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People seldom improve when they have no model other than themselves to copy after.—Goldsmith.

TOO MANY SUCH BOYS.

THE wanton murder of a harmless, poor old man by two mere boys of 16 and 18 years is one of those occasional similar crimes that cause the average citizen to contemplate with horrified amazement the possible depths of depravity in some of the youth and children of today.

Yet explanations are not difficult. Lack of parental authority and control, vicious, cheap romances, bad habits, particularly cigarette-smoking, and a disposition and desire to be wild and wicked rather than steady and decent.

These boys had revolvers, of course; every vicious kid has to have a revolver these days; and their probably intention was to hold up people and rob them, committing murder if resisted.

THE PILGRIM FATHERS.

EX-SECRETARY of the Navy John D. Long, publicly said what he has been quoted as saying of the Pilgrim Fathers—that they were almost all hypocritical, immoral and corrupt, even to the ministers, he deserves to be contradicted and rebuked.

They had what seems to us in these more enlightened days grievous faults. They were as a whole not a very lovable sort of people. They were superstitious and in matters of religion intolerant.

were people of a stern faith and rigid practice. Many of them were covetous and Cromwellians. They were of the stuff that made the martyrs, and also the persecutors.

Of course, there were exceptions, both as to belief and conduct, but such was the rule in the earlier days, after which there was a reaction theologically, and Massachusetts became largely Unitarian or otherwise liberal religiously.

THE ONLY REMEDY.

ASSUMING that he is sure of his facts, Fruit Inspector Deich is doing a good work here in destroying pest infested fruit sent to this market.

When everything that he could not take with him to a warmer and bitter land had been counted, the estate of a reputed millionaire of Philadelphia who had been in the get-rich-quick business, was found to consist of \$2,000 and some office furniture.

St. Johns has demonstrated its power to resist the blandishments of corporation managers who want to own and control for nothing that part of the earth that is within the corporate limits of the town.

"You all did see upon the Lupercal that thrice I offered him the kingly crown, which thrice he did refuse," said Marc Antony in his great funeral oration.

Evidence accumulates that Laura Biggar is preparing to again tread the stage which for so long she elevated and adorned. She has permitted herself to be sued for \$299,980, said to be due a doctor for attending her husband, H. M. Bennett, for two years.

William Budge declares that Senator Dubois is a rogue; whose only subject of interest is himself and whose only object of solicitude is his own political fortune.

It is not unlikely that as soon as the anti-pass bill goes into effect, more of our local statesmen will favor the abrogation of the Southern Pacific's franchise on Fourth street.

If the railroad doesn't soon declare an intention to get off Fourth street, the council should act. It is no excuse to say it can't.

What Is Portland's Greatest Need?

MEMBERS OF CITY COUNCIL TELL JOURNAL READERS WHAT WOULD IMPROVE ROSE CITY.

More Parks: G. D. Dunning.

"Convert Rose Island into a park," said G. D. Dunning. "What we need more than anything else is a thorough park system. We need parks in all parts of the city, and we want all sorts of parks. Large ones and small ones, and the more the better."

The Dictating Habit.

Booth Tarkington does not dictate his stories. He is a foe to the habit of dictation—a habit which, he thinks, tends to destroy the subtler beauties of a prose style.

Nooks and Corners of History

THOMAS DONGAN.

By Rev. Thomas B. Gregory.

In the whole annals of our country there are to be found but few finer names than that of Thomas Dongan, James Stuart's governor of the province of New York from 1682 to 1685.

Such was the practical beginning of free representative government in the province, that historic and splendid liberty that is today enjoyed by all New Yorkers.

Taft's Plans.

Does the country want William Howard Taft for president? If it does it must say so before next October or forever hold its peace, for in that month he will become an associate justice of the supreme court.

Cause for Suspicion.

A plumber was sent to the house of a wealthy broker to make repairs. He was taken by the butler into the pantry, and was beginning his work when the woman of the house entered.

Origin of Bourgeois.

Already in the fourteenth century there was a building at Antwerp, Belgium, set apart for the meeting of merchants and brokers and known as the Bourgeois. This word originates from the city of Bruges, which, earlier than the fourteenth century, was known as the Venice of the North.

Tons of Manna.

Samples of real manna, of which over 20 tons have just fallen from the skies in the state of New York, have reached the London Daily Mirror.

Taxes on Large Estates.

From the Boston Globe. On the Russell Sage estate, which is now estimated at \$76,000,000, the inheritance tax will amount only to a little more than \$600,000, and this sum the state of New York will receive.

A Long Name.

From the Milwaukee Wisconsin. Milwaukee's new directory will have a record breaker, exceeding last year's by several letters.

Silence Not Golden.

An English court has sentenced a woman to imprisonment because she refused to speak during a trial. The old penalty for remaining mute under similar conditions was being pressed to death. The form of sentence set forth, "the prisoner shall be held in some low,

A Little Nonsense

Mark Twain on Babies.

"Mark Twain, at a dinner, replying to a toast, to 'The Babies,' said: 'We have not all had the good fortune to be ladies. We do not all have general, or poets, or statesmen; but when the toast works down to 'The Babies,' we stand on common ground, for we have all been babies.'

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A Little Out of the Common

THINGS PRINTED TO READ WHILE YOU WAIT.

For a Guest Book.

S. Weir Mitchell in the August Century. A book of guests! May it include the wise, the witty, and the shrewd. And such as own the double art that makes them friends of head and heart.

In Short.

It takes 3,000 silk worms to spin enough silk for one lady's dress. Persons bearing the same surname are forbidden to marry in China. A bath twice daily is said to do drunkards good by increasing their self-respect.

Large Steel Chimney.

The steel chimney of largest diameter in the United States is at the smelting works of the Copper Queen Consolidated Mining Company, Douglas, Arizona. This is 200 feet in height, 25 feet internal diameter, and 24 feet diameter at the base.

A Girl Inventor.

Miss Lulu, a 15-year-old Belgian girl, has just patented an invention which, it is claimed, will revolutionize many kinds of traction. A turntable fixed to any vehicle is the origin of her idea, and by means of her device any vehicle—automobile, car, cart, etc.—driven by any power can at once reverse. Belgian government engineers are considering the young inventor's plan with a view to purchasing the rights for their country.

Use for Spilled Beer.

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Some Annexations.

Hawaii was annexed to the United States in 1898; Philippine islands were ceded by Spain in 1898; Porto Rico ceded by Spain in 1898; Guam ceded by Spain in 1898; Samoa islands, acquired in 1900; Wake island, annexed in 1899; Howland and Baker islands, annexed in 1867; Midway, or Brooks island, annexed in 1867.

Dogs as School Children.

School census takers in Cincinnati padded the lists of children in the fourth ward with the names of 200 dogs, declares United States Marshal Fagin. "They received one cent for each name," said Fagin, "and each name means more money for Boss George B. Cox to spend by his cronies. Every janitor and every teacher is a politician."

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