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**Shocking Condition Exists Among the Young.**

Who is at fault?

Why should the boys and girls be flooding the juvenile courts in a rural community such as Eastern Oregon? It makes older people stop and ponder over that old-time and never answered question, "Whither are we drifting?" Today's news stories tell of a boy and girl, mere children, caught in a raid on a rooming house. Also the waywardness of a Baker girl caught here in her flight from home is recorded. And this is but one day's report. The events of this nature are coming oftener. Virtue among many is very cheap, and discipline and respect for law has ceased among some of the younger generation.

Is the child to blame? Hardly. A child normally is pure and good. It takes environment and lack of discipline or no discipline at all to ruin a child.

La Grande has all modern social avenues, yet we have growing up among us children who are to be pitied because their parents have "spared the rod and spoiled the child." The result is juvenile court cases, the flouting of decent laws before the public and finally sentences of youngsters to reform schools and detention homes.

Of course this condition should not exist. If we admit that it should then we also admit that our efforts at community building, at reformation, at Y. M. C. A. work, at education through school influences and church influences have proven to a great extent futile.

Permit The Observer to bring a few things close to the observation of every reader, and bear in mind that this paper believes in the children first, last and all the time. As the twig is bent so it will grow, and don't forget that.

The observation we wish to express is this: At considerable expense this city has built a high school building that would be a fine community center; that building is life except the few hours each day devoted to school work; the city has erected a Y. M. C. A. for social purposes. At the same

with us on Sunday afternoon to the postoffice. In the comfortably heated lobby we will find numerous boys and girls who have made the federal building their meeting place. Why? Because they know Uncle Sam's building is their building and they feel comfortable and at home there.

There is something surrounding the places intended for social meeting that prevents many young people from using them. Just what, we will not attempt to say without the report of an investigating committee.

The boys and girls who meet at the federal building are not normally bad. The girls prize their virtue and protect it with the natural protection of the female. But the postoffice meeting only serves to "make dates" for later engagements. These meetings may be any place, but quite frequently the young folks finally land in a cheap dance hall once or twice a week where restraint is not heavy. After the ball is over is when the first damage is usually done and once the step is taken then the "velvet purity is lost from the peach" and brazenness follows. Effeminate profanity is one of the developments of such cases, and when you hear a woman swear that woman is on the skids and going pretty fast.

The brazen "fluzie" is the product that comes from the process above described and that process begins with the young people not having a community house, a municipal dance hall, or some place where they feel they are a part of the institution. Their first meeting, in many instances, as we have said, is staged at the postoffice and from there the youngsters begin their social career.

Not bad ones at heart, not at all. Girls who have felt keenly the social caste which exists, have not found a place for themselves. As a result they have slipped and drifted. The public dance hall has been their only amusement.

It is a tragedy right here at home and when you read of juvenile cases do not scorn the youngsters; let us all take some of the blame for not having made an effort to protect our neighbor's child the same as we protect our own. Let us repair our social structure and where we are weak let us strengthen it.

**Yellow Streak Shows in His Every Act.**

If anything more were needed to add to the contempt as well as profound detestation with which William Hohenzollern is regarded it is to be found in the protestations of his own innocence of complicity in the great conspiracy which brought about the war and his attempt to place the responsibility on the shoulders of his former chancellor, Bethmann-Hollweg, Jagow, Zimmermann and others. Now that he realizes that nothing can save him from being called in account for his crimes, he is trembling in his retirement in Holland and is commencing to stammer his own version of how the war was started. His story would make him appear a mere puppet monarch, instead of the inflexible autocrat and ruler of the supreme destinies of his country, in which capacity he so delighted to pose, remarks the New York Herald.

Does this pinchback ex-royalty really think that his story of the origin of the war and of his own involuntary part in it is going to avail him anything, or that it will prevent the fullest inquiry into the whole business? If so, he must be a fool as well as a scoundrel. William Hohenzollern was the last man in the world to submit to the advice, much less the dictation, of a chancellor like Bethmann-Hollweg. The now fugitive and whining Kaiser might have been to some extent under the influence, though not the control, of the military party and the Junkers, but we know from men like Thyssen and Muehlen that he had resolved on the war long before it broke out and that he attempted to organize and bribe those who were opposed to it.

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**The Germans Are Docile.**

The reports from the Third army, the American forces which have established themselves on the German side of the Rhine, are that the people have received them without friction or hostile acts. The German people are not so devoid of the general fitness of things as not to know what is the right system under the circumstances.

The galling thing of it all and one of the reasons why their docility fails to lack appreciation is that the American soldiers have reached a territory that has seen but little of the actual ruthlessness of war. The residents of the occupied territory have every reason to accept the situation with equanimity.

The American troops have found no tragic scenes of desolation and no such wanton destruction as that in the provinces of France which they have just left. It is reported that in most of the German cities along the Rhine the people are going along about as usual, with but little disruption of the regular routine of affairs, regardless of the war. But this is in wonderful contrast with Belgium and northern France, where the people were driven out, families broken up, their homes and fields destroyed; their places of worship and treasures of art defiled by the flaming sway of the sword. It is quite correct and proper for those who indirectly aided and abetted this sort of misery inflicted on others, while enjoying a degree of immunity themselves, that they should convey, whether they feel it or not, a

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**Cows Sleep Upstairs.**

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**Speakin' of Boys.**

"Tee," said the almost-philosopher, "there's a heap of difference in the attitude parents take in raisin' boys. Some folks are content to bring 'em up to be good men for the boys' own sakes. Others selfishly harp about wantin' the boys to be a credit to their parents. This may be all right, but it seems to me the only thing the old folks can borrow on that kind of credit is trouble."

**Hard to Explain.**

Has it ever been fully explained why it is that a man on a cold, raw day will sit four hours uncomplainingly on a hard board in a rowboat and hold a fish pole, yet squirm and fidget and fume if he is asked to sit more than an hour and fifteen minutes on a cushioned seat in a well-warmed church?

**The More Spots the More Meals.**

The number of spots burned on a Chinese monk's head shows how much he has slected to eat, says a recent writer on the subject of China. They receive no severe initiation as they do, and get therefrom certain privileges. If a monk has three spots he can get three meals free at any monastery in China; six spots entitles him to six meals; nine spots to three days' board, and the maximum of twelve, a month's care.

A WANT AD will do it.

**LADY BUG DRIVE**

An army of 95,000,000 lady bugs is being mobilized for a spring drive against the aphides, which have invaded the grain fields of Oregon and Washington and District Forester Cecil has already 25,000,000 lady bugs in winter quarters, lined with excelsior. The remainder are hibernating in the mountains of Oregon and Washington. It is estimated that each lady bug eats 200 aphides. Last year the growers lost thousands of dollars and much needed wheat. Therefore, efforts have been made to locate the lady bugs and have them ready for the spring offensive.

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