

Educator Takes Critics To Task; Lists Good Points Of Schools

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WASHINGTON, Dec. 4, (AP)—It is easy to criticize the schools—to hold them responsible for every ill that appears in the backwash of the great war.

Is it not time that we gave a little attention to answering the questions, "What's right with the public school?" There is much good evidence upon which to base an answer. Let us review some of the facts.

In most countries there are two school systems. One educates those who are to rule and the other those who are to be ruled. The educational opportunity that a child receives is determined by birth and social position. The "high-born" are given a complete education in one school system. The "low-born" attend a different system and receive but a meager elementary training completed at an early age.

In America we have a different plan. We accept the ideal, even if it is not realized everywhere in practice, that: "What the best and wisest parent wants for his own child that must the community want for all its children. Any other ideal for our schools is narrow and unlovely, acted upon, it destroys our democracy."

We are coming to realize that the public school is our greatest productive institution. Without the trained intelligence for which the school lays the foundation most of our wealth would be impossible. It is therefore proper that a small part of the wealth which this institution plays so great a part in creating should be set aside for its maintenance.

No "upper class" dictates what shall be taught in America's classrooms. Since it is controlled by all the people, it enjoys the support and confidence of the great mass of the people. The battle to place the public schools under the control of all the people was not easily won. The victory was a precious one. It must be guarded.

Even now the schools are the battleground of vigorous minorities, supporting forlorn hopes, protecting ancient prejudices or advancing special interests. The schools must be guarded from such influences. Nothing would so undermine confidence in education as to allow it to become an instrument for the propagation of the prejudices of factional groups.

Many of our states have recognized that money invested in high schools and colleges as well as that invested in elementary schools brings big returns. The have provided free schools extending from the kindergarten through the university.

No state can make a better investment than to provide a complete education for all who have the capacity and the desire to obtain it. Industry and purpose rather than caste or wealth are the keys that should open the doors of educational opportunity in a democracy.

In 1870 three children in every 10, five to 18 years of age were in daily attendance in public schools. In 1928 seven of every 10 children of these ages are in daily attendance. By attending school children acquire the qualities parents desire in them. Denied such attendance children suffer an almost insuperable handicap.

The aims of the schools are fundamentally sound. These are the objectives toward which 900,000 American public school teachers are daily striving as they work with the nation's 25,000,000 chil-

dren: 1. Sound health; 2. Worthy home membership; 3. Mastery of the tools of learning; 4. Good citizenship; 5. Vocational efficiency; 6. Wise use of leisure; 7. Ethical character.

No American institution has nobler purposes or works with greater faithfulness for their fulfillment than the American public school.

NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR UNITED STATES MINERAL PATENT

Serial Number 016883
Survey No. 4668

UNITED STATES LAND OFFICE

Carson City, Nevada
November 12, 1928

Notice is hereby given that in pursuance of an Act of Congress approved May 10th, 1872, Charles Labbe, whose post office address is Death Valley Junction, California, has made application for a patent for fifteen hundred linear feet respectively on the Hillside and Westend lodes and fourteen hundred seventy-eight and three tenths linear feet on the Broadway lode and fourteen hundred ninety-nine and four tenths linear feet on the Doris A. L. lode, all situated on the Johnnie Mining District, Nye County, Nevada, and described by the Official Plat and Field Notes on file in the office of the Register of the Carson City Land District, Nevada, as follows:

HILLSIDE LODE

Beginning at Cor. No. 1, from which U. S. L. M. No. 1A bears N. 33°53' E. 2992.8 ft. and running thence S. 10°03' W. 600.0 ft. to Cor. No. 2, thence N. 88°45' W. 698.8 ft. to Cor. No. 3, thence N. 88°15' W. 801.2 ft. to Cor. No. 4, thence N. 10°03' E. 600.0 ft. to Cor. No. 5, thence S. 88°15' E. 801.2 ft. to Cor. No. 6, thence S. 88°45' E. 698.8 ft. to Cor. No. 1, the place of beginning.

BROADWAY LODE

Beginning at Cor. No. 1, from which U. S. L. M. No. 1A bears N. 27°05' E. 3466.4 ft. and running thence S. 10°03' W. 600.0 ft. to Cor. No. 2, thence N. 81°47' W. 765.0 ft. to Cor. No. 3, thence S. 86°58' W. 717.5 ft. to Cor. No. 4, thence N. 10°03' E. 596.0 ft. to Cor. No. 5, thence S. 88°15' E. 581.8 ft. to Cor. No. 6, thence S. 86°45' E. 894.3 ft. to Cor. No. 1, the place of beginning.

DORIS A. L. LODE

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Beginning at Cor. No. 1, from which U. S. L. M. No. 1A bears N. 45°19'40" E. 4292.6 ft. and running thence S. 10°03' W. 596.0 ft. to Cor. No. 2, thence N. 88°33' W. 776.2 ft. to Cor. No. 3, thence S. 82°55' W. 724.3 ft. to Cor. No. 4, thence N. 10°03' E. 600.0 ft. to Cor. No. 5, thence N. 82°55' E. 724.3 ft. to Cor. No. 6, thence S. 88°15' E. 775.7 ft. to Cor. No. 1, the place of beginning.

Total Area of the lodes as follows:

Hillside Lode	20,478 Acres
Broadway Lode	19,001 Acres
Doris A. L. Lode	18,358 Acres
Westend Lode	20,069 Acres

Total Area 77,906 Acres
Conflict Area with Sur. No. 3799, Crown Point

GERMAN SUBMARINE HERO INSPIRES NEW MONUMENT

HERFORD, Germany, Dec. 4, (AP)—A bronze monument to Captain Otto Weddigen, Germany's submarine hero, is to be erected on an island in the river Werra near this town. It will take the form of a bow of a submarine 26 feet long and 10 feet high, on which stands in natural size the statue of Weddigen dressed in oil skins. Weddigen played a brief but sensational part in the early months of the world war. He sank the British armored cruisers Hogue, Aboukir, and Cressy in quick succession in the North Sea September 22, 1914, and the cruiser Hawke three weeks later, but

lode is 3,899 Acres
Which excluded from the total leaves net area 74,007 Acres
The adjoining claim is Crown Point.
The location certificates are recorded in the Office of County Recorder, Nye County, Nevada, in Book 83, pages 498, 499, and 500.
All adverse claims should be filed in this office during the sixty days period of publication.
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SLAYER SLAIN AS TRIAL OPENS

PRAGUE, Czechoslovakia, Dec. 4, (AP)—Alcibiade Bebe, Albanian student, who assassinated Zena Bey, the Albanian minister at Prague, and brother-in-law of King Zogu of Albania, was shot to death himself at the opening of his trial here.

His assassin was a servant of Zena Bey's brother. Before the slayer could be seized an Italian newspaperman was seriously wounded and a court interpreter and a spectator less seriously hurt.
There was wild confusion and uproar as the Albanian kinsmen of the slayer fired guns in the air in an attempt to help him escape in the confusion.

There was a young fel from Alaska who imbibed much too oft from his flasky.
When he came to his door, He had trouble galore Reconciling his key-hole and pass-key.
"Is it safe to drink out of that cup?"
"Lots of people do."
his submarine U-29 was sunk by a British ship in March of the following year, and he and his crew perished.

BISHOP PLEADS FOR RELIGION

MEXICO CITY, Dec. 4, (AP)—Bishop Miguel de la Mora, of San Luis Potosi, who has been in hiding since religious strife broke out issued a plea through columns of the newspaper El Universal for the government to withdraw religious restrictions, saying that to separate the people from the clergy was practically to separate them from their religion and to convert them into atheists.

LEAGUE CALLS MEETING BAN COUNTERFEITING

GENEVA, Dec. 4, (AP)—The League of Nations has issued invitations for an international conference against counterfeiting. It will be held at Geneva on April 9, next year, and give the final touches to a draft convention which has already been framed by experts, including American.
All governments have been asked to empower their delegates to sign the convention, once it has been adopted.
Already there exists close collaboration between the police forces of the nations to run down international criminals.

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Mrs. J. D. Smith and Mrs. J. R. Hemphill have issued invitations for a bridge luncheon for December 8th.
Mrs. W. E. Ferron is entertaining the members of her bridge club and a few guests with a bridge luncheon this afternoon.

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