

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,



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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—Bernie Fong, Chinese; Gertrude Jackson, colored; Polly Bodick, Austrian; Vera Varonaer, Russian; Hiro Morita, Japanese; Patty Ow, Chinese; Henry Lentz, American of German lineage.

there being 172 pupils of this nationality of this number, twenty-seven were born in China, has the next largest quota with fifty-four. Thirty-five of the Chinese delegation were born in China. There are thirteen other pupils, including Russians, Austrians, Germans, Italians and two negroes.

All of the mischievous traits of the American child are instilled in the make-up of the Oriental, after he has been in school for a short period. But petty, innocent mischief is the limit, according to Miss Mahon. The Japanese and Chinese have a wholesome respect and awe 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 grasping a working knowledge of the language. There is a fair understanding of the language they are instructed about the various class rooms, according to mental development.

Has Four Grades.
The Main Street School is limited to 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 relief teacher could be obtained, Miss Mahon assigned Tai Miyakawa, 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 ambition 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 service in 110 of the 140 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.

The 110 precincts in which volunteers will serve, with the name of the precinct, the registrar and the place for registration, are as follows:

- Auburn No. 1, Mrs. John Wooding, city clerk's office.
- Auburn No. 2, J. W. Diamond, 818 East First Street.
- Auburn No. 4, H. M. Anderson, Terminal Hotel.
- Auburn No. 5, A. H. Meade, Green River Hotel.
- Avondale, F. A. Herzog, residence.
- Baring, H. S. Royer, H. S. Royer's store.
- Barneston, F. N. Pells, Kent Lumber Company's office.
- Bayne, Morgan Meredith, company's office.
- Bellvue, Charles T. Le Warner, Bellvue Hardware & Supply Company.
- Bellevue, M. E. Smith, postoffice.
- Blith, T. Charles Combe, residence.
- Black Diamond No. 1, W. W. Davies, Mason's Hall.
- Black Diamond No. 2, George P. Falford, residence.
- Black River, Robert L. East, Medical store.
- Boddy, Mrs. John H. Boddy, Bay

- Cedar Falls, John H. Galvin, Railroad Hotel.
- Cedar Mountain, F. C. Slusser, residence.
- Cedar River, H. J. Berman, residence.
- Cherry Valley, Charles E. Mercereau, town clerk.
- Confield, C. E. Peterson, residence.
- Cove, A. F. Sundberg, Cove store.
- Covington, J. A. Titus, school house.
- Cumberland, J. T. Paschich, postoffice.
- Des Moines, G. W. Swain, postoffice building.
- Dockton, L. Turnbull, Turnbull's store.
- Dolphin, D. A. Culman, A. Mathieson's residence.
- Durham, C. A. McMickle, machine shop P. S. L. Co.
- Duwamish, George E. Jones, residence.
- Eagle Gorge, L. R. Miller, Page Lumber Company office.
- Earlington, G. M. Conard, G. H. Williams' grocery.
- Edgewood, M. V. Hostetter, residence.
- Elliott, Mrs. Janette Hanson.
- Emmie, R. T. Whaley, residence.
- Endolyn, C. H. Shaub, residence.
- Enamelaw, North ward, C. A. Newman, Enamelaw's real estate office.
- Entumclaw, South Ward, O. E. Maganison, Musicians' hall.
- Forest, Mrs. H. B. Clemans, residence.
- Gilman, Robert Thompson, Jr., Grange Hall.
- Hazelwood, William Wiseman, residence.
- HIGHLAND, Ames Goff, residence.
- Hill, Mrs. Margaret Thompson, residence.
- Hot Springs, A. H. Wilson, residence.
- Houghton, P. S. Robinson, office of Anderson Shipbuilding Company.
- Huglewood, J. E. Weber, postoffice.
- Issaquah, A. A. Van Winkle, Van Winkle's store.
- Juanita, L. L. Forbes, Forbes' Confectionery.
- Kennydale, Thomas Berek, Belcher's Hall.
- Kent 1, Dr. J. Soule, 114 South Railroad Avenue, Dr. Soule's drug store.
- Kent, B. J. R. Martin, office city clerk.
- Kent 1, Timothy Brownhill, Kent Journal office.
- Kraun, Joseph Malneritch, Kraun schoolhouse.
- Lake, H. M. Fancher, residence.
- Lake Forest, L. E. Stetson, Lake Forest store.
- Lake View, Earle R. Huffman, Henry A. Boyer's residence.
- Lester, E. Hocking, Lester store.
- Lisabuela, J. W. A. Myers, Myers' store.
- Maple Leaf, F. Armstrong, residence.
- Manly, A. M. Myers, residence.
- Marywood, Robert W. Hallam, Marywood store.

- McGillyra, Mrs. J. A. Owen, Kearney's store.
- McKinley, Lucius G. Tracy, residence.
- Newcastle, Lizzie Greigs, Pacific Coast Coal Company store.
- North Bend, D. P. 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.
- Oswego, William O. Hammer, residence.
- Pacific, F. D. Vincent, residence.
- Palmer, C. E. McNeil.
- 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.
- Sherwood, W. E. Lemley, residence.
- Snoqualmie, John R. Walkup, office of Snoqualmie Post.
- Skykomish, F. S. Elder, gymnasium.
- Springbrook, Fred Uder, residence.
- Star Lake, W. J. Faulkner.
- Swain 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.
- Walby, A. J. Porter, residence.
- Washon, W. L. Garvin, Garvin's store.
- Vincent, Fred Colson.
- Wabash, W. P. Gray, Wabash school house.
- Webster, H. C. Sawyer, residence.
- White River, David Kelsey, gymnasium.
- Wilburton, Grover T. Naslund, store.
- Wynoche, J. W. Jones, Mrs. Anna Jones' residence.

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, employe of A. Stein & Company, garter manu-