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From the Editor's Point of View

The Crime Wave, like the Poor, Always With Us

We hear much these days about a wave of crime sweeping over the country. Don't let this kind of talk scare you out of any part of your year's growth. The calamity howlers are always with us—always have been—and the world wags on and, in the words of Cone, "every day, in every way, is growing better and better."

Fifty years ago a popular song was: "Do you wonder at crime? Do you wonder?" and gave the same explanation that was voiced by the I. W. W. a few years ago when it had a voice: "The rich are growing richer and the poor poorer." There is no basis of fact for it. The rich are growing richer, and so are the poor.

But the crime wave has steadily grown less since history was written. It is recorded that in the first generation of men one-half of them had murdered the other half. Far less than 50 per cent of us are Cains now.

Later on, all the people except one family were so wicked that they had to be drowned.

Sodom and Gomorrah were even worse than Herring, Chicago or Harrisburg, in wild and woolly Illinois of today. Yet of [the three saved for their virtue from those Dead Sea cities, within a few days one had gone on a drunken spree and all had committed acts of grossest immorality. The race has improved since then.

We even hope we may have seen the last great war. If so, one of the greatest forward steps mankind ever made was taken within these last ten years. And war as it has existed in so-called civilized nations had lost its most revolting features, slaughter and rapine, sack and pillage, in capture towns and cities.

Mankind steadily improves.

Napoleon said: "An army travels on its stomach." So does a snage. Which has been the greater curse to mankind?

The financial, physical and mental force that have been devoted to the prosecution of Mrs. McPherson at Los Angeles might, if differently directed, have solved the mystery of the Taylor murder and some others.

Coolidge's opponents are gilding and refurbishing the third-term beget to have it ready to say "Boo-oo-oo!" in sepulchral tones at the next republican convention. Some day some party may stick a pin in that spook and let the wind out. There will be nothing left.

Prepared for Fog

London policemen on the boats along the Thames river are equipped with hooks and life-saving jackets to assist in rescuing persons who are unfortunate enough to fall into the murky waters during a dense fog.

Seven Million Utility Investors

(Editorial in Casper Tribune)

More than 7,000,000 individual investors have purchased the securities of electric and gas utility companies, telephone and electric transportation companies, because of their confidence in them, says W. H. Hodge, of H. M. Byllesby & Co., owners of the Mountain States Power company.

The safety of their investments rests upon underlying conditions, here, among which are:

1. The securities are issued by industries rendering services which save the user money, time and inconvenience. They conserve, and do not waste; they build up, and do not destroy.

2. The investments are backed by tremendous physical plants and distribution systems, staked to and imbedded in the soil.

3. Modern gas, electric and telephone systems produce and distribute service at the lowest reasonable rates. Utility companies have held down rates during the past ten years, while costs of everything entering into expenses have advanced greatly.

The Loving Shepherd

A young and nervous curate was announcing that the rector would return on the following Sunday. He did so in the following flowery but rather confusing words: "I am happy to announce that your shoving leopard will be with you next Sunday and will occupy the pulpit at both services."—The Churchman.

Inferiority Complex

There are two ways for a man to know what an ornery cuss he can appear to be. One is to run for office and read the political advertisements of his opponent, the other is to be married and have his wife tell him what she thinks of him.—Florida Times-Union.

Cheap Seismograph

An instrument for detecting earthquakes, so simple of construction and so cheap that it could be installed in every home, has been perfected by a government scientist. The instruments now used are cumbersome and expensive, and consequently there are relatively few in operation throughout the world.

The World's Best

The American honey bee is the world's champion heavyweight honey maker. Many honey producers remove the sweet stuff from the combs by centrifugal or gravity extractors, a process which yields a clearer product than that which comes through the crude methods employed abroad.

Dramatic Poster Tells Graphic Story Of Need in Armenian Quake Zone



HALSEY, LINN AND OREGON

Allons Korn of Eugene, a senior majoring in English literature at the U. of O., after a competition in which candidates from Willamette, Reed, Linfield and Oregon Agricultural colleges participated, has been awarded the Rhodes scholarship for three years' study at Oxford university, England.

William Perry was here from Seattle Monday, looking after the estate of the late Mrs. McNeil.

Cecil Harrison of Brownsville was in town Tuesday.

A beet sugar factory at Salem is promised if 1000 acres of beets are grown in tributary territory next year and 8,000 in 1928.

John Arnold, L. D. Vidito, Ed Bowers and H. W. Vincent are the only surviving members of the Brownsville G. A. R.

L. E. Arnold, the Lebanon poultryman, contemplates a big hatchery at the county seat.

The official cruise raised Coos county forest valuations 373,000.

Last winter trappers captured 2019 Oregon beavers, worth \$28,316.

Klamath Falls has 11,500 population and a million dollar monthly pay roll.

Lake Labish district, Marion county, has shipped 367 cars of celery this year.

Halsey had a record weather change this week—wind from Santa Claus' headquarters and ice on puddles Monday and Tuesday and a southwest breeze and a drizzle Wednesday morning.

Miss Margaret Standish, who is still visiting at her great-uncle John's, seems to like such Halsey society as she has encountered. She is not within the age limit for bobs posted in the window of Miller's barber shop, but she wears her hair about all the same.

In these times of text-book squabbling students of history and geography can find much useful information in our aerial story, "The Doom Trail."

Could you hear Santa Claus' bells jingle when you saw snow on grass and boards Monday morning?

Mrs. Mary E. Windom of Brownsville has been divorced.

J. R. Mode has bought and he and the boys are running the Mason pool hall and confectionery at Peoria.

Mrs. J. C. Bramwell has a housekeeping job at Corvallis. Halsey people who attended the

Methodist men's conference in Portland last week report it an interesting affair. Mr. Hill was especially appreciative of the talk of Lorenzo H. King, negro orator, on "Methodism and the Negro Race."

Mrs. F. E. Kelsay of Landax Lane county, received 50 baby chicks Feb. 10. She raised 31 pullets and in 4 months and 5 days they were laying.

Over half a million house doors have been shipped from Oregon in the past year, most of them to Great Britain.

A shipment of Oregon strawberry plants was recently made to Cambridge, England. England's climate resembles ours, but she has less sunshine.

La Grande had a defective side walk over a flume. Leroy Bloomquist, 4 years old, fell into the flume and drowned. The supreme court has confirmed an award to his mother of \$7500 from the city.

There are 2,000,000 sheep in Oregon, yielding an annual return of \$11,000,000.

One case of chickpox, 7 of

influenza, 2 of mumps, 1 of pneumonia and 1 of tuberculosis were reported from this county to the state board of health last week.

Cooley & Co., proprietors of the South Brownsville general merchandise store, which has been in business 80 years, are selling out to quit.

The stage to pass here going south went into a ditch last night and a substitute came late.

Mr. and Mrs. Marks went to Portland Tuesday, expecting to return today.

Mrs. M. M. Ward had a fall last week Wednesday and was badly shaken up. She has not yet fully recovered from the effects of it.

Mrs. C. E. Smith arrived last week from Spokane for a stay of a few weeks.

S. B. Tyce of Brownsville died in an Albany hospital yesterday.

Church Notices

Pine Grove church: Rev. Mr. Smith will preach at 2 o'clock Sunday.

There will be no prayer-meeting at Pine Grove this week, as several are attending the revival services at the Peoria Free Methodist church.

Send in your church notice on Monday every week if possible. There may be no change, but the editor may not be certain of that and he does not want to take the risk of publishing an incorrect notice.

Pine Grove Points

(Enterprise Correspondence)

L. E. Eagy was a Corvallis visitor Thursday.

W. G. McNeil and wife visited at L. E. Eagy's Thursday.

Mrs. Sadie Peary of Woodburn and W. G. Peary of Seattle are visiting W. G. McNeil and family.

Miss Palmer and the children are preparing a program to be given Christmas eve and commitments have been appointed to get and decorate the Christmas tree.

The Women's Missionary society of the Peoria South Methodist church met with Mrs. E. E. Hover for its regular business meeting Thursday afternoon. Officers were elected as follows: President, Mrs. W. B. Smith; vice-president, Mrs. Minnie Gibbons; corresponding

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Starving Children Ask Us for Help

Freezing in Snow Where Noah Walked

Portland, Dec. 13, 1926.

To the Editor: 100,000 letters like the enclosed are going through the northwest region of the Near East Relief, a territory that extends from Utah to Alaska. On the returns from these letters will depend in part the future of 85,000 children now in American care in the near east, and the fate of 1800 children taken in from the earthquake-wrecked villages.

If funds permit, we will minister to 80,000 homeless people who face the long severe winter of the Caucasus. Their extra clothing is buried under tons of debris and stones, now frozen into a solid mass after having been soaked by days of rain, sleet and snow. Their poultry and cattle have been killed and half the food supply of the entire region destroyed.

J. J. Handsaker.

Dec. 13, 1926.

"Dear Friend: Once there was a country that little children called: 'The land that Santa Claus forgot.'

"The land is still there, and the little children too. It is the Bible-land country—the very same land where Jesus took little children into his arms and blessed them. There are 35,000 wistful tots—nearly every one an orphan.

"In biting zero weather, amid drifting snow, turned into crimson by their bleeding feet, without shelter, arched, at this moment, little children.

"Cities and villages have been destroyed, people buried alive, food supplies ruined and American orphanages wrecked by devastating earthquakes in Armenia.

"Anxiously these unfortunate people await America's response. Will you today please mail your check or contribution? Why not do it now, for life is at stake? If you have recently sent a check, please give this letter to a friend.

"Confident that your response will be both swift and generous, "Cordially yours, J. J. Handsaker, "Northwest Regional Director, "613 Stock Exchange Bldg."

Every dollar received for a NEW yearly subscription to the Rural Enterprise before 6 o'clock Friday evening, Dec. 24, will be turned over to the Near East Relief. Make the paper a Christmas gift to a friend and help the homeless little ones.

Bermuda-London Milestone

English miles are marked in some of the distant parts of the world, as for instance along a roadside in Bermuda one may read on a sign prominently displayed by the roadway this inscription, "London 3,076 Miles." The milestone was placed there about two score years ago by an active British official detailed there for service.—Ohio State Journal.

Mullet's Legal Standing

The bureau of fisheries says that the mullet is a fish. The question arose many years ago, when an attempt was made to restrict the catching of certain kinds of fish in North Carolina, the mullet among them. A fisherman was apprehended who had caught a mullet. His defense was that the mullet had a gizzard instead of a stomach—therefore, it was a fowl. The judge agreed with him.

Age and Weight

Many authorities agree that after a person passes the age of thirty he should weigh from 10 to 20 per cent less than the weight given on scales as average. They explain that after that age a person has ceased to grow and does not need extra weight for building. It is, therefore, deemed unnecessary to tax the heart with pumping blood through tissues which are not actually needed.



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- Games—Rook, Pit, Flinch, etc.
- Bill Folds \$1.00 to 3.00
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