

## MARK SYSTEM PROVES UNFAIR TO STUDENTS

Principal Pickell Before Institute Corrects Impression Given Regarding High School Secret Societies.

The necessity of developing some means through which the student's real worth and progress in his school studies can be ascertained in substitution for the present arrangement of teachers' marks, was pointed out by Principal F. G. Pickell this morning in an address on "The Distribution of Teachers' Marks," before the Wayne County Teachers' Institute being held at Chautauqua.

He said some definite and effective scale must be devised to learn the quality of the work and extend to the moral character of the student. Marks in the grading of papers had evidently proven inaccurate in determining the exact rating of the pupils, he said, as tests made showed that teachers made a wide variation in the grading of the same paper.

Grades Show Variety. Mr. Pickell gave illustrations of tests in which a student's composition was distributed to teachers in different cities. In one city, the grading on the same paper showed a variation of seventy per cent and in the other city, another wide range. He pointed out in substance that the present arrangement was working an injustice upon the pupil.

In opening his remarks this morning, Mr. Pickell said that he had been misunderstood in his reference to fraternities and sororities yesterday and that the impression created that he meant Richmond fraternities was not the fact.

"I was quoting a statement from William G. Lewis when I said that 'by confession I knew that fraternities were used for gambling, drinking and for immoral purposes,'" explained Mr. Pickell.

"I receive no confessions from Richmond students. And also if they have signed their names to statements and claimed that they were not members of these organizations when in fact they were, I do not know of the fact. I was talking generally and the necessary is probably the same all over in regard to the fraternities and sororities."

## PETITIONS ASK BETTER STREET LIGHTS ON MAIN

Petitions are being circulated, it was learned today, for the installation of an ornamental lighting system on Main street, from Seventh to Ninth streets, and on Eighth street from South A to North A streets. A separate petition is being circulated on each one of the four blocks and there is every prospect that the necessary 75 per cent of the property owners on each of the blocks will sign the petition.

It is planned to install this lighting system in the center of the retail district of the city, under the terms provided recently by the board of public works. Property owners will pay for the entire cost of purchasing the lamps and standards, and installing the system, and the city is to assume the expense of the current used for the illumination and the maintenance expense. No lamps will be installed on the corners of the four blocks, all the standards being erected within the property lines.

Secretary Haas of the Commercial club, and Fred Krone, chairman of the committee on public improvements of that organization, are circulating the petitions and they say that practically all the property owners on the four blocks favor the improvement. They are confident that after the lamps have been installed on these blocks property owners on other Main street blocks will petition to have the system extended along Main street.

Plans have practically been completed for installing ornamental lamps on North Ninth street from Main street to North A street.

## SMOKING STUDENTS WORRY TEACHERS

The cigaret habit among students, especially in the high school, is the worst evil with which the school teachers have to contend, according to N. C. Schaeffer, of Pennsylvania, who lectured on vocational schools this morning before the teachers' institute at Chautauqua. The brewery problem has been solved, he said, but the cigaret habit is still a factor which must be eliminated from the school life.

There will be something lacking in the school curriculum, said Mr. Schaeffer, even after vocational school system is inaugurated, if the school children are not taught how to sing the patriotic songs of America.

In advocating vocational schools, Mr. Schaeffer explained that there are more than 40 vocations comprising the professions paying the highest salaries and that the high school, in view of these, is ruining opportunities of boys and girls if vocational studies are not introduced. Boys and girls who quit school before reaching high school nowadays, said Mr. Schaeffer, are shutting the door of opportunity against themselves. Continuation schools for the boys who labor, is a step in the right direction, he said.

### DEATH NEAR MORGUE.

EVANSVILLE, Ind., Aug. 26.—Mrs. William Boesche and Mrs. Emil Boesche may die, the result of having been struck by a street car while riding in an automobile to a morgue for the purpose of viewing the body of a relative.

## EDUCATION IN COUNTY SCHOOLS COSTS MORE THAN IN SMALL CITY

It costs Wayne county \$22.06 more to educate a child in the commissioned high schools of the townships than it does in the commissioned high schools of the towns. The average cost of maintenance for all commissioned high schools is \$61.51 per pupil.

High schools in the towns are operated cheaper than in other places. In Richmond it costs the city \$64.85 per pupil, while the average for the smaller towns is \$48.71. It costs \$70.77 in the country to educate a child in the commissioned high schools.

Cambridge City and Richmond were the only schools in the county last year that held 180 days' sessions. All the others held school 160 days, with the exception of Greene and Jackson townships, where the year was reduced to 140 days, in the elementary schools.

The commissioned high schools in Greene township cost the taxpayers more than in any other township. There the average cost per pupil in the commissioned high schools is \$69.39 per year. Washington township,

however, runs a close second with \$66.50 as the cost per pupil. In the county as a whole, \$66,669.48 was spent in high school training last year, while the year previous showed that \$58,467.90 was expended. An interesting comparison with the records of last year reveals the fact that an increase of \$17 per pupil is shown in the commissioned high schools, while the town high schools show a decrease of \$5. An increase of \$10 is shown in the report of the Richmond high school.

The following table shows the total cost and the cost per pupil in the commissioned high schools of the county:

Clay	\$3,894.00	\$55.70
Franklin	2,630.48	73.05
Greene	1,965.00	89.39
New Garden	2,510.00	49.21
Washington	3,480.00	86.80
Cambridge City	2,869.02	45.54
Centerville	2,198.75	32.78
Dublin	1,579.74	32.19
Hagerstown	2,800.00	53.33
Richmond	3,200.00	53.33
Richmond	44,362.69	64.85

## EL PASO FEARS UPRISING AMONG MEXICAN PEONS

WASHINGTON, Aug. 26.—The war department was without official information from El Paso today concerning the reported Mexican uprising. Officials expected word from General Pershing at any time. It was believed he had the situation well in hand, as three regiments of infantry are stationed in and near El Paso, as well as a troop of cavalry. It was stated that additional forces will be sent to El Paso on a moment's notice if General Pershing wires that they are needed.

ARREST MEXICANS. EL PASO, Tex., Aug. 26.—This city is practically under martial law today, after a night of anxiety due to fears of a Mexican uprising. American soldiers are stationed in various sections of the city, particularly in the Mexican quarter, and also are on guard at the international bridge.

Many Mexicans were arrested last night and early today, after reports, apparently reliable, had reached the authorities that Huerta, Orozco and Carranza adherents were planning to capture El Paso and loot the city. General Pershing, commander of the Eighth brigade, ordered out two regiments of infantry. Deputy sheriffs and deputy United States marshals were also sent to the sections of the city where trouble was feared.

Something like 40,000,000 barrels of beer are brewed in the United Kingdom every year. Of these, fewer than 1,000,000 are exported.

## DON'T BLAME WAR FOR WET WEATHER

At least one thing cannot be blamed on the European war and that is the weather.

This defense of the war was made by W. E. Moore, weather forecaster, whose accurate predictions in The Palladium have attracted considerable comment.

Mr. Moore scorned the popular impression which has been gaining credence that heavy cannonading in the war zone caused the rains. He gave two reasons why this is not so.

He said clouds shifted constantly and that rains here could not be caused by the effect of explosives on those clouds when over European battlefields. Clouds which are here today were not over the scene of the conflict last night or yesterday, even though the world does revolve.

In Virginia and some of the western states, Mr. Moore said, crops were suffering because of lack of rain. If the war were the cause of the unusual atmospheric conditions, he declared, the rains would be general over the entire country.

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## SEEK PURPOSE OF SNAPSHOTS OF U. S. FORT

WASHINGTON, Aug. 26.—Searching investigations are being made into the connections of Gustav Kopsch today, a young German instrument-maker, who is in jail here in default of \$5,000 bail, charged with making pictures of United States military defenses.

Department of Justice agents took from him pictures and drawings of the military reservation at Cape Henry, Va., where extensive fortifications are being constructed to defend the entrance to Chesapeake Bay. Kopsch admitted making the pictures, but

said he was given permission to do so by a drunken sentinel. He refused to say what he intended to do with them and this is what A. Bruce Bielanski and his detectives of the department of justice, are trying to find out.

## MOB VISITS EMBASSY

ATHENS, Aug. 26.—Dispatches received from Salonika today state that Constantinople advices report that Turkish mobs have attacked the American embassy at the Ottoman capital three times in attempts to capture Italian consuls who took refuge there during the outbreaks that followed Italy's declaration of war.

## SUFFOCATED IN WELL.

ANDERSON, Ind., Aug. 26.—B. G. Michaels is dead, the result of being overcome by "damp" while repairing an iron pump in a well on his farm.

## ASKS WILSON ABOUT COTTON CONTRABAND

WASHINGTON, Aug. 26.—Representative Claude Kitchin of North Carolina, Democratic floor leader of the next house, was expected in Washington today to confer with administration officials on the cotton situation. Kitchin also was to discuss protective legislation in the next session, including revenue producing measures. While the administration paid heed today to the domestic side of the cotton question, progress also was made in re-drafting the diplomatic note to Great Britain protesting against the contraband cotton decree and specifically against that nation's purpose to put the burden of proof on the shipper in cases involving cargoes seized by the British on suspicion that they were destined for an enemy country.

EXPLOSION KILLS THREE. DETROIT, Aug. 26.—Three men lost their lives today in an explosion of chlorine at the plant of the Goldsmith Dethning company at Wyandotte.

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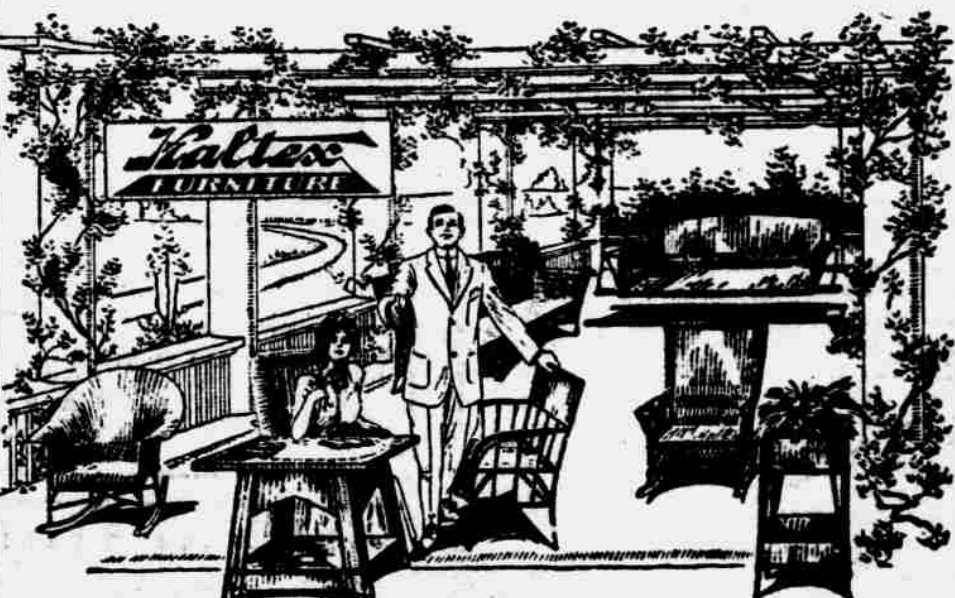
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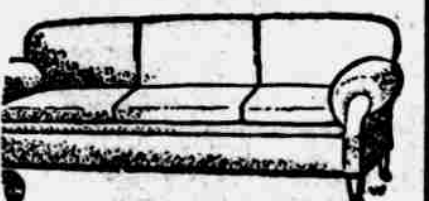
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