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INTOLERABLE ASSUMPTION. The people of Oregon will view with astonishment the text and purport of three bills for prohibition introduced at Salem by Senator Farrell.

Let us see if the case against those surrounding proposals has been overstated. It is proposed to create a new office of prohibition commissioner, who shall enforce, with the aid of his deputies and inspectors, the provisions of the prohibition act.

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without suitable action by a competent tribunal to convert personal knowledge into personal belief and reasonable information into unreasonable suspicion.

The Oregonian is among those agencies of public opinion which have supported the officers of the law in their enforcement of prohibition. It has testified to the fact that prohibition measurably prohibits.

It has seen the lawful manufacture of liquor disappear and its unlawful sale and use greatly diminished. It has believed that in time prohibition would be a practical fact and not an aspiration.

It is not willing to confess that prohibition is a failure, though the proponents of these impossible bills would confess by their efforts to discard the present machinery and create new and ruthless instruments of power, which may too easily be employed for oppression.

The only result will be to create new opposition to prohibition, through justified hatred of its agencies. It is strange that anyone would venture to incur the risk.

A PRESENT-DAY PROBLEM. Undoubtedly the old-time politicians were very wicked, and former political methods were most inequitable. Voters were bought, primaries were invaded, conventions were corrupted and legislatures were held up.

Just now there is talk at Salem about repealing or modifying the primary. It may be true that its primary should not be repealed. But it is true that it should be modified.

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complaining just so much in a certain time. But the tendency to regard certain forms of precocity as evidences of all-around superiority may have its perils also, as most teachers are aware, and it is not always the child who starts out at the fastest gait who wins the race in the end.

The quest of a method that will give the exceptional child the special opportunity that he seems to deserve has been long continued. There is a conspiracy, as an occasional fond parent seems to believe, to deprive any prodigy of the chance of full development.

But the American school system is a gigantic institution, laboring under a law of averages inherent in a democracy, and no individual is so precocious that precocity has yet been devised. The notion seems to prevail that the average and below-average child most needs help, and that the prodigies are better able to take care of themselves.

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why, since it is fairly well known that airplanes could fly rings around the mountain, carrying cameras and other scientific instruments, it should be regarded as essential to make the journey on foot. All the essential requirements of the geographer would be served by the air trip, and there is, of course, no design to erect works of permanence on the mountain's slope. The answer is that the true manzana is at his best, only when surrounded by some huge obstacle. The last concession he is likely to make may be to provide himself with oxygen containers for the final heights, but this will not be done until it has been demonstrated that it is not only safe, but profitable.

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Stars and Starmakers.

Raymond Duncan, who used to live in a nice old barn on Portland Heights and teach weaving and esthetic dancing and ran around our fair city clad in a Roman toga and personality, is being sued for libel in Paris, where he now resides. He is a brother of Inasora Duncan and his wife, Pamela Duncan, is of the same esthetic stripe. When they lived in Portland their young son Menelaos was a faithful if obstreperous copy of his peculiar parents and wore little mats, ate grass and nuts and danced on the grass. He was an object of great curiosity to the little boys and girls of his own age who used to see him tripping along barefooted during a silver thaw; his long, unkempt hair flying in the breeze and his checkered one-piece garment his only protection. Little Menelaos called his Pa Dupean and his ma Penelope.

When they all moved away from Portland no one missed them and save for occasional paragraphs from Paris correspondents, they remained in obscurity. About six months ago a wealthy Parisian, one Robert Bourdeau, discovered young Menelaos working in the big manufacturing plant owned by Bourdeau and took him into his own home to educate. Bourdeau had big one-sheet placards pasted all over Paris saying Bourdeau had kidnapped Menelaos. Bourdeau now retaliates with a libel suit, saying that the boy, 16 years old, can neither read nor write, and he has the boy's staunch support. Duncan senior is quite poor, so Bourdeau's libel suit will result only in the enrichment of Bourdeau's philanthropic interest in the stars.

Carl Raymond, 36 years old, one-time first violin in the Theodore Thomas orchestra, and later a concert player, was found in a starving condition in Chicago and succeeded by President Campbell at the Portland conference of the summer school, and Earl Kilpatrick, general director of the Eastern division of the university, said a large summer school is good. President Campbell at the Portland conference after the conference. "We have a number of students who are going to the faculty and we shall offer many interesting courses. The school will open here about June 20." The new building on the university campus are progressing well, said President Campbell. The women's building will have its formal opening in about a month. The swimming pool and gymnasium are now being used by the girls.

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Those Who Come and Go.

"Ceel is in the biggest hay-producing valley for the number of acres it contains, in eastern Oregon," said A. Henriksen, cattle man, at the Oregon yesterday. "Ceel is just south of Heppner Junction on Willow creek. Our 1920 hay crop was fine. Very little hay has been used to feed to the stock, on account of the open winter. We have had practically no snow at all and many sheep are still on the range. Under ordinary conditions, between 20,000 and 30,000 sheep feed on the range in the Ceel district. Our principal sheep men are the Hynd brothers, C. A. Minor and the McIntire brothers. Mr. Henriksen said that while eastern Oregon men were enthusiastic over the appointment of W. B. Barratt on the state highway commission, "He will serve the interests of Oregon as well as all of the state very well indeed." Mr. Henriksen is here in the interest of a timber deal in the upper Rhine creek country.

"Virginia City, Oregon city, Nevada, my home, and I'm proud of it," says Charles Stretz, who is at the Multnomah. "In the old days, Virginia City was the home of the floods, Mackays and many other pioneers in the gold rush. They made huge fortunes. Virginia City was then the center of interest and the most important city in eastern Oregon and Nevada border. Picturesque western characters lived there then. Samuel Clemens (Mark Twain) was a regular on newspaper there. He wrote a book on the city. He would have known nothing of those stirring early days had he been brought in touch with the city. He was a member of the General Grant thought enough of the town to stay there two days on his western trip. He spent only a day in San Francisco."

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Training School Equipment Inadequate to Intelligent Treatment. ASTORIA, Or., Jan. 15.—(To the Editor.)—The report on Governor Olcott's special message to the legislature and the editorial concerning it, both of which appeared in Tuesday's Oregonian, proved most interesting to me.

I was formerly employed at the boys' state training school and wish to verify the governor's report and your editorials concerning the conditions at this school. Superintendent L. M. Gilbert and his staff appeared to me as being most of the boys' boys' and they are given practically no information concerning his hereditary, or environmental handicaps. I came to know the boys' state training school as a place where these lads and am convinced that most of them are not "bad" boys at all. They are simply the products or victims of forces over which they have no control. Anyone who has read Jane Addams' splendid little book, "The Spirit of Youth in Our City Streets," will appreciate what these forces are.

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