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PLAY AND CRIME

The records of 5,000 delinquents in a large city were studied carefully. Three out of every four of these boys and girls showed what the investigator called "a direct connection between delinquency and habitual use of spare time." That is to say, they had no facilities for wholesome play out of school or working hours, or the play impulse took unwholesome forms, and the end of it was delinquency and minor crime. Or rather, the end is not yet. There is a little hope that the tide may be turned, but that is a difficult matter after the habit of crime has been established.

It is time that every community learned a few fundamental facts about children. They must have play, and in fact they will have play. The adult has no choice about the matter at all. Youth will be served.

The adult has choice, however, of what kind of play the youngsters of his town will have. Shall it be baseball and hockey, and nutting and camping parties under friendly and sensible direction, or shall it be window-breaking and garden despoiling and petty pilfering and cigarette-smoking and all the other things that lead to evil development?

This city has certain facilities for recreation. But has it enough? Does every boy and girl in it have a chance to work off the play instinct in a way that leads to good health and good citizenship? Or is the only chance for fun a morbid one?

Playgrounds cost money. Supervisors for them cost money. But they cost far less than jails and jailers. And does any community really prefer the jail with its sullen inmates and the furtive gang of corner loafers, forming its preparatory school, or the great big playground with its horde of happy, yelling, unendangered youngsters?

THE LEGION'S SELF-RESPECT

When the American Legion held its charter convention in Minneapolis not long ago it made clear and definite recommendations to the government for constructive work to be done in the coming year. It mapped out a program of Americanism and service to the country which it intends to carry out through its own organization. It is notable as a fine and characteristic attitude for the Legion that it asked no gifts for itself.

Congress has been playing with numerous suggestions for soldier bonuses and rewards, but has taken no definite step. It has seemed to put it up to the men and women who served to beg for such rewards. That they did not do so is one of the surest guarantees of their honest and honorable purpose in organizing.

They expressed a definite policy for dealing with un-American radicals. They strongly recommended prompt and fair action in caring for the men disabled in service. Government plans for those men have been excellent, but the carrying out has lagged dismally.

The men and women of the American Legion showed that they already had won the greatest reward for their service, a fine, level-headed self-respect. Whatever the public and its legislative body, congress, decides is the fair and just thing to do for its service men and women should be done promptly and with a keener pleasure because they asked nothing for themselves.

Von Mackensen has been making a "triumphant" tour of Germany. Those Germans, whatever their defects, certainly have imagination.

That regiment of Carranzistas that Villa massacred doesn't compensate for the loss of Angeles, either to Villa or to Mexico.

It would be fine, no doubt, to wade in and clean up Mexico. And it would mean more war taxes.

Without a Kick in It

Since kicks are unlawful and knockers taboo

By H. & A.

When the faucets cough and the water pipes crack;
And you shovel snow 'till it breaks your back;
When the town clock stops, and the milk man too,
And you try on your heater the coffee to brew—
IT'S WINTER Old man, it's winter.

—H.

"Sir!"—Said the Oratorical Two-Thirder drifting in upon us, "Do you know that it's all over town?"
"What?" said we, feigning sudden interest.

"The snow," said he, melting away before we could frame a suitable reply.

The space below contained a rich one but was censored by Ye, Ed.

We were about to write a poem about "The First Snow Fall" but we discovered that James Russell had beaten us to it.

However we might write one entitled "The Worst Snowfall" or better still, "What is so Cold as a Day in December."

UN PEU MIONS FORT, M'SIEU
Sir—As an able bodied American citizen, I demand an immediate invasion of Mexico. In which event we Oregonians might enlist and have a chance to get warm.

—Force O. Habit.
Warranty Deeds
S. H. Gentry to B. M. Cushman and wife lands in T 13 and 14—S. R. 2 W. J. L. Hill to I. R. Wilcox et al lands in Hackleman add.

Comment of the State Press

Snappy Gleanings from the Press of the Valley

The Last Gigue—
He who laughs last laughs best. Roseburg was a couple of days late in getting this freak Oregon winter weather, the weather clerk probably having overlooked that little depression in the Umpqua hills, and the papers there were bragging loudly about the snow fall and the mercury dropped—and Roseburg was just like all the other Oregon towns, only a little bleaker cold. Climate is a pretty uncertain thing to brag about except in a general way, the Eugene Guard comments.

The Twain Shall Meet—
Harvard is coming out to battle the Oregon football team on New Years Day. The guy that wrote, "East is east and west is west, and never the twain shall meet," will have to stop the circulation of this pretty phrase, says the Astoria Budget.

Record in Yeast Keeping—
Mrs. A. H. Frum, a well known lady of this city, holds the record, we believe in the way of keeping home-made yeast on hand in her home. For over twenty-eight years she has had some yeast on hand, at least sufficient for a "start." If any other housekeeper has a longer record in yeast keeping we would like to hear of it. —Lebanon Express.

\$10,000 Paid Students—
A long line of students has been in front of the business office in the administration building at the University both yesterday and today—ex-service men receiving their monthly \$25 which is allowed them by the state. Although state funds are not available until January the University is advancing the money to those students who wish it immediately. About \$10,000 will be paid out this month.—Guard.

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