

SEATTLE SCHOOL CRUCIBLE FROM WHICH FOREIGNERS COME AMERICANS

Institution on Main Street Takes Youngsters of Various Nationalities and Teaches Them Loyalty.

FLAG SERVICES PART OF DAILY INSTRUCTION

Oath of Allegiance to United States Given Frequently to Little Ones—Know No English at Start.

SEATTLE'S educational system for the making of good Americans where the note of patriotism and loyalty to the nation and flag resounds above everything else, and where budding childhood representing a dozen different nations is Americanized—this is the Main Street grammar school, situated in the heart of the city's cosmopolitan center, at Seventh Avenue and Main Street.

Class, creed or color knows no distinction among the merry group of pupils. In the classroom and at play, Japanese, Chinese, Russian, Austrian, German, negro and Italian children mingle freely. The pupil enrolls at the institution barren of any knowledge of the English language, but through sympathy and kindness, yet firmness and application, he picks up the rudimentary foundation of the American tongue.

Americanizes Hundreds.
For seven years Miss Ada J. Mahon, principal of the school, has had charge of Americanizing hundreds of foreign-born pupils. They come to her the raw product and they leave with a good working knowledge of the English language, a wholesome respect for the United States and a fraternal love for persons of all nationalities.

One of the first things to be learned is the oath of allegiance to the United States. Several times every week, generally just before the resumption of school after the noon recess, Miss Mahon orders a flag drill and a brief patriotic ceremony. Standing in long lines and facing the Stars and Stripes, held on the first landing of the stairs, the pupils salute the flag, recite the oath and sing "The Star Spangled Banner," "America" and patriotic songs with all the vigor of expression at their command.

Japanese predominate at the school.



MAIN STREET SCHOOL SEATTLE'S MELTING POT
The upper photograph shows youngsters saluting the flag. In the lower is shown representatives of the various nationalities making up the attendance of the Main Street school. From left to right—Benjie Fong, Chinese; Gertrude Jackson, colored; Polly Bodick, Austrian; Vera Varonacoff, Russian; Mira Morita, Japanese; Patty Ow, Chinese; Henry Lenz, American of German lineage.

there being 112 pupils of this nationality. Of this number, twenty-seven were born in Japan. Today has the next largest quota with fifty-four. Thirty-five of the Chinese delegation were seen in China. There are thirty-two other pupils, including Russians, Austrians, Germans, Italians and two negroes.

All of the miscellaneous units of the American child are installed in the make-up of the oriental after he has been in school for a short period. But costly, innocent mistakes in the limit, according to Miss Mahon. The Japanese and Chinese have a wholesome respect and love for their teacher, whose word is law. The oriental is not to be found around the corner saying harsh things about his teacher for he is ever inspired with a love for her.

Parents of the oriental pupils take a decided interest in the progress their children are making at school. They are also appreciative of the efforts of the teachers and frequently visit the school building to have an interview with Miss Mahon or her staff of six assistants.

English Most Popular.
English is the most popular, yet the hardest of all the subjects for the oriental to grasp. Five months is the average length of time that is consumed by the pupil in acquiring a working knowledge of the language. There is a room set aside at the Main Street school for all pupils who do not know any English. It is known as "the foreign room."

Here they are drilled in the elementary points of English, being taught the words that will be most useful to them in their daily life. After they gain a fair understanding of the language they are distributed about the various class rooms, according to mental development.

Has Four Grades.
The Main Street School is divided into four grades. After the pupil has passed this mark on his road to education, he is transferred to a grammar school with eight grades.

One day last week a teacher in the kindergarten division at the school was suddenly taken ill. Until a substitute teacher could be obtained, Miss Mahon assigned Tai Miyagawa, a 12-year-old pupil, to take charge of the class. The pupil-instructor took up the work and taught the class until the other teacher arrived.

The attention of every one of these pupils is to speak the English language well so they will be equipped to enter business in this country," said Miss Mahon. "They are exceptionally studious and anxious to learn."

DIRECTOR AND DOCTOR TO BE ON EACH BOARD

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registration of names of all male persons between 21 and 30, inclusive. Volunteer registration clerks have offered their services in 110 of the 120 county precincts. In most cases, the regular registration clerks appointed by the board of county commissioners have volunteered their services as a patriotic duty. In some few instances, volunteers who have been recommended by the regular registrar, who for good reasons were not able to serve, have been accepted.

- Cedar Falls, John H. Galvin, Railroad Hotel.
- McKinnley, Lucius G. Tracy, residence, Newcastle, Lizzie Gregg, Pacific Coast Coal Company store.
- North Bend, E. F. Cunningham, office of town clerk.
- North Park, Mrs. R. M. Rice, North Park store.
- Novelty, E. Samzelius, Novelty store.
- Oak Lake, Charles G. Ajax, Ajax's drug store.
- Orillia, J. D. Cameron, Cameron's store.
- Osceola, William O. Hammer, residence.
- Pacific, E. D. Vincent, residence.
- Palmier, C. E. McColl, residence.
- Preston, L. W. Benson, Preston Athletic Hall.
- Redmond, H. S. Reed, post office.
- Richmond, John T. Holloway, residence.
- Riverton, Daniel Vandewater, residence.
- Rose Hill, W. F. Acker, Central Grocery.
- Seahurst Park, John F. Wheeler, Lake Burien Mercantile Company.
- Shelwood, W. E. Lemley, residence.
- Snoqualmie, John R. Walkup, office of Snoqualmie Post.
- Skykomish, P. S. Elder, gymnasium.
- Springbrook, Fred Ider, residence.
- Star Lake, W. J. Paulkner, residence.
- Suicide Creek, John S. Brown, Tanner school house.
- Swan Lake, Sidney Wilkinson, residence.
- Tanner, E. H. Kinker, North Bend Lumber Company.
- Toit, Tom Bird, office of Toit Water Company.
- Union, Jay N. Robb, Ravenna school.
- Valley, A. J. Dorrier, residence.
- Vashon, W. L. Garvin, Garvin's store.
- Venmont, Fred Colson, residence.
- Wabash, W. F. Gray, Wabash school house.
- Webster, H. C. Sawyer, residence.
- White River, David Keiser, gymnasium.
- Wilburton, Grover T. Naslund, store.
- Wynwaches, J. W. Jones, Mrs. Anna Jones' residence.

Edison Acts as His Own Telegrapher

ORANGE, N. J., Saturday, May 19.—Thomas A. Edison, the inventive wizard, was his own telegrapher tonight. He came here from his home in West Orange tonight, entered a telegraph office and asked permission to use one of the wires. This was speedily granted. Edison then sat down and sent a message of about fifty words. This message, directed to Chicago, was the necessary formality for the opening of the music convention in that city.

Oldest Daughter of State Visits Seattle

Mrs. A. B. Karr of North Yakima, who is said to be the oldest native daughter of the state of Washington, yesterday arrived in Seattle on a visit to her son, Capt. C. J. Karr, master of the Umatilla Reef lightship. Mrs. Karr is 77 years old.

Deathbed Repentance Real, Says Pastor

MILWAUKEE, Wis., Saturday, May 19.—Deathbed repentance are real, but not ideal, according to Rev. Frederic A. Hayward, pastor of the Underwood Memorial Baptist Church, who spoke on "Are Deathbed Repentances Real?"

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JOHN A. McILHENNY, President U. S. Civil Service Commission Washington, D. C.

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- Cavanaugh Hardware Co., Auburn.

Police Round Up Score of Suspects

CHICAGO, Saturday, May 19.—The police rounded up nearly a score of suspects tonight, following a daring payroll robbery in which bandits escaped with \$7,000 after a revolver battle on an elevated railway station.

Emil Wisner, 14 years old, employee of A. Stein & Company, garter manufacturer, was carrying the money in a bag. He was accompanied by John Hayes, detective for the manufacturers, and John J. Rooney, special policeman from the bank where the money was drawn. Four bandits attacked the trio. Hayes was shot in the head and probably will die. Rooney and Frank Jones, a spectator, were also shot. The bandits escaped in an automobile.