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DON'T BREAK THE LAWS OF MAN.

They were sitting in an O.W. smoking car handcuffed together, one a swarthy-faced, dark-eyed man of about thirty-five years, and the other a dissipated chap of thirty. The handcuffs, while not tight, had stopped the blood circulation and their hands below them were purple.

Behind sat the sheriff, an Idaho sheriff who knows humanity and who takes no chances with desperate men. When he was asked from whence he had come with the prisoners, he said: "Over in the Coeur d'Alene country—one is up for I. W. W. work and the other for assault, the kind of an assault that makes a man's blood run cold."

We looked at those men chained together riding along and thought of the slippery paths of society; thought of the first step taken, which is so easy, only to be followed by step after step until full bloom crime is as easy as was the first step. Then the thought came to us—who is to blame?

Is it society, as society exists today? Is it hereditary? Is it just a natural condition that brings forth so many of one kind of men and so many of another, all to be thrown in the hopper of life?

There may be something in the society argument, there may be a little in the hereditary claims, but the fact remains that every man is a man. He is pure at the start. He is a reflection of the great Divine Spirit, if we are to believe religious teachings that all denominations accept. This being true, early training and environment have much to do with a man's outcome. It had with these two men.

One had joined the I. W. W. gang. He was gifted as a speaker and immediately he began organizing, making speeches and became a leader—such a leader as the United States of America will neither condone nor permit to run at large. As he talked and organized he became further saturated in the belief that he was not getting a square deal in the world. He grew more brazen until the strong arm of Uncle Sam's law said to him kindly but firmly, "My boy, you are no longer safe to run at large and we will have to take care of you." The other prisoner was sexually unsound. He showed it in his face. Degeneration left its marks upon his brow, furrowed with evil thoughts. He stepped across a path that is forbidden and for his crime Uncle Sam again says, "My boy, you are an unsafe man, and we will have to detain you behind prison walls."

The Observer earnestly pleads with every young man to not break the laws of man. It matters not how oppressive those laws seem to be, respect them. If the law is wrong it can be changed and better by far had you devote your life to legislative matters that will change the law than for you to break it.

In this free Republic, law is the only king, the only ruler we have. It is our guide, our anchor. Young man, don't break the laws of man.

SAFE AND SANE APPEAL PREVAILS.

One of the age-old appeals for safety and sanity that comes out of editorial rooms year after year, has diminished in volume. Not because of disheartenedness, but because of success of the appeal. The terrible casualty lists of by gone days is very materially reduced, though not eliminated, for there will always be those who are neither safe nor sane. But the long fight for safety and sanity got results.

Tomorrow and the day following there is plenty of opportunity for lockjaw, missing fingers and burned eyes—plenty of room even yet, in spite of municipal statutes against the use of firecrackers. This legislation was necessitated because of the old, old rule of humanity that the wise majority suffers for the fool minority. In order that we may have no reason for sorrow Tuesday, why not exercise prudence with fire crackers the next two days? Most of us have acquired caution in this respect, but not all. Let the morrow bring forth no firecracker casualties.

HUGS A FINE FAMILY OF PIONEERS.

There are a dozen or more families in Union county that sprang from some of the very first settlers in Union County. Each one of these families contributed to the development of the then virgin valley, and now that the parent stock is either gone or rapidly disappearing the younger generations are coming forward to take their places in the posts of responsibility. The Hug family which a few years ago met in annual clan session at Elgin, is one such family. About 200 descendants of those intrepid pioneers were present. Being a hardy, industrious and law-abiding people, the Hugs can take this encomium home with them; They are a fine family.

THE CHAUTAUQUA AT HAND.

Next Friday the Chautauqua gates will stand ajar. Even the most critical will admit that the balance and blend necessary to make an instructive, as well as entertaining program is included in the assembly numbers. To pass the programs by is like keeping children out of school, for the opportunity to learn and be mentally refreshed may not come again.

THE OFFICE CAT



—By JUNIUS—

The Office Cat Will Get You. Oh, Junius, the Office Cat, has come to town to stay.

An' talk about the good folks, and all the things they say, An' look into the scandals and help to spread them too.

An' make folks feel quite awful, just like all old cats do.

So, if you have a skeleton within your closet hid

Just take it out and bury it beneath a cushion lid.

For Junius is sneakin' and a pokin' all about.

And the Office Cat will get you

If you Don't Watch Out.

An' if you are a married man, a slyin' out alone

An' tryin' to make a chicken think you have no wife at home;

An' if you have some moonshine brewin' in the shed,

An' if you use Sage Tonic on a very bald old head,

An' if you take your sweetheart out and hug her in the park,

An' if you have a birthday and then keep it in the dark,

You'd better be real careful, for I know without a doubt,

That the Office Cat will get you

If you Don't Watch Out.

An' if you are a gunman and just shut your eyes and shoot,

An' if your car knocks someone down you "step on her" and shoot,

An' if the City Fathers have a sassy, breezy scrap,

An' on the Dempsey-Carpenter fight you lose a dandy hat;

An' if you go out fishing and come home without a one

An' you tell an awful whopper and make folks think you caught a ton I hope you'll watch your step, and it will do no good to punt,

For the Office Cat will get you,

If you Don't Watch Out.

Still Appropriate.

"This article says that the red and white-striped barbers' poles we see are a survival of the time when barbers were also surgeons. When a man had to be bled he came to a barber."

"That so? Well, I'm not surprised that the barbers still retain them." Boston Transcript.

Philosophy.

Hard work is the best antidote for hard luck.

Never notice when you order coffee at the cafeteria, they always stick a spoon in the mug? Somebody is going to put an eye out yet.

There are lots of men who boast of being economical when in truth they are only stingy.

Cheer Up.

Your sins are bound to find you out.

Is this a warning, men? For if they do, there is no doubt That they will call again.

Down at Chicago they think Lake Michigan is the finest of the Great Lakes, but over at Duluth the folks claim that their's is Superior. (Don't throw that ink well, Nix, I'll take it back.)

No, Myrtle, a woman doesn't have to quarrel in order to make up.

One of our local beauty who has been engaged four times says some girls will tolerate most any kind of a fellow rather than "give back any jewelry."

Chief Pleter says if there were only three men in the world, they would probably have a co-operative still.

"I like, missed the corner philosopher as he selected a magazine, to spend an hour or so/day in the reading room of the public library. There is such a quiet atmosphere."

"It ought to be quiet," returned the rather cynical business man. "There isn't even an electric fan to stir up."

Another Quiet Spot.

The post office park is a beauty spot. Delightful green and cool, but how we wish when days are hot. It had a swimming pool.

Doesn't matter how much you suffer when you are having your

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New Lace Organ-dy and Gingham Fronts

Several dozen just received—new styles among them. Also see by the yard for fronts, with narrow lace for collars and cuffs to match.

Our neckwear department is showing much that is new at this time—you will see some on display. Ask to see the new ones—try them on if you like. Prices range from \$1.00 to \$3.00.



FLAGS for the 4th

Special Purchase and Sale of 3000 yards of FINE LACES 5c yd.

Delicate white laces varying in widths from 1-2 inch to 1-4 inch. Over 50 different laces in this lot, suitable for any purpose. Find these in envelope packages near entrance. Special white any remain at 2c yard.

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Surplus Army Stock Towels 2 for 25c

Part of U. S. Army surplus stock remains for this extraordinary price. Some are slightly colored and soiled due to storage and shipping in large burlap bundles. All are in perfect condition and at this price are exceptional values. They are 22 in. by 34 in. in size—white. While any remain at 2 for 25c.

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AROUND THE EDGES

BY BRUCE DENNIS.

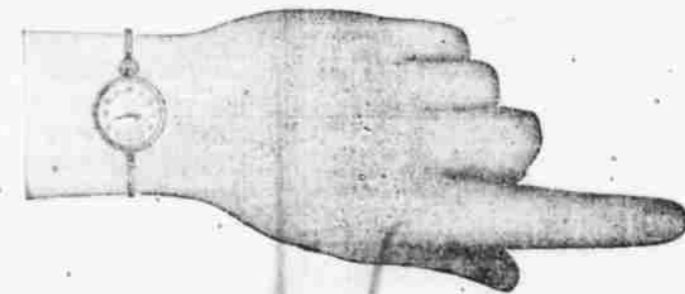
Has church-going on Sunday ceased to be a general habit? The lately got.

Last Sunday the water temperature in the Willamette River, I was a miserably hot 80F—some of the days that make editors at a jiffy that bring out indignation in streams instead of rivers. It was the same fountain with its smile as he blew out his steam.

As the hunt for Sunday morning services approached we learned the direction of Willamette's wind direction. The first one would be a large building shown and a large congregation was gathered. The next was a Methodist church and through open doors the windows, the empty seats could be seen.

Then we passed a Catholic church seeming as large as a main house, and it was filled with pipe organs and choir furnishing excellent music. A magnificent Presbyterian church in the next block was filled with people just entering into their morning session.

A few blocks further down the last church in the church district was the First Church of Christ, Scientist—a beautiful building with



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