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Don't Forget our Illustrated Edition.

How Intermediate Reading Should Be Taught.

Very often reading is so badly neglected by teachers of the primary grades that boys and girls get into the high school work who have never learned to read—that is to read in the true sense of the word—therefore they can have but little or no conception of what they read. Because this problem is confronting the high school teachers it behooves the instructors of children in the primary grades to try to improve at least to assist—this state of affairs by impressing children from the very beginning that reading is one of the most important studies.

Attention must be given to new words and to clauses not understood by the pupils. In this may the importance of getting some insight as to the thoughts and feelings the author wished to convey. It follows then that in no grade should careless reading be acceptable to the teacher. A mere humming of lines should not be allowed to pass for an oral reading lesson—for what has the pupil gained? Maybe a new word or two but he can express in his own words but little of the selection he has read, hence any charm in the story is lost to him. Then when this child is advanced to the high school his reading will be much the same as when he hummed through this lesson.

Much more will be accomplished

in this matter of reading in the high schools as teachers of primary grades put more emphasis upon this phase of work after a child has first learned to read.

IF YOU WORK FOR A MAN.

If you work for a man in Heaven's name work for him.

If he pays you wages that supply you your bread and butter, work for him, speak well of him, think well of him, stand by him and stand by the institution he represents.

I think if I worked for a man I would work for him. I would not work for him a part of his time, but all of his time.

I would give him an undivided service or none.

If, put to a pinch, an ounce of loyalty is worth a pound of cleverness,

If you vilify, condemn and eternally disparage, why, resign your position, and when you are outside, damn to your heart's content. But I pray you, so long as you are a part of the institution, do not condemn it. Not that you will injure the institution—not that—but when you disparage the concern of which you are a part, you disparage yourself.

And don't forget—"I forgot" won't do in business.—Elbert Hubbard.

The Influence of Books on Children

How far do the books they read influence children and young people in general; is a question of the greatest importance to mothers or any one who has anything to do with the training of children.

The young mind is credulous and impressionable, for until the habit of criticism has been established by education, nothing is too absurd to be believed.

The imaginative child possesses a high strung temperament, and reads everything that is at all attractive in the way of printed matter, and if careful supervision is not exercised; traits of character are formed that it may take years to overcome.

Children are continual actors make-believe is natural to them, and thus the imaginative child often identifies himself with the hero or heroine of the story.

If the hero is morbid selfish or unnatural the imaginative child tries to copy after him. Acts of courage or unselfishness should be held up for imitations, but troublesome, naughtiness and priggishness should be condemned.

The old fashioned fairy-tale is an important factor in the formation of the mind. Grimm and Anderson have humor and pathos. The children's story of Hiawatha has an unselfish and natural hero. The best selections of American literature are now being written in language the smallest child can understand.

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Gail has challenged the Girls Basket Ball team for a match game Thanksgiving. The home team has accepted, but Gail has hung fire. Come on Gail.—Big Springs Herald.

The notice in the Big Spring Herald to the effect that Gail had hung fire on her own challenge is a mistake. Big Springs challenged Gail and Gail did not accept the challenge owing to the terms proposed by the Big Springs parties. We trust the matter will be corrected.

THE TEACHERS INSTITUTE.

On Dec. 2, 3, 4, 5 and 6, the teachers of Borden county are going to hold their annual institute. Quite a nice program has been arranged and some good speakers have been secured. On Friday night of Dec 6th we will have a speaker of the evening J. S. Crumpton, candidate for district attorney. His subject will be the "American Woman." There will be other features as well, and we feel sure we can promise you an enjoyable evening. In regard to the regular institute work; all has not

been definitely arranged. Prof. C. E. Thomas of Big Springs will be with us at least part of the time. We are planning an exhaustive study of "Whites School Management" and in addition thereto will have papers from every teacher in the county on matters relative to education. Every teacher in this section of the country, out of the county as well as in, is urgently invited to attend. Let us know when you will arrive and we will try to have a place for you to stay as soon as you get here. We are going to have something unusually fine. Communications in regard to the institute board etc. may be addressed either to the County Judge or the Principal of the Gail Public school, we will be glad to hear from you.

OPPORTUNITY.

Opportunity is one of the conditions of success. If one takes his opportunities he may not do and become all that he wishes, but his life cannot be a failure.

Some think they have no opportunities, but if they will look over their past life, they are almost sure to find opportunities that they have let pass without one effort to achieve something.

Others think their opportunities are not great enough, but they must first start at the bottom and by their own efforts reach the height where greater opportunities may be presented them.

One of our opportunities of today is an education, one of which our forefathers had not the benefit of. Some of them became great with to say no opportunities on this line of thought. Why can we not advance ourselves up in the world with the school advantages of today?

Do not say you have no opportunities for here is the high school of Gail, that affords you as good an opportunity for getting an education as any high school in Texas—as high as it goes. It has well equipped teachers, who are willing and able to help you through your difficulties. You may say Gail has nothing for me, if this be true turn your attention to colleges and universities of the United States, and when you receive your honors there, you will see where Gail offered you opportunities of learning in your younger days.

When opportunities are presented, you by making use of them, your talents may be discovered.

If you wish to become more than what you are, take your opportunities.

A. D.

Open Session

Teachers Institute

On Friday evening Dec. 6 the General Public is invited to meet with the teachers of Borden County in an open session. J. S. Crumpton, candidate for district attorney, will deliver an address on "The American Woman." There will be other good things on the program so come on and help us enjoy ourselves.

The regular institute work of the teachers of Borden and surrounding counties will be done on Dec. 2, 3, 4, 5 and 6. Teachers will take notice.

MONEY.

Money is usually a stamped metal; generally gold, silver or copper. It is stamped or coined by public authority, and used as a medium of commerce.

We sometimes give the name money to other coined metals, and to any other materials which rude nations use as a medium of trade. Metal seems to me the most appropriate for this purpose, as it is durable and easy to carry.

Bank notes and bills of credit issued by authority are also called, money,

The mint is where the money is coined. Formerly, there was a mint in almost every country, but they are reduced now until the only mint in Great Britain is the Tower of London. The first mint in the United States was at Philadelphia.

To coin metal is to press on it marks, figures or characters. To be good money these impressions must be made under the authority of government.

Formerly, all money was made by hammering, but it is now impressed by a machine or mill.

Ancient coins, such as those of Jews, Greeks and Romans are kept in cabinets as curiosities.

The unit or standard of comparison is the dollar. The silver dollar contains three hundred seventy-five, and sixty four hundredth grains of silver.

The money system we have to day was planned by Thomas Jefferson and Governor Morris.

We sometimes hear the word "bit" applied to 12-1-2 cents. "Two bits," "four bits" and "six bits" were used in modern

times and are common terms to designate twenty five, fifty and seventy-five cents.

The Indians used beads and etc. for money.

Besides our metal money we have paper money, also made by public authority.

We have banks in which to deposit our money. At the present time they have closed down on the payment of checks. It was caused by the money panic in New York. The depositors withdrew their money, therefore the people of Texas as well as other states are not able to draw their money.

Money has caused much evil, and many lives have been taken for it.

A. D.

OBEDIENCE TO PARENTS.

Obedience to parents is the key to success in life.

To obey your parents is to love, honor and respect them and such a course will lead to nobility, and greatness.

A child who is obedient to his or her parents, is loved honored and respected by all, for in such a character you find nobility of man or woman, and as said of yore "Honor thy father and thy Mother in the days of thy youth that thy days may be long on the earth."

When mother or father gives you any advice don't just turn off and say "I know just as much about that as mother," but just say "mother or father will not tell me anything wrong." You should take the advice of mother or father.

Live long and die happy.

M. H.

Little Miss Zadie Mae Bills was absent from school this week as she is sick with sore throat.

Jake Morrow is on the sick list this week, he has tonsillitis.

Friday morning the pupils of all three rooms, and Misses Ethel Blankenship and Atwood grouped around the front door of the Gail High School building and Prof. McKay took their pictures.

Little Misses Ruby Gene Bullard, Minnie Wilma Russell, Eddie Smith and Lura and Homer Ella Morrow and Master Russell Dorward visited the primary department of our school Friday eve.

Friday evening the intermediate and higher rooms of the school had a spelling match. Miss Cora Berry and Master Roy Everett chose up. We spelt in the old time way, that of having trappers Cora chose Ethel Morrow as "trapper" for her side. Roy chose Alma DeShazo. The former side came off with flying colors.

You are invited to visit the school. We try our best to treat our visitors nicely and are always glad when you come.

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invested in books for the school library will pay

100 per cent

on the dollar in the form of better equipped citizens for the future. Good deeds always come back to a man. Besides your capital is always there and draws interest without manipulation. Give us some books

**Library Club,
Gail, Texas**

PUPILS PAGE

The Basket Ball girls organized a small game Tuesday, at recess consisting of yellow and green colors. The yellows were Ora Smoot, Charlie Baker, Frank Berry Myrtle Hopkins. Greens Cora Berry, Lillie Morrow, Mollie Hopkins and Harvy Everett. The game lasted for 20 minutes. The scores were 5 to 10 in favor of the yellows.

Among those absent from school Monday on account of the little cool spell were Fay Jolly, Bee Burnett and Alma Sealy. Cleave Jolly, Harvey Everett and Earl Sealy. We surely are not going to let such light spells as was Monday begin to keep us from school, if we do we will be more than apt to miss the greater portion of our good school.

The Basket Ball team couldn't play Monday on account of the snow.

The primary and the intermediate pupils, and their teachers had a snow ball fight Tuesday at noon and the children got the best of them and the teachers ran into the house.

We would like for Miss Myrtle Hopkins to wait till she leaves school to ask Mr. Harvy if he is in love.

Teacher—What is active voice?

Pupil—A verb is in the active voice when the object is the receiver of the action.

Teacher—Give an example.

Pupil—James struck John.

Teacher—Now give an example of the passive voice.

Pupil—James did not strike John.

Charlie Baker was absent from school Monday on important business.

Zettie and Sid Cathey have been absent from school this week on account of their grand father being very ill.

Fletcher Patton is back at school once more, we are all glad to have him with us.

Jodie Dillahunty was absent from school the first part of this week.

I suggest to the girls that we act as Prof. advised—to not use the GAIL SCHOOL JOURNAL to fight our little quarrels out in.

Girls this paper is for the benefit and advancement of our school and not to put foolish silly little sayings about each other in it. Now let us try and see if we can't leave such like off hereafter, and I'm sure the paper would make more rapid progress and all will be sure to pass off nicely.

The Basket Ball team is still undecided as whether to play the Big Springs team on thanksgiving or not. Better make haste girls and make your decision. Thanksgiving is fast approaching.

On last Monday on account of bad weather Misses Alma Sealy, Myrtle and Fay Jolly, Zettie Cathey. Messrs. Cleave Jolly Harvy Everett, Sid Cathey and Charles Baker were absent from school.

Our Journal must be getting very interesting as some people mistake it for the Dallas News.

If you want to know how to make things sound important get Miss Myrtle Hopkins to teach you.

The Basket Ball Team is taking a rest these cold days. Better get used to the cold. Thanksgiving Day may be freezing.

Dont forget the Library Club meets every Thursday evening after school.

Harvey Everett has been absent from school the latter part of this week. He has been sick with tonsilitis.

Alma Dickinson was absent from school Friday.

Miss Ola Kincaid got her glasses broken Thursday at noon while playing Basket Ball, which prevented her from being in school Thursday afternoon.

Misses Mollie and Myrtle Hopkins were absent from school Thursday and Friday.

The Library Club met Thursday afternoon at the usual time of meeting.

Roy Pearce, Alpha Jeter and Minnie Smith of the primary room were promoted to the intermediate last week. That's nice little folks, just keep pushing your way onward and upward and you will accomplish your "aim" in the end.

Miss Myrtle Jolly was absent from school Friday.

The Gail High School girls will play a matched game Thanksgiving. All are invited to come and witness the grand affair.

Fay Jolly. *
Zettie Cathey. *
Ola Kincaid. * * *
Earl Sealy
Sidney Cathey
Ora Smoot *
Porter Cotten