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A SQUARE DEAL FOR BOYS

The problem of the juvenile offender, made the subject of a special message to the legislature by Governor Olcott, particularly to the inadequacy of the reformatory institution for boys, is familiar to all judges of the circuit court.

There is a class of offenders whose youth and still impressionable mind make it inadvisable to commit them to the penitentiary. Yet they have committed grave crimes, are old in years and experience than many of the boys in the state training school, and though not adults, may still exert a deleterious influence upon the younger and milder offenders if thrown among them.

If the offense has been a major crime the boy may be tried, as are other criminals, in the circuit court. If found guilty the law requires the court either to sentence him to the penitentiary or to parole him.

Police records in Portland frequently show the great number of boys under 18 years of age who have embarked upon a career of burglary or highway robbery.

They present a grave problem. If there is a chance to retrieve youthful major offenders, it ought to be given them. Yet the other chance that they are beyond reform ought not to be taken.

THE FAR EASTERN PROBLEM. An article by F. A. McKenzie in the Empire Mail on "Trade with the Far East," while written from the British standpoint, sheds light on both the opportunities for trade with China and on the obstacles with which American exporters must contend.

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PROTECT THE AMERICAN HEIN. While congress is framing an emergency tariff for relief of farmers, it should not overlook the Pacific coast poultry-grower, for he is up against an emergency as well as a prairie wheat grower.

THE FAR EASTERN PROBLEM is one of the most important of the moment. It is not only a question of foreign policy with which President Harding will have to deal. Though he must first take up that of peace with Germany and of the league of nations, the far eastern question will not drop out of his mind.

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BY-PRODUCTS OF THE PRESS. Wearing of "alleged hats" and gowns at graduation exercises was denounced by William McAndrew, associate superintendent of New York city schools.

THE SPEAKER ALSO CRITICISED OTHER "by-products" of the press, such as the national system of the United States. He took exception to calling people "doctor" who have received M. A. B. S. and what he called "D. F. degrees."

LAWMAKERS SEEM THE SAME the world over and freak legislation always crops up when legislatures go into session. This year's collection at Sacramento, where the erudite and chosen of the state of California are gathered, placing a fresh crop of statutes on the books, is an especially good example.

EVERYWHERE I GO in the United States, I find people think come from the coldest town on the continent," said J. W. Burke of Medicine Hat, at the Multnomah yesterday.

TWO THOUSAND CANARY BIRDS were brought to Philadelphia in the hold of the steamship Kerlew after the rat made the sea voyage.

A CHINOOK SALMON weighing 7 1/4 pounds, the biggest fish ever seen in the Berkshires, gets the honor of having its photograph in the Knickerbocker Press.

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WHEN GREEK TROOPS capture Angora will it then be proper to say they have the Turks' goat?

MR. GORDON keeps his seat in the house at the vote of Multnomah intended he would.

THOSE WHO COME AND GO. "There is no more need for a famine in China than for one in the Williams valley," said the editor of the Oregonian.

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