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### WIPE OUT CRIME

We do not know from what publication the following was clipped, as it was handed to us by a friend, but with so many criminals and murderers escaping the just penalty of their crimes, the truth contained in the following cannot be given too much publicity:

The endeavor to find out what is the matter with America is giving rise to a great many editorials, more or less to the point. Some blame one thing, some another. Some think parents are at fault. Probably they are. Others think the young folk are "too fresh." They are. Then, the police are too slow. That is true. And the judges are too lenient. That is true also. And juries will not convict, and if they do, they treat the prisoner like a persecuted saint. All of which contains more truth than fiction.

What is the matter then? The fact is there is a great deal the matter, or rather, everything is the matter with us, too much money, too much license, too much conniving at law-breaking, too much "smart-Aleckness," too lenient execution of justice, too little punishment for crime. We feel sorry for the criminal before he gets sorry for his crime. Fathers, mothers, children, lawyers, judges, and all have let down until crime goes on enormously in America. Much of this is "smart" crime, cheating people by fake stocks, swindling them by bogus promotion schemes.

Various associations, civil and religious, are attacking the problem. As a fact, it is reported that crime is lessening. We quote a good editorial on the subject from the Chicago News as given in the Literary Digest:

"One of the basic principles of religion is that justice comes before mercy. That doctrine is common to both the Old Testament and the New. Both teach that God administers stern justice. Only when there is genuine and complete repentance does grace suspend the judgment.

The church should battle the maudlin sentimentalism which is turning criminals loose and putting a premium on wrong-doing. It should rebuke those who forget the victim and sympathize only with the criminal. It should proclaim that he who violates Nature's laws pays, likewise he who breaks the moral code should be required to pay. It should proclaim unflinchingly that law without penalty is useless, but with penalty it is effective. The church can do this and still uphold with perfect consistency its cherished doctrine of mercy and forgiveness. When law-breakers repent, then mercy and forgiveness may be expected. But the burden of proof is upon them to show that the repentance is genuine."

### WEALTH NOT SATISFACTION

Money does not always make its possessor happy or satisfied with life. Indeed, we believe more people who have plenty of money take their own lives than of those who are hard up or "down on their luck." Our old home paper from Long Island just at hand has a story about the body of a woman being found on the sound shore there who hadn't taken care of the \$1400 she was carrying before seeking death in its chilly waters.

Here's another story from the same paper, showing that those who are not anxious to die are sometimes just as careless about their valuables as those who are:

While motoring in Dutchess county last week, James H. Hildreth of East Hampton, picked up a bag in the highway that he later discovered contained \$100,000 in jewels and a large amount of money.

Later he returned the valuables to Mrs. George R. Reid, of New York, who, she said, laid the bag on the running board of her car and forgot to pick it up. As the car started the bag evidently dropped to the street. When she discovered her loss she immediately went back but by that

time Mr. Hildreth had picked it up and gone on.

Mr. Hildreth was in that section on business. When he first opened the bag he noticed only what appeared to be articles belonging to a physician so he closed it and tossed it into the rear of his machine, where it remained all day, with the car parked in various places. At night he made a more careful inspection of the bag, discovering its great treasure.

### HOW TO LIVE LONG

We've just been reading what Jim Corbett says about the way he has passed his fifty-ninth birthday and is still going strong, notwithstanding he used to be a prize fighter. A few sentences from his article in this week's Post are worth the pasting in the hat of every man who cares to prolong his life. Here they are:

"But to go back, the first rule I don't overeat! Sometimes I think the Associated Funeral Directors of America must be in cahoots with the cooks' union.

"As for red meats, personally, I find myself much better off by sticking to lamb, chicken and fish. I've seen the day when a good beefsteak under my belt meant a little extra steam for the final rounds; but I can last longer in the work I do now without it. And so can any man I forty-five or over, particularly if he is engaged in desk work.

"And avoid eating too many starchy foods. When the waiter comes around, switch that large order of potatoes German-fried or au gratin to a green vegetable; for green vegetables should form the background of a diet, with special emphasis on lettuce and spinach for most of us, and a sufficiency of fruit. Milk, buttermilk and cocoa can well take the place of coffee and tea, though a little of the latter will do no harm. But I know I have to be careful about them, for every once in a while when on the road I find myself on a coffee spree, drinking five or six cups a day. I always have to bring myself up short or there will be trouble.

"Another thing I try to avoid is ice water, and it's hard to do that when traveling, with a pitcher on every table. So I make a point of asking for a pitcher without ice the minute I sit down. Too chill water cramps the stomach and may bring on acute indigestion. But at least two quarts of water at the proper temperature should be drunk every day, mainly between meals, to flush out the system properly."

"All the above suggestions are subject to change, of course, under a doctor's directions; but they can be safely followed by most people.

"There is another very important principle to be observed at meals—do not start when nervously fatigued, angry or overexcited. Violation of this rule may even cause death, for the whole digestive apparatus at such a time is in an abnormal, poisoned condition. Better wait until you have calmed down, got a grip on yourself—or, better still, become relaxed—before you pitch in."

The Sentinel man doesn't believe he would still be at work in this office, going strong at seventy-eight years of age, if he hadn't been observing these rules of diet Corbett found so good some years ago. Indeed, if we had begun to live by them twenty years ago we have no doubt we would have evaded the rough jolt we had in 1916 but we have gone carefully ever since. And whatever the reader's age, he can hardly hope to be feeling as well as the writer does when nearing the eighties unless he takes them to heart, and lives by them.

### OF WHAT ARE YOU THINKING?

Wednesday morning of this week was just seven years since the world war ended on Armistice Day, November 11, 1918. The Oregonian of that date closes a leading editorial entitled "Of What Are You Thinking?" with these hopeful words, which express our idea on world conditions better than we could ourselves:

"We have the first hard purpose of the will for peace, as once an emperor had the will for war. We have the beginnings of disarmament, the pact of Europe to refrain from war, the imperfect but perfect agencies that in time will make an outcast of the very spirit of war—an outcast and an outlawed error. For sanity came slowly back to the nations, and the will to war grew less and less. This means that, while many danced and other fiddled, while some trafficked and others stole, there were men who did not lose sight of the urgency of the need to end all wars. You will say that these men, the nations they represent, are agnost at the cost, the economic wastage, of the strife of nations.

"Saying this, you will say that which is true. But something more than loss of trade, than loss of revenues, stands between the peace-makers and the temptation to war. Do

you know what it is? It is the shadow of the slain millions, whose composite countenance is that of hope and the wish to live. It gave us the scruples, did the great war; it raged, and tortured us. But keep this faith always with you. The world is the better for it, since it had to be—the world is the cleaner for it. Keep this purpose with you—it must not be again. Of what are you thinking this morning?"

### BUT DO THEY GET IT?

Marshall men and Boise bellows suddenly fall into unexpected ridicule in one day's work. There is romance all around us and life is as strange as the stories in the books.—Oregonian.

This scribe knows nothing of the Idaho bell hog, but he does know that the wife of the Marshall man mentioned was helping do the house work at his home not many moons ago. The statement that this man was to inherit Trinity Church property in New York didn't seem to us like anything to look on. We have been reading stories like that for the past sixty years. But Trinity church corporation has been getting an immense income from its property for generations, and this is the first intimation we have ever seen that its titles were not flawless. New Orleans' real estate titles, however, they have been scrapped about in the Supreme court of the United States for a century.

### BOOZE SENTENCES STIFFENING

Two years at hard labor in the county jail was the sentence given a prohibition law violator by District Judge Delch. "It was the offender's third conviction, and the severity of the penalty is without local precedent. Well, we have a precedent now. Fellows who violate the liquor law, and who accept as a normal risk the chance of a short sentence or a fine, who will not comprehend that once in enough, ought to receive just such sentences as this. The chronic liquor-law offender is a pest of no small proportions, yet it is evident that a too lenient treatment by the courts has confirmed him in his belief that it is all a game, and that he can beat it. When such a culprit has served two years at hard labor the probabilities are that he will have suffered a change of heart.—Oregonian.

Due to reports of a nation-wide shortage of potatoes, and perhaps for other reasons, potato prices have been steadily advancing for several weeks, although at the present time prices are lowering somewhat. Oregon has a fairly good yield this fall and the wise grower is he who sells when the market price will give him a fair profit, as the average farmer is not in position to speculate. The bulk of Oregon stock is going to California, says State Market Agent Spence.

The newspapers of the United States use up sixty million dollars worth of wood pulp a year in the shape of paper for the reading public, of which California and Oregon furnished nearly three million dollars' worth last year.

### Protected Deer Too Fleety

In Pennsylvania the farmers are mauling their energies for a change in present game laws, which so fully protect deer that farmers' crops, orchards and gardens are being fearfully devastated, with great money loss. In some counties the farmers declare they will be forced to abandon agriculture altogether unless some means can be found to combat the deer damage, as the latter animals are multiplying so rapidly and are becoming so bold under legal protection that farming is utterly unprofitable. The game is demanding that the coming legislature take some steps to protect the farmers from this needless loss.

This reminds us of the havoc wrought by deer in Fat Elk gardens in sight of Coquille.

### The Keen Vision of Bob

As instances of the extraordinary keenness of the sight of birds, it is stated that they will see a winking worm at a distance of 100 yards and fly as straight to it as an arrow from a bow: A sparrow 50 yards away will see a dropped crumb or pea and immediately dart to it, while the hawk-hawking swallow, skimming at 40 miles an hour, also marks its prey 100 yards ahead. The vision of birds is peculiarly sensitive to movement. The hawk poised 300 feet above a hillside of tangled brack and heather detects the movement of a mouse, and really super-telescopic sight is the heritage of eagles and vultures.—Oregon Sportsman.

If you want to subscribe for the daily and Sunday Oregonian you can still save half the cost of the Sentinel subscription by taking the two papers together.

### American Educational Week

Under the auspices of the United States Bureau of Education, the American Legion, the National Educational Association, every state in the union will celebrate the week of November 13-22 as American Educational Week. The newspapers of the country are being urged to give space to news and editorially concerning education, and the ministers of all denominations are to speak on the subject of education on Sunday, November 22.

The national authorities have assigned a special topic for each day, and their suggestions have been followed in a pamphlet put out by the state department of Public Instruction. A part of the week outlined in this pamphlet is to be followed in detail in Coquille, and above all, the Coquille schools wish to observe Friday as Know-Your-School Day.

On Friday, November 20, parents are urged to come to the school to learn more about the conditions under which their children are living, and the mental and spiritual guidance which they are receiving. All parents or friends of the schools are urged to visit on Friday, between 9 and 10:30. Each door will have the name of the teacher and the grade taught, or in the high school, the subjects taught, and the parents are urged to enter the rooms without knocking and observe the work.

The United States Bureau of Education suggests the following as some of the items for the parents to make note of in seeing the physical conditions of the school:

Are the school grounds beautiful with trees and shrubbery?

Is the playground sufficiently large, fairly level, and well drained?

Is the building in good repair?

Does the lighting meet hygienic requirements?

Does the heating and ventilating equipment meet approved standards?

Are ample provisions made against fire hazards?

Are the walls and ceilings finished in light tints?

Are the toilets kept in sanitary condition at all times?

Is pure drinking water provided with sanitary drinking devices?

Are dictionaries, supplementary readers, maps, globes, etc., provided?

Are the desks adjusted in size to the needs of the pupils?

Parents should not be made to feel, however, that they have been invited simply to inspect the physical conditions of the school, but that such inspection may be. Much good will come from the observance of this day, if the chief work has been planned in advance. Usual meetings should be held, but the week should be so organized that the teacher could take time to explain to visiting parents at the close of each recitation something of the nature of the work of the day, limits to be covered during the term, value of the subject-matter and its co-ordination with the next term's work. The parents should also have an opportunity to know what effort is being put forth by the teachers to make the atmosphere of the school wholesome and refining, and in this endeavor the special co-operation of parents should be sought.

At 1:45 an assembly and Student Body meeting will be held in the gymnasium by the high school students, and parents and friends are especially invited to attend. A short program will be given at that time.

**He Wants to Be Senator**  
James J. Crowley in a letter telling why he thinks the people of Oregon might do well to elect him United States senator at the election of 1926, has this to say about conditions in Alaska when he went there in 1908 as U. S. attorney, before we had national prohibition:  
"I found in that district 200 saloons, which were open twenty-four hours a day and seven days of the week and a 'red light' district in the heart of the city of Fairbanks comprising about six city blocks enclosed by a sixteen foot plank stockade and wire and guarded by a posse. The saloons in Alaska at that time were conducted under the liquor license system and the saloons, dance halls and houses of prostitution were all under the same roof, and in the same building. By applying to the license of removal of houses I succeeded in reducing the number of saloons from 200 to 27, abolished the dance halls, removed the saloons from their proximity to the mines and secured the abolition of the 'red light' district, following which the stockade was opened up and the unfortunate women moved out. I also enforced Sunday closing of all saloons."

**Half's Catarrh Medicine**  
To Charles Hogan, a lad of 12 years, goes the prize of catching about the biggest flounder ever pulled out of the Charles river, near Hartford. The fish weighed 20 pounds, was 22 inches long and measured 16 inches around. It was caught in the boy's gill-net.—Gold Beach Reporter.

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