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SCHOOL BOYS TOO BOISTEROUS.

THERE has been some just complaint of the too boisterous actions of some Marshfield school boys who attend the public library and linger around the entrance to the building and annoy visitors. It is merely careless indifference of the boys as to the rights of others. They think that so long as it is intended to be merely fun it should be accepted by everyone in the same spirit. The boys may have a rude awakening, however, if Marshal Carter huries them off to the city jail some afternoon. This rudeness is not confined to the library alone but reports from other places and sources confirm it.

This condition is not confined to Marshfield. In every city in the country there is a tendency of some high school boys to indulge in this sort of boisterousness and carry their fun making to excess. Back in Philadelphia they have had trouble of late with a gang of high-school boys who conceived the idea that they were not properly fulfilling their mission in life unless they conducted themselves in public in such manner as to annoy those who came in contact with them, says the Portland Telegram.

These Philadelphia lads were merry youths of the boisterous sort who fancied that any escapade would pass so long as it was alleged to be a joke. They developed a favorite pastime of boarding streetcars, capturing the conductor and motorman, who were held by some of them while others ran the cars with no regard for the rights or conveniences of other passengers. They would not stop for those who wanted to get on or off the cars, and their conduct generally was such as to terrify women and children who happened to be passengers. Such is substantially the report of the affair; but the report goes on to say that the streetcar people made an appeal to the police, and before anyone realized what was happening a score or more of these youngsters were under arrest and behind the bars in the city jail, awaiting parents and friends to put up the necessary bail to insure their appearance in court.

Following this drastic action there was an uproar among the parents of the boys. Their boys "were good," they "never did anything wrong," and they "should not have been arrested for indulging in a little harmless mischief." Principals of the high schools who commended the action of the authorities, announcing at the same time that they would do all in their power to bring these wayward blunders to a proper respect for the law and the rights of other people under the law. They made the object of parental attack. Petitions are circulated requesting the principals to resign, and there is a threat that the whole matter will be taken into politics.

This is an exceptional case of its kind in Philadelphia, but it serves as an indication of a too general tendency that needs correction. High

school boys, considered as a class, are accorded greater freedom from responsibility in the home and school than they should be given. The trouble lies principally in the laxity of home discipline—the failure to teach obedience and a singular lack of education in reverence for authority. This does not apply by any means to all high-school boys, but it applies to altogether too many of them, and not only in Philadelphia but in every other city in the country.

The remedy probably lies in more rigid school government, upon which the state on behalf of good citizenship, has the right to insist. The weakening of the home influence is one of the lamentable facts to which we cannot close our eyes however much we may desire to do so; and with that the greater burden of responsibility is thrown upon the school, and must be exercised by it, sanctioned, of course, by the authority of the state, unless we would do injustice to the boy himself.

THE LUMBERJACK.

THERE has been a good deal said in jest regarding the lumberjack, and some very thrilling romances from near-life have been written concerning him, to create a balance on some journalists' butcher bills. The fact is that very little that is true has been said or written about the man who manages the business end of a canthook. It is also a fact that the lumberjack doesn't care a continental.

Yet, while he does not demand any defense, the Northwest owes so much directly and indirectly to the man who exaggerates the college styles in clothes and lowers the haughty pride of the monarch of the forest, that he is more than entitled to a word of protest.

There may be a melancholy droop about the knees of the lumberman's trousers; he may say, "I seen"; he may eat beans with his knife and pie with his fingers, but he is a whole lot more essential to the upbuilding of a great new empire than the dyspeptic cadaver with a black cord on his glasses who writes by-line articles at a penny a word. There is a lot of lumberjack stock in the populace of the Northwest, and the country has reason to be proud of it. It is by such men that wildernesses are conquered, and the foundations laid for bigger achievements. The Northwest doesn't need the aesthetic influence of any more mollycoddles, but if there is any effete section of the country that has tired of the man who wears long spikes in his boots, and tucks his pants inside his socks, Coos Bay announces that it has adopted the open door policy.

STARTLING IF TRUE.

HAVING applied mathematics to the problem of race suicide, Prof. Walter F. Wilcox of Cornell university announced to an association the other day that babies will have disappeared from the United States as early as the year 2,015 unless the United States imports them from France.

That is rather startling, if true, but it is comforting to recall that mathematical prophecies have not always been fulfilled.

About a century ago another distinguished scholar proved by mathematics that in the course of comparatively a few years population would multiply so rapidly that the life of the world would not find support. That was the Malthusian theory of Thomas R. Malthus. A hundred years have gone since this theory frightened the world, and yet its fulfillment seems so far from likely that other mathematicians are now predicting depopulation by race suicide.

It is quite likely that another century will prove this new mathematical prophet to have been as far wrong as Malthus.

However, Prof. Walter F. Wilcox makes a timely appearance as a preacher against race suicide, since Theodore Roosevelt has taken to silence.

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The directors then elected the following officers:

A. J. Sherwood, president. R. E. Shine, vice-president. L. H. Hazard, cashier. O. C. Sanford, assistant cashier.

Cashier Hazard stated that the past year's business had been very satisfactory in every particular and that \$1,500 had been carried over to the surplus account during the year, several times more than the law requires.—Coquille Herald.

A CURIOUS BIRD.

The Crested Hoactzin When Hatched Has Four Legs.

The crested hoactzin of British Guiana is the only survivor of a certain race of birds most of which are now known only as fossils. The hoactzin inhabits the most secluded forests of South America, and its survival beyond its congeners is doubtless owing to its retiring habits and to the fact that it feeds on wild arum leaves, which give its flesh a most offensive flavor, rendering it unfit for food.

The chief peculiarity of the hoactzin consists in the fact that when it is hatched it possesses four well developed legs. The young birds leave the nest and climb about like monkeys over the adjoining limbs and look more like tree toads than birds.

The modification of the fore limbs begins at once after hatching, when the claws of the digits fall off and the whole clawlike hand begins to flatten and become wing shaped. Feathers soon appear, and before full growth is reached not a vestige remains of the original character.

The adult birds not only have no claws upon their wings, but their thumbs even are so poorly developed that one would hardly suspect that in the nestlings we have the nearest approach to a quadruped found among existing birds.—London Tit-Bits.

Tung Po and Teamaking.

There is but one way of making tea, for—

Unless the water boiling be To pour on water spoils the tea.

The teapot itself should be heated very hot before the tea is placed in it and the boiling water poured on. It should be scalding hot water or the leaves will float to the top.

No less authority than Tung Po, the Chinese poet, is quoted for a recipe for teamaking. He says: "Whenever tea is to be infused take water from a running stream and boil it over a lively fire. It is an old custom to use running water, boiled over a lively fire. That from springs in the hills is said to be best and river water the next, while well water is the worst. A lively fire is a clear, bright charcoal fire. When making an infusion do not boil the water too hastily. At first it begins to sparkle like crabs' eyes, then somewhat like fish's eyes, and lastly it boils up like pearls innumerable springing and waving about. This is the way to boil water."

"Touch Not the Queen."

Under this title a Paris journal professes to give an account of the tragic death of the queen of Siam, who was as greatly loved as her consort. Some years ago her majesty was boating with ladies of the court in a lake in the gardens of the palace at Bangkok. The boat overturned, and the queen could not swim. She was surrounded by numerous personages who could have saved her life, but no one has the right to extend the hand upon the queen. The king alone could have held her up and prevented her from sinking, and he was nowhere at hand. Respectfully the court allowed the queen to drown.

MOSCOW CATHEDRAL.

Fantastic Looking Edifice Erected by Ivan the Terrible.

One of the most extraordinary and fantastic Christian places of worship in the world is the Cathedral of Moscow, known as Vasil Blajennj, strange not only in outline and conception, but even stranger in its history. No one knows the architect's name, but the story goes that the czar ordered his eyes to be put out directly the church was completed, so that he should never be able to surpass his work. The idea of the building was inspired by the wickedest and maddest monarch who ever sat on a throne—Ivan the Terrible, czar of Muscovy.

The architecture is in every respect extravagant and barbaric, and the coloring is garish in the extreme. It has nine chapels, roofed by nine cupolas, each different and each stranger than the other. One resembles a pineapple, another a melon, a third is said to ape a bedchamber in its appearance, and the rest are more or less grotesque. Some are gilt; others are painted in brilliant hues. Indeed, the only description is that it is a nightmare of a church, the fitting home of a ruler who grinded his conspirators in faying pans and clothed his subjects in bearskins in order that trained dogs might worry and tear them to pieces.—Strand Magazine.

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