

Value of Public Playgrounds to Young Can Hardly Be Overestimated

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The value of public playgrounds can hardly be overestimated and the movement to increase the number of recreational centers for children is spreading throughout the country. There are now more than 4,000 playgrounds and recreational centers in the country, and they are helping boys and girls to become athletic. The effect they have in keeping boys out of trouble with the police is one of the most important features of the established playgrounds.

The chief of police of San Francisco believes that the establishment of neighborhood recreation centers is a constructive measure toward suppressing the crime wave, for it has been found that schoolboys have been involved in many crimes recently. He has asked that the playground system be extended on the ground that without a proper place to play boys with leisure time on their hands are likely to get into trouble.

There are likewise fewer street accidents during the season when the playgrounds are used. The playground directors have discovered that summer activities on the playgrounds have practically eliminated all swearing, cheating and stealing among the children. They note with satisfaction that the spirit of fair play has put the playground bully where he belongs and teach the more timid self-reliance. It is invariably the case with children who use the playgrounds that they gain in weight and in appetite.

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John Bramberg has gone to Forest Grove to visit his daughter.

The time to buy a furnace is now. The place is C. S. Hamilton's, Salem. Make your home more attractive with a new rug. Read the prices.

Mr. and Mrs. Shalor Eldridge are expected Sunday to spend a few days at the Eldridge home.

Mrs. Jack Tate was here from Albany this week.

H. E. Brown, a representative of a Portland Farm Journal, was here this week.

Attractive prices on bedding, etc., at the Hub Mercantile Co., Salem.

Mr. and Mrs. M. H. Pengra will entertain a few friends at cards this evening.

J. E. Hubbard and wife were in Portland this week.

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Mrs. B. V. Haas and daughter and mother arrived from Portland a few days ago to join Mr. Haas who is the new foreman of the Polk County Post. They are located at the Will Mattison home.

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