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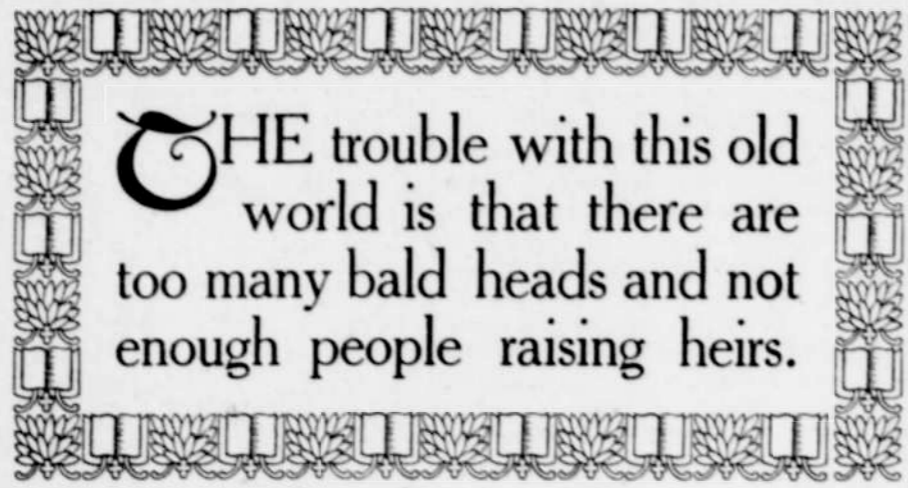
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THE trouble with this old world is that there are too many bald heads and not enough people raising heirs.

### HELPING THE BOYS.

WHAT to do with our boys is a greater problem than what to do with our ex-presidents. For one thing there are more of them, and for another thing the mischief they get into is not condoned as readily by the public.

The boy problem takes precedence over the tariff and money questions. It is harder to tell what a boy will do than to figure out what schedule "K" will do to the sheep business. It is harder to keep his trousers from wearing through where the son sets than to make the ad valorem cover the difference in the cost of production abroad and the cost of high living at home.

A boy will get twice as dirty as the filthy lucre and is three times as elusive.

The Department of State may have its difficulties in deciding upon the psychological moment to turn the Mexican over its paternal knee, but such problems fade into insignificance when compared with the one of fitting to the hand that part of the anatomy with which an all-wise and beneficent creator provided all boys for the purpose of receiving chastisement.

It is a problem of some proportions to decide what amusement shall be allowed an idle army of a million men, but it is simple and lucid compared to the dilemma which confronts the sire of 10 robust and healthy boys during vacation time.

An elastic currency may be needed for the proper and safe conduct of the gigantic business of the greatest nation of past, present or future ages, but propounding a national currency that will expand a mere bagatelle of a couple hundred billion, is as simple as 2 and 2 are 4 compared to the stretching of the ordinary salary to cover the clothing bill of a family of boys.

Great problems may face the nation. What Wilson may do about this or that is of some import, but what to do with the growing citizen, the embryonic statesman, the captain of industry of tomorrow, the boy of today, is the great problem.

He should be guided in ways that will make him a credit to his country, to himself and to his forebears. He should be kept out of danger, but must know what the danger is. He should be kept from temptation while beset by sin. He can't help but know much of the bad while being trained to practice most of the good.

He who solves the boy problem will earn a reward greater than any which can be given on earth and will make of hell a seclusive club for the predatory rich. It gives us pleasure to note a move in the right direction.

The chamber of commerce of Vale has given the boys of that city the use of its handsomely appointed club rooms twice each week. It has taken the future citizens of Oregon into partnership. It is furnishing them entertainment where temptation can not reach them. It is furnishing them healthful amusement under circumstances where the lads will not learn to mouthe cuss words nor be told obscene and smutty stories.

In company with fathers and brothers their conduct will be different than if playing cards in some out-of-the-way building with no one but themselves to see and hear. The boys will see how men behave themselves, and with their imitative tendencies will disport themselves as men instead of as street rowdies. Cigarettes and booze will not reach them. Worry will be lifted from the mind of the over-burdened mother—and dad will have a plausible excuse for going to the club. The Lord knows he needs a new one.

The action of the Vale club is not more important in what it actually does than in what it teaches parents. If parents can take children into partnership with them; if they can make their companions the companions of their children; if they can be the confidantes of those they have brought on earth; if they can learn to enjoy the things the youngsters enjoy and train the youngsters to enjoy the things they enjoy; if parents can know where their boys and girls are in hours of pleasure as well as work; the morals of adolescent youth will only be corrupted by the morals of those responsible for their being.

Also the talk and actions of parents will be on a higher plane when they know children are around.

May other commercial bodies hasten to follow the plan of the Vale chamber of commerce.

### COAST NEEDS CAPITAL.

MR. GILSTRAP in a recent article in the Eugene Guard voiced in a very able manner a sentiment that has often been expressed by The Sentinel, to the effect that it is a mistake for the Pacific Coast to be longer advertised as a haven of refuge for the financially embarrassed and a Mecca for the laborer. Those looking for employment are coming rapidly enough without further solicitation. What the country needs is capital to develop the natural resources, to convert the timber into marketable goods, to take the wealth out of the soil. There are opportunities here unequalled anywhere for the capitalist large or small. As rapidly as further capital is invested new employment for labor will be developed. For the present, while labor generally is employed, positions are pretty generally filled.

### PROGRESS OF PROHIBITION.

WHETHER constitutional or not, the passage of the Webb bill by a majority so large as to give it the distinction of being the second bill in fifteen years to be passed over a presidential veto, and with votes to spare at that, shows distinctly a great change in public opinion in a few years. At the session previous to this one the same measure was up and many of those who voted in favor of it at this session maneuvered away from it at that time.

Two years ago it would have been impossible to have secured a majority, yet the measure passed last week by a three to one vote in the senate and a two and a half to one vote in the house.

The vote does not represent the personal feelings of those voting so much as it does the sentiment at home. Booze is getting into bad odor it seems, and should it be found that this measure is unconstitutional some other means to gain the same end will be found, providing public sentiment does not change.

The real feeling towards intoxicants has probably not changed so materially. There never was a time when many advocated the use of whisky for raising the standard of morals. It is simply that those who were all the time opposed to it, possibly while using it themselves, have taken arms against it. Transportation companies, against whom the Webb bill is aimed, forbid its use by employes while on duty. Even some saloonkeepers forbid bartenders to use it during business hours. If those who use the stuff can be depended upon to continue the warfare, prohibitionists have good reason for their present optimism.

The Oregon Manufacturers' Association is coming to life with a campaign for Oregon-made goods. A representative is traveling through the valley conducting a campaign in each city. Oregonians know that the state will not grow as it should until residents insist on having Oregon-made goods when possible, but they forget, or get careless, or feel that their share is not enough to make a difference. It is expected that the campaign now in progress will have a healthful effect upon Oregon industry by bringing to the attention of buyers the importance of buying the products of Oregon factories.

A municipal judge of Chicago has developed the unique punishment of compelling drunkards to gaze upon themselves in a looking glass. The Sentinel stated some time ago that it was peculiar that any man would get drunk after seeing how another acted in that condition. Maybe seeing themselves will have a more salubrious and salutary effect.

For the benefit of those who may not have read about it in the dailies we would state that it appears that Woodrow Wilson has been successfully inaugurated and his inaugural address conformed in most details to the advance copies sent the press.

Springfield authorities recently arrested a bootlegger for selling "snow." Anyone guilty of trying to make the guileless believe that snow can be found in the famous, fertile, fruitful Willamette this time of year should be given a life sentence.

Chas. H. Fisher, for seven years editor of the Eugene Guard, has retired. The pleasure we take in felicitating E. J. Finneran upon gaining complete control is only equalled by that which we take in speeding the other.

Battling Nelson and wife are suing one another for divorce after a couple of weeks of married life. Possibly Battling wanted to use Mrs. Battling for a sparring partner and she refused.

An exchange says it makes no pretensions to being a live wire. It's a good thing to know your own limitations.

**Celebrates 86th Anniversary.**  
Albany Democrat: Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Kirkland of this city left this morning for Independence to attend the celebration of the 86th anniversary of Mr. Kirkland's father, J. W. Kirkland, which occurs in that city today.

J. W. Kirkland is one of Oregon's oldest and most highly respected citizens and is the oldest Odd Fellow in the state, having joined the order when but a youth. He has many friends in Independence where he has been engaged in the real estate and abstract business for twenty-five years, who will extend to him their hearty congratulations.

Mrs. J. E. Kirkland is a sister of Mrs. S. V. Allison of this city.

If everyone could have everything he wanted, there would be no possible way to supply the demands.

Sterilization bills are passing various legislatures—and the assumption is, there will be fewer legislators.

The more positively some questions are answered, the more certain they are to be asked over and over again.

It begins to appear as if there will be a dirth of golden anniversaries among growing generations.

It's all right to toot your own horn if you can make good.

When Teddy isn't on the front page, it is so unusual as to attract attention anyway.

Does anyone know who is at the head of the revolution in Mexico this week?

Quite often the most effective criticism is that which would have never been spoken but that the criticized and criticizer had a falling out.

### Things We Think

Things others think, and what we think of the things others think.

Warm up! Let the sunshine into your heart.

A man who would fly into a tantrum if you impugned his honesty, will brag of how he beat the assessor.

A baby is too precious a thing to be taken around promiscuously—keep it at home, where you can watch it.

The poor—and Socialism—are always with us.

A man will loaf around all week—and then work Sunday.

The less temptation there is in the world the more good people there will be.

Love and whiskey rob men and women of their brains.

Refusing to pay what you owe is not economy under a strict interpretation of the word.

Considering the state of mind young folks get into, it is a wonder that so many show as good judgment as they do in making a choice.

We all believe that children should be whipped for their own good—but we like to see it tried out on our neighbor's kids first.

Death and taxes are certain—and it is about as hard to pay one as the other.

Common occurrences are said to attract little attention, but every new Mexican revolution gets onto the first page.

If folks didn't have so much money, the cost of living wouldn't be so high.

This is a mighty small world for the man who is afraid of being caught.

Every person feels unusually important on the day he gets a big mail.

When his friends have pulled him out of a scrape to save him from getting licked, a man acts ferocious enough to clean up the whole town-ship.

The greatest cry of hard times, if you have happened to notice, is made by those above want.

The fellow looking for a \$25 job often overlooks the fact that 25 one dollar jobs get the same result.

An ice bill is cold realism.

Most folks expect their friends to do too much for them.

The girl with the marshmallow complexion thinks she is the candy kid.

Along about this time of year there are about two weeks in which the man of the house does his annual stunt of preparing for the best garden in the country.

Spring poets are in season and there is no limit.

Everyone believes in home rule—it's on the question of rulers that the disagreement occurs.

Mexico is a republic, but it is always the president who is overthrown, not the government.

Abuse blackens both the giver and receiver.

There are lots of people who could afford to own automobiles who feel they couldn't afford to run them.

Some men spend ten dimes making good fellows of themselves with the fellow who has spent a dollar, and think it a profitable way of advertising.

The woman who likes housekeeping may not get out in society as much as her sister, but she is quite often the best society.

While the United States proposes to lengthen the presidential term, the trend in Mexico seems to be the other way.

Some people take pleasure in predicting that all sorts of terrible things are going to happen.

A proposed reform is often made possible and popular because of the arguments against it.

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