

HOW TO REFORM BAD BOYS

Judge Frazer Gets Ideas for Juvenile Court in Portland.

DENVER'S GREAT SUCCESS

Methods of Judge Lindsey, of the Colorado Capital City, Are Warmly Commended, After a Thorough Investigation.

Presiding Circuit Judge Arthur L. Frazer returned yesterday from a 35 days' tour of investigation of the subject of juvenile courts, in the course of which he visited Denver and San Francisco, where he took occasion to make an exhaustive study of conditions.

The judge last evening discussed many interesting features connected with his observations while away, especially with reference to his experiences at Denver, and was particularly enthusiastic concerning the operations of Judge Lindsey, who is considered an universal authority upon the subject of juvenile courts.

"During the time I was in Denver," said Judge Frazer, "I devoted seven days to studying conditions in Judge Lindsey's court. He has charge of the juvenile court there, and is regarded as the leading authority upon the matter in the United States and, in fact, is recognized throughout Europe as well. The first thing that impressed me was its magnitude and the extent of labor necessary to its conduct and to make it efficient. Judge Lindsey is, without exception, the hardest worker I have ever known or heard of. He has energy to keep an ordinary man fully employed in his juvenile court work, and then give to every case brought into court his individual attention, not only during the trial, but afterwards, as long as the child is on probation or is confined, as the case may be. He works from early morning until 6 o'clock in the evening and frequently returns until past midnight.

Hard-Working Judge. "A week ago Saturday I attended a session of his court especially set aside for juvenile business only, and he did not stop even for luncheon. In addition to the work he does himself, he has three probation officers assigned especially to his court for this purpose and who is, in fact, really an assistant, besides the official reporter, who does so much in connection with the juvenile department that he has been dubbed the "vice-chancellor." In addition to that, the master and matron of the detention house are subject to Judge Lindsey's call, and one of them is almost constantly with him in the work of the court, while the trust officer of the schools is likewise a probation officer so far as the virtually all cases in the court are concerned.

"Judge Lindsey is also assisted by a society known as the Juvenile Aid Association, which is interested in the welfare of the juvenile. This society interests itself in supplying the wants of the needy, in finding employment for those old enough to work, in organizing baseball clubs among the boys formerly comprising the street gangs that the court has broken up, and in furnishing other forms of amusement and recreation for that class of children. But the most interesting feature is none too large to attend to the work he accomplishes. He has, on an average, about 200 different children before him every month, including those on probation and who report to him. About 100 are on probation and under the care of his probation officers, but they all report to him in court. It is worth a trip to Denver in itself to see him manage that courtroom full of boys.

Must Go to School. "Under their system every one of the boys is compelled to go to school, unless for good cause shown he is permitted to work. On these report days each brings in a sealed envelope a report from his teacher exhibiting his general standing in attendance, deportment and scholarship, which he personally gives to the judge, who opens it in the presence of all the others, and who has either words of praise, reproof or encouragement, as the occasion demands, for each one individually. If the report is bad, which is very rare, the boy bringing it is required to have a further talk with the judge in his private chambers.

"His influence soon changes the most conspicuous of a gang of bad boys into a steady, law-abiding youngster, who not only tries to do for himself, but frequently renders the court valuable assistance in his work with others. Judge Lindsey is simply a marvel in this respect, and from what I learned, there is not a child in Denver who has been in trouble or who has been in need of assistance but who is a friend of the judge's, and he seems to remember them all, and walks down the street every morning and meets and is recognized by them. He has broken up all the gangs of bad boys that infested the streets and, with the help of the Juvenile Aid Association, has turned them into societies for innocent amusement. He has suppressed cigarette smoking among them, and with the cooperation of the boys themselves, has stopped the sale of cigarettes to minors. In this way the boys have done what the police could not accomplish.

Works Incalculable Good. "The boys are not only taught to obey the law, but are inculcated with the idea that they also have rights which the general public is bound to respect, and the judge encourages them to come to him with their grievances. He has been known to postpone the most important case in his court to listen to the complaints of small newsboys, and to find means to redress their wrongs. There are very few boys so depraved that he cannot reform. The amount of good he is accomplishing in that direction is incalculable. He is saving thousands of dollars every year which otherwise would have to be expended in the prosecution of these boys as criminals. It was formerly necessary for the different railway companies to employ watchmen to prevent the boys from stealing, but the work of Judge Lindsey has obviated all this, and I saw a letter from a superintendent of one of the lines stating that their expenses in this respect had been reduced to the extent of \$200 a month on account of the reformed conditions.

Ready for Portland Court. "The juvenile laws are so framed as to give the court and the probation officers a very wide discretion in each case so that the child's interests may be better preserved; consequently, the success of the juvenile court depends upon the personality of the judge and his probation officers.

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ANNUAL CAMPMEETING OPENS

Members of God's Church Gather in the Sellwood Park.

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AMUSEMENTS

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Matinee Today

The Heart of Maryland

Next, THE CLIMBERS,

Clay's Fitch's Great Society Drama.

Marquam Grand Theater

THE REVOLUTIONARY DRAMA,

"A ROMANCE OF '76'."

EMPIRE THEATER

STAR THEATER

BAKER THEATER

Lewis and Clark Observatory

AUCTION SALES TODAY.

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DIED.

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