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Hardly a day passes but what we hear or read of some terrible crime that has been committed. Should not this awaken the social reformer to a sense of duty when an existing evil is fostered and reared at our very doors? Indeed it should. That society's machinery for punishing the criminal class, with a view to suppressing crime is unsatisfactory will be generally admitted. We have every offense that can be committed. To each is assigned a penalty that should at once be vindictive in visiting upon the actual offender the sharp consequence of his misdeeds. For the execution of these statutes a costly establishment is maintained. There are courts for the trial of criminals and for the hearing of appeals in their cases. There are prosecuting officers charged with the duty of bringing to justice all who violate public and private rights. In theory the system is complete, but the practical difficulty is that the laws are not enforced. Officers of the law are negligent in failing to detect criminals and sometimes conniving at crime. Jurors avail themselves of shallow pretenses for acquitting prisoners, and the guilty are permitted to escape through legal technicalities. Delays that often defeat justice are tolerated, and sometimes a false public opinion, a public sentimentality shields convicted scoundrels from final judgment. Often it happens that men who are themselves criminals gain control of some part of the administration of justice, or at least have powerful political influence over those who are charged with the execution of the statutes. Surely a radical reform is needed in the working of the machinery which society has provided, at much expense, for its own protection, but the student of affairs who has a habit of looking at causes as well as effects, realizes that a deeper and more radical reform is required. It is not enough

to punish criminals. That part of police regulation, necessary, as it is, will always be more or less defective. We must check evil tendencies before they have ripened into positive crime. We must prevent men from becoming criminals. In other words, we must lay the ax at the very root of crime. In order to make an effective application of this radical treatment, we must examine the sources of crime. We must ascertain whence the vast and constantly increasing army of criminals is recruited. The criminal class is almost wholly made up of those who have been nurtured in vice, and the circumstances of their lives started and pushed on in evil ways. Crime, in its various specialties and stages, is a thing of steady growth. It is the result of an educational process quite as much as is the habit of well-doing. The bulk of the criminal army is composed of those who have been subjected to vicious influences from their youth up who have been compelled to drift toward evil from the time they left the cradle. Here lies the root of the matter. Here, if anywhere, must the remedial treatment be efficiently applied. The close observer of the varied aspects of the life of large towns or great cities can hardly wonder that the calendars of the criminal courts are crowded with indictments; that prisons are filled with offenders; that the report of firearms are heard and the gleam of the knife seen so often; that the burglars are so busy with their ingenious tools; that the pick-pocket acquires such dexterity in the art of appropriation. Such are the surroundings of thousands at the age when character is forming. That their development into criminals is inevitable in the absence of something like a miraculous interposition. To state the case in a single sentence, bad boys make bad men. The discipline of bad boys, then, is the grave duty of the social reformer. If this duty be neglected all other reformatory measures are vain. The disease must be treated before the diseased become subjects for the penitentiary or the gallows. The discipline of bad boys is the only sovereign remedy. Two words describe the bad boy situation—ignorance and idleness. The prescription is education and occupation. If the boy be not educated for good he most assuredly will be educated for evil. Therefore it is the

duty parents owe their children to encourage them to attend Sunday school, teaching them to shun even the appearance of evil, and you will be striking a telling blow at the existing evils of today.

WOMEN ANGLERS EXCLUDED

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with the county clerk setting forth his age, residence, occupation, etc., an annual license shall be issued to such person by the county clerk to whom such application shall be made and shall be as follows:

1st. For the purpose of hunting for taking, catching or killing any of the wild fowl, game birds or animals protected by the state of Oregon, and which said license shall entitle the party to whom such license is issued to hunt for, pursue, catch or kill any of the said game animals or birds within the state of Oregon during the open season when it is lawful to kill the same, and every person who is a citizen of the state of Oregon, upon the issuing of said license shall pay to the county clerk the sum of \$1 and every non-resident of the state of Oregon shall pay for said license the sum of \$19.

2d. For the purpose of taking or catching trout, salmon trout or bass by hook or line, commonly called angling, within the state of Oregon, during the open season when it is lawful to take or catch the same, and if said person is a male person of the age of fifteen years or more and a resident of the state he shall pay the county clerk the sum of \$1 and if a non-resident, the sum of \$5.

No license shall be granted for a period of more than one year, and all licenses shall expire on the thirty-first day of December next after their issuance and the same shall not be transferable. All moneys so collected by the county clerk shall at least once in every three months be forwarded to and deposited with the state treasurer and be placed to the credit of a fund which is hereby created to be known as the game protection fund, and which fund shall be used exclusively for the protection and propagation of game and fish within the state of Oregon under the direction of the state game and forestry warden, or such other officer or officers as may be vested with authority to enforce the laws of the state for the protection of game or

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same fish; and the moneys so turned into said game protection fund shall be used for no other purpose than for the protection and propagation of game and game fish within the state. All fines collected under the provisions of this act shall be paid to the state treasurer, and shall by him be placed to the credit of said game protective fund.

Any person violating any of the provisions of this section shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor, and upon conviction thereof shall be punished by a fine of not less than \$25 nor more than \$150, or by imprisonment in the county jail of the county wherein such unlawful act was committed for not less than ten days nor more than ninety days or by both such fines and imprisonment.

PASS 8TH GRADE EXAMINATIONS

Following are the names of the pupils who completed the eighth grade examinations for Polk county for the May examinations:

- District No. 1, Zena—Joyce Crawford, Eulalia Davis.
- District No. 2, Dallas—Arthur Bennett, Jessie Plessinger, Glen Brock, Jessie Howard, Alfred May, Ray Boydston, Lorin Butler, Frank Campbell, Eddie Staffin, Faye Percival, Frank Wilson, Gladys E. Smith, Ruth V. Campbell, Abigail Walker, Clark VanOrsdal, J. Harold Stouffer, Irene Hutchins, Francis M. Holmes, Carolyn Gohrke, Claudia Brown, Louise Rasmussen, Edith A. Griffith, Pearl M. Phillips.
- District No. 5, Pedee—Hettie Kinsey.
- District No. 11, Parker—Guy Peterson, Owen Peterson, Elmer Fredrickson.
- District No. 17, Bethel—Wilford Jenkins, Edith Romig, Nelle F. Stewart, Isaac Boyer, Elmer Boyer, Verda M. Hubbard.
- District No. 19, Oak Grove—Joseph E. Allen, Hursel Sanderson.
- District No. 9, Ballston—Helen Anderson, Gilbert Campbell, Earl Conner Cassie Sears, Lillian Short, Gerald Tillery.
- District No. 26, Rickreall—Harry en Kreamer, Susie Whitcomb, L. Taylor, Irene Hayes, LaNora Smith.
- District No. 27, Oak Point—Harold Brooks.
- District No. 29, Independence—Lena Brown, Frank Kirkland, Hilda Hille, Alice Muhleman, Dena Miller, Muriel Boyle, Effie Cuthbert, Gretchen Kreamer, Sussie Whitcomb, L. Jackson Purvine, Marie Jones, Gladys Byers, Velma Bush, Bessie Hartman, Marie Byers, Bertha Collins, Helen Hart.
- District No. 32, West Salem—Glenn Hogg, Perle Davis.
- District No. 35, Spring Valley—Harry Lenstrom, Myrtle J. Miller.
- District No. 37, Harmony—John McLean, Floyd Hayes, Della Hicks, Cora McLean, Velma Blair.
- District No. 40, Lincoln—Irene Bradford.
- District No. 43, Suver—Carl Larsen.
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