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Does Prohibition Save the Boy?

The Promise:

State Prohibition is being urged on the citizens of Nebraska on the plea that it will save the boy.

Let us see whether Prohibition *has* saved the boys of Kansas, where state Prohibition has been tried for 35 years.

The Actual Result:

KANSAS,	Sentenced boy inmates Oct. 1, 1915:
	Reformatory 330
	Boys' Industrial School 264
	Total for Kansas 594
NEBRASKA,	Sentenced boy inmates Oct. 1, 1915:
	(No Reformatory) none
	Boys' Industrial School 199
	Total for Nebraska 199

[The figures for Kansas were compiled by Chas. M. Harger, Chairman of the Kansas State Board of Corrections, and the figures for Nebraska were compiled by the Board of Commissioners of State Institutions.]

Why Do Three Times as Many Boys Go Wrong in Kansas?

J. K. Coddling, warden of the Kansas penitentiary, lays the blame on "The Little Alley Joints" that exist all over Kansas, where, he says, men and boys congregate night after night to play poker, shoot craps, and indulge in debauchery.

[See the warden's report on page 43 of the Proceedings of the Kansas Conference of Charities and Corrections, held at Lawrence, Kansas, November, 1915.]

Judge Roy T. Osborne, of Independence, Kansas On page 13 of the same report, says:

"In the little more than ten years the juvenile court has been established in Kansas, children under sixteen years of age, in this state, have committed practically every crime in the calendar, including murder in the first degree. * * * It is astounding to observe the absolute indifference of many parents to the moral welfare of their offspring. * * * In nearly every community there are places and forms of amusement unwholesome for children." * * *

M. G. McKenzie, Chaplain of the Reformatory in Kansas Says on page 59 of the First Biennial Report, Kansas State Board of Corrections:

"Of these boys, 202 acknowledged they drank more or less; 275 used tobacco, 77 gambled. Most of these boys ran around considerable, and were away from home, when they got into trouble; 265 were from homes broken by death or divorce." * * *

THE ALLEY JOINT in Kansas is the corrupting influence that lands so many Kansas boys in the Reformatory and Industrial School.

Prohibition Breeds the Alley Joint.

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