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Parents to blame—

(Remarks which The Sentinel makes in the following editorial referring to boys questioned in the recent round-up by state officers are impersonal. The Sentinel has not been given a list of the boys questioned and has not asked for such a list and could not name more than three of the boys if asked to do so. Other comments are based upon personal knowledge of the writer.)

THERE'S AN OLD SAYING about locking the door AFTER the horse has been stolen.

There ought to be another one about thinking of our youngsters AFTER jail doors have locked behind them.

A FEW DAYS AGO about FIFTY boys of Cottage Grove were questioned in connection with petty thievery that has been going on here.

All the boys questioned were NOT connected with the thievery. BUT THEY HAD BEEN WHERE THEFT WAS PERPETRATED.

Or had been COMPANIONS of the boys who DID the stealing. It was another case that calls up ANOTHER OLD SAYING about a man being KNOWN by the COMPANY HE KEEPS.

WAS IT THE FAULT of the boys themselves that they were questioned in connection with petty larceny or were charged with petty larceny?

WHAT did the juvenile judge have to say?

Here's ONE thing he said: "MOST of the trouble in which these boys find themselves HAS BEEN CAUSED BY THEIR PARENTS NOT KNOWING where they spend their evenings. I am STRONGLY in favor of a curfew law, not only in Cottage Grove and Eugene, but in EVERY incorporated town. In MANY cases boys are allowed to roam the streets until 11 o'clock and MIDNIGHT or AFTER and their parents KNOW NOTHING of what they are doing. OFTEN the boys tell their parents they are at a certain place when IN FACT they are up to some mischief."

THE JUDGE SAID A MOUTHFUL, but WHAT HE SAID ABOUT BOYS applies equally as well to GIRLS.

The judge evidently KNOWS something about what is going on when he says boys are NOT ALWAYS where they say they are going to be.

And the foregoing applies particularly to GIRLS IN COTTAGE GROVE.

IF EVERY PARENT would check up to see that a daughter is WHERE SHE SAYS SHE IS GOING TO BE, many of them would have THEIR EYES OPENED.

Cases in which GIRLS are not where they say they are going to be are NOT ISOLATED CASES. They are so common that it is ASTOUNDING that parents are FOOLED.

Cases in which youngsters take the family car to visit a few blocks away, and in REALITY never even stop where they say they will be are so NUMEROUS that they are hardly an exception to the rule.

There are TRUSTFUL parents who would be KNOCKED OFF THE CHRISTMAS TREE if they knew how OFTEN a motor trip to a friend's house in the city is extended to a trip to some dancing pavilion near Eugene.

It is EASY to fix the speedometer so that mileage doesn't register.

But WHAT DOESN'T SHOW on the speedometer MAY SHOW in the life and character of the girls and boys who thus take advantage of trustful parents.

And WHAT would the GREAT-ER NUMBER of parents of these youngsters that need SAVING FROM THEMSELVES say if someone should inform them of WHAT IS GOING ON?

They would be likely to say that they wouldn't INTIMATE to their children that they DIDN'T TRUST THEM by EVEN INQUIRING as to whether such trips were made.

MOST of these parents would say that informers were TRYING TO RUIN the characters of the children. The informer MIGHT be

told that he or she was a MEDDLESOME gossip.

And WHAT would these parents DO if they learned the TRUTH? WOULD the family car be forbidden the youngsters? In FEW cases only.

Would ANY punishment WHAT-EVER be meted out to the youngsters? In FEW cases only.

Parents who DON'T KNOW where their youngsters are NIGHTS usually don't take any pains to impress upon youngsters the error of their ways EVEN when those errors become known to the parents.

This writer is NOT suggesting use of the rod.

But HOW many parents, after they have found their youngsters doing something that they should not be doing have denied use of the family car for a month or so? Or HOW MANY have denied a daughter a new dress as punishment?

Or HOW MANY have denied a youngster the privilege of being out nights AT ALL for a period of a month or so?

HOW MANY PARENTS impress upon their children that if parents are going to provide the things children BELIEVE they OUGHT to have the children will HAVE to do the things parents KNOW the children ought to do?

HOW MANY MOTHERS would permit a FATHER to impose these effective punishments? There are MANY who wouldn't.

And it is BECAUSE PARENTS WON'T ACT, because parents WON'T keep a watchful eye on their offspring that we have state officers coming here to tell us WHAT OUR YOUNGSTERS ARE DOING.

THE STATE OFFICERS were pleased with the attitude that SOME parents took. SOME parents were GRATEFUL to the officers. They asked the officers to IMPRESS the youngsters with the SERIOUSNESS of small offenses that MIGHT lead to BIGGER ONES.

The state officers were NOT PLEASED with the attitude of parents who denied that THEIR youngsters could be guilty EVEN

when the officers presented POSITIVE proof.

AND SO we are to have a curfew.

The LAW is going to say that youngsters CAN'T be on the streets after a certain hour.

Whenever the curfew is sounded EVERY PARENT should say to himself or herself, that is a signal that WE PARENTS have FALLEN DOWN ON THE JOB.

Keeping OUR youngsters off the street at night is NOT a job for the law.

But the LAW HAS TO DO IT because we who OUGHT to do it DON'T do it.

Forthright Borah—

THE SENTINEL does not know that it shall support Senator Borah for the presidency, but it DOES KNOW that it ADMIRES his forthrightness.

Senator Borah's speech announcing his candidacy for the presidency was FILLED with VIGOROUS expressions.

One such read as follows: "I would REPEAL EVERY LAW that delegates power to some clerk to make rules and regulations, the violation of which CONSTITUTES A CRIME."

It has been the style in recent years to enact THAT kind of legislation.

There are MANY who CRITICIZE the decisions of the supreme court, the body CHARGED to INTERPRET THE LAW when alleged violations of law are brought before it.

But these SAME PERSONS overlook the TYRANNY imposed upon

us by ADMINISTRATORS and CLERKS to whom power had been delegated to promulgate rules to make effective legislative enacted by a legislative body.

The congress has enacted a LOT of that kind of legislation.

It has even DELEGATED to the PRESIDENT powers given ONLY to congress.

The president IN TURN has delegated THESE POWERS to members of the brain trust or to appointees in various departments.

In the states legislatures have DELEGATED to BOARDS or COMMISSIONS authority to adopt rules and regulations for conduct of their departments.

The Sentinel DOUBTS whether it is CONSTITUTIONAL for a legislative body to DELEGATE POWERS given to it, but WHETHER it is CONSTITUTIONAL or NOT for that to be done, it is TIME for us to get back to DEMOCRATIC GOVERNMENT.

It is NOT democratic government when CLERKS and STENOGRAPHERS can make rules and regulations for the conduct of OUR businesses or for OUR personal conduct.

The congress and our legislatures can make all the laws we need.

It is TIME to get BACK to the government of our FATHERS.

Rubber Bands, Sentinel.

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Mosby Creek

Feb. 3.—Mr. and Mrs. Guy and son Orval and Mrs. Bert Lancaster visited at the Harvey New home at Mohawk Tue.

Laurence Palmer of Mohawk spent Thur. night at the Bert Lancaster home.

Mr. and Mrs. Hill have returned from Cal. and are living in the old Slaughter house on the Elmore ranch.

Bert Lancaster has received word of the marriage Jan. 25 of his brother George of Hoquiam, Wash., to Martha Panichel of Hoquiam.

Mr. and Mrs. Mac Tonole are remodeling their house at Walden.

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Kennedy spent

Sat. night at the Jake Stalder home.

Ila and Irma Myers, Margaret and Bertha Castle, Helen Jones and Pauline Gregory visited at the Blue Mt. school Fri.

Mrs. Sylvia Lebow and Mrs. Fred Overton took Mrs. Frazee's and Mrs. Whipple's places on the election board as they have moved away.

Howard Conn has moved into the place he recently bought.

Bear Name of Jehovah

Several fragments of Sixth century B. C. pottery discovered at ruins of Lachish, Palestine, bear the name of Jahve, spelled as Jehovah in the Bible.

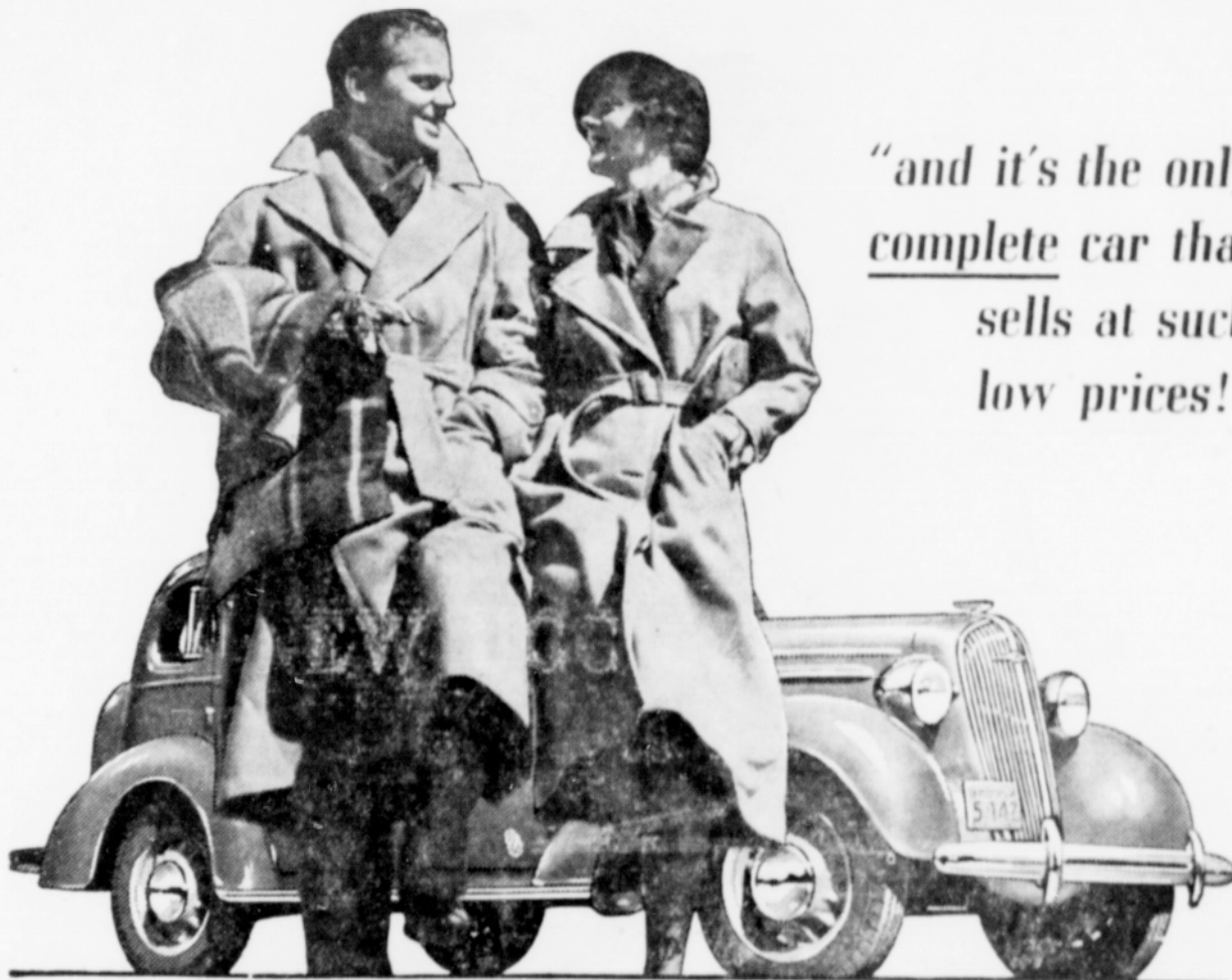
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