pint of Granulated Sugar, add one-half cup of water, stir and let it boil just a moment. Put the 2½ oz.

of Pinex in a pint bottle and fill it up with the Syrup. Shake well and take a teaspoonful every one, two or three hours. Well corked it keeps perfectly.

The slight cost of preparing this simple recipe recommends it, in addition to its unequalled merits as a cough and cold killer. The Granulated Sugar used will cost you about 4 cents and the Pinex 50 cents. The recipe makes a full pint of cough syrup, enough to last a long time. The same amount of ready made cough syrup would cost you about \$2.50.

It is not hard to understand the effectiveness of this simple remedy when the curative qualities of the ingredients are explained. The Syrup is an excellent sedative. Pinex is the most valuable concentrated compound of Norway White Pine Extract, and contains all the natural elements which make the air of the pine forests so effective in curing membrane diseases.

In making this remedy at home, do not expect good results by using any of the weaker pine oils or pine tar preparations. Get the real Pinex itself. If your druggist does not have it, he will gladly get it for you if you ask him.

This home-made article is also splendid for pains in the chest, whooping cough, hoarseness, bronchial affections and other throat troubles.

MASONIC CALENDAR.

Tuesday Evening, Nov. 17.—Richmond Lodge No. 196, F. & A. M., Entered Apprentice Degree.

Wednesday Evening, Nov. 18.—Webb Lodge, No. 24, F. & A. M., stated meeting.

Thursday Evening, Nov. 19.—Wayne Council, No. 10, R. & S. M., Special Assembly. Refreshments.

Saturday Evening, Nov. 21.—Loyal Chapter, No. 49, O. E. S., Stated Meeting.

Hardup—I'll never go to that restaurant again. The last time I was there a man got my overcoat and left his in its place.

Welloff—But the proprietor wasn't to blame, was he?

Hardup—No, but I might meet the other man!

Receiver Could Be Appointed.

Mr. Gompers warned the delegates

Business and Not Politics Cause of Hurried Visit of Taft to Cincinnati

Cincinnati, O., Nov. 17.—President-elect W. H. Taft returned to Cincinnati today afternoon and will remain until this evening, when he will return to Hot Springs, Va. The unexpected visit of the president-elect at this time as become the basis of many rumors and the cause of much speculation in political circles because of late developments in the United States senatorial tangle.

That Charles P. Taft, half brother, is more than a receptive candidate for Senator Foraker's seat is the generally accepted opinion among politicians. The announcement of Senator Foraker that he will be a candidate for reelection and the presence of other aspirants add complications that make the question one of absorbing interest throughout the state. The coming of Mr. Taft only intensifies the public interest in his readmission.

Mr. Taft and his brother, who could clear up the whole situation as far as his visit might have anything to do with it, will not talk. He arrived in the city at 1 o'clock and was driven direct to the home of C. P. Taft. The statement was given out that personal business and that alone, was the cause of the sudden visit to his native city. The sales were enormous. Under the law the manufacturers of this brand were forced to change the name inasmuch as there was not a particle of Java coffee in it. The manufacturer continued in his business, but the trade has fallen off. People now come in and ask for this brand. We can only tell them the circumstances and tell him that this is the same thing. Few customers, however, avail themselves of this, but buy real Java which is considerably higher in price.

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ASSISTANCE TO MOUNTAIN POOR

Local Church to Send Contribution Box.

For the benefit of the poor of a mountain parish in North Carolina, the Woman's Auxiliary of St. Paul's Episcopal church will send a box of suitable articles. Contributions of clothing, toys, sewing materials, pictures, etc., etc., may be left at the Parish House Friday afternoon from 2:30 to 5 o'clock.

PILES CURED IN 6 TO 14 DAYS PAZO OINTMENT is guaranteed to cure any case of Itching, Blind, Bleeding or Protruding Piles in 6 to 14 days or money refunded. 50c.

His itinerary is as follows: Iowa City, Iowa, Nov. 17; Mason City, Iowa, Nov. 18; West Liberty, Iowa, Nov. 19; Keokuk, Iowa, Nov. 20; Lansing, Mich., Nov. 23; Owasa, Mich., Nov. 24.

Gompers Would Not Pay Fine
Tells American Federation of Labor He
Would Not Permit That Body to
Pay It for Him if Convicted.

Denver, Colo., Nov. 17.—President that if a way were found to hide the funds the courts would thereafter appoint a receiver, not necessarily to secure in some way the hidden funds, but to get the money being contributed.

By request Mr. Gompers explained the status of the Danbury Hat case. The lower court held there was no case under the Sherman anti-trust law, he said, but the United States supreme court had reversed this decision and remanded the case to the lower court for retrial. Continuing, he said:

"Our standing is menaced by the courts of law. The matter of the application of the Sherman anti-trust law to unions has reached final adjustment by the United States supreme court. No matter how the Danbury case is decided, that will not alter the status one iota. The United States supreme court has said the final word and the law is that labor organizations of this country are now conspiracies and combinations in restraint of trade."

"Under the Sherman anti-trust law honest business can not be conducted much less honest, straightforward labor organizations."

The report brought out a political discussion in which several members declared themselves in favor of the formation of an independent political party.

Treasurer John B. Lennon, said he had discussed with good attorneys the matter of safeguarding the funds and they all agreed it was impossible without resulting at some time in injury by some persons.

Mr. G. Ramsey, of the Electrical Workers was applauded when he declared:

"We had a chance to place our funds beyond the reach of those who would take them, but we let it pass Nov. 3. The only way to protect our money is to change the laws."

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Say Brother Should Retire.

Politicians who are willing to discuss the matter express the opinion that whatever may be the purpose of Mr. Taft's trip here, he will take advantage of the opportunity to discuss the senatorship with his brother and probably advise him to withdraw from the senatorial race if he has serious intentions of entering it. They believe that C. P. Taft could be easily elected if the president-elect should back him against the field, but also do not hesitate in saying that such a course would mark the renewal of factional fighting.

Again, it is set forth that the election of C. P. Taft would embarrass the new president. As a member of the senate everything he might say would be generally recognized as coming from the president. This is a situation that the president would be very anxious to avoid, say those who are well acquainted with him.

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