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## POLITICS IS CURSE OF OUR GOVERNMENT

SAYS JUDGE IN ADDRESS

Spoils System, Failure of Parents In Duty to Children Also Are Cited as Causes of Crime In United States

Andrew A. Bruce of Northwestern thing above the idea and the ideal. joints. In the movies they are taught instead of a man's insisting upon hav-University Law School recently, in an Bankrupts that we are we have put how to steal. address before the Noonday clubs of our religion in the names of our "We need reverence and content- should surrender as a sacrifice to the and the necessity of begging for votes, reverence and have forgotten God. crime is the problem of the adolescent differences which may separate him make our politically elected and con- We are lawless because we are irrev- child." trolled police officers and magistrates erent. We are discontented because unwilling to enforce the law and to we know no law and can brook no complain of wrong-doing; and the of- restraint. ficers of the law are looked upon as servants and as inferiors and not as the agents of a superior government.

"Our boys and girls grow up in an atmosphere of license and all of us are parties to the lawlessness that is among us we are willing to prose- lie office and then, for political purcute or to complain of the tramp or poses, we lampoon those we ask them of the stranger that is within our gates, but we need the friendship, the business, or the political support of our next-door neighbors.

Fail to Set Example "If the owner of an automobile is arrested for violating the speed ordinances he considers the action of the police officer a personal offense and his last thought is to look upon himself as a criminal. We talk about the virtue of obedience to the law but at the same time we patronize our private boot-leggers.

"Reforms should be made in our criminal law and many of the safeguards of liberty which were provided in an age of political prosecutions, where the judges were appointed by the king and removable by him, or in the early days of our American history, where the distrust of power was still controlling, perhaps are no longer necessary; but the trouble is not so much with the law as it is with we ourselves. It is due to our lack of religion and of reverence. It is due to our cosmopolitan citizenship, to the unavoidable friction of diverse races, and to the fact that for many generations America has been made the dumping ground of the criminals and mental defectives of Europe as well as the land of opportunity for its most aggressive and enlightened citizens. full of the spirit of adventure. They It is due to the fact that we import are reckless of the consequences. They and use more narcotic drugs than any are cast into the whirl of our Amerother nation; and that in these days ican democracy and too often they are of so-called prohibition we allow the lost. They are at the period of life bootlegger to sell liquor 'from the when the sex call is the strongest. hip,' our storekeepers to openly dis- The girl in the schools and on the

Individualism of Frontier

Here also we have had the individual- theirs. Every family quarrel, every ism of the frontier which has always divorce is a breeder of crime. rebelled against restraint. Perhaps "We headline crime everywhere in

Criminals are Young "Eighty per cent of our crime

committed by young men and women," continued Judge Bruce, "yet we ourselves are to blame. We ask them drive fast to get over it." to respect the law and those in pubto revere. We depict ex-President er - when he is looking for his col-Cleveland as an overgrown hog and lar button." ex-President Roosevelt as a battery of teeth. Our newspapers tell us that 'Hal and Al have just seen Cal.' Largely through the utterances and excesses of their elders, who should know better, our children have come to believe that pleasure or what they term 'a good time' is the one aim and purpose of life; and that, in a democracy, where all are presumed to be equal, all are entitled to an equal enjoyment. This perhaps would not be harmful if we had the right measure of values and the right estimate of pleasure. But to too many of our children, and to far to many of us adults, the 'thrill' is everything and there is no 'thrill' or 'kick' in doing one's duty and in the simple pleasures of life; there is no 'kick or 'thrill' in the daily round and the common task. No longer are our young women, who now all dress like princesses, contented to be entertained in their own homes; their youthful admirers must take them in automobiles to the cabarets and to the dancing halls and to the theatres, and they must get the money at any cost.

Reckless of Consequences

"Young men and young women are play hip flasks in their shop windows, streets wishes to dress well so as to d that our young men are tempted attract the boys; the boy wishes to in the streets, in the hotels, and in dress well and to obtain an automothe dance halls. It is due to the bile so as to be able to compete with breaking down of the home. It is due his richer and better dressed rivals. to our feverish and dissatisfied de- This is the story of nine out of ten of our juvenile crimes. Our boys and

girls and our young men and women "The nation was born in revolution steal, sometimes murder, in order that and most of our immigrants have they may be 'Shebas and Sheiks.' come here because of some dissatis- Often we have broken up our homes faction with some established govern- and have denied them the entertainment and with some established law. ment and the restraints that are

much of the crime of Chicago may be our newspapers and picture it in our State and admittedly one of the ablest due to the fact that the frontier has playhouses and in our theatres. We who ever held that post is a Repubbeen absorbed and there is no longer a have made it a familiar thing. We lican. He believes in party control No-Man's land to which the adven- have been living in an automobile age, and regularity. Recently in a speech turesome may go. We have had the in an age of social display. Parents he set forth the reason for his stand. unavoidable unrest and dissatisfaction have set the pace and their boys and His words are worth noting. incident to a democracy. We have girls have followed them. Money talks "There are many thoughtless peo-"The curse of the American admin- cast aside ancient traditions. We have and everyone is after the money. ple," he said, "who think it is a fine istration of the criminal law is our bobbed our hair and we smoke cigar- Pleasure is the end. In the mad thing to see a man rise and declare system of politics, our spoils system, etes. We have lost much of our search for pleasure, forgery is an his independence of everybody else. the fact that the under world has a faith, much of our reverence. Men incident and theft is common. In the He appears to be a noble and heroic vote as well as the upper world, and and women are on the make. They movies our young people are shown figure, defying the lightning. It freabove all the short tenure of office are jealous of one another. They are the glitter of the cabarets and of the quently makes a man every popular, of all our public officials," said Judge money mad. They have exalted the dancing house and of the gambling but the public service requires that,

Madison, Wis. "Our government, to wives. In our mad scramble for ment more than we need a reformed interests of his country his private a large extent, is a government by wealth and for power and for pleasure criminal code. We need God more than opinion, his personal vanity, and his green-horns. Our frequent elections, we and our children have forgotten we need the law. The problem of notions and opinions as to all minor

> SAFETY FIRST Scared Passenger: "Hey, there, driver, don't go so fast - you'll upset us in the ditch." Driver: "Yes, sir, this is a dangerous bit o' road here and I always.

ED PURDY'S PHILOS "Almost every man is a loud dress- in'?"

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ROOT IN FAVOR OF PARTY GOVERNMENT

Public Interests Demands That Man Sacrifice for Common Good of Nation

Elihu Root, former Secretary of

INDIGESTION MAYBE The sword swallower goin' around with a circus died yesterday - he swallowed a pin by mistake.

WANTED TO BE SAFE Doctor: "Here is the medicine. Put two drops in each eye twice daily. Old Henry: "Befoah or aftah eat-

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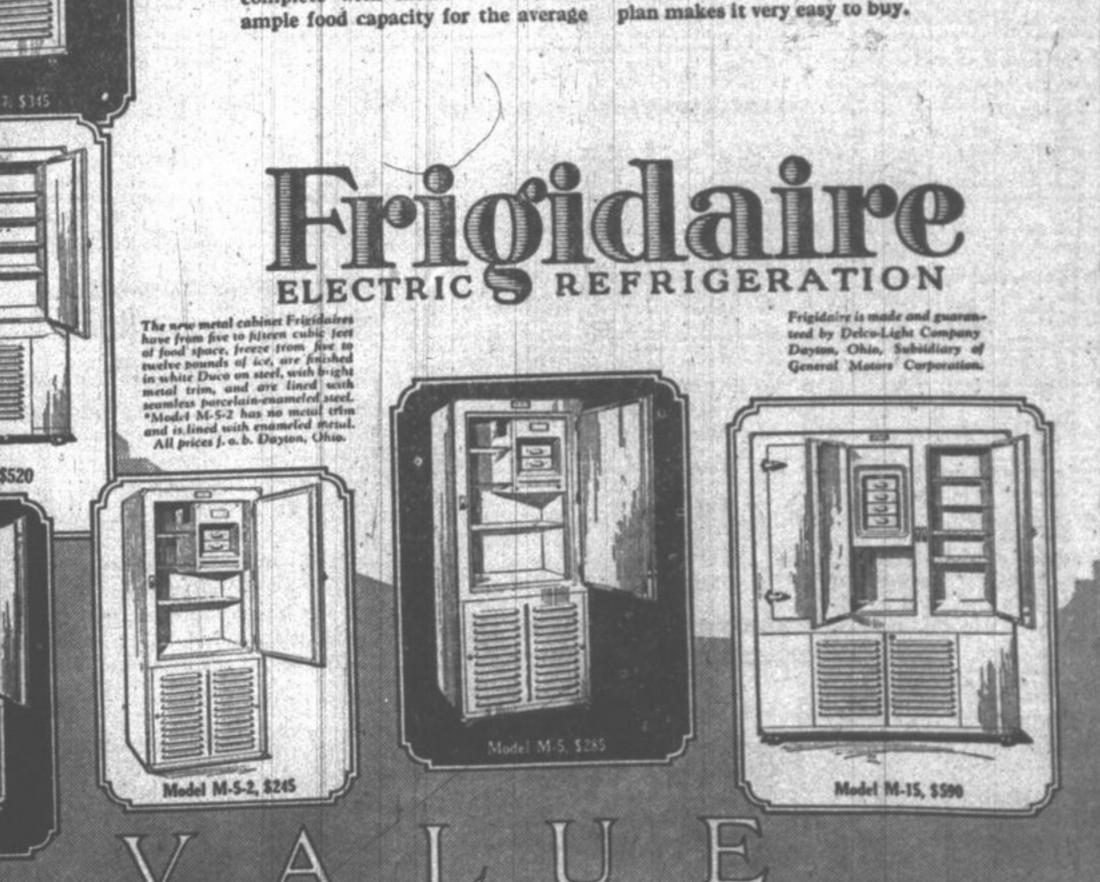
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