

PUBLIC AMUSEMENTS IN CITIES IS DEEP PROBLEM

With Ban on Public Dancehall, Necessity of Providing Some Substitute Is Urged by Correspondent, Who Points Out Conditions.

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IN THE Oregonian of recent date the old saw was quoted in defense of certain styles of dancing—"To the pure all things are pure." In the same paper a flippant person remarked, "The pure almost everything" routine.

Amusements Are Discussed.

Shall the city of the amusements of the people? It does try to forbid by law vicious amusements, and it does to a remarkable extent try to offer sensible amusements which will meet the demand of the individual that shall be happy in some way for at least a part of the time.

Cost Proves Obstacle.

In Portland, as elsewhere, the cost of providing meeting places for young people who desire recreation is one of the greatest obstacles in the way of the social service council, which is composed of young people of 25 associations.

Situation in Portland Surveyed.

The City of Portland has provided means for recreation for the public quite extensively in a general way. There are scores of parks and a number of children's playgrounds, which are overseen by competent persons.

View Not Always Broad.

It opens a rather fascinating field to investigate the reasons for this fact. Good people whose mental habits instinctively save them from the pit can't understand and so are lacking in charity. They make the blunder of assuming that all human beings are as morally responsible as they are.

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cases the abnormal peculiarities of criminals. Of course among all the defectives there are different grades. The worst are the instinctive criminals; those who are nearer normal become occasional criminals if circumstances are favorable.

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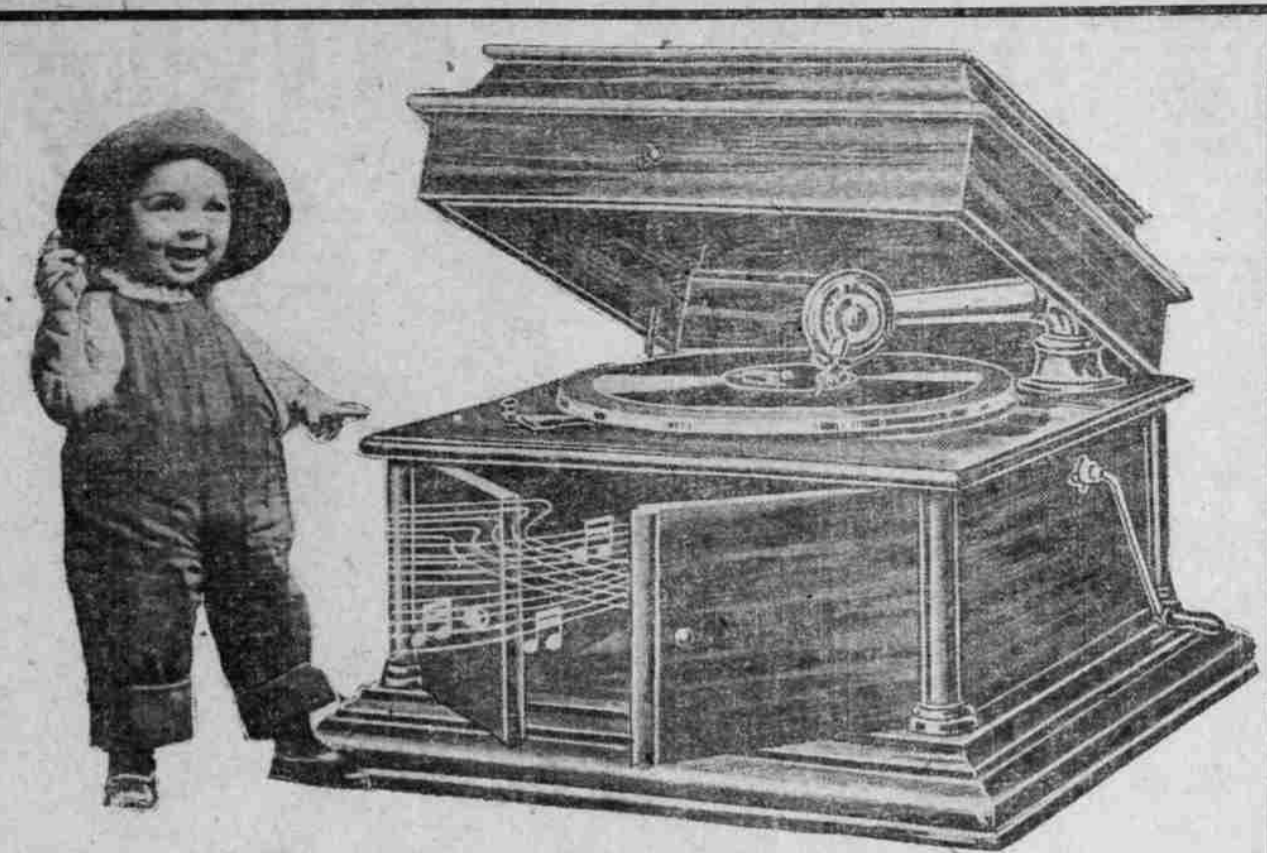
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