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found here—in other words as a community thinketh and doeth so it is.

The public school has been called the heart of the nation, the backbone of the commonwealth, etc. I wish it were so: but I believe you will agree with me that it is a very-much-taken-for-granted institution—of all our inventions it is the one of which we are most proud—and withal the one about which we seem to take the least definite concern.

The war has taught us several lessons but none more important than the one that in our schools we are training citizens—the men and the women who are sovereign rulers—whose rights are everybody's rights—whose independence is interdependence—the golden rule. By which our political and civil life is measured.

Bolshevism, I. W. W. ism, and other anarchistic tendencies when not born

of evil are the results of ignorance—no system of government like ours can survive a second rate intelligence.

But these truths you are familiar with. Why mention these things? In what way can we ever be effected by them? I mention them for the reason that complete mental, as well as moral and physical equipment is necessary in order to combat and overcome these evils of half training when they appear. And therefore the present conditions that exist in our schools, as I said before, must be changed.

And what are these serious things? I shall tell you.

At the present time there are enrolled about 525 pupils in our two grade schools and 165 students in our High School, 22 of whom are tuition students. Engaged in their oversight and instruction, we have one Superintendent, 15 grade teachers and 7 High School teachers.

At this time we are lacking three teachers (really four if we would do efficient work) and have closed one Department.

That is at the North side School we have doubled up 2nd, 3d and

4th grades into two rooms, under two teachers, in other words one teacher has 2nd and part of 3d grade and the other has 4th and part of 3d grade. This is a very bad situation. It is not fair to the teachers, pupils or parents.

The High School lacks three teachers at this time and certainly we cannot do what should ordinarily be done in our work here, saying nothing as to better work. One of these teachers would, of course, have had charge of the Manual Training Department had the Board of Education had the money to keep this Department open this year, and right at this point let me say that to my mind this is a very serious thing indeed. "Manual Training is a part of vocational training, and vocational training as you know may well ere long be a part of the general work of every school in our land. Properly managed it produces skilled and trained workers for various industries essential to our economic life. It fits young persons for chosen occupations and enables them to rise above the mere laboring class or known as wage-earners. It produces contentment as well as skill, it enables as well as puts down class distinction. This great lack of training in some occupation that affords respectability tends to produce the discontent that leads to social disorder and upheaval.

Our Commercial Department for lack of space cannot do the work that should be done, ordinary results are almost impossible and that much is accomplished is because of the ability at the head of this work and the persistency of the students. But further lack of space is shown by the fact that if we had an extra teacher at this time she or he would have no class room.

Now as to our equipment to carry on our work. I mean just enough. To say that it is not complete is putting it mildly. It is totally inadequate. We have practically no up-to-date reference books of any kind. A working library of reference books is as essential to the students as their text books. In truth, one great educator said that we go to school to learn how to study and what to study and how to find it.

As to the laboratory!! We need nearly everything essential to the experiments so necessary in the proper study of the sciences. Again and not only that but we do not have sufficient floor space to carry on this instruction work.

As to the gymnasium!!! We have four walls and four basket balls—nothing else. And this is a shame. There is no better system of discipline no one more beneficial one than that given through a gymnasium. Then the salaries we pay!!

I cannot mention them without feeling a sense of shame. Ever since I pleaded hard with one of our teachers to give up a \$600.00 annual increase offered by another school and stay with us I have felt guilty. I cannot feel that I shall ever do so again.

And then with no equipment with which to help them and small salaries and with one month less of the year—that is we only pay for nine months—do you wonder that we have difficulty filling vacancies that come to us in our teaching staff? And then what about next year. I am no prophet and cannot say. But if I could see to the end of time I should not care to tell you my fears.

But suppose the 75 pupils now in training enter High School next year. Where shall we put them? What shall we do with them? We can refuse entrance to the 22 tuition pupils and they will have to go elsewhere and take their \$1500.00 with them. Then what? 50 more pupils and \$1500 less money to work with!!

Ladies, the Board of Education is not in league with any superhuman power that we can do the impossible. As it is we are merely your representatives. We are managers elected by you. We are practically a disbursing body. The Law tells us where to get the money, we get it and in trying to spend it, we try to stretch a dollar into a dollar and a half and it is impossible!

Therefore the answer to these things, the immediate and absolute need is more money— money for necessities— money for equipment— money for more room— as we are now situated we cannot get more money!! How then can we change this situation? Two courses are open to us.

(1) Tax District No. 58 by our own action to keep going for a few years longer, to keep running a mediocre institution, to be hard pressed all the time, to be never anywhere but "half-way," so to speak—or,

(2) To create a larger district as far East, West, North, South as we can go—and make a High School District.

This action on our part will do more than give us the funds we need and all that goes with them. It will give us a new vision and a new life, and nothing greater than these are possible.

So that I believe you will agree with me that now is the accepted time, now is the day of action. Create

a Township High School District. Use the money we now have for the grade schools, take the present High School and make a 7th and 8th grade Junior High School and then erect a High School worthy of the name. The necessity is paramount!

People of right hearts and right minds will be attracted to our village. Our own vision will be broadened. A new city shall come to you in which every qualification for right living and right ruling shall be found. There already is too much of that flippant and shallow knowledge that pass current for progress and improvement. And I shall close this recital of our needs with the last thought that I would leave with you so admirably expressed by Secretary Lane "America is the expression of a spirit, and attitude toward men and material things, an outlook, and a faith." Now this cannot be taught out of a book. It is a matter of touch, of feeling, like the growth of friendship. Every man is approachable in a different way, appealed to by very contradictory things. The difficulty is in finding the meeting place where there is no fear, no favor, no ulterior motives, and above all, no Soul-insulting patronage of poor by rich, of black by white, of younger by elder, of foreign born by native born. To meet this need the school house has been turned into a community center. It is a common property or should be, all entitled to its use.

With this wish before us, pressing on in the next or it, hoping the accomplishment of it, let us assume it joyfully and carry it through to Victory!!!

CO. H SMOKER FOR RETURNED BOYS; SUCCESS

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out-lie the G. A. R." Lieut. Drew told of his efforts to get out of the Q. M. C. into the Engineers and how he finally succeeded. His description of life in an Officers Training School was fine and funny.

Capt. R. E. Balezynski of Co. H spoke on the work that had been done by this organization. He ended his talk with a plea that those who had served Uncle Sam so well, now join the Company and serve their state. He reminded the boys that reconstruction times might mean local troubles and that the company was in need of just such men as those who had gone forth to war.

Others called on for talks were Raymond Schultz, Emory Klein, Robert MacDougall, and Henry Carter.

As it's name indicated it was a Smoker and plenty of cigars and cigarettes were on hand for smokers. About ten o'clock Co. H began. Edwin Sucher blew the call which interrupted the singing and speaking and the dinner was at first. One Carl Stager as mess sang, and J. W. Graves, Brodwin, Bryan and Bogart as K. P.'s served hot weiner, cheese and ham sandwiches, coffee and pickles, which surely hit the spot.

The guests gave a vote of thanks to Co. H for their entertainment and the boys present gave the famous navy "Hoo-hoo-whistle" yell in the host.

They were given to understand that only the first of a series of such smokers where the boys can get together with the "lid off" and tell and listen to things not meant for feminine ears.

"JESUS IS COMING AGAIN" SUBJECT OF SERMON

That considerably interest is felt relative to the subject of "Jesus is Coming Again," was manifest by the large and appreciative audience at the Baptist Church last Sunday evening. To every Christian worth the name, this should be a subject of the greatest interest. This event, the Word of God, declares to be "that blessed hope" towards which the church of Christ is ever to look.

In part Rev. Little said: "God never has, and never will delegate to men the accomplishment of things which He himself is to do. Who shall 'speak peace to the nations' but the 'Prince of Peace?' Jesus called Satan the 'prince of the world.' How is it then, that we are so slow to perceive that this whole world order is in the grasp of Satan? To the 'profane' and 'wicked' prince of Israel, in Ezekiel's time, the Lord said, 'I will overturn, overturn, overturn it; and it shall be no more; until he comes whose right it is to rule; and I will give it to him.' It would surely seem that we are today in one of those overturning times. However, we know from the Scriptures, that as Rev. Little pointed out, world affairs, at the time of Jesus' return, will be moving on about as usual. Jesus said Noah's time would be repeated prior to the time of His coming. 'For as in the days that were before the flood they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, until the day that Noah entered into the ark, and knew not until the flood came

and took them all away; so shall also the coming of the Son of man be." Jesus said also, in the same discourse, "Be ye also ready; for in such an hour as ye think not, the Son of man cometh."

The world's affairs may vary, may change, but the human heart remains unchanged—unless vitalized and cleansed by the power of God, through the shed blood of Jesus Christ. The mass of men is no better than the individuals who compose that group. Jesus said He would make His disciples

"fishers of men." The program of the church of Christ is to "catch men", not the masses.

For two thousand years, God's call has been sounded forth, "Whosoever will, let him come."

On the evening of February 2nd, Rev. J. B. Little proposes to speak on the subject, "Jesus is Coming Soon, or The Signs of the Times." To those who are interested, the subject recommends itself; but to those who have thought themselves uninterested, we would commend it.

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