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RUNNING WILD

In the spring and summer especially, complaints are made of children "running wild" on the streets. Not very often are such complaints accompanied by suggestions of remedy or solution to the question of what the children do out of school or in their free time. As always has been, there again will be a "child problem" this spring and summer. But having joined heartily with those who dislike to refer to children as "problems," we prefer to resolve all so-called child problems into adult problems. For it is the undoubted business of the adult world to look after the interests of the juvenile world.

Children running wild on the streets do annoy us more sedate individuals. But until the community provides adequate opportunity for the exercise of children's instincts to play, the community is obliged to undergo that certain inconvenience occasioned by the unbridled self-expression of youth. Children not only have their rights, but they go about the business of exercising them.

From the child's standpoint, it must be remembered that even present-day civilization is but a step removed from savagery. The child, true to his ancestral instincts, is essentially a hunter-a climber, a soldier, a little ruffian-like cave man who recognizes little or no property rights except those of his own conquest. And in the modern community there are few places where children can play except in those places of public travel and business intercourse.

A certain amount of running wild is necessary in the life of every boy or girl. Without this free play there is chance of a too cramped and disciplinary development into adulthood. We, as grownups, ought to stretch a point and stand for much of childish pranks. But we ought also afford our children of the community such facilities as are possible to direct their recreative energies in channels conducive to wholesomeness. Work, study, research, association with others, the following of hobbies, the care of pets, the cultivation of plant and vegetable life, the encouragement in mechanics and youthful invention—all come properly within the scope of recreation, and are subjects in which the best minds and most willing hearts of the community can engage the young people with pleasure and profit to all. In addition, there should be a growing appreciation of the need for directed playgrounds. That we are living in an age when these are as necessary as any other institution of social progress is apparent. Educators, social workers, judges and juvenile authorities know this. According to the superintendent of public instruction of one of the largest states in the Union, out of thousands of boys and girls investigated, not one received punishment whose leisure time was properly directed.

Courtesy is cheap, but expensive to the consumer when big business exchanges it for the soft soap of high prices.

Apparently, all forces are for good. The dries are trying to make the country dry, while the wets are trying to drink it dry.

After a few months' experience, some men who marry any one of the so-called "prettiest girls in the world" declare they would rather be just an interested spectator than be a participant with her in the arena of matrimony.

Billy Sunday, of Sawdust trail fame, tried to make his first talking movie of the series he has planned, but he burned up the film with his first few words.

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The R. H. Williams home was sold recently by G. H. Johnson to Mr. and Mrs. Frank Emory for a cash consideration. The Williams expect to visit in California before locating permanently.

Mr. and Mrs. Tolin have traded their property near Progress for a home in the Alameda district in Portland.

The Metzger Girl Scouts are visiting the Multnomah troop this week to hear Miss Jean Besley talk on Social Hygiene.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Peters Jr. are rejoicing over the birth of a baby boy.

A farewell party was given Mr. and Mrs. Eric Holmgren at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Peters Sr. The Holmgren's are soon motoring to California where they expect to make their home. To make the trip more pleasant a large thermos jug was presented them by those present.

COUNTY AGENT NOTES

The Twelve-spotted cucumber beetle which has destroyed so much of the February seeding of Red Clover the past two years in Washington county cannot be practically controlled by known or common methods of insect control, stated L. P. Rockwood, entomologist of the U. S. Experiment Station at Forest Grove, recently. It surely seems that farmers will have to adopt the plan of seeding clover alone in May or June if injury by these beetles is to be avoided.

The U. S. Station at Forest Grove has been trying out control methods for the twelve-spotted cucumber beetle on clover for the past three years without any results which can be adopted to practical use. The insects are migratory and work during the season when poisons cannot be effectively used.

Willamette Valley red clover seed, the crop which has played an important part in lifting many Washington county mortgages, is being rejected by certain parts of the east as being non-hardy and unsuited for continued use as seed in those sections. The discrimination against Willamette Valley red clover seed is apt to grow rather than diminish until such time as suitable or hardy varieties can be established locally and the same grown under inspection and verified as to hardness. This procedure may or may not be practical. Trial will prove or disprove this plan.

However, the production of Tennessee anthracnose resistant red clover for the southern trade may be developed. To this end 520 pounds of this seed was secured for E. F. Burlingham & Son of Forest Grove who has arranged for Ritchie Bros. of Forest Grove to plant the same. 100 pounds was secured from the Farm Crops Department of O. A. C. and will be handled by the county agent for the purpose of securing a local stock for redistribution.

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