

DEALING WITH DELINQUENTS

IMPORTANT PROBLEM CONSIDERED AT UNIVERSITY OF OREGON SUMMER SCHOOL.

(Special to The Times.)
EUGENE, July 10.—"The problem of the delinquent child is the problem of the broken home," said Superintendent Charles S. Meek, of Boise, Idaho, before the University of Oregon Summer School today. "If a boy or girl goes wrong it almost always proves to be the case that either death or divorce has separated the parents. Where father and mother are living, and living together, the child has the best chance for moral development."

Superintendent Meek devoted his lecture to the problem of delinquency treated with eminent success by the schools and juvenile court of Boise, Idaho. "It is an astonishing fact," he said, "that there is more immorality among boys and girls under fourteen than over that age. It is also in some ways more difficult to handle, for as the children grow older we begin to know which ones to watch."

"Our success in Boise in dealing with this problem which is common to all cities, and which exists in Boise perhaps less than in most, has been due in the first place to the election of a probate and juvenile judge who was not a politician, but was in fact a principal of one of the schools and familiar with juvenile work. He cares more for the juvenile branch of his duties than for the other side. Then, our probation officers take their duties seriously and follow up each individual case, sparing neither time nor effort. One is secretary of the Y. M. C. A., an active man with great influence over boys, and the other is a woman school principal. And we have acquired a basis of fact, through a study of conditions that enables us to learn quickly what is going on."

"One result has been the arousing of the interest of parents, and another has been the general understanding that the authority of the school and court is not for the school yard merely but extends wherever the pupil goes. All cases are privately handled by the court which calls the parents in for consultation and sometimes for a reprimand or a fine for carelessness. Curfew laws are strict and strictly enforced. No records of cases are kept by name and every opportunity is given for reform. The result is that almost all recent cases are concerning children who have just moved to Boise from other cities."

Watkins' Observations

Editor The Times:
Laughter is the unerring antitoxin for the grouch.

"If a man write a better book, preach a better sermon or make a better mousetrap than his neighbor, though he build his house in the woods the world will make a beaten path to his door." All of which is only true in spots. The best seller is the mousetrap most and best advertised, although you couldn't catch a mouse in it in a thousand years.

The preacher who has the best beaten path to his door is usually the alleged reformed mountebank who goes about the country proclaiming his own depravity.

"Full many a gem of purest ray serene,
The dark, unfathomed caves of ocean bear;

Full many a flower is born to blush unseen,
And waste its sweetness on the desert air."

Hence, dear heart, if after you have done the best you can and find the path leading to your door overgrown with foliage, let no vain regrets mar the joy of things well done.

And so the Major is to realize a hundred thousand dollars profit? That is just fine. Now, if the Major believed in profit sharing, what a splendid thing that would be for those confiding souls who have furnished the where-withal.

At one time the devil was accredited to the highest authority, with being the prince of liars. However, that was long before some folks I know had established a reputation.

The plain truth is we all admire a liar who is an artist in his line. No alibi need apply. I remember a Sunday School class composed of good little boys, of which the writer is proud to say he was one.

The subject was truth. The teacher said: "Now, boys, all of you who have never told a lie hold up your hands." Instantly every grimy fist went up, whereupon the lady remarked that we were the best and most honest lot of little boys she had ever seen.

My admiration for that lady has never waned through all the years.

GEO. WATKINS.

WHERE WAS C. HEWING GUM?
(Livingston, Mont., Enterprise.)

During the past month the following pupils have been neither absent nor tardy: Elsie Gum, Lola Gum, Vera Gum, Ivan Gum and Ben Young.

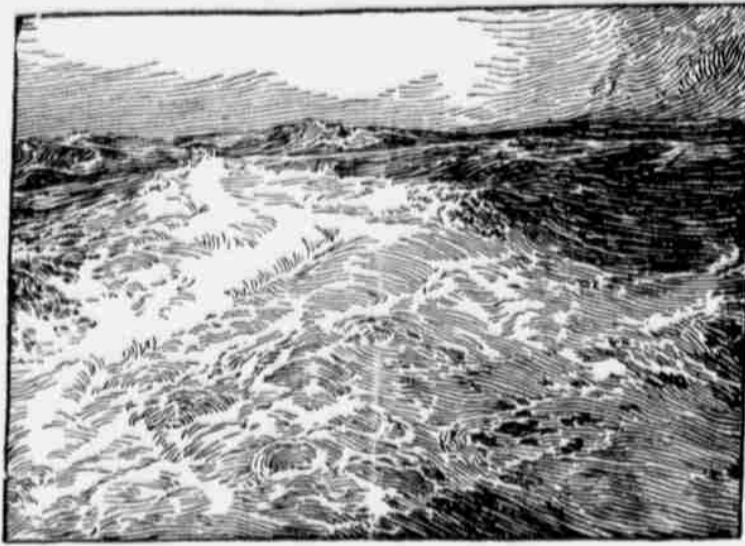
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IT IS a curious fact that many of the most distinguished American painters were originally educated as engineers. Charles H. Woodbury was one of these. He graduated from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology in 1886, receiving the degree of mechanical engineer. But he always had the art instinct, and meant sooner or later to take up that profession. Even when he was taking the difficult course at the institute he managed to paint a great deal, and obtained in his junior year a medal from the Boston Arts Club—a small accomplishment. After his graduation he went to Paris and entered the Julien Academy, and he has been receiving medals ever since he came home.

Few men have studied the sea as has Woodbury. He has a house and studio on the Maine coast at Ogunquit, a workshop where he can paint the sea directly out of his window. There he lives the year round, and he works like a hired man, every day and all day, no matter what the weather, or how high the wind.

Woodbury was one of the first men to paint the open ocean, making many trips over the Atlantic for this purpose. He used to stay on deck, with his canvas, and himself also, for that matter, lashed to the rigging, that he might catch storm effects. His most important work, a great canvas called "Mid-Ocean,"

created a sensation when it was first shown, and he followed it with many more.

Woodbury married a prominent painter, Miss Marcia Oakes. Together they spent much time in Holland, where she painted the figures, while he did the shore and the canals. Up in Maine, where he lives, the natives all know him and have a profound respect for a man who can go out in the rain and sit for hours on the bleak rocks painting pictures.

One of the most successful teachers in this country, Woodbury has often as many as 60 pupils in his class during the summer at Ogunquit. There, twice a week, he gives criticism and talks which are famous the country over. He has won many medals both here and abroad, and his pictures are in many famous museums.

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THE HIRED GIRL.

By Dr. Frank Crane.

They had a celebration the other day in a home in New York, I see by the papers, and I wish I had been invited, and probably would have been if I had been fortunate enough to be acquainted with the family.

Mr. and Mrs. Jacobsen gave a party in honor of their servant, Helena Schwartz, because she had been in the household for 20 years. I humbly lay my laurel wreath at Helena's feet. As the office boy would say, "Me for her."

It is about time something was said for the hired girl. She has as much to do with the peace and content of the family as any other member.

In one respect she is greatest of all; for her business is to serve which is always a greater thing to do than to rule.

When she is treated with the respect and consideration due to a human being she is usually faithful, amiable and efficient.

We have never had any servant trouble, with a few exceptions, in our house. On the contrary, we have grown to like them, and they us, so that when the necessary partings have come they have been attended with weepings and gloom, as if sisters had parted.

There was Ivanka, the Czech girl, who longed to stay, but was called away by the lure of the stage. She felt the higher call to warlike adventures and I hope she has made good.

There was Edith, the Swede, who saved up so much money out of her wages that she had to go and buy a farm near her brother in Nebraska. And Louise, also a Swede, who married the laundressman.

There was another Louise and her husband, Josef, who attended to our wants in Paris, and at last left us for their farm in the Rhone Valley.

And there is Anna, who now presides over the cook stove. She is a colored lady from North Carolina and if anybody thinks he can find better baking powder biscuits than Anna makes, or finer custard pie, or more delicious roast beef or boiled ham than Anna can prepare, I am ready to meet such person now, or any time and prove his falsehood to him upon his body with weapons of his own choice.

When our crowns are passed around I am sure the hired girl will get a nice shiny one. Who can tell her numberless sacrifices, her long

labors borne cheerfully for a little appreciation? How many a little boy has loved the kitchen, where he has found his most sympathetic friend? How often the tired mother has been eased and tended by the loyal ministrations that no wages could repay?

And let us thank Heaven that there are a few girls left who have sense enough to learn how to take care of a house and cook a meal, and who cheerfully occupy a place in some family where in self respect they can work not too hard and save a bit of money, rather than lead a dog's life as a saleslady or shopgirl on \$6 a week.

Helena is a philosopher. "It all depends on the girl in the kitchen," she said in a newspaper interview. "If she is careful, economical, sympathetic and guards the good name of her family, and she knows how to cook, or is willing to learn, she can make it a happy home. If the contrary is true, it will not be happy, no matter how hard the mistress tries."

And, just to make your mouth water, I will here set down the "list" of the various good things Lena had prepared for the guests at the party:

"Home-made noodle soup, roast turkey and chicken, green peas, boiled and mashed potatoes, cold-slaw, tomato and lettuce salad, lemon pie, sponge cake, pound cake with twenty candles on its frosted top, German butter cookies, German sweet loaf, wines and liquors and cigars for the men."

How long since you have read a paragraph as interesting as that?

HAD NECK BROKEN.

Workman Victim of Peculiar Accident at Centralia Mill.

CENTRALIA, Wash., July 10.—A strange accident of fatal termination occurred at the plant of the Chehalis River Lumber & Shingle Company, near Centralia. J. W. Rineley was passing heavy lumber to another employe of the mill, this other workman happening to be his son. Rineley held too firmly to a piece of lumber when the jerk dislocated his neck. He handled half a dozen more pieces before he was compelled to go to his bunk, but 15 minutes later he got up, hitched his horse, drove four miles to a Centralia hospital, climbed two flights of stairs—and died 15 minutes later. Examination showed that the neck had been broken.

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