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VALUABLE PAPER "THE SCHOOL BOY AND THE CIGARETTE" READ

LEAD AMERICAN BOY... A very interesting meeting of the Woman's Christian Temperance Union was held yesterday afternoon in the rooms of the Young Men's Christian League...

sentiment against it very strong and persistent before the Missouri Assembly will undertake to curtail the citizens' "hereditary" rights to be accused as he wants to be...

who was not a physical wreck before twenty-seven... A physical strength is not all that is sacrificed. No boy can be strong mentally and smoke...

Every mother—at least every normal mother—as she stands in the door and watches her boy away on his first morning to school, has a vision of what she would like him to be...

What means all this legislative merely that cigarette smoking is an expensive and offensive habit? Eating candy costs money; carrying fish-worms in the pocket is a disgraceful habit...

The motive that prompts the formation of this habit—and many another bad one—is the boy's desire to be a man just as quickly as possible. Were it merely a matter of choice...

All these wishes are one. The business man, the lawmaker, the doctor, the teacher, the parent, the father—above all the mother—are watching for the boy the selfsame thing—that he be strong and clean and successful...

In the anemic, pasty complexioned, underdeveloped weakling called a 'cigarette fiend' we see the effect of tobacco at its worst. Here is a youth who should be just growing into manhood...

To counteract this the mother should begin early and make every possible effort to enlist the assistance of the men of the family and the friends, in emphasizing before the boy worthy traits and habits...

It is absolutely impossible for a cigarette smoking school boy to grow into healthy manhood.

With a pretty wide experience as a student of boys, a worker among them and for them, the writer is convinced that a clean moral life and the cigarette habit are practically impossible in the same boy.

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The war on the cigarette habit is not the mere clamor of professional agitators—a sentimental outbreak of reform impulse; but a cool, dispassionate, vital struggle for the very body and brain and soul of the boy.

A fever that kills ten per cent of its victims is a dreaded disease; one that kills twenty is a scourge; and a disease that kills half of those it attacks is a terrible plague.

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In 1883 the state of Missouri enacted a law making it a hundred dollar fine to sell or give cigarettes or cigarette material to any boy under eighteen.

But cigarette smoking begun early in boyhood and continued, wrecks the health of every one of its victims. I do not know of a single exception.

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And of course success is impossible. Neither wealth, fame nor usefulness is in store for the cigarette smoking school boy. Cigarettes have been well named "coffin nails." They are mine, before the coffin is reached...

I have never seen a single boy who began the cigarette habit in his teens and continued it, secure and bold by his own worth and ability in any time in after life a position that paid as much as a hundred dollars a month.

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In a Missouri town of ten thousand, every business house displays the sign, "No Cigarette Smoking Allowed in Here."—put there and enforced by public sentiment.

A good plan for a woman's club is to invite the husbands and men friends some evening—on the lure of refreshments, and get them to do the talking. Have a doctor to discuss the standpoint of health; a business man, from that of success; a professor from the point of education; and a Sunday School superintendent or a minister, the moral effect.

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RED CROSS SEALS SOLD

HUNDREDS OF THOUSANDS ARE HELPING IN THE SALE AND PROSPECTS ARE THAT LAST YEAR'S RECORD WILL BE DOUBLED—EIGHTEENS ARE JUBILANT.

Washington, D. C., Dec. 23.—Reports from headquarters of the American Red Cross given out today indicate that at the beginning of the last week of the sale of Christmas Seals, nearly 35,000,000 have been sold and that the prospects are bright for a sale of more than 50,000,000.

Agents have been appointed in one or more places in every state, except Idaho and Montana. Among the groups and institutions which are assisting in the movement are the anti-tuberculosis societies, Red Cross chapters, Women's Clubs, Labor Unions, Lodges, Schools, Amateurs Theaters, Department Stores, Hospitals, and innumerable other agencies.

Thousands of dollars worth of advertising is being donated to the campaign, and many millions of circulars are being distributed to remind people to buy Red Cross Seals.

CHRISTMAS GOODS HARDY'S DRUG STORE.

ANNUAL HALCYON DANCE TUESDAY NIGHT, DEC. 27.

The Halcyon Club will give their annual Christmas German next Tuesday night, December 27. They will also give the children of Washington a dance from 8 to 9:30 the same night.

CINCO AND 44 CIGARS HARDY'S DRUG STORE.

MILLIONS OF DOLLARS GOES UP IN SMOKE

Chicago, Dec. 23.—Fire Marshal James Moran, Assistant Chief William Burrough, several captains and lieutenants and more than a score of firemen were killed.

The fire carrying its loss of life which may reach forty started from an explosion. Immediately after the first alarm was given the fire spread with great rapidity and in a few minutes it was seen that the firemen had a hard fight on their hands.

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ACCIDENT AT CHOCOWINITY

A terrible accident happened in Chocowinity last night at the home of Mr. Robert Hill. His oldest son and one Mr. Frank Daniels were engaged in loading and unloading a gun.

On Railways. The gas boat Fudge running between this city and Swan Quarter, has been on the railways for repairs the past few days.

CHRISTMAS DECORATIONS HARDY'S DRUG STORE.

Weather Forecast Rain on the coast. Rain or snow in the interior tonight. Warmer in the east Saturday. Saturday rain or snow. Colder Saturday.

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Cotton Market. Cotton seed, per ton, 30.00. Lint Cotton, 14.50. Seed cotton, 5.60.

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Washington's - Greatest - Department - Store

OUR LAST CHRISTMAS SUGGESTION

May be helpful to you, as you have possibly overlooked some friend, we have here tabulated some of our Gift Articles, which may prove just what you are looking for. We have compiled some very suitable articles. Elaborately displayed, and well chosen, for your inspection, by looking over this list at home, then coming to our store you will find our Christmas display the greatest we have ever shown.

Only 1 More Buying Day Then Christmas

Advertisement for James E. Clark Co. featuring various clothing items like Special Blankets, Indian Blanket, Men's Silk Sox, and Monarch. Includes descriptions and prices for each item.

James E. Clark Co. THE HIGH-ART CLOTHIERS

Advertisement for Bowers-Lewis Co. featuring 'Just Three More Days to Christmas' and 'WE ARE OFFERING our entire stock of Ladies' Tailored Suits, \$25.00 to \$35.00 values, for the next three days at \$16.98'. Also mentions 'All Furs Greatly Reduced'.

Advertisement for J. K. Hoyt, Washington's Greatest Store. Includes text: 'SATURDAY is the last day to make your votes count on the AUTOMOBILE. Help your favorite win out.'

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