

# The Herald

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## THE TREND OF THE TIMES.

It is becoming a very common thing to see headlines in our large daily journals such as, "A Youthful Band of Burglars," or "Boy Highwaymen," or some other style of display announcing the youthful condition of those engaged in criminal pursuits. The subject as stated in the caption of this article is one worthy of consideration, as the youths of today will be the grown-up men and women tomorrow, upon whom will fall the mantle of citizenship and progress, and as the boy is father of the man, what manner of building will be the future structure?

There is no denying the fact that the trend of the bulk of the human family is toward evil, that there are not those safeguards thrown around the boys and girls in very many instances, which are so necessary to a life of purity and usefulness; a life in which each shall shine out in burnished splendor because of the moral worth and the intelligence attained.

This subject is attracting attention, and thoughtful persons are pondering to discover the cause for this deflection of youthful minds, so early from paths of right doing, into the highway to criminal degeneracy.

In the search for cause of this condition the Portland Telegram mentions two things as abettors of criminal tendency—the moving picture show and the pool room—the first because of the adeptness with which theft and burglary are depicted, and the second because of its fascination, and its tendency to lead its devotees into the paths of vice in order to get easy money so that the acquired taste may be satisfied.

Well, it is very possible that each of these causes contribute to that end, but we are of the opinion that there are other contingencies which lead up to these conditions, and that perhaps the estrangement from rectitude begins in the home life and is the result of parental training on the part of father or mother or perhaps both. It is in the home the child gets its first lessons, and if father and mother does not give the tender mind such training as will guide it into safe bounds, it will take its course from that which it is permitted to observe and learn other ways, and as the mind thus neglected and started and left alone to follow its own guidance, is developed nearly or altogether under carnal conditions, it becomes extremely selfish, and with selfishness comes a corresponding disregard for the rights and interests of others, and, hence, you have little trouble in forecasting the bent of a person so trained, the only

exception to the rule is where such person comes to a point where the higher aspirations within them are awakened whereupon many turn face about and climb toward the better, higher and grander objects in life.

This is an age of theft, burglary, murder, graft and crime of every description; bankers, mayors, senators, representatives and statesmen of high degree have been involved in plundering in one form or another. Trusts hold up the people every day in the week and Sunday also, and the world generally is pleasure mad, then why, think it strange that the youthful mind should start its owner out in the highway of the criminal.

The saloon comes in as another mighty factor in the chain of conditions that leads to iniquity as it breeds idleness, and and disregard for law and order, besides bringing about conditions in its subjects where too often they commit crime to get the means to satisfy the appetite wherewith the saloon has cursed them.

Disobedience to law and the laxness with which its mandates are enforced has brought about present conditions, and the trend of the times reminds us of an incident of long ago:

The people of Judah once upon a time delivered a just man to death and ask that the thief and robber be turned loose in their country; the world knows the result; the Jews are yet wanderers from home and national life.

## THE NORMAL PRESIDENCY.

News of the appointment of J. H. Ackerman to the presidency of the State Normal School at Monmouth reached this place Monday evening and to say, so far as our people and the HERALD are concerned, that it gave satisfaction is but to express the situation mildly.

Mr. Ackerman is a leading educator, not only well known all over Oregon, of which he has been State Superintendent for the last twelve years, but his fame has gone out throughout the length and breadth of our country as an instructor of exceptional ability, and the people of Oregon can rest assured that this institution will flourish under Prof. Ackerman's care until it is the equal if not the superior of any Normal school anywhere.

Mr. Ackerman assumes the responsibility of his position on February 1st and we can expect to soon see preparatory work going forward.

## Oil sign on Bear Creek

Gas in abundance is now coming from the Bear Creek well of Miocene Oil and Gas Co. On last Tuesday there was so much rumbling in the well that a lighted match was thrown over the casing and the blaze flared up to a height of about three feet above the casing, and continued to burn with a steady blaze more than a foot high and covering the entire area of the well, the diameter of which is seven and five-eighths inches, until the men extinguished the flames.

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feet of this layer of sandstone, this conclusion being reached from the formation already gone through. And if the indications prove to be sustained, there will be little doubt to the outcome.

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## Church Directory.

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Prayer Meeting Wednesday evening.

**CHRISTIAN CHURCH.**  
W. A. WOOD, Pastor.  
Morning Service at 11. a. m.  
Evening Service at 7:30 p. m.  
Sunday School 9:45 a. m.  
Y. P. S. C. E. 6:30 p. m.  
Prayer Meeting Wednesday 7:30 p. m.

**BAPTIST CHURCH.**  
W. W. DAVIS, Pastor.  
Preaching Service, 11:00 a. m.  
" " 7:30 p. m.  
Sunday School, 10:00 a. m.  
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