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MEMBER



Better Boys

ONE boy mismanaged, misunderstood or unnecessarily committed to a reform school is a life marred and may be the ruin of other lives.

This is the statement of a probation officer who has dealt with delinquent boys for years.

The professional tramps and most of the inmates of penal institutions were reared in "institutions," not always correctional.

Boys need the influence of a good home and sympathetic parents. Lacking these, they need a friend who will show enough interest to guide them along the right paths until they reach the age of discretion.

A reformed tramp and convict, writing in a magazine, adds further testimony that boys who run away from home or are left orphans, have little chance if they ever have the misfortune to be sent to an "institution."

Not long ago a man sixty-four years old was sentenced in an eastern city for pocket-picking. He had already spent over forty years in jail. Another one, twenty-three years old, got a long term for robbery. He was put in an orphan's asylum at four and has been out of "institutions" only two years since.

Multipled evidence can be found that boys, once they become "institutionalized" and "standardized" according to the rules and regulations, have little chance of becoming good citizens.

Regardless of whether or not you have a boy, you are in a measure responsible for the future of the boys with whom you come in contact. If you are not an influence for good in their lives, you are not meeting your responsibility.

We need to give some attention to the boy of today because of his possibilities. From a purely selfish standpoint, we must try to make certain that he is being reared right, else how can we expect much of the next generation?

Let's try to devise ways of making every boy a better boy for the benefit of the boy and for the benefit of those who will carry on where we leave off.

Government Waste

NOT many of us will ever be able to understand why there is a constant agitation from political sources not from consumers—for government control or ownership of private business, which has been alone responsible for the remarkable growth and development of this country.

Government control and ownership has not measured up whenever it has been put to the test, but so many people have short memories that advocates of a system, which would fasten millions of political employees on us, cling to the view that they will eventually succeed.

Reports just published show that it costs \$44,000 to rehabilitate every disabled war veteran. It seems that in "compensating" each soldier in the sum of \$10,000. In other words, the overhead ate up one hundred times as much of the people's money as the soldier actually received.

Inefficiency and waste in government departments should provide evidence enough to convince the dubious that business should remain in private hands.

None can realize that better than the average newspaper editor who is deluged with government bulletins on almost every subject imaginable, ranging from "The Windbreak as a Farm Asset" to the "Fluid Milk Market Report for the United States."

Going thru a sample day's mail, the editor finds that most of it came postage-free from government departments. It consists of bulletins that few, if any newspapers publish, and that are prepared by some high-priced government employee who could very well be dispensed with and put at some productive occupation.

The editor finds, for example, "Many Farmers Saved by Pigs, Hens, Cows, Corn and Legumes." That's the subject of a long article of five typewritten pages. Then he comes to a fifteen-page typewritten summary of crop conditions. He also learns from another bulletin that the "Early Lamb Crop is Short." "Crows Are Not as Black as They are Painted," says another bulletin, throwing little light on the subject.

What is true of the government department that comes to the defence of the crow is true of every other department.

Yet we are asked to permit private business to be conducted on the same wasteful scale as government departments are operated.

Government is Ahead

COL. Walter C. Kolt, medical director of the National Soldiers' Home sanatorium at Johnson City, Tenn., told the National Tuberculosis Association in an address at Atlanta that compensation at the rate of \$80 per month "is a very definite inducement for the ex-service men to have tuberculosis discovered."

Those are words that should have been left unuttered. If any ex-service man should seek to have

tuberculosis "discovered" so he could draw \$80 a month, he needs mental treatment.

The diagnosis of tuberculosis is not regarded as very difficult in the medical profession. Certainly physicians should have no difficulty in excluding it.

If any ex-service men are able to "put it over" on the government, they will earn all that they receive in the way of compensation.

On the other hand, there were thousands of lives wrecked by experiences in the war, that have never received one bit of assistance from the government.

On the whole, the odds are very much in favor of the government.

A Stay-at-Home Week

PRESIDENT Coolidge has called a national Outdoor Recreation conference.

That's all very good. Few people get all of the outdoor recreation they need.

But why not have a national Stay At Home conference or observe a Stay At Home Week if we can find a week some time during the year that is not being used up for something else?

If we could, with such a conference or special day, induce even a small portion of the people to stay at home one whole week—making allowances for the time duty called them away—we could revolutionize this community or any other community.

Staying away from home is one of the greatest evils of our boasted twentieth century civilization.

We complain about our flapper daughters and our wayward sons roaming at large and where they wish; but no place for them to be amused, and then object to the kind of amusement they do find; but we never seem to think that parents—all parents—are the example that young people follow.

More young people would probably stay at home and find diversion if they could find their parents at home now and then and if parents would give some thought to making the home attractive for their children and their children's friends.

But perhaps we should not be too harsh with our roaming, restless parents; neither should we be too critical of our young people.

The demands upon parents are so great from their multitudinous obligations on the outside it is little wonder that they have drifted into a position where too little attention is paid to the home.

All parents are not guilty of being indifferent towards their homes, but the condition exists to such an extent that it is worthy of some thought and consideration.

The Immigration Barrier

NO LEGISLATION pending at Washington is more important than the immigration law, and the way that it is working out must bring a sense of relief to the country, in spite of certain regrettable omissions.

The most important innovation is the use of the 1890 census as a basis for national quotas, adopted by both House and Senate. On the two per cent. basis, this brings down the admissible total from about 200,000 a year, the present, to 150,000 or 160,000 a year. No less important, it enforces a certain rough selection among the European races, giving an advantage to the races of northern and western Europe. The quotas of Great Britain and Ireland on this basis will be about 60,000 more than one-third of the whole.

This is done not in contempt of the races of central and southern Europe, as some offended nationalities seem to assume, but in order that the American people may make sure of perpetuating the language, institutions, ideals and general type of civilization already established in this country. It is only what any nation is entitled to do, and what most of the complaining nations would do in the same circumstances. And it may be truly said that it is mainly because of the institutions America is now seeking to preserve that all these varied foreign nationalities have been attracted to our shores.

Having gone so far, citizens, who have studied the immigration question will regret that Congress has not seen fit to go still farther in the matter of selection, applying it individually as well as racially, and exercising a veto power over every candidate for admission, including the "Nordics," before he sail for America.

Where Your Heart Is.

WHERE your heart is, there are your shots also.

Where your heart is your pocket-book may generally be found open.

Where your heart is, you have nothing but an optimistic viewpoint.

The plain course for every loyal citizen, then, is to place his heart in his home community and work for it and boost for it with all of his energy and ability.

You can't be loyal to home and still think that some other place is a better place to live.

You can't be loyal to the interests of Andover and have your heart elsewhere.

You must be convinced in your own mind that the place where you live is the best place on earth to live; else you will never be able to convince anyone else of the fact.

To be convinced of the superiority of the place you call home, you must know all of its good points and all of its advantages.

Only well informed citizens are good citizens and you can't honestly place yourself in that class until you get all of the knowledge that it is possible to acquire about Andover.

First get the facts. Then go out and tell others.

Spending, Not Saving

IN ADDITION to the carefully compiled national budget, members of Congress have introduced bills requiring further outlay of \$2,500,000,000, which figures include \$150,000,000 estimated as cost of administration of the bonus for the first year under the act recently passed.

Most of this money which Congress is seeking to withdraw from the treasury would be expended in pursuits entirely apart from the authorized activities of the government.

If enacted, these measures would more than double government activities and require services of approximately 1,000,000 new employees. Taxes would increase to three times their wartime volume.

The public is grasping the fact that Congress is a spending and not a saving organization.

Clothing

JAMES P. CANNON CO.

Shoes

EVERY MAN SHOULD HAVE
New Clothes for Memorial DaySUITS
\$25

After all, price means nothing unless quality is there. When you buy new clothes you want quality first—and when it can be found at the price you want to pay, it is a bargain. You'll find real quality—new styles—and first-class workmanship in these suits at \$25.

Oxfords Shoes

\$4.00 \$8.50

Stylish new spring oxfords in black, brown and light tan shades. The new "Earle" toe by Walk-over is going big this season.

New Line of Women's and Children's Sport Oxfords, Sandals and Cut-outs
IN PATENT LEATHER, ELK, RED CORDOVAN

Boys' and Girls' Rubber Sole Canvas Oxfords in Brown and White, 98c

Memorial Day is the accepted time for donning new apparel, because it virtually marks the advent of the summer season. Get into new lightweight clothing and feel a new man. Our spring and summer clothing and furnishings lines are bright and fresh, affording a wide selection for the most particular tastes.

NECKWEAR—SOCKS—UNDERWEAR—SHOES

The well-dressed men of Andover look first at

James P. Cannon Company



RADIO HINTS

A crystal is a better detector than a tube. That is why crystal detectors are used in most reflex sets and in many other radio frequency sets. A tube is valuable because you get regeneration and amplification at the same time you get detection, which means a louder signal, but the tube is beaten by the crystal when it comes to quality.

Keep the solution of your storage battery at a level of 1/4 inch above the plates, otherwise the plates will corrode and buckle, ruining the cell.

An aerial for a crystal set should be made long, as the crystal has no amplifying power and only picks up

energy imposed on it, not having a local battery to assist it. About 150 feet is best.

A one-tube regenerating set will bring in all the stations that a three-tube set will, the only advantage of a three-tube set being that it will operate a loud speaker. An audio frequency amplifier merely amplifies the signal after the detector has made it audible.

Three dry cells will have to be wired in series for use with the UV-199 and C-225 tubes, and if more cells are added they will have to be wired in parallel to the first three. In the first case, the series

connection will give a voltage of 4 1/2 volts and the amperage of one cell, while the parallel connection added to this will still retain the 4 1/2 volts, but will raise the amperage of each cell added to it.

Don't let your set squeal. Use a copper shield back of the condenser to the ground post. The shield should not touch the condenser shaft, should be square in shape, with an arm reaching to the ground and shielded to the panel.

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