

BOYS AND THE BOY SCOUTS

All Kinds of Subjects.
In the preceding articles which have run in The Daily Statesman we have told you a little about the organization called the "Boy Scouts of America." We have also had something to say about the fact that scout ing appeals to and inspires all kinds of boys. We presented our facts by means of samples of different kinds of boys and showed how the life of the scout would reach them, overcome their difficulties, provide a means of proper expression, train them to kindness and usefulness. Now we want to talk a bit about the many subjects that are presented to the scout and how they are made to make the appeal we have claimed for them.

How Much it Costs the Boy.
But somebody was asking the other day how much it costs a boy to be a scout, and we would like to answer that very important question before we proceed. This man said he had been reading these articles and he was thoroughly interested because he had one of those boys we talked about. But he said: "I don't know if we can afford it. How much does it cost the boy? Of course, we'll have to put up the money for his course."

This man was an interested father. He took the trouble to investigate. He just couldn't wait until the end of these articles to find out whether this Boy Scout movement was within reach of his pocketbook. He made a most natural error in thinking that perhaps the scout movement was run for profit. But it isn't. It is an investment of the citizens of a community almost the same as the public school. It is supported by the voluntary subscriptions of public spirited citizens who believe in investing in boys.

Well, it costs the boy 25 cents a year. No. Not 25. Twenty-five cents a year.

That is the annual registration fee. The only required sum is this registration fee of 25 cents.

How about the uniform? The uniform is not required. A boy can be a scout without any uniform. He can't wear it at first anyhow. And it is something for him to look for-

ward to and work for if he ever is to wear it.
And then there is something else. The boy must be 12 years of age before he can be a scout. And he is taught in the period preceding his right to wear a uniform that he should himself earn the money to buy it. Some troops vote an assessment of a nickel a week for common use in the troop. But that is optional with the troop.

The father or mother might put up the 35 cents for a scout handbook. There is nothing else to be put up. The boy pays his own way.

Now for Those Subjects.
There are so many things that are taught the Boy Scout that the campaign would be all over before we should have finished if we tried to tell the mail. So we will have to do the same as we did with the kinds of boys, just present a few samples. But you can find the rest if you want to procure one of those handbooks at the local scout's headquarters here in Salem.

In Woods or City Streets.
The scout is taught not to get lost in either. In the open he learns to tell north from south, east or west by means of signs plainer than those at our city street corners. In the city he must become so familiar with it that he can guide strangers. He is taught where the fire alarm boxes are, where the nearest doctor lives from many different points, where the hospitals are and the quickest way to reach them. He knows the names of his city officials and what their duties are. What do you think of the civic importance of that in the days to come?

In the open the scout learns to tie a knot that will hold. He is taught to climb a tree that would stump folks who didn't know how. He can swim a river, pitch a tent, mend a tear in his trousers. He can tell poisonous plants. He knows the stars by name and can find his way by them. He learns of animals and fish and the habits and habitat of them.

His Trained Eye.
A scout walks through the woods with silent tread. No dry twigs snap under his feet. When he has learned that he makes less clatter at home. When he gets his feet under control the furniture is not marred and he doesn't bring in so much dirt.

The scout sees many things in the woods that others might easily pass without observing. He has been taught the tracks of the forest. He knows the signs that reveal the nature and habits of the creatures that made them. He learns to see much and be but little seen.

Like the old frontiersman, he does not shout his wisdom from the house tops. He learns the quiet that comes from knowledge. He is taught to speak softly and to answer questions modestly. He recognizes a braggart, but does not challenge him, simply smiling as the loose-wagging tongue reveals the other's ignorance. He is never looking for trouble, but neither does he fear it, for his motto has constantly been that of the scout: "Be prepared."

The Honor of the Scout.
A scout holds his honor to be his most sacred possession.

True, once in a great while, a boy goes back on his oath. But here is an interesting bit of actual fact that occurred about one such that did land in a juvenile court. His face was set and hard. He had steeled himself not to give an inch. The judge talked with him and his father, then of his mother. Yet he did not yield. Then he found that the boy had once been a scout. That wise judge began to talk about the Scout oath and law. The boy shuddered minute he started on the road back.

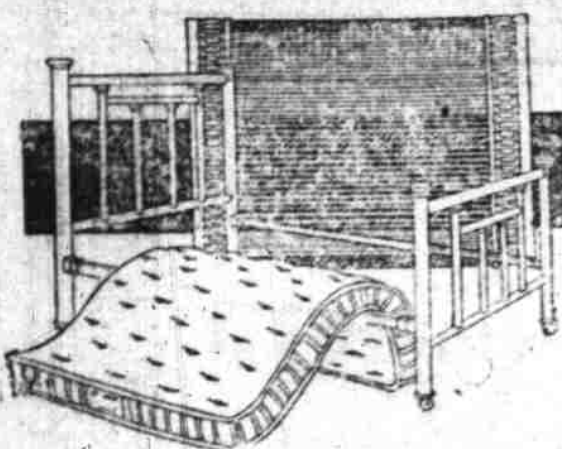
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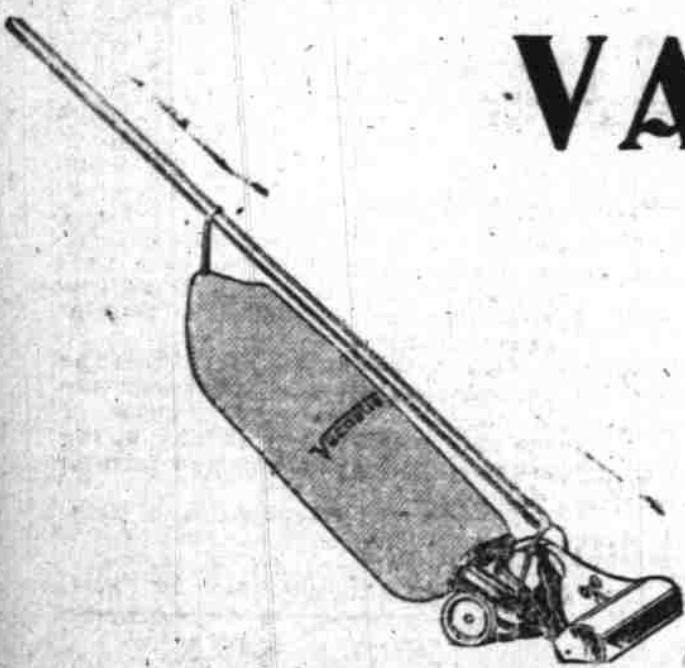
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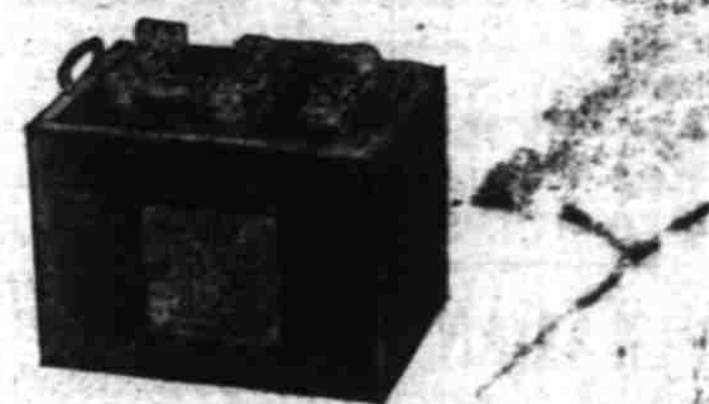
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The vote was as follows:
For—Baldwin, Bell, Eddy, Gill, Handley, Jones, Lachmund, Orton, Pierce, Ritter, Shanks, Smith of Coos and Curry, Smith of Josephine, Strayer, Thomas, Vinton.
Against—Banks, Eberhard, Farrell, Howell, Huston, Hurley, La Follett, Moser, Nickelson, Norblad, Patterson, Wood.
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