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CAN GOD BE FOUND?—Where is God my maker, who giveth songs in the night; Who teacheth us more than the beasts of the earth, and maketh us wiser than the fowls of heaven. Job 35:10, 11.

A German novelist says he "finds no happiness in this country," proving the old saying that a traveler only finds what he takes with him.

Chicago has shown tremendous population growth the last decade. Are we going to have to believe that Portland's increased census is made up mostly of criminals, too?

A NEW OBSERVER STAFF FOR TOMORROW

Tomorrow the editorial, news and business departments of The Observer will be turned over to a staff of high school students as a part of the activities of National Boys' Week. The editorial opinion will be their opinion; the news will be as they see it and will be written by them; the advertising will be the result of their solicitations. The front page make-up will provide emphasis and prominence to news, both local and telegraph, according to their ideas of what it should be. It will not be a high school edition but rather a regular edition completely supervised by high school students. At the request of The Observer, the staff is headed by the student body president, "Tubby" Zundel, and its members are the result of his selection. The resulting issue will, we are sure, be refreshing and commendable and will present a cross section of the viewpoint of youth that will be valuable both to those who present it and to us who receive it. It is in keeping with the idea of Boys' Week that the issue is planned—that a more intimate contact be fostered between youth and maturity in business and civic life, that youth be more intimately acquainted with the opportunities and responsibilities that maturity will bring them, that parents and adults generally be impressed with the importance of training, advising, and encouraging youthful citizenship so that it will be a credit and a source of pride to the community and the nation.

"WHAT'S THE MATTER WITH OUR YOUNG PEOPLE?"

In the May issue of The Rotarian, international publication of Rotary clubs, appears an article under the above heading—conceived, we imagine, with the observation of Boys' Week particularly in mind, since Boys' Week was originally sponsored by the Rotary Club organization. The article was written by Thomas Arkle Clark, dean of men, University of Illinois, who has had twenty years of experience with youth.

While discussing the subject Dean Clark describes the difference in living conditions today and a generation ago, pointing out that there have been changes but not necessarily changes for the worse. The automobile, the movie theater, the telephone, modern conveniences of varied types have produced a far more complex life than was ever known before. It has brought on a new condition, not a worse condition, in Mr. Clark's opinion. After giving numerous examples of changes he cites equally radical changes in parental attitudes and makes the following concluding observations:

> My answer to the question that is asked [illegible] is that there is nothing the matter with our young people. Where they have had the discipline of home and have been taught to work and rely upon themselves, where they have been grounded in the principles of love and service [illegible] they are the most wonderful young people in the world and they are going to do great things far beyond what we have been able to do.
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> The trouble, where there is trouble, is largely with the parents who coddle their children and [illegible]. There are too many [illegible]. There are too many [illegible] allowances and too many formal parties when the young people [illegible] should be playing children's games or at home in bed. [illegible] Parents are quite satisfied when their children [illegible] the [illegible].
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> Our young people as a whole are judged [illegible] by the escapades and the [illegible] of the few. In general I have found that [illegible] of the young people with whom I have to do are [illegible] and hard working and anxious to do well. It is the majority of the parents who have [illegible] and for these things [illegible] parents are most largely responsible.

If Dean Clark's opinions and experiences are valuable, they tend to show that no true bill can be rendered on modern youth, that the cases of misdemeanor and misapplication—actually in the minority—constitute an indictment of parenthood, not of youth. Certainly the adult who is fair with him or herself will arrive very nearly at the same conclusion, and will, from a clear analysis of the complexities of life into which we have thrown our new-day youth, find a new impetus toward sympathetic understanding and helpfulness in their contact with the boys and girls who will be the men and women of tomorrow.

TASK OF PICKING JURY CONTINUES

De Autremont and Mother Sit Respectfully Through Procedure

COURT HOUSE, JACKSONVILLE, Ore., May 3. (AP)—Exercise of a peremptory challenge of which the defense has twelve and the state six, began this morning in the selection of a jury at the trial of Hugh De Autremont, 23, alleged Siskiyou tunnel bandit slayer, charged with first degree murder for the death of Coyle O. Johnson, Southern Pacific brakeman.

The defense excused R. F. Roy, and in his place was drawn E. F. Jacobs, 43, truck gardener of Talent, and on their second exercise of the peremptory challenge excused Josiah Hibbard of Medford, whose seat in the jury box was taken by Fred Fredenburg, 26, a teamster of Medford. Both Jacobs and Fredenburg under examination for qualifications for jury service, said they held no scruples against the death penalty, or circumstantial evidence, and that they held no fixed opinions.

Inkling of State's Plans

An inkling of what the state will depend upon—a mooted question—came during the cross examination of Jacobs.

"Would the fact that the state possesses no eye witness to the crime charged affect your decision in any manner?" queried Special Prosecutor George M. Roberts.

Before an answer could be given the defense filed an objection and same was sustained by the court.

The state exercising its first peremptory challenge excused Fred Pettigrew of Eagle Point. C. A. Thompson was drawn from the venire list in his place.

Counsel for state and defense engaged in an exchange of mild sarcastic shafts during the early proceedings that brought a frown from the bench.

In the questioning of Fredenburg, who appeared a highly favorable juror to both sides, Attorney Collier of Portland, for the defense observed: "Unfortunately the lawyers are not on trial, in this case."

A moment later, Special Prosecutor Roberts retorted, "but, Mr. Fredenburg, the lawyers are liable to be on trial, before this case is ended."

An incipient courtroom titter was nipped by a watchful bailiff.

The state, in its questioning this morning asked veniremen if the fact that the mother of the defendant was by his side would influence them and stressed this query.

Defendant Respectful

De Autremont again appeared neat and chipper, and watched with respectful interest the proceedings of the trial. Before the opening of court, he talked with his mother earnestly and smiled assurance to her from time to time.

There were plenty of vacant seats in the courtroom when court opened but the places filled rapidly as the session progressed.

C. A. Thompson of Central Point, a farmer, was questioned at length by the state upon his mental state relative to circumstantial evidence, by United States Attorney Neuner. The questioning brought objections from the defense and the defendant to the edge of his chair, alert with interest. Thompson said he had formed some opinions from newspaper articles and conversations and retained them, but that they were not antagonistic to the defendant nor a bar to his serving as a juror. He further said he had no fixed opinion of the guilt or innocence of the defendant. Thompson was passed for cause by both sides.

The defense using its third peremptory excused Chester Wendt of Jacksonville. The name of Frank Tompkins of Central Point, a farmer, was drawn in his place. Tompkins held prejudice against circumstantial evidence with death as a penalty and would return [illegible] of guilty, however strong the link might be and to "a mathematical certainty beyond all doubt."

The state asked he be excused. The veniremen was firm against circumstantial evidence and the defense asked a series of questions to prove his fitness. Tompkins was excused by the court and James E. Clemens of Medford, forester, was called to the box as a ten-minute recess was ordered.

Clemens Questioned

At the resumption of court after the ten minute recess the interrogation of Charles Clemens was begun by the state. The venireman said he had a distaste for circumstantial evidence, when death was the full penalty, but would abide by the instructions of the court nevertheless.

Clemens said he had read three newspapers daily on the case but had no fixed opinions. The venireman said he knew Coyle Johnson well in life, but that this acquaintance would exert no influence on his verdict. The state asked Clemens many questions on legal phases involved, the trend of his sympathies and if he held any bias against the Southern Pacific railroad, its special agents and postal inspectors. Both sides passed the juror.

The defense on its fourth peremptory excused Edward Kinney of Ashland, and in his place came Bruce Fleming of Jacksonville, horticulturist.

CHICAGO—A coal black cat here is a potential candidate for membership in a club of hoboes.

The cat qualified by riding the rods under a Union Pacific sleeper 1,100 miles from Ogden, Utah, here, during the 49-hour trip trainmen tried and failed to dislodge her and sympathetic passengers [illegible] unsuccessfully to coax her from the rods with food.

Upon arrival she was adopted by W. H. Jackson, negro porter, and named Miss A Nos 1.

The most highly colored fruits grow in regions that get intense sunlight.

Two Inches Of Snow Sunday In Wallowa County

WALLOWA, Ore., May 3 (Special)—This county was visited by a severe snowstorm Sunday, when the snow fell to a depth of two inches in the higher sections of the county. A cold wind which was blowing with the storm made the weather at times outside nearly as severe as during the past winter. With the surface of the ground becoming quite dry from several days' wind the moisture is considered much needed, but snow and cold weather has gone past the "joking stage" with the most of the residents of the country, and some real summer weather would be welcomed. Grass in the pastures and on ranges has continued to make a fairly good growth during the past week, and is now getting large enough to make good feed for stock. Farm operations are now getting fairly well started in nearly all sections, with many of the farmers in the valley getting well along at this time.

TWO SCORE MORE BANDITS SLAIN

Mexican Troops Inflict Further Punishment on Attackers of Train

MEXICO CITY, May 3. (AP)—Further punishment has been inflicted on the band which attacked the Guadalajara train two weeks ago, Secretary of War Amaro announced today. The rebels, divided into groups of 150 each, were overtaken by federal forces at Los Pastores and La Culebra, 39 being killed and more than 30 being wounded.

The troops captured 126 horses as well as guns and ammunition.

When the rebels were overtaken at El Guitarrero valley, state of Jalisco, soon after the train attack, 60 were killed in a five hour engagement. The rebels dispersed with the federal troops in pursuit.

Nearly 50 soldiers and about 50 passengers were killed and 50 passengers injured in the Guadalajara train outrage.

The censorship imposed on local newspapers ten days ago has been lifted, the government declaring that it will rely on the judgment of the editors.

Husband Shot By Spouse's Friend

PORTLAND, Ore., May 3 (AP)—Harry A. Prosser was in a hospital today with a bullet wound in his right breast and Claude O. Dann was charged with firing the shot.

Dann had driven Mrs. Prosser who was separated from her husband, to visit at a friend's home and Prosser found Dann seated in a car in front of the house. When Prosser ordered Dann to leave the car the latter refused and Prosser is alleged to have struck Dann who drew a revolver and fired.

Dann attempted to bind up the wound and took him to a doctor. Prosser may recover unless complications develop.

Paralyzed Youth Is Losing Ground

ROANOKE, Va., May 3. (AP)—Walter L. Boothe continued to lose ground today said a report from the hospital where he has been kept alive by artificial respiration for almost 12 days.

It is now necessary to speed up respiration for the paralyzed youth. Doctors said the end is near. Boothe no longer smiles at his predicament and he takes no interest in his surroundings.

"How much longer have I got here?" he asked this morning, his voice barely audible.

"Oh, you'll come through all right," said a worker.

"Don't be foolish," said the boy.

Monkey, monkey, bottle of milk,
How many people have been bilked?
One, two, three, out goes he,
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Rain Aid to Wheat In Umatilla Area

PENDLETON, May 3 (AP)—Twenty-one hundredths of an inch of rain fell in Pendleton and vicinity last night and this morning, with skies clearing later. This is taken as a boon for the wheat lands which recently suffered from frosts.

LONDON WOMAN OWNER OF THEATERS RETIRES

LONDON — Mrs. Israel Davis, cinema magnate, will retire and turn her large interests over to her four sons. She had her first experience as an amusement house director when her husband, a builder, constructed a theater at Highgate in 1909 and turned the management over to her. Since 1911 she has been an important figure in the British moving-picture world.

Marble Arch Pavilion, Shepherd's Bush Pavilion, Lavender Hill Pavilion and the Avenue Pavilion in Shaftsbury Avenue, London, all have been under her ownership-management. Mrs. Davis never permitted any picture to be shown in her houses which she had not seen personally, and she turned down many box-office successes because she disapproved the tone of the pictures.

Recently Mrs. Davis consummated a business deal which disposes of the family interest in these enterprises for [illegible] to a new company already controlling 14 cinemas and negotiating for four other British film distributing companies. Although she and her husband are retiring, Mrs. Davis' sons will be active in the new amalgamation.

CONTROLLING GRANDMA

The flappers of the day will make good sensible mothers, says a Washington sociologist. It's when they become grandmas these days that they start stepping out. . . . Grandma used to tuck in the children every night. Now she generally sees them only at breakfast. . . . The young people of the jazz age today will be good parents, says the sociologist. Of course there'll always be the "things that weren't even thought of in our day." . . . Girls and boys should practice restraint, is part of the advice. But sometimes the youngsters can't even find their parents, let alone restrain them.

Frank Conner To Move Store Stock

ENTERPRISE, Ore., May 3. (Special)—Frank Connor, of Union, was at Enterprise Saturday preparing to move the remaining stock of the O. K. Man's shop to Union, where he will consolidate it with the stock of his store there.

B. Liebreich, owner of The Emporium, ladies' ready to wear store, will move to the building being vacated by the O. K. shop.

DR. MEAD TO ATTEND McKAY DAM OPENING

PORTLAND, Ore., May 3 (AP)—Dr. Elwood Mead, United States reclamation commissioner, Governor I. L. Patterson and other state officials, and representatives of the Oregon state chamber of commerce and Portland chamber of commerce, will attend the celebration at Hermiston, Ore., of the completion of the McKay dam May 16. This was announced today at the chamber of commerce.

The McKay dam, in the Umatilla river, ten miles south of Pendleton, will supply water for 24,000 additional acres in the Stanfield, Hermiston, Westland, Boardman and Irrigon projects. Ten thousand of these additional acres are ready for settlement.

Kind Hearted Cops

WORCESTER, Mass. — The police here keep two canaries and a number of goldfish, which they find invaluable in comforting lost children.

Women's Cyclopedia Written

PARIS—An encyclopedia of feminine evolution has been written here. It is called "The Woman's Notebook."

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American Wolf Fence—6-inch stay	34c
	Roll
Glidden Black Barb Wire	$3.90
Glidden Galv. Barb Wire	$4.15
Special Light Galv. Wire	$3.25
	Each
Split Tamarack Fence Posts	11½c
	Gal.
Acme House Paint	$2.15
Floor and Trim Varnish	$2.75
Pure Boiled Linseed Oil	$1.05
Medium Castor Machine Oil	50c
Standard Hand Separator Oil	50c
Eureka Harness Oil	70c
	Pkg.
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