

SCHOOL TOPICS

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Property Rights

Not enough attention is paid by parents and teachers to instruction regarding property rights. In many cases children do not know where their rights begin or where they end. In my opinion any community which has one standard for the individual who happens to have influential friends or relatives and another for the fellow who is so unfortunate as to have neither is making a very serious mistake. A merging of the two standards into one standard for all alike would result in a decreasing number of violations of property rights.

It is a serious mistake, likewise, to allow high school and college students to feel that they are immune to do things that would entangle the individual, standing alone, in the meshes of the law. Yet that is the attitude of the average community toward students, college students in particular. It is small wonder that many of them later get into trouble for doing practically the same things they have been accustomed to doing under the wing and protection of some educational institution and of this individual and community lethargy which excuses it as such.

One does not realize the seriousness of this question until he begins to delve into it. To the student of economic history the evolution of property rights includes nearly all other lines of human endeavor. Nearly all our common and statute laws have

grown up around this question of property. All our judicial, legal and police machinery are chiefly concerned in the adjudication and protection of property rights. Few of us realize that more than two-thirds of the men in the Oregon state penitentiary are there because they did not respect property rights. It is common knowledge that many a man who is free today has been guilty of deeds as bad or worse than those committed by some of the young fellows there. And many of them are young men. More than forty per cent of the convicts are under 28 years of age. And it is this class of criminals chiefly that Governor West is working with as "honor men" in his prison policy. Much of the criticism of this prison policy is due to ignorance of the actual conditions that exist, or is dictated by narrow political prejudice. These "honor men" will be turned loose anyway one of these days. The process had better be gradual, developing self restraint and self respect, than to herd them with the older criminals who are steeped in vice, and thus tend, at least, to fix their criminal bent. It is the intention of Governor West to build a branch institution for those young men sent up for the first time and this is to be reformatory in nature. Surely no one can criticize such a move as this. It has long been needed. But this certainly indicates that there is something for us to do.

Children should be taught to respect the rights of others. These lessons should be taught directly rather than as incidental to some failure on the part of the child. There are a thousand ways by which the parent and the teacher, both working toward the same end, may fix in the child's mind a right attitude toward the property of others. Then, in the high school, I feel there should be an elementary course in commercial law, compulsory for all students, so that no one could go forth from such a school pleading ignorance of the law regarding the rights they possess and others possess in property.

The base of our nation at this time is special privilege. It is a direct result from our local two standard way of looking at things and people. It affects every community. But if any leniency is shown to the individual, why not show it to the fellow who has no friends, who has no chance, who has been made to feel that the hand of society is turned against him. Surely we ought to expect more from the one who has had every opportunity and every advantage? But too often they have concrete examples of unpunished wrongdoing before them to follow, and this affects the other fellow as well.

ALLEGED MURDERER HILL FAMILY TAKEN

According to the confession of his two boy companions, who were virtually his prisoners, Richard Holmberg, who was arrested at The Dalles Thursday by Officer James Anderson, is the murderer of the Hill family—the perpetrator of the atrocious crime that stirred Portland and vicinity on June 9, when Mr. and Mrs. William Hill and two little children were horribly murdered at Ardenwald, a suburb of the Rose City.

The boys, Harry Howard and James Hawkins, aged 17 and 16 years, respectively, told a straight story of their companionship with Holmberg, saying they had been trying to get away from him ever since the Hill crime was committed. The story of the arrest of Holmberg and his implication in the crime is told by the Chronicle as follows:

"The lads were found in a potato patch Wednesday, near Rowena, stealing tubers at the order of Holmberg. When the owner discovered the men in the patch, he and a friend, who was hunting in the vicinity, started for the boys with a shot gun, when Holmberg jumped up and said: 'Stop right where you are.' He then called the boys and made for the brush, followed by the men with the gun. The boys dropped into a ditch and called to the owner of the ranch that they wished to get away from Holmberg. At this the chase ceased and the boys were taken to the house and given something to eat. W. Klindt brought the lads to this city last night and turned them over to the local officers. On being questioned, the boys told of their experiences with Holmberg and their four and one-half months of hardship endured while the three beat their way around the country, stealing what they could find to eat and sleeping wherever night overtook them.

"After getting the confession from the youngsters Thursday morning, Officer Anderson laid a trap for Holmberg. He sent the boys out to roam the streets, believing that the fiend had followed them here and was on the look-out for them. The policeman sent Thomas Allen with them, so that they could not get away. While walking along the O. W. R. & N. railroad track a short time later, Holmberg met them, and under the guise of wanting to buy Holmberg a drink, Allen led the bunch into the hands of Anderson, who immediately covered the man with a revolver and placed him under arrest. Holmberg refused to talk.

Holmberg and his boy companions were taken to Portland Friday morning by Deputy Sheriff Archie Leonard.

On being closely examined, however, by Portland police officers the boys admitted that they had faked the story and were trying to obtain the \$5,000 reward offered.

Kills Moths by Electricity

The owner of an apple orchard in Spokane has constructed an apparatus with which he hopes to rid his orchard of the codling moth. He uses electric incandescent lamps, surrounded with a metal netting which is charged with electricity. The moths, attracted by the light, strike the wire and are instantly killed. The cost of the storage battery and lamps is comparatively small—Scientific American.

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Dr. Edmunds Exonerated

Hood River residents will be interested in knowing that Dr. C. W. Edmunds, against whom suit had been commenced for alleged injury to the person of a patient at Eugene, has been exonerated by a board of physicians, who make the following statement in the Eugene Guard.

"To whom it may concern: "We, the undersigned licensed and practicing physicians of the city of Eugene, Lane county, Ore., having made a complete and thorough post mortem examination of the body of Mr. Samuel M. Douglas find that the cause of death was 'acute cardiac dilatation.' An examination of the various organs of the body revealed the following conditions:

"The brain and its members were in a normal condition. The apices of both lungs showed limited tubercular deposits. The left kidney and left supra-renal capsule were also tuberculous. The stomach was dilated. The sigmoid and descending colon were very much reduced in size, probably congenitally.

"All the other organs were normal. (Signed)

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Wm. Kuykendall, M. D.

"The eyeball, the optic nerve and its vessels being free from disease, demonstrates that no harm could have come to them from any treatment administered.

"In fact the disease was not of the eyeball, but of the 'tear duct,' and no instrument touched or went in the direction of the eyeball."

WILL GIVE CONCERT AT VALLEY CHRISTIAN CHURCH

Music will be in the air at Hood River this week. In addition to the musical entertainment to be given by the ladies of the Congregational church Friday evening, a concert will be given tonight at the Valley Christian church. The Symphony Trio is the attraction announced, composed of Mr. Louis des Volignes, pianist, Mr. Ernest Fitzsimmons, violinist, and Miss Catherine Trevette, vocalist. The musicians, who are from Chicago, are touring the country, and are said by the press, where they have performed, to be a superior attraction.

CHRISTIAN CHURCH REVIVAL MEETINGS

The revival at the Christian church, conducted by the pastor and C. L. Organ and wife, has assumed such proportions that it has been decided to continue longer than at first planned. When the meeting began two weeks ago it was expected that it would close on Tuesday night, Oct. 17th. At a meeting of the congregation Sunday morning it was unanimously voted to continue at least another week.

"It is doubtful," says Pastor Hand-saker, "if any single church in Hood River has ever conducted a revival that has created such widespread interest throughout the town. At almost every service there are conversions.

"Evangelist Organ, who has made good in difficult fields of the east, is also winning his way in Hood River."

The following subjects will be discussed during the closing days of the meeting:

Wednesday, "What Some Folks Live For."

Thursday, "Answered and Unanswered Prayers."

Friday, "The Things Essential."

Saturday, "The Immortality of the Soul."

Sunday morning, "The Lord's Supper." (A homecoming service)

Sunday evening, "Life Beyond the Grave."

Monday, "Heaven! Where Is It and What Is It?"

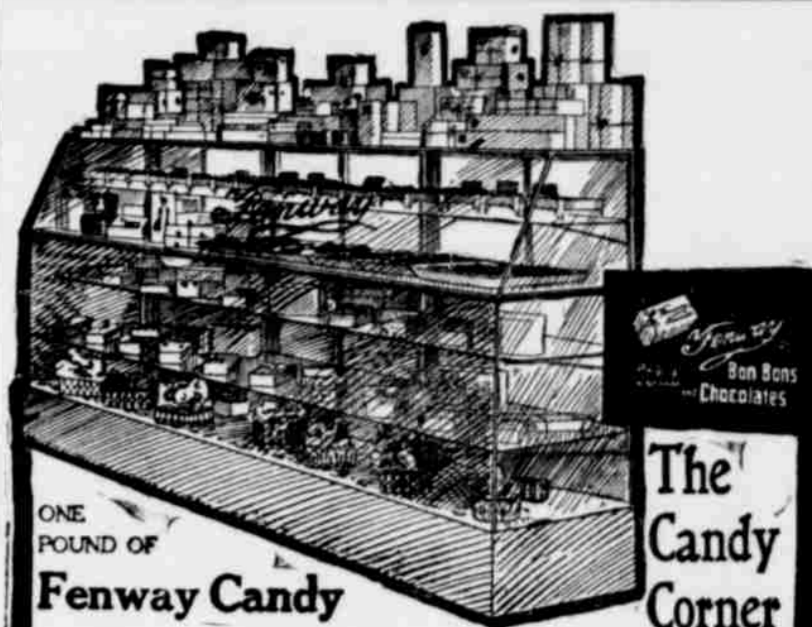
Tuesday, "Farewell and Fellowship Meeting."

BIG LAND ACREAGE TO BE OPENED IN CROOK COUNTY

The secretary of the interior has issued an order that 32,900 acres of unappropriated lands, which were excluded from the Deschutes national forest by proclamation July 1, will become subject to settlement under the homestead laws and to selection by the state under certain conditions on and after Jan 1, 1912, at the land office in The Dalles, Ore.

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