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## THE GOOD OLD DAYS

Were they so good?
That would be answered in the negative by most moderns Who have become accustomed to plumbing, electric lights, newspapers with news by wire and cable from the whole wide
world, railroads, and a thousand and one other things unknown to the people of this or any other land a century ago-

Commonplace now; undreamed of then.
out The daughter of the man who brought the first cook
stove to the Willamette valley is living in' Salem -and the stave to the Willamette valley is living in Salem-and, the is not. The daughter of the woman who had the first sewing of this valley is a resident of Salem; and surely not old in appearance. The son of a woman who saw the
in the United States is a resident of Salem -
And yet the forefathers managed to find life tolerable
and exciting. They were longer in getting about from place to place, but not having experienced faster transportation than they knew, they probably did not. miss rapid transit.
The newspapers of a century ago were laughable from ur standpoint, but they brought fresh news when they came, even if most of
until it is told.
The simple pleasures of the past sufficed to meet the
needs of a people unfamiliar with those of greater complexity. The tallow candle provided a subdued light that gave little opportinity for reading, but then there was little to
that is, little as we of the present view the matter.
The early settlers worked hard and lived simply and them/ and their feelings any indication that theys found life disappointing, or that they were dissatisfied with what we, If the year 1925, would consider pretty poor living conditions. nuch. They had the experiences of a life in a land that provided great hunting and fishing, they could and did take
more intelligent interest in political matters than do citizens
enerally nowadays, and what is more, and this is not unimenerally nowadays, and what is more, and this is not unim-
portant, they had time for sober thinking along the lines which make for character building.
ity in early manhood, there to take precedence of the city bred boy, and all because as a boy he lived in surroundings
which were not of a character to keep him from pondering on the problems of life in a manner that later has served in many nstances to give him a distinct advantage over the youth
who has never aequired the habit of thinking. If no acci-
dent that has made the country boy so prominent in his mature years in all worthwhile manifestations of our national,
industrial, economic and commercial life. That prominence races to the freedom of his youth from the distracting, pithing and
city life.

The older generations have the feeling that the youth of that the cause is found in distractions of modern life and which they, as children, never experienced. Are they wrong in thinking that the rising generation is mentally shallower, albeit "smarter", than were they at the same age?
The question will be answered in various ways.

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& \text { Whatever the truth of the matter may be, in all prob- } \\
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upon the conditions of life existing now and feel sympathy upon the conditions of life existing now and feel sympathy
for those forced to endure them. And yet most of us are no laboring under the impression that we are missing anything. Probably in grandfather's day, he too, felt his life to be com-
plete and satisfying in the matter of comforts and conveniences and a great improvement over that of the man who had The "good old days" bere him,
The "good old days" were only good enough to satisfy
TIMELY RESOLUTION Mas Law and fts observance is fundamentally ernment of these Uafted States, and arvation of the cor-
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 The expressions of this resolution are one hundred per threaten the preservation of our government. Disregard for law and executive authority is prevalent to a degree unknown in our country's history
With increased temptations for pleasure and the result-
demands for money brought about by the present jazz ra, there results greater indifference to the personal and property rights of others. The mania for auto speed and for other excitement resuits in increased number of crimes and
misdemeanors. Grownups spurred on by various unhealthful stimuli ransgress the motor, prohibition and other laws and still
try to make themselves and others believe they are good try to make thenselves and others believe they are good
citizens. Youth, in a mad rush for conquest and pleasure, influenced by example or independently, disobeys the laws until the larger portion of the crimes of the state are com-
mitted by this class of citizens under twenty-one years of age nitted by this class of citizens under twenty-one years of age.
${ }^{5}$ Remedial steps are imperative. The remedy lies with he law abiding element. This resolution voted by spch men
as Charles E. Wolverton, Judge of the United States District Court, Robert Tucker, Circuit Judge of Multnomah county, Portland is a signal for personal abservation of all laws. The first duty of every citizen is to observe authority,
obey the law. Without this obedience there is anarchy. Added to the personal duty to ones self and to the community
and state, there should be imperative insistence that others and state, there should be imperative insistence that others
shall also obey the law and it is still further incumbent upon exery citizen to encourage and assist those
enforcement of our laws and ordinances.
The above resolution coming from a business men's or-
ganization and endorsed by the best element of citizenry in the state should cargy with it great weight on the side
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