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The Moral Slump

The Portland Evening Telegram in its issue of November 30, had a searching editorial under the above caption. It accepted the fact that a moral slump was in evidence, that the old moral standards were breaking down, and then considered "what caused the breakdown, and how, if possible these standards may be restored."

After stating various contributory causes, such as the unrestricted liberty which is allowed young people, and "an actual lapse from the wholesome proprieties and moral sanctions that hedged father and mother about in their early years," and "money, leisure and opportunity to spend both, untrammelled by a fear of the Ten Commandments," it proceeded to show that the old code was built upon a religious foundation and that the morals and manners of our fathers and mothers had behind them the force of a divine command.

Here is the point, morality rests upon a religious foundation, which for some years has been gradually undermined, so the whole moral fabric is tottering. Decadence in religion is inevitably followed by decadence in morals, for morality which implies the discernment of good and evil and the making of the moral choice between the two, depends on God, in whom alone the standard of good is found, and who maintains and vindicates it.

The men who pride themselves on the correctness of their morals and the same time repudiate the obligation of religion, deceive themselves, for their ideas of morality have been instilled into them, and for the most part constitute an inheritance from a religious ancestry, bringing up an environment. They are like those who are living on the money bequeathed to them by a

hard working parent, and who are using it up without either conserving or adding to it, so that their children receive from them a diminished inheritance.

The baneful fact is only too evident, for who will claim that the present rising generations manifest the reverence, respect and godly fear which characterized their grandparents and great-grand parents?

How About the 18th Amendment?

The editor of the Portland Spectator has been warged a bottle of Scotch against a year's subscription to his paper, that he cannot correctly translate the motto on the English coat of arms, which reads "Dieu et mon droit."

We are curious to know more about that bottle of Scotch. Is it private stock or home brew?

Oregon Exchanges

The November number of the above publication has been received at this office for which our best thanks are extended. It is published at the School of Journalism of the U. of Oregon, and the Dean, Fric W. Allen, is the editor. It is full of matter of interest to the newspaper fraternity, and we notice that more and more women are engaging in the profession. This is as it should be, and for one we are willing to cry place aux dames.

A Good Move

The girls of the Walla Walla High School have abolished "cootie traps" whatever those may be. If they are those hirsute protuberances which hide the ears of the modern girl, their example is one that ought to be followed elsewhere. Why should a girl wish to hide her pretty ears in a manner which detracts from her good looks if she has any, or adds to her plainness if she hasn't?

CONGRATULATIONS

The Oregonian celebrated its 76th anniversary last week. We extend our heartiest felicitations to our eminent cotemporary and wish it a long continued career of influence and prosperity. No matter how long it may endure, there will be two names always connected with it, those of Pittock and Scott.

President Wilson sang his swan song to congress, Tuesday, by proxy, as his physician advised against his appearance in person. He dealt mostly with domestic matters and advised economy and tax revision. No allusion was made to the league of nations and he advocated giving independence to the Philippines.

Get Your Motor License

Motor vehicle owners who have not applied for their 1921 licenses are urged by the Secretary of State to do so at once in order to avoid congestion in the Department around the first of the coming year and also that they may avoid arrest by the peace officers for failure to carry 1921 license plates after January first. The law will be rigidly enforced by the inspectors of the department. There are now over 103,000 licensed cars in Oregon. To this time about 9,000 applications for 1921 licenses have been received. The facilities of the Department are limited, and unless the work involved in issuing licenses is distributed over a reasonable period car owners cannot expect to receive their license plates promptly. By delay they are improving their chances for arrest for failure to have their 1921 licenses by January 1, 1921.

A Book For Parents

The library has added to its shelves, "Theodore Roosevelt's Letters to his Children." It is a book well worth reading as it gives a charming intimate insight into the home life of that eminent man. However one may have differed from him in politics there can be nothing for him but admiration as a husband and father. The book might well be called "The Art of Being a Father."

About the State

Prineville, Ore.—Erection of a box factory at this place in the near future is contemplated by G. M. Cornett, local lumberman and merchant. He plans to care for the output of other mills in Prineville and to equip his plant with electric power and modern machinery.

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