

SOME REASONS

Youth Occasionally Sidestep From Straight Paths

PUBLIC MORALLY RESPONSIBLE

City Should Provide Decent Play Grounds and Resorts—Healthy Exercise Will Do Away With Idling.

Editor News: There are a number of high minded men and women in Roseburg and vicinity who are giving careful thought to the moral conditions and needs of this community, but it seems that their efforts are conducted entirely along the lines of suppression, and not in the least along the lines of progression. It is probably well and good that the fight is continual against King Alcohol, but instead of worrying so much about near beer joint keepers lying in wait for our sons, who at the present time have no other place to go, and therefore are not very difficult to tempt, why not start with the youths of our city, and educate them by some other methods than long dry sermons on the drink evil? This warm day the boys and young men can go to the cool and comfortable pool rooms, with their near-beer bars, or the nice shady park, equipped with play grounds, benches, etc., the park which is not much in evidence in Roseburg—what?

Sunday afternoon there were over 300 hundred men, women, boys and girls under the trees and along the river in Alexander park, many of them in the river most of the time. Not a place of any kind to don a bathing suit or resume your ordinary clothing, yet a hundred or more Roseburg people who would gladly avail themselves of the bathing privileges if it could be done decently. A hundred boys in the water away beyond the reach of near beer joints, designing keepers, and other tempters, developing red blood, healthy minds under the most adverse conditions. Instead of curing them from the drink, pool and loafing habit, why not prevent the formation by offering something in the line of decency to them. This idea that boys and girls can be "saved by dry sermons, and a wonderful activity on election day may appeal to some, but not much to fathers of boys and girls. They want something to do—a place to go that is attractive, where their minds and bodies both will de-

velop, and nothing has been offered yet that equals the park and civic playground. Probably this afternoon there are over 100 boys enjoying in their fashion the swimming hole at Alexander's park, and there are several hundred more boys, big and little, that would appreciate a dip in the river, if they did not have to hide in the poison oak to disrobe and dress. At present the attractions offered have been provided by nature entirely. Wouldn't a little help on the part of our rich and influential citizens result in a bath house for males and one for females located where it is available for the hundreds who cannot afford a trip to the beach or mountains? The great study of municipalities these days is not the suppression of crime, but the prevention of crime, and crime is not prevented by the passing of laws nearly so successfully as it is by the proper education of children. Our children need a park, a play ground and a bathing pool, where healthy bodies may be developed, and the steam pressure of youth be dissipated in a proper manner. Normal, healthy children very seldom make degenerates or criminals, but the policy here seems to be to wait until these children grow up and acquire the near beer habit, and then attempt to cure it, rather than prevent it by methods prevalent in most progressive communities. A model play ground and park is more of a moral force than all the sermons and fines that can be imposed. This city needs a constructive policy, it should offer something that children can do, instead of harping on the everlasting "don't". The writer apologizes for the frequent mention of near beer joints, but at present does not see what else is offered by the community. Two small buildings arranged so those who desire can avail themselves of a little clean healthy sport would not cost much, and a little investment in Alexander Park would make it an attractive park that would be enjoyed by hundreds of our people daily. Can't Roseburg afford at least one decent place of entertainment for our children? Or shall we keep on making recruits for questionable resorts, and then wonder why they continue to flourish? The boys and girls of Roseburg are not getting a square deal, and the ancient methods now employed in Roseburg to raise its standard of morals will continue to be just about as effective as they have in the past. Instead of a repetition of "don'ts", why not arrange for a few "do's"—permit these children to enjoy a few things provided for that purpose and make healthy and normal young men and women out of them, instead of clinging to the vain hope that precept is better than example. Do you thing the

MORALLY ISMAY

Should Have Gone Down in Titanic Wreck

CAPTAIN SMITH EXONERATED

Carpathia Crew Praised—Officers of The liner California Condemned For Not Going To Relief of the Titanic.

(Special to The Evening News.)
LONDON, July 30.—Directly charging the Titanic disaster to excessive speed, and arrangements for launching and manning the life boats improper and inadequate, the sub-committee appointed by the British board of trade today made public its report. While the committee found that J. Bruce Ismay, the managing director of the company whose anxiety to save his own life at expense of others, was morally obliged to have gone down with his company's ship, it extenuated his escape by saying that had he remained aboard and perished it would have only resulted in needless loss of another life. The reports hold that the charge that Lord Cosmos Duff-Gordon bribed members of the boat's crew to row him to point of safety from the sinking Titanic are unfounded. Although criticizing the practices of running at full speed through the ice zones at night, the committee does not consider that Captain Smith was guilty of neglect. The report also commends the captain and crew of the liner Carpathia for quick action in going to the assistance of the doomed Titanic, as well as condemns the captain and officers of the steamer California for not responding to the distress signals sent out by the Titanic.

PENDLETON PREACHER ENDORSES BILLIARDS.

Church Members Become Angry and Implore Minister to Resign His Pastorship.

PENDLETON, Or., July 29.—Declaring if he had his way there would be a billiard table in every home of the United States, Rev. Frank J. Milnes, in his farewell sermon closing of a near beer joint or two will convince a boy you are interested in his welfare as much as providing him with an attractive place to play?
Yours respectfully,
C. O. R.

CHARGE BECKER

With the Murder of Gambler Rosenthals

OTHER INDICTMENTS EXPECTED

Confessions Name Men High In Police Circles Of New York—Private Citizens Involved In Scandal.

(Special to The Evening News.)
NEW YORK, July 30.—With Lieutenant Becker, of the New York police force, locked in the tombs on a charge of murder, the city is aghast over arrests of higher ups in most sensational police and gambling murder scandal in the history of the state. Any hour may bring indictment of a score of police officials and some prominent citizens, who are alleged to have been involved with them in the grafting which led to the murder of Gambler Rosenthal. Becker was indicted last night, and the grand jury is in session today. Becker was arrested on confession of Jack Rose, who with Webber and Vallon, told the jury how they had framed the death of Rosenthal after Becker had threatened to send them up for seven years if they refused to commit the crime and rid the city of Rosenthal. All three of the men confessing alleged that Becker had stated that he would do the job himself if he had to, but "first I'll put you fellows away, if I have to plant guns on you. You are all gamblers and confidence men, and what chance will you have," is the way the lieutenant forced them into commission of the murder. Urged by the fear of being railroaded into Sing Sing, so Rose alleged, he, Webber and Vallon saw "Big Jack" and arranged for the services of the four actual murderers, Harry Horowitz, Frank Muller, Louis Rosensweig and "Dago Frank", who rode to the Metropolitan in the gray auto and shot Rosenthal to death.

TAFT PERSONALLY OFFERS SYMPATHY.

President Taft Visited Japanese Embassy and Tenders Condolence.

(Special to The Evening News.)
WASHINGTON, July 30.—President Taft personally motored to the Japanese embassy today to offer condolence for the death of the mikado. In reply to a cablegram sent to Emperor Yoshihito yesterday expressing sympathy for the death of the emperor he received reply today from the new mikado in which he said: "I am deeply touched by your sympathetic message, and offer sincerest thanks."

CONFERENCE HELD AT OYSTER BAY TODAY.

Beveridge and Roosevelt Talk Over Temporary Chairmanship of Convention.

INDIANAPOLIS, July 30.—Former Senator Beveridge left this city for Oyster Bay today to submit to Col. Roosevelt his speech which will be made as temporary chairman of the progressive convention to be held in Chicago. Beveridge refused to say whether or not he would accept the progressive nomination for governor of Indiana, but it is believed that he will also discuss this matter with Roosevelt.

STOPS HIS PAPER.

Hyman Wollenberg this morning came into The News office and ordered his paper stopped. The Evening News will, however, continue to print the news as it occurs from day to day. We are not responsible for the news items themselves. Others create the news, a newspaper merely reflects the event. That newspaper serves the public best which gets the news and publishes it as soon after the occurrence as possible. This paper may be relied on to print all the news at all times no matter who may be interested in or connected with the events. If each day we were to withhold such items as particular persons desired not to appear in the public print this paper would look like a graveyard and it would not be long before it really would be buried in one. Just remember that this paper will print the news. When you subscribe for it you will get what you are looking for—the news.

MORE MOOSE.

About Two Hundred New Members Taken In Last Night—Charter To Remain Open 60 Days.

The Loyal Order of Moose took in its second installment of members last night to the number of about 200, thus swelling the total membership to close to 450. A large number of the class that was taken in

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