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What Say You?

There never was a time when there seemed to be so many problems to solve as at present, nor a time when there has been such a diversity of opinion as to the proper solution. Following are a few thought-provokers for your consideration at the beginning of the new year:

THE BOY'S PERIL

There is much to reflect upon in the following editorial from the Oregon Journal:

Four men under 24 are under sentence of death in New York. One is under 20. Two men under 24 are under sentence of death in New Jersey.

Four youths under 24 were re-

after the crime is committed. It does little to attack the cause. It essays little in the way of prevention.

Have the parents no sense of the peril?

BULLET-PROOF SHIELDS

A light metal shield claimed to be capable of rendering infantry invulnerable against rifle bullets is said to have been invented by a German engineer named Schaumann. Volleys fired at a distance of 85 yards by the men of a guards regiment during experiments on the Dahlem rifle range only slightly dented one of the newly invented plates, equivalent in weight to a plate of nickel steel of six millimeters thickness (just under a quarter of an inch.) On the other hand,

revision or legislation in the interest of the working class is attempted the big interests will be heard from in a way to make the Democratic statesmen hesitate. The interests will precipitate a panic which will paralyze the country. Wilson will find himself face to face with a situation utterly beyond the power of any mortal to control.—Eugene V. Debs

CHURCH IN SMALL TOWNS

The story of an Indiana village of 262 inhabitants, with sixty-eight professed Christians, and only twenty-eight church members attempting to support three churches, was related at the federal council of churches recently.

Of the sixty-eight Christians in the village, the forty that were not

said Mr. Kaylor, relating the experience to a friend. "The other fellows claimed that I tried to keep the water out of the boat with an umbrella, but it's a fabrication. I tried to keep myself in the boat and left the rest to the boatman."

"It was an interesting experience to tell about now—and to tell the truth was interesting enough then—but I don't care to repeat it. I'm free enough to admit I was frightened. There isn't one man out of a hundred could have taken us across that channel that night."

Remembrance from Sunny Florida

A cocoanut, with the outer shell on, just as picked, came through the mail to the Islander this week from James L. Rodger of Miami.

Thanking you for your past favors and respectfully soliciting your future patronage, we wish you all

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and
PROSPEROUS NEW YEAR

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cently hanged for murder in Chicago. One was only 18.

The Oklahoma train robbers, who set fire to a bridge and forced the engineer to drive his locomotive and the express and mail cars over it, were under 25.

A Portland boy who lured his prospective mother-in-law across the street and shot her dead, was only 18.

The Portland youth who, with Hazel Irwin, lured a victim to his death for a few dollars was only 20. The list of youthful desperadoes could be indefinitely extended.

A Chicago judge recently said that the most desperate of all criminals are young men between the ages of 18 and 25. It raises the question of what society is doing to correct the condition.

We have an elaborate and costly system of machinery for punishing offenders after the crime is committed. Does anybody know of any elaborate and far-reaching system of prevention?

"Gyp the Blood" and "Dago Frank" were products of the underworld system of New York in collusion with the police. Official authority in New York permitted the underworld, and society created official authority. Society itself permitted "the system," which in turn created "Gyp the Blood" and "Dago Frank" and after their crime the elaborate and costly system of legal machinery is brought forward to punish.

There had to be environment for boys of 18 in Chicago, in New York or in Portland to become murderers. Environment has enormous influence in degrading or criminalizing youth. "Gyp the Bloods" and "Dago Franks" are being fashioned in the jungletowns of every large city, with its lights and luxes, its recruiting sergeants and outposts on every street.

But the most society does is to imprison, or hang or electrocute,

bullets fired by the same men from a similar distance at a plate of nickel steel seven millimeters thick (over a quarter of an inch) smoothly penetrated the metal.

PRESENT DAY PROPHECY

A Seventh Day Adventist preacher at Seattle talked as follows:

"God is permitting the little flurry in the east that the attention of the world may be directed to His servant's message, given twenty-five hundred years ago," said the speaker. "There is just one thing at this time that prevents universal war. The four angels of Revelations 7, are commanded to hold back the winds of strife until the message is carried to all nations.

"No man," he said, "can foretell what will happen one minute ahead. God's prophet Daniel, twenty-five hundred years ago, told what would transpire all along down the ages to the end of time, the present time being brought clearly to view."

The speaker dwelt at some length on the world powers as they come upon the stage of action and showed how and when the Turkish, or Ottoman, empire came, flourished and now is passing away, and in a vivid word picture portrayed the Turk as he shall soon be, driven from Europe in compliance with the statement of Daniel 11-45: "And he shall plant the tabernacles of his palace between the seas in the glorious holy mountain; yet he shall come to his end, and none shall help him."

"The Turk has been receiving help for years from the powers of the world, and when the help ceases the Turk will cease, and through the division of his empire will come the great world strife, which will usher in the closing scenes of the drama in the great controversy between Christ and Satan."

DEMOCRATS TO FAIL

"That the Democratic administration will be a flat failure goes without saying. If radical tariff

members of the three local churches were distributed among nine denominations. It was said that no young man under 21 years old was a member of any of the three churches.

This case was selected as typical of church conditions in many small towns. Representatives of state federations said it was conditions such as these that they were seeking to remedy.

Farm Experts Battle With Gale

Horticultural inspector C. E. Flint, state experimental farms director Prof. N. W. Sparks and Floyd C. Kaylor, berry grower of Blaine had a thrilling experience Tuesday night during the storm which drove the four-masted ship into the Bellingham flats—the night the wind blew a gale and even those comfortably sheltered in houses shivered with fear, these three sons of the soil crossed from West Sound to Friday Harbor in a small launch and that they are here to tell the story is due to the fact that the captain of the launch was a better seaman than one in a hundred.

They had been holding institute at West Sound and were advertised to speak here that night. The boatman suggested that it was stormy, but they were anxious to keep their date. When half way, or less, across the big gale struck them, and it was all the launchman could do to keep the boat from being swamped. Then, as the wind increased in violence and the waves rose higher and higher, the little boat and its skipper began a fight that lasted for nearly an hour.

Much of the time the propeller was clear out of water. At other times it seemed like the hugh waves were breaking high over their heads.

"We would mount on a crest of the waves and rock there for a second, and then with a swoop down we'd come—down, down, down to where it seemed like a water cave,"

Florida. Mr. Rodger has especial regard for this part of the world—its beauties, its wonders and its people, as he has evidenced in former letters. He again gives expression to sentiments both sincere and beautiful, not only for the editor, but to the community, and we know all will be helped by reading them:

"Editor Islander, Dear Sir: I presume that in common with other editors in this great land, you, from time to time, are presented with specimens of the products of the local soil and grasses. And it is well. Often in reading the 'Islander' I have wished I could be there to test your strawberries, apples, mutton and fish. Long may these and all other crops come, each in its season, to bless the people. I do not suppose you ever had a subscriber present you a cocoanut, product of his raising? Well, sir, I mailed you last night, a cocoanut, one of many, from off the trees on the grounds where I work. I hope, and have no doubts but what it will, reach you safely and my wish is that it may be emblematic of all the good things I wish for you personally, for your good family, for all the people of Friday Harbor, and for all the inhabitants of the entire archipelago, during the Happy Xmas and New Year's season. That little faces, round and rosy, may gleam with joy, that youthful voices may have the sweet ring of care free, happy hearts, that the middle aged may have a heaven on earth, and that the loveliest, the most beautiful benedictions, worlds of the serene happiness, and the loving veneration of the younger, may be the lot of those who are silver haired and white headed, is my wish to you all. "And thus I remain your humble, but very sincere friend
"James L. Rodger
"Miami, Florida, Dec. 15, 1912."