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The Need Of Prevention
EVERYBODY is pretty well up on the fact that an ounce of prevention is worth a pound of cure. One of these days we may have sense enough to take that into account in every day life.

Two stories in the daily papers recently give especial point to this.

One of them concerns Ruth St. Clair, the 29-year-old New York woman who got a life term when she was convicted of shoplifting for the fourth time.

The other has to do with Charles Hannah, the 61-year-old misfit who has confessed to the murder of 4-year-old Melvin Horst at Orrville, O.

If ever there were two cases that pointed to the need for preventive measures these are the two.

Take the St. Clair case first.

Ruth St. Clair has been up for shoplifting four times. All in all, she has stolen less than \$1000 worth of merchandise. For these offenses she has been sentenced to life imprisonment.

There was a good deal of protest at this sentence. Then Ruth's record was revealed. It is discouraging. Repeated attempts have been made to help her. Various people have tried to "give her a chance." Every time she has been a backslider.

She is by no means subnormal mentally; yet some queer, unexplained quirk in her make-up has pulled her back, each time, into a life of petty crime. Today, with all the good will in the world, New York officials are forced to admit that she is about incorrigible. Life imprisonment seems to be almost the only answer.

Then there is Hannah. He quit school as a boy and went to work in the coal mines. Then he took up railroading, was fired for drinking, did odd jobs for years, drifted into bootlegging, got into trouble—and finally wound up as the central figure in a peculiarly atrocious, revolting murder.

Now neither of these people is what we call a half-wit. But each one has always been lacking, in some psychological sense—an "incomplete personality," as the psychologists put it. Each one, given a fair degree of bad luck, was almost certain, from earliest childhood, to wind up as an enemy of society.

It's too late to do anything about it now, of course. The prison and the electric chair are about all that remain.

But some day it might pay society to adopt preventive methods in cases of this kind. There ought to be some way of spotting cases like this in advance. Perhaps the budding science of abnormal psychology is not quite far enough advanced, just yet; but at least it could give some valuable help.

As it is, we do nothing until the damage has been done. Then we dust out another cell and mourn another tragedy.

We won't be really civilized until we have found some way of steering these "incomplete personalities" into paths where they can harm neither themselves nor the rest of us.

Another thing the talkie needs is sense enough to stop talking until the applause stops.

Chicago would be on her feet if her taxes were paid, but you can say that for a lot of car owners.

Why call Wall Street victims sheep? A sheep doesn't lose its wool by thinking it is smarter than the clippers.

Middle-age is the period when you know a dozen dandy way to regain vim and vigor if you only had time.

Nature settles the question of armament. If the bee had no property worth stealing, it wouldn't need a weapon mounted aft.

EDITORIALS FROM OVER THE NATION
THE RUSSIAN WAY
Pittsburgh Post-Gazette: What-ever communism may mean theoretically, in practice, as exemplified by Soviet Russia, it does not go in much for popular government. Keeping in mind the population of the country is 150,000,000, there may be amazement in reading that the official figures on its dominant political party, the communist, put its total membership at only 1,655,000. So far as the party managers from being disturbed by this as to have been devoting themselves rather to reduction of the membership. By a purging process carried out recently, more than 200,000 were eliminated as failing to measure up to the standards of the party.
When the standard is given to the millions who constitute the dominant parties in the so-called "cap-

italistic" countries, the impression will be renewed that although the Russians under their constitution are supposed to have the vote, use of it is still very far from the popular plane. When a party of 1,655,000 can dominate a country of 150,000,000, it obviously suggests the oligarchy of popular rule. The dominant party of the United States showed a membership last year of 21,943,328 and a minority of 21,439,718.
MEXICO IS MOVING NORTH
Robert N. McLean in the New Republic: The expansion of our industries after the war, the growth of irrigation projects in the southwest, and the quota law of 1924, which barred all cheap labor except Mexican, have all combined to draw a stream of

Timely Quotations From People in the Public Eye
"Peace societies are fakes." Rear Admiral Charles P. Plunkett.
"We will get no better schools until we have better citizens, and until we have better schools we will get no better citizens." Norman Thomas, New York socialist.
"I learned to fight where brickbats were daisies." Jim Tully, author.
"No man should accumulate money and not use it. One good regulation of providence is that he cannot take his wealth with him."—Robert Dollar, steamship owner.
"The Republican party has never been a party of evasion."—Secretary of War Patrick J. Hurley.
"There is more to life than increasing its speed."—Mahatma Gandhi, leader in India.

"Central Cross"
HORIZONTAL: 38 Maple tree, 41 Sea near Sweden, 42 Part of entry to Maine, 43 General notion, 44 Wing, 45 Pertaining to air, 46 Eagerness, 47 Boy, 48 Wild duck, 49 Large deer, 50 Sour plum, 51 Triple, 52 Got up, 53 Performed, 54 Eminent, 55 Orb, 56 Founder of Russian Empire, 57 Cereal, 58 To slander.
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YESTERDAY'S ANSWER
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Mexicans from their country into ours. There are more Mexicans in our southern tier of states west of the Gulf than in Mexico's northern tier. In other words, when you cross the line, moving northward, Mexicans become more numerous. Los Angeles has become the second Mexican city of the world. Nobody knows just how many Mexicans there are there, because nobody ever knows anything definite about Los Angeles. At the last count, however, there were 35,926 Mexican children in the city schools.

There are probably fifty times as many Mexicans now in the territory that we won from Mexico as there were when it still flew the tricolor of the serpent and the cactus. In fact, disregarding Mexico's 4,000,000 Indians, who do not figure in the problem, one-fifth of her Spanish-speaking population is today living under the Stars and Stripes. We talk of our capitalistic penetration of Mexico; it is nothing compared with Mexico's labor penetration of the United States.

The Northern and Eastern states are now also beginning to be familiar with the Mexican. For the quota law of 1924 has sucked Mexican labor into far fields. San Antonio, Dallas, El Paso, Los Angeles and Phoenix have become distributing centers where labor agents bid against each other for the available workers.

NEW TRIES AT UNIFORM TRAFFIC RULES
Philadelphia Record: A compendium of the traffic rules of all the states bound in one volume would equal the old family Bible in size.

The motorist who ventures across state borders—and often county borders—takes his safety and his liberty in his hands. At home he is never quite sure what the lights mean, when turns are indicated, what procedure to follow when the fire siren sounds.

Petty infractions of unknown rules make for serious delay. Traffic conditions are pretty much uniform; there is no reason why traffic rules in an age of standardization should not be uniform. Already 25 states have adopted a single uniform system of regulations. Efforts are being made to swing the other states in line. The change would cost money. Existing signal apparatus would have to be altered. But the change would also save money. Exponents of the plan, placing it before Secretary Lamont on behalf of the national conference on street and highway safety, put the saving at \$1,000,000,000 annually.

ERRORGRAMS
THIS PICTURE REMINDS ME OF A NEBRASKA CYCLONE, THE WORST TWISTER I EVER SAW, WITHOUT EXCEPTION.
A MAN IN THE METEOROLOGICAL OFFICE TOLD ME THAT THE WIND IN SUCH STORMS IS SO VIOLENT IT CAN'T BE MEASURED.
TRU-Bake's Scrambled Eggs
GAKONARO
Always on the jump.
There are at least four mistakes in the above picture. They may pertain to grammar, history, etiquette, drawing or whatnot. See if you can find them. Then look at the scrambled word below—and unscramble it, by switching the letters around. Guess your self 20 for each of the mistakes you find, and 30 for the word if you unscramble it. Turn to the back page and we'll explain the mistakes and tell you the word. Then you can see how near a hundred you hit.

DAILY LETTER ON AFFAIRS AT U. S. CAPITAL
If You Think the "Red Menace" Has Died Down, You Should Listen to the Vigilant Sentinels of the Republic — There's Mischief Afoot, Depend on It, Even in Congress.
BY RODNEY DUTCHER
NEA Service Writer
WASHINGTON, March 7—The super-patriotic societies with headquarters in Washington, which haven't been very happy since President Hoover demanded an investigation of William B. Shearer and since Secretary of State Stimson allowed Count Karolyi to enter the country, have often been attacked for their tendency to exaggerate the menace of Communism and Socialism.

In the past their favorite sport has been to paint frightening pictures of "red webs" in which the attempt was made to link Moscow with various liberal organizations.

But times change and there seem to be worse bogies pressing upon us. One may turn, for instance, to the list of legislative policies recently adopted by the Sentinels of the Republic, one of the most militant super-patriotic groups.

The Reds in Congress
The Sentinels, apparently forgetting Moscow for the moment, have about decided that the most dangerous enemies of our glorious institutions are to be found at the White House and in the halls of Congress. The doctry Sentinels, in short, have turned their muskets on about every piece of progressive and humanitarian legislation proposed or passed in recent years.

On general principles, the Sentinels oppose any attempt to revive the Child Labor amendment and any uniform divorce amendment to the Constitution, or any amendment invading "the rights now reserved to the states and to the people."

Specifically, they then take issue with President Hoover and the government. They would abolish the Children's Bureau, the Women's Bureau, the Home Economics Bureau and the Bureau of Vocational Education, as "useless or moral."

All these bureaus are now part of the government and seldom receive any criticism except for loud cheers. The object of them is, generally, to help people and improve the standards of living.

The Sentinels also oppose the proposed revival of the Sheppard-Towner Maternity Act, despite the recommendation of President Hoover that the work be continued. This is based on the assertion that the fields of maternity and infant hygiene and protection properly belong to the states, though 45 of the 48 states co-operated with the federal government in its administration.

"We oppose the establishment of a Federal Department of Education, or the enlargement of the functions of the existing Federal Office of Education," say the Sentinels.

"We oppose the further appropriation of funds from the federal treasury in aid of educational projects in the several states."

"We oppose the Brand bill appropriating \$100,000,000 annually to states contributing equal amounts, for the purpose of co-operating with the states in payment of salaries and other expenses of elementary schools in rural areas."

"We oppose . . . other so-called 'child welfare' measures."

"We oppose all so-called '50-50' or 'federal aid' legislation by

which the federal government would assume control of the states in their purely internal affairs."

"We oppose the proposed establishment of a Federal Department of General Welfare."

"We oppose federal aid or participation in old-age pension schemes, purely local health projects and labor-safety measures."

"We oppose the creation of new and useless bureaus and divisions such as the proposed Division of Safety in the Bureau of Labor Statistics."

"We oppose incorporation by act of Congress of organization for general humanitarian and political purposes under the supposed authority of the 'General Welfare' clause of the Constitution."

And then a final sock at President Hoover, who has been as unpatriotic as to appoint a commission to study child health and protection and another to investigate social trends.

"We deplore the practice of appointing semi-official committees, privately financed, to investigate matters outside the proper scope of federal supervision."

Thoughts We've Been Thinking
(Continued From Page One)
ness" to be prevalent, permanent, or even probable in the United States of America.
It is said that a substance has been discovered which will render carbon monoxide harmless. It is carbon monoxide which is deadly. All the inventions and discoveries which affect motor cars cannot be looked at and admired as one looks at a new engine or a shiny fender or a vanity case in the limousine. The chemical laboratory worker may do more for the motorist than the motor or body builder.
FORMER GOVERNOR ALFRED E. SMITH gave some sound advice over the radio when he asked his hearers to "become acquainted with your representative in the legislature and correspond with him—and vote."
To most of us the names of the men who represent us in the state legislature are not even known. If they are known, they are merely names. It is the duty of a citizen not merely to vote but to KNOW the men who act for him. It is the only way to good government.
JOHN A. DIX was a New York broker ten years ago. He quit Wall Street to study art. He recently exhibited paintings in his home town—New York. One wonders if there are not other men immersed in business, chasing elusive dollars, who wish they had the nerve to quit and do what they really want to do.
John Dix, exhibiting his paintings will be envied by men in and out of Wall Street who wish they, too, had quit to study art.
MRS. OLDFIELD, Arkansas, one of the eight women members of congress, will not be a candidate for re-election. She says men should run the ship of state. Amazing conclusion! Mrs. Oldfield is likely to get offers to go on the vaudeville circuit or into pictures.

EIGHTEEN YEARS AGO IN KLAMATH
At the regular meeting of the Klamath Falls Lodge No. 1247, B. P. O. E., last evening, the annual election of officers for the year beginning April 1 was held. Following are the men who will preside over the lodge during the next year: Exalted Ruler, Hunter Savage; Esteemed Leading Knight, Chas. I. Roberts; Esteemed Loyal Knight, F. R. Olds; Esteemed Lecturing Knight, H. P. Galarneau; Secretary, L. H. Bath; Treasurer, Leslie Rogers; Tyler, Paul Breitenstein; Trustees, (two-year term, S. T. Summers; trustee, three-year term, C. J. Ferguson).
E. B. Hall was elected as representative to the Grand Lodge, and C. J. Ferguson as alternate.
A boy's glee club was organized last night at the high school, and much enthusiasm was aroused among the members over the fact that they would be on the program of the commencement exercises.
Arrangements for the annual ball of the Klamath Falls volunteer firemen are going on merrily, and the event bids fair to be one of the most popular of the kind given in this city this social season. In the past it has been the custom to give the event on St. Patrick's night, but this year the day which celebrates the advent of the well known godly figure will fall on a Sunday, which interferes with the customary setting of a time.
That a federal building is assured for Klamath Falls was made known this afternoon in a telegram from Senator Jonathan Bourne to Secretary Caleb T. Oliver of the chamber of commerce, which was read at the Friday noon-day lunch at the Livermore grille.
The total appropriation for the public building in this city will be \$117,000.
J. V. Houston, proprietor of the Houston opera house is endeavoring to get the permission of Mayor Fred T. Sanderson and the city authorities to stage a Texas Tommy dance at his show house tomorrow night as a specialty.
This famous dance, which has been the talk of several continents, particularly the one upon which this notice is written, has caused many a controversy as to its merits and demerits, symmetry and awkwardness, beauty and homeliness.
It has been associated with the Turkey Trot, and Bunny Hug and a lot of others which have had more or less discussion.

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