

GOVERNOR DAVIS STIRS UP IDAHO

Home Reclamation Declared of Vital Importance.

PARENTS HELD TO BLAME

Assertions Made That Disease and Crime Are Increasing Among Youth of American Families.

BOISE, Idaho, July 30.—(Special.)—Governor Davis, now in the first year of his second term, but not generally looked upon as a "third term" man, has raised an old issue in a new form in this state which is attracting widespread interest. This issue is public and private morality. Governor Davis' contention is that state and nation are drifting away from the old-fashioned code, setting up a bolder and more startling new place whereby parents, lured by pleasure, neglect offspring and home. In political circles the effect of this issue is being closely watched. Party leaders do not view it as at all partisan, but likely to arise when people are not thinking about political issues or candidates.

Governor Davis has been giving much time and attention to conditions in penal, reform and charitable institutions, and has unearthed some startling facts. When comparing notes with governors of other states he learned they had found the same conditions. This led Governor Davis to look for the cause. He believes he has found it in a combination of circumstances brought about by modern conditions.

First, Governor Davis discovered that the percentage of boys guilty of committing crimes is increasing in Idaho.

Second, he found the worst form of diseases existing among young men and women.

Third, he learned that most of these young criminals are not foreigners, but Americans, many of them of good families.

Fourth, he established by prison records that the number of young men and boys going wrong is increasing.

Blame Placed on Parents. These facts have been laid before the people by Governor Davis in several public addresses. In searching for the cause of the trouble, he found that the parents of these young criminals are not the cause, but that they have not had the care and attention they should have had from their parents; that they were neglected and permitted to have their own way, instead of being subjected to discipline; that fathers and mothers were more anxious to travel the paths of pleasure than to be at home with their children. In many instances, he asserted, parents are more giddy than the children and instead of making companions of them, lose touch with them entirely.

Inferior types of motion pictures, Governor Davis holds, act as incentives to youth to commit crimes. In an address before the Progressive club of Boise this week, Governor Davis said that, while reclamation of lands in this state is of vast importance, it is far more important to start reclamation in the homes. During a conversation with a youth in the penitentiary, Governor Davis said he learned from the boy that he had seen the very crime for which he was sentenced pictured in the movies, and it looked so easy to perform that he decided to try it himself, but landed in the penitentiary.

Sensational Pictures Denounced. Governor Davis contends that promoters of picture shows owe it to the public, as well as to themselves, to improve the standard of pictures along religious, educational and social lines, so that they will be instructive as well as entertaining, and will not stoop to the sensational, skirting the edges of social vice, demonstrating to young men and young girls how social crimes may be committed, and leaving them with the knowledge and the suggestion to follow the same paths. He asserted in an address here that he was not fighting the picture shows, but some of the pictures shown.

The governor is doubtful whether it is advisable for children to witness the sensational pictures now being shown. It is his opinion that young men and young women have been weakened morally by them. He would elevate the standard of pictures rather than do without them. He said that, in his opinion, the movies have a great field for a good work to perform in offering recreation for people, but more careful selection of the character of plays and the weaving in of educational features would be more beneficial.

Joy Riding Ruins of Young Girls. Regarding the automobile, Governor Davis contends there is too much joy riding on the part of unprotected young women who are permitted to go out unaccompanied and are not given the protection they should have from their parents. Speaking of this, he said that while in the east on a recent trip he saw the public highways in parks filled with automobiles without lights. This, he said, was one reason why so many of the maternity hospitals are overcrowded and the lives of young girls hardly out of their teens are ruined.

In his opinion, there should be stricter regulation over automobiles and their occupants. Primarily, however, he holds that the trouble starts at home, where insufficient attention is given to children because parents themselves are neglecting their duties. Old-fashioned ways of bringing up children, greater discipline and more watchfulness are needed in the reclamation of homes, he asserted.

Within a week they will meet and unite in completing the inspection of the southern part of the archipelago. The mission will return here later in August, and after a week in winding up its work will sail for China for a two weeks' visit, then homeward via Japan.

General Wood maintained silence here today concerning the question of the governor-generalship of the Philippines. Numerous cablegrams and letters have been sent to Washington, urging his appointment to the post.

The Philippines should have a representative in the forthcoming international conferences on disarmament and far eastern questions, it was declared here today by Secretary of the Interior Kalaw of the Philippines in a public address.

America could show once more her open-mindedness by allowing the Philippines to have a seat by her side at the conference table, Kalaw said.

Sale in New York of \$10,000,000 of certificates of indebtedness of the Philippine government, recently authorized by congress, provoked expressions of satisfaction here today by insular officials. They predicted that this move will reduce the exchange rate, which has been approximately 10 per cent for some time, and that it will tend to stabilize financial conditions here in general.

County Clerks Adjourn. WASHINGTON ASSOCIATION CLOSING ANNUAL CONVENTION.

Walla Walla Chosen as Meeting Place Next Year; Everett Man Elected President.

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A fee bill prepared by the legislative committee was adopted by the convention today and this schedule will be submitted to the next legislature.

Captain C. S. Rinehart, clerk of the supreme court, addressed the clerks on "The Handling of Exhibits and the Preparation of Records on Appeal." John H. Newman of Colfax gave an address on "Needed Legislation" and Mrs. M. I. Clemmer of Yakima spoke on "The Good of the Association." I. S. Holmes, county clerk of Thurston county, led the discussion on "Handling of Trust Funds." Percy Thomas, former clerk of King county, and now with the state department of licenses, discussed the work of the license department.

In attendance at the meeting today were: E. L. Stewart, Prosser; A. Stevens, Wenatchee; John Schaffer, Vancouver; Cephas Morgan, Dayton; E. Robinson, Pasco; Edward H. Clarke, Coupeville; George A. Grant, Seattle; Tony J. Bucklin, Ellensburg; Harry Robinson, Tacoma; J. B. Gray, Stevenson; E. J. Tremblay, Colville; L. N. Holmes, Olympia; E. J. Brunton, Walla Walla; George M. Cook, Bellingham; John H. Newman, Colfax, and Mrs. M. I. Clemmer, Yakima.

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