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Humble yourselves therefore under the mighty hand of God, that he may exalt you in due time; casting all your care upon him; for he careth for you.—1 Peter 5:6, 7.

A PREVENTATIVE NEEDED

The problem of crime is the problem of adolescent youth. Eighty-five per cent of criminals are young men and women between 18 and 25 years of age.

Criminal careers are progressive. Rarely is a murder or even robbery or burglary the first offense. The criminal career does not always appear on the court records, because crime goes largely undetected, and criminals do not tell all they know.

Most criminal careers begin in early youth. As a rule there is a progression from thoughtless rowdiness to petty larceny or embezzlement, then to robbery and burglary, and then often to murder. The question is, why do these young people first break away and how can this evolution in crime be prevented?

Many criminologists seem to be of the opinion that the evolution can be checked and prevented, and crime can be stamped out, by the single process of dealing harshly with the convicted criminal. They enthusiastically announce that the gallows and the lash will cure everything. But the fact remains that after centuries of punishment and torture, hangings and electrocutions, whipping posts and solitary confinement, prisons and prison camps, crime has increased and criminals have become more bold and murderous. When the cure fails it is time to find a preventative.

There is little hope of reclaiming the hardened criminal, but it is possible to cut off the source of supply of habitual criminals. If poverty could be abolished, that would be a big stride toward abolishment of crime. Elimination of the slum, the alley hovel and the dark tenement would stamp out some of the breeding place of crime. Give boys and girls other outlets than petty crimes for their excess energy and fewer of them will commit major crimes in later life.

Boys' clubs, the Boy Scouts, playgrounds, such institutions as the Y. M. C. A., school athletics and church and Sunday school activities can provide the interests which center the minds and bodies of the young upon the healthful and beneficial, and divert them from the sordid and decadent.

AUTO INDUSTRY IS READY

The year 1930 was a quiet automobile year compared with previous twelve-month periods, but 1931 holds forth prospects of a satisfactory recovery. From present indications it will be a normal year from production and sales standpoints.

Of all large industries the automobile industry stands out as one that helps itself. It is now ready with new models for the January and February automobile shows that will be irresistible in workmanship, design, performance and price. It is said the new models indicate that the manufacturers have given more attention to the comfort of the passengers than to the matter of speed. There is such a thing as making business, and the automobile industry has made that a fine art.

The truth is that our mode of living is profoundly influenced in ever new ways by the cheap, fast, durable and now indispensable automobile. What was once a luxury has become a utility. The once common term, "Pleasure car," no longer expresses the common attitude toward the automobile.

All you need, to be a great writer, is ideas, the ability to express them, and a good proofreader.

In Washington

By Herbert Plummer WASHINGTON — It would seem that a new senator, who only two days before had been sworn in—the first time in 28 years that the oath had been administered to a North Carolinian in that body—would be a bit wary of his step.

But not so with Cameron Morrison, who now occupies the seat of the late Senator Overman. The man, called "Cam" by his friends, set something like a record in the rapidity with which he went into action as a senator. And he faced a barrage worthy to test any man's mettle.

He dared look horns with no less a veteran than Walsh of Montana. He faced the sarcasm of Carter Glass of Virginia. And if we may take the word of those who witnessed the battle first hand, the white-haired, distinguished-looking North Carolinian acquitted himself well.

UPHOLDS MCNICH The junior senator from North Carolina made his debut in the battle over confirmation of Frank R. McNinch, an elder in Morrison's power commission.

McNinch and Morrison are close personal friends. They live directly across the street from each other. McNinch is an elder in Morrison's

Carolina who honor McNinch and believe he is fit and worthy.

Just two days before he was sworn in Morrison created something of a stir, when, before walking down the aisle to the vice president's dais, he waved to his wife and friends sitting in the gallery.

The News Used To Be:

TWENTY-FIVE YEARS AGO (From Observer, Wed., Jan. 10, 1906)

Married in this city, Wednesday, Jan. 10, 1905, Edward Dial and Miss Mary Schmidt, John E. Hough, Justice of Peace, officiating. Witnesses, H. Dial were witnesses. On Wednesday, Jan. 10, 1906, Charles M. Johnson, of Haines, and Miss Amanda M. Johnson, of Haines, were married.

The incorporation papers for the organization of the Grande Ronde Fruitgrowers' union was received today. School Superintendent E. E. Bragg went to Cove this morning on business.

TEN YEARS AGO (From Observer, Wed., Jan. 12, 1921)

The local post of the American Legion met Monday evening and elected officers for the coming year: Roy Curry, commander; Fred Reed, adjutant; C. R. Harding, treasurer; and D. I. Stoddard, chairman while Lynn Bohnenkamp is historian. The five trustees are Fred E. Kiddle, Dr. Ray Murphy, H. M. Bibbenstein, Arthur Van Fleet and L. S. Sandgras.

ONE YEAR AGO (From Observer, Thurs., Jan. 9, 1930)

A block of municipal bonds, in the amount of \$8,265.15 and with interest at five and one-half per cent, will be offered for sale by the city commission Wednesday night.

A student loan fund for the use of the Eastern Oregon Normal school students, beginning operations next spring, was authorized last night at the January meeting of the American Legion Post 43 in La Grande.

Mr. and Mrs. William Swart are the parents of an eight-pound son born to them yesterday.

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Vast Oil Supply In Colorado Lands Where Walsh Urges Senate Inquiry

DENVER (AP)—Vast areas of oil-bearing black rock in Western Colorado again will be brought to national attention if the United States senate proceeds with an investigation of the distribution of oil shale lands proposed by Sen. Thomas J. Walsh of Montana.

Nearly one million acres of shale land—952,239, to be exact, lying on the western slope of the Rocky mountains form the center of a controversy brought to head recently by charges of Ralph S. Kelley, former chief of the general land office in Denver.

Before he was dismissed by Secretary of the Interior Wilbur, Kelley charged there had been a "steady encroachment on the public domain in the form of concessions which enabled several large oil companies to obtain shale lands against the best interests of the public."

He said "political pressure" was brought to bear on Wilbur in the leasing.

President Hoover denounced Kelley's attack as an attempt to start

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Meier Starting Gubernatorial Career At 56

SALEM, Jan. 13 (AP)—Julius L. Meier, who was inaugurated as governor of Oregon yesterday, enters office but a few days following his 56th birthday anniversary. He was elected to office last November, running on the independent ticket. The new governor was a former business partner and close friend of George W. Joseph, Republican gubernatorial nominee, who died a month after his nomination.

Meier was born December 17, 1874, in Portland, Ore. He came here as a young boy and was educated in the Portland public schools, later graduating from the University of Oregon with the degree of bachelor of laws. For a time he practiced law in Portland in partnership with the late George W. Joseph. Upon the death of his father, Meier took up his duties in the Meier & Frank store his parent had founded in 1857, as vice-president and manager.

Meier has long been called the "Father of the Columbia Highway," in 1912 he having called a meeting of taxpayers of four counties to discuss the plan of building the now famous road. He worked hard for its completion and for years was president of the Columbia River Highway association. Along its route he built the beautiful country home "Menucha." He has been active in other development plans. He was one of Oregon's commissioners to the Panama-Pacific International exposition at San Francisco. He was northwestern regional director of the council of defense, and a leader in other war-time activities.

Meier is president of the Meier & Frank company and chairman of the board of directors of the American National bank. An active Mason and Elk, he belongs to many other clubs and societies.

On December 25, 1901, Meier married Miss Grace Rose Meyer of Portland. Their children are Jean (Mrs. Joseph E. Ehrman Jr.), Elsie (Mrs. Frederick Gunn) and Julius L. Jr.

and regular quarters, has in view of supporting population, exceeded estimates. Herewith is submitted table showing enrollment by term, total enrollment for the year 1929-30, and distribution of total enrollment by counties:

Table with columns: County, Women, Men, Total. Rows: Union, Wallowa, Malheur, Grant, Morrow, Wasco, Hood River, Harney, Clackamas, Multnomah, Wheeler, Sherman, Gilliam, Douglas, Lane, Marion, Yamhill, Tillamook, Linn, Lincoln, Jefferson, Columbia, Coos, Idaho, Washington, California, Oklahoma, Missouri, Total.

Children's rubbers—59c 4-buckle overshoes—\$1.49 High top slippers—\$1.98 NORTON'S KIDDY SHOP.

Unusual bargains in flower baskets at Clark's Florists during their Jan. clearance sale. Now in progress.

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Home stitching, pleating, button holes, etc. Norton's Kiddie Shop.—Adv.

WORLD WAR VETERANS The American Legion is fighting for you to get congress to pay off

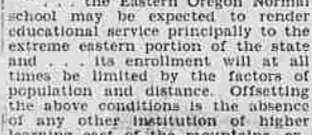
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Two Physicians End Lives In Love Tragedy

SANTIAGO DE CHILE, Jan. 13 (AP)—The tragic deaths of Dr. Cora Mayer, Chile's leading woman physician, and Dr. Alfredo de Maria, government hygiene chief, puzzled the authorities today. Dr. Mayer shot Dr. Mayer and himself.

Attendants at the public nurses' school where the shooting took place declared that the two had been in love and advanced the theory that, separated by Dr. De Maria's marriage to another woman, they had determined to die together.

Others also comment with the lives of the two practitioners expressed belief that the crime was instigated by professional jealousy, for which death of both seemed the only solution to the impetuous hygiene official.

School attendants said Dr. De Maria walked into the office of Dr. Mayer, who was chief of the school, and engaged in a low conversation with her. Two shots rang out. Accused

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