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WHY DID THIS BOY GO WRONG?

Over in Ionia a week ago a youth, 17 years old, was sentenced to prison for five years for stealing \$1156 in gold from an aged grandfather. Judge Royal A. Hawley, in imposing sentence, looked the boy squarely in the eyes and said: "Most of the crime is committed by boys of your age, and the condition is appalling. Intelligence makes no difference. I recently sentenced two young men at Stanton, one a high school graduate of 1924 and one of 1925, their ages were 17 and 19, and it appears that practically all the individuals who get into trouble are about your age.

"There is something wrong with the homes and the schools," he said emphatically, "and they are turning out too many criminals, many of the desperate, rough and hard types, and it is up to the courts to face these problems, daily, of what the school and home has broken down.

"And, in justice to yourself, to your grandfather, whom you robbed, to the state in which you committed the crime, in justice to those of a like kind who are paying the penalties and to the youth on the outside who are watching the outcome of this case, I can't admit you to probation.

"I hope when you get out of prison that you will have learned the lesson that you did not learn at home and in school and that you will get money by working and use it for rational, normal and righteous purposes."

Of course, Judge Hawley must have been joking if he thought that the prison itself would teach the boy the error of his ways. If the boy is any better when he gets out of prison, (and if he is it will be in spite of his confinement), it will be because his mental attitude toward life has been changed. The boy, himself, will create the change.

The big question, as we see it, is merely this: What is the matter with the parents of any 17-year-old boy who will allow their offspring to attain that impractical philosophy of life that sees in theft the way to success? It is something that all parents may ponder long and well.

PERSISTENCE

Persistence is the unseen force that moves men. It also moves nations, but then a nation is only a group of men. Persistence is the will to work silently and doggedly to accomplish a given goal. It is the determination to work against great odds when success seems as far away as the stars. Persistence compelled Socrates to drink the Hemlock Cup rather than waver from what he thought was right. Without persistence Christ would have weakened at the Cross, but persistent belief in the Divine Creator strengthened him for the Supreme Sacrifice. A nation of which we are a part is the result of persistence. Without persistence this country would still be the hunting ground of the red man. Persistence is known by many names, but its constituent parts remain the same. Persistence is the unseen force that moves men or nations. Happy is the man or the nation that has a righteous cause to prosecute—backed by persistence.

AMERICANISM

Americanism is founded upon the principle that "all men are created equal." Americanism is loyalty to the supreme law of the land. It is nothing more, nothing less. This kind of Americanism is obnoxious to boot-leggers, bolsheviks, anarchists, and criminals in general. To the decent, self-respecting citizen it is the only Americanism worthy of the name. Americanism guarantees to every one in these United States the protection of a sovereign state, the right to conduct his own interests as he sees fit insofar as they are consistent with law and order.

Americanism does not dictate what a man shall believe, politically, religiously or otherwise. Americanism only insists that he obey the laws of the land and if laws are unjust to proceed in the manner described by law to obtain relief. This kind of Americanism has made this one of the greatest nations of all times. Is it not wise to continue in the fundamentals outlined and made clear by the founders of this might republic?

ON BEING YOURSELF

The difficulty of being yourself will be admitted by any one who has ever apologized for his own words or deeds by saying, "I was not myself when that happened." Perhaps this poor substitute for "your better self" is the creature of worry, or some intemperance of body or spirit. But even the best of us experience the difficulty of being always at his best.

To be at your best physically is a difficult achievement. The great singer must train his voice hour after hour before his audience can listen to it in comfort. We often remark: How naturally he sings! Yet behind that simple naturalness are years of grinding practice.

How much more difficult then it is to be ourselves in that realm of intangible thing called personality. There seems to be a certain depravity into which we naturally gravitate. We set out nobly to be at our best, and fall far short of that shining goal. We do the thing we should not have done, and leave undone the thing that we should have done.

Yet out of this never ending conflict of the spirit, comes personality, power and influence. It makes us what we are. It is the secret of such tremendous personalities as Lincoln or Roosevelt.

Being one's true self is not easy. But beyond its accomplishments lie the rewards of life. The great Bard was right: "To thine own self be true, and it must follow, as the night the day, thou canst not then be false to any man."

HAPPINESS

Some days are rosy-hued and fair,
And oh, so glad and cheery,
While other days drag slowly by
And are so dull and dreary.

Sometimes our hearts are light and gay;
Then every task's a pleasure,
And everyone is kind and good,
And life's a boundless treasure.

And though the sun shines brightly,
And the flow'rs bloom everywhere,
Days come when life is only fraught
With bitter strife and care.

There is a secret charm which makes
The sun shine all the time,
And keeps our hearts in joyful tune,
No matter what the climate.

The secret is to laugh and sing
And every single day,
Do something good for someone else
As we pass on our way.

The world will be a happy place,
If we each do our part,
And, loving others, we shall have
A joyous, happy heart.

—Beatrice McDonald.

READING

Education is free in this country. In fact, for several generations it has been compulsory. The vast majority of native born Americans can read and write and have some knowledge of other school branches. The important thing is that they can read and write, for that fundamental equipment makes all knowledge accessible to them.

It is something that the people can read and write, but it is not enough. How many people are making the best use of their free education? There are some men and women who remain students throughout life, but so many more who dissipate their ability to read and their leisure hours in reading cheap and worthless books. They may be grateful for the education given them but they do not express it by using it for self improvement.

What are the best selling books of the day? They are not the great and immortal classics, nor the worth while books of today, nor the better magazines. The average American reads to pass time away, not to feed the mind. The average American also lives under the delusion that serious reading is devoid of pleasure and so amuses himself with popular novels and shallow magazine stories.

Perhaps it does take a little more will power and effort to cultivate the habit of reading good books than the habit of reading lighter stuff, but once the good book habit is formed it cannot be broken and it pays exorbitant dividends. It is significant that some, who read popular literature in bulk, occasionally take up and enjoy a scholarly and profitable book, but that the lover of good literature can never tolerate more than a brief review of a best seller.

Modern civilization rewards those who develop their mental powers. Good reading provokes deep thought. Good reading and deep thought are the only known brain developers.

A bad prophet is a loss.
Soft words turneth away black eyes.
It's a great life if you don't wake.
The grin worn by a "good loser" is chagrin.
There are countless tollgates along the road to success.

A happy wife is one who has an intimate friend with whom she can discuss her husband's faults.
How do they manage to herd so many rainbows into a little thoroughfare like Wall Street?

Part of the farmer's problem will have been solved as soon as his crops are as diversified as the advice he gets.
Some fellows who haven't been out with their wives for years, bump into them occasionally nowadays in barber shops.

"The Skin of your teeth."
"Making good."
"Believe me."
"I'll tell the world."

In the Baptist Church, Bates and Willetts Streets, Pastor Thomas J. Edwards will speak Sunday nights at 7:30 o'clock, during October, on the above slogan phrases, in the order named, showing their Bible origin and their true meaning.

HEAR THESE VITAL MESSAGES.

FROM THE ECCENTRIC COLUMNS—of Long Ago

Just Bits of News Gleaned From Old Files Of The Eccentric—The Items That Make Up the Historical Background Of The Birmingham Of Today

25 YEARS AGO
Geo. H. Mitchell has a fine \$20 silver watch he will sell for \$10. Call and see it.

Pontiac is agitating the question of a hospital at that bustling city.
Will Van Every has secured a lucrative position at North Farmington and began work Monday last.

Do not forget the men's social at St. James' Church this Friday evening, October 27th. Come and visit, have a good social swapping of past, incredible events.

The old saw mill at Royal Oak destroyed by fire recently and which was one of the old landmarks and which place is to be rebuilt and will be in running order in a few weeks.

Ross Hutchinson is home from Pittsburgh, Penn., where he has been on an extended visit.

Little Miss Helen Shaw spent Monday and Tuesday with the Misses Courtney, of Detroit.

The ladies of the Presbyterian church are busily engaged perfecting

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Abolish the Super-Power at Lansing
When the people realize that the pardon and parole features in the laws are in a great measure responsible for the prevalence of crime in this State they will make their protest by voting for a legislature in a manner that the laws will be amended. If, however, the public is willing to continue to sympathize only with those who break the law they need look for no relief.

The Other Chap Says Something—
"YOUR HOME NEWSPAPER"
"Your need never blush when the home newspaper comes to the attention of the family," said Mayor Fred Green Friday evening to the Ionia Exchange Club members of the press association meeting there. It is a lamentable fact that the larger papers of this state and country are printing too much of the obscene and the sordid. People cannot read continually about unclean things without thinking unclean thoughts. There is another feature of the weekly newspaper publishing that I like and wish to commend," said Mr. Green. "The weekly publisher will always give you a fair deal. If he does not view that are different from yours, he will grant you the privilege of replying through his columns. Most of the daily press will not do this. They attack a man, and ignore him when he asks for the privilege of answering his side of the story. The weekly publisher is one of us. He is a man of his time and country. He has a thousand courtesies and kindnesses every year through his columns. People read his paper from the first page to the last. Incidentally, that is why the weekly newspaper, published in your home town is by far the most valuable advertising medium in the world."—St. Johns Republican News.

TO MY WIFE
To thee, fair one, companion of my life,
I pledge the love that death alone can part.
I treasure the happy hours spent with thee,
More than all else God sent to me.
Dearest of all to me, for thou art wife.
A comrade true, as long as I have life.
Dearest, I love thee as the violet the rose,
Or as the dawn of a bright day begun.
—T. F. Carson, Birmingham, Mich.

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