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Events of Interest from the Seat of Government by the News Special Correspondent, J. E. Jones

A SUGGESTION FOR BETTER SCHOOLS

"The Little Red School House"

Washington, D. D., July 3. — Now that Independence Day has been occupying the attention of the country, we are reminded that the red, white and blue, and the little red school house are chief among the visible factors in patriotism. As the others have taken splendid care of the flag, let us consider the "little red school house," or more correctly speaking, the rural school. Modern day contrivances like the telephone, automobile, rural free delivery, etc., have revolutionized country life, and the country school teacher who has a little flock of children in her care, and attempts to teach everything from the kindergarten to geometry, has been called upon to defend her time-honored and sacred pedestal from the attacks of people who claim she is too old-fashioned to be continued on her job. It is pointed out that country people own automobiles, and that by their use children from a wide area can be brought to a central school much more easily than by the process by which they formerly struggled to get to the crude little building which was a burden upon a few taxpayers.

The Plan

The Government can do as much for the country school as it has for rural life in other directions. The suggestion which follows has never been generally discussed. Here it is:

An Auto Passenger Post

The Government rural routes, in certain districts, to be readjusted in order that mail may be distributed and collected on a twice a day basis, the vehicles used being large auto motors, similar to what are commonly called "rubber neck wagons" in cities. These vehicles are capable of carrying from twenty to thirty children to and from their schools, and a five cent fare each way would relieve the Government from an additional expense for the service. As many of these routes as consistent could be run in different directions, centering at a point where a consolidated country-school house, first class in every respect, with a full corps of the best teachers, and the very best course of studies, would be the pivot around which the plan would be constructed.

Opinions Wanted

In order to obtain the sentiment of people living in the country and small towns, it is desired that all persons interested in the above plan including postmasters and others in the postal service, as well as teachers, parents, and all who may have views upon the matter, communicate their opinions. The views will be placed before the Postmaster General through the U. S. Press Association. Write the editor of this paper, and he will forward the communication, or it may be sent direct to the correspondent of the News, in which event it should be directed to J. E. Jones, Bond Building, Washington, D. C. It is also suggested that the above plan might be properly discussed by local correspondents in their home newspapers, and in all such cases marked copies of the paper should be mailed to Mr. Jones, as above. Mr. Jones volunteers to personally present the views of the writers, whether favorable or adverse, to the Postmaster General.

Uncle Sam's Vacation

There are approximately forty

thousand people at work for Uncle Sam in the National Capital who will take thirty days leave to which they are entitled under the rules governing their employment. As the greater part of these people take some of their folks with them on their vacations, it will readily be seen that the Government Departments will be running short-handed during the Summer months. President Wilson has been one of the most constant men on the job since his election, and the record of the past two Summers might indicate that there were times when "no body worked but father," since from the Cabinet officers down, the hot weather drove everybody away from the Capital, who had the price of railroad transportation, Mexico, Germany, shipping bills and the tariff, will all be kept in cold storage to the fullest possible extent during the next few weeks, and everyone connected with official life, who can possibly do so, will take their journeys to playland. Former Secretary Bryan can be dispensed with as a political factor, since he filled most of the political positions that were coming to northern Democrats. The mantle of his authority as a patronage broker has dropped across the shoulders of several of the Cabinet officers of whom Postmaster General Bursleson and Secretary Garrison are perhaps most to be considered.

"Crocker Land" Only a Cloud-bank

Future generations may get this North Pole of ours correctly located, but that its mysteries are not all clear is evidenced by the latest positive information that "Crocker Land," discovered and charted by Admiral Peary, does not exist. Explorations made during the year have located the farthest point north obtained by Doctor Cook and left the latter's yarn more full of holes than before. Admiral Peary admits that he might have been mistaken about "Crocker Land," and while the denial of its existence does not reflect any upon the Peary discovery of the Pole, yet it does rather confuse the accepted story of the expedition. Doctor Cook is still abroad in the land, making an occasional speech and living in luxury. He promises to go to Washington this Winter and push his claims before Congress. The latter institution lent a listening ear last Spring, but that ear is more likely to be given to political matters and exigencies at the next session.

Huerta and Mexico

The "old Indian" whom President Wilson froze out of Mexico, has again been in the lime light. The other day he made some comment on the Mexican situation that is of interest. His statement, which appeared in a Washington dispatch, is as follows: "Out of some 16,000,000 people in Mexico to-day there are 15,900,000 who ask nothing better than to be let alone. They want peace. The remaining 100,000 are bandits who are fighting for the spoils of one of the richest countries on earth; they are men who live by plunder and who would rather fight than work. One of the great troubles is that the real conditions in Mexico are not known outside of the country because not a letter nor a cable leaves the country without being censored."

There is one very simple reform that can be carried out and ought to be insisted upon. It is said: Under existing laws the proprietor of land that is uncultivated pays no taxes on it, and there are many men of great wealth who keep enormous land-

ed estates uncultivated purposefully, so as to avoid paying taxes. The government ought to tax uncultivated land high enough to force the owners either to cultivate or to sell."

AMONG THE SUFFRAGISTS

One of the immediate results of woman suffrage in Los Angeles was the saving of about fifty thousand dollars at the first election by using the school houses as voting places.

Edward F. Boyle, president of the Board of Elections, estimates that it would cost the city of New York about a million dollars to use the schools as voting places and that the cost is prohibitive. Aren't the officials of election in New York as good business men as they are in Los Angeles?

In West Virginia, where the electors will vote on the question of woman suffrage next year, there is no law to limit the hours of work for women; little boys work nights in glass factories; little girls of fifteen are legal prey for immoral men; women cannot serve on school boards or on the boards of charitable institutions; mothers have no legal rights in the control of their own children.

It would clearly seem that the interests of women have not been safeguarded by the men of that state and require a little personal attention from the women themselves which they can only effectively give by having a direct voice in the government.

"I have long struggled," wrote Senator Brackett of New York in a letter to Mrs. Norman R. Whitehouse, "to find some logical reason why women should continue to be classed with idiots

and criminals as those excluded from the franchise. I can find no logical reason and I shall struggle no longer."

"The suffragists may well keep a joyous Fourth," wrote Alice Stone Blackwell editorially on the eve of Independence Day, "for since the last Fourth of July, Montana, Nevada and Denmark have given full suffrage to women, and the legislatures of seven states have placed the question before the voters for their decision at the next election — New York, New Jersey, Massachusetts, Pennsylvania, Iowa, South Dakota and West Virginia."

In commenting on the recent endorsement of woman suffrage by the Massachusetts Federation of Women's Clubs the Boston Herald said:

"The two-to-one vote of the State Federation of Women's Clubs puts something of a crimp into the claim that eighty per cent of the women do not want the ballot," and the Boston Journal added, "To-day clubs dare talk suffrage, and federations dare include it in their resolutions. They know it is a problem of life, and in no sense held within the narrow limits of political gaming."

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In pursuant to an order of the Surrogate's Court of Allegany County, New York State, made by Hon. James T. Ward, Dist. Att'y. and Acting Surrogate of said County of Allegany, Notice is hereby given to all persons having claims against the estate of Charles M. Lash, late of the town of Andover, Allegany County, New York, deceased, to present the same with proper vouchers thereof to the undersigned, administrator of the estate of said deceased, at the law office of Charles M. Lash, at Andover, N. Y., on or before the 10th day of September, 1915. Dated at Andover, N. Y., February 18, 1915. CHAS. A. BINES, Charles M. Lash, Attorney for administrator, Andover, N. Y.

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NOTICE TO CREDITORS

In pursuant to an order of the Surrogate's Court of Allegany County, New York State, made by Hon. Elba Reynolds Surrogate of said County of Allegany, Notice is hereby given to all persons having claims against the estate of John H. Kemp, late of the town of Alfred, Allegany County, New York, deceased, to present the same with proper vouchers thereof to the undersigned executor of the estate of said deceased, at the law office of Charles M. Lash, at Andover, N. Y., on or before the 10th day of December 1915. Dated at Andover, N. Y., May 29, 1915. CHAS. M. LASH, Executor.

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