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people under the seventh grade and only a few above the eleventh. Soon the few will surely rule the many under such a condition.

What every man needs is the ability to know as much as any of his fellow citizens. A republic of unlearned people has no advantages over a monarchy, because it has to depend on others to think and act for it.

America, to preserve its democracy, must offer an equal education to all its children.

No Surplus Available for the Church

The churches of this country are nearly all in financial distress, all because their few friends are spending their goods in riotous living.

It is only another case of leaving off the most important things until last. We intend to do something good, but too often we leave the best thing go until our most pressing wants are satisfied, then with our surplus money and in our spare time, if any are left, we turn to do our noble deeds.

This being a day when we have neither surplus time nor money, we find ourselves unable to do the things we would like to and should do.

We do not even have time for a sober thought these days, but have gotten ourselves in a state of nervous, anxious anticipation, wondering what is coming next.

We are too busy with the things of the world to enjoy the real pleasures of life.

Court Annuls Commission's Action

The United States Supreme Court recently annulled the Interstate Commerce Commission's railroad assessment, after the government had spent five years and many millions of dollars in taking a complete inventory of all the railroads in the United States. After the commission had gone so far as to count every tie, spike and rail, the railroads claimed their property was worth more than the amount set up by the investigators and the Supreme Court confirmed the railroad claims, cutting the commission's assessment down to about half the amount.

Most property owners desire low valuations, but the railroads do not; they have a guarantee assuring them a fair return on their stock which runs about six percent, net of all things, including taxes. Therefore, if they get six percent on a fifty billion dollar valuation they get more than if they were only valued at twenty billion. They can easily pay a one or two cents tax rate on a high valuation, if they can earn six percent on the same valuation.

The Supreme Court was divided on the question, five favoring the railroads' claim and three voting against it.

Fish Hatcheries

Fishermen are catching more rock in the Roanoke river at this time than they have bagged for many years, indicating that the hatcheries maintained by the United States Government are proving profitable. The government has been putting millions of the fish in the Roanoke for a number of years from its Weldon hatchery, affording the many fishermen a means of livelihood and the people a food.

The hatchery at Weldon is evidently a paying proposition and should be enlarged; for a little care and a small expenditure will feed thousands in future years.

Since the waters of this section of the State have been filled with carp, eels and catfish, it is almost impossible for shad, rock and sturgeons to raise in the open waters, making the artificial hatcheries necessary to the life of these species of fine fish.

The Trusts' Attempt for Power

The power trusts evidently want to keep the facts from the people. The method they are pursuing is apparently to purchase the large papers and furnish copy for the smaller ones.

In the latter case the trusts have put before the people of the country millions of words of propaganda. They employ many expert writers to furnish catchy and apparently valuable data favorable to their interests to the small newspapers of the country. Many of the small papers, hungry for material to go into their columns, use it without question. In this way, the trusts have biased the minds of millions of people.

If the trusts succeed in getting a monopoly of the large daily papers, they will then be able to divert the minds of a large proportion of the people of the country. It is evident that the big interests already own and dominate most of the magazines. With the magazine writers paid by big interests, big newspapers owned by them and their paid servants furnishing much of the copy for the little newspapers, freedom of thought will be practically hedged under one control.

Since there is no one paid to think for the good of the public and the world having lost all interest in the masses, evidently everyone is seeking that he might find for himself only.

Uneven Culture Threatens Democracy

The average American is between a sixth and seventh grades, according to educational standards. This line of culture is entirely too low for a true democracy to thrive upon, and accounts, to a great extent, for the uneven social, economical and financial conditions of our people.

The law of the survival of the fittest has always prevailed, the man knowing the most ruling and not the one who is physically strongest. Mind and not muscle rules, and it rules according to its knowledge to direct.

So far America has done well because we had a government founded upon solid principles. Yet, it cannot continue to prosper with the bulk of the

NOTICE OF SALE OF REAL ESTATE

Under and by virtue of the authority conferred upon me in a deed of trust executed by H. A. Cullipher, W. S. Moore, Clifton Hunter, trustee for Everetts Methodist Episcopal Church South, on the 8th day of February, 1927, and of record in book S-2, at page 141, of Martin County public registry, I will on Saturday, the 1st day of June, 1929, at 12 o'clock m., in front of The Planters & Merchants Bank at Everetts, N. C., Martin County, sell at public auction for cash to the highest bidder, the following lands, to-wit:

Beginning at an iron stob on Church Street, being on E. A. Clark corner, thence running a westerly course along said street to Mrs. Sudie E. Lanier line, a corner, thence a northerly course along Mrs. Sudie E. Lanier's line about 70 yards to a proposed stob at a corner of Everetts Baptist Church line and Mrs. Sudie E. Lanier's line, thence an easterly course along Everetts Baptist Church line to a stob on E. A. Clark line, or Paul Bailey line, thence a southerly course along

E. A. Clark line to the old school property to the beginning, and being one-half of the Everetts Baptist church property and not over, and being the same land where the old church is now situated.

This the 27th day of April, 1929.
 V. G. TAYLOR, Trustee.

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North Carolina, Martin County.
IN SUPERIOR COURT
 D. G. Matthews vs. Ed Dugger and wife Julia Dugger.

An action has been begun in the Superior Court of Martin County, North Carolina, entitled as above, to foreclose a tax certificate of sale covering the following tract of land, to-wit: Being a house and lot located in Robersonville, N. C. on Railroad St. adjoining the lands of H. B. Moore, and Arch Roberson and being the same land listed for taxes by Ed Dugger said land having been listed on E. A. Clark line, or Paul Bailey line, thence a southerly course along

in subject matter in above entitled action are required to appear and defend their respective claims within six months from date of this notice, otherwise they shall be forever barred and foreclosed of any and all interest or claims in or to the property or the proceeds received from the sale thereof.

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