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JUVENILE DELINQUENCY.

Recent proceedings in juvenile court circles show that conditions of affairs among certain classes of boys and girls between the ages of twelve and seventeen calls for the activity of the philanthropists of this city.

Groups of young people roam the streets till late in the evening, attend the cheap theaters or the resorts, and naturally, almost inevitably, drift into habits of profanity, impertinence, and sometimes vice.

Each parent will hasten to say, "Oh! it is not my boy or my girl that does this. I can trust my children anywhere. I know them."

Probably very few of those who "go wrong," either in smoking, drinking, stealing, profanity, or lewdness, ever consciously meditate such things. They are taken unawares, and fall almost before they realize what they are doing.

Many parents are careless in these matters. Some even contribute to the delinquency of their children. Policemen have been known to wink at the suspicious conduct of "smart" young men.

But others can help. The churches can arouse the people. Public speakers can warn their congregations. Officers of the juvenile court will be glad to instruct those who are willing to help as to what they should do.

AN INQUITOUS MEASURE.

Georgia has the distinction of having passed the most drastic bill so far aimed against the colored vote. The measure provides, as a condition of voting, that a man must own or pay tax on \$500 worth of property, or be able to read and write a paragraph of the Constitution of the State or of the United States.

It is evident that these provisions were framed with a view of excluding from the rights of citizenship as many as possible of the negroes, while at the same time admitting the white voters who may not be any better qualified than their colored neighbors.

It is expected that every white man in Georgia will register, and, "once registered, he will have a life certificate, and will then have only to pay his taxes to enjoy the right of suffrage."

As Congress has "power to enforce this article by appropriate legislation," a conflict is clearly invited, which may become of interest far beyond the confines of one state.

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It is true that there are some worthless individuals among the colored race, as there are among their persecutors, but the truth is that the negroes, as a whole, have made wonderful progress in every direction.

A corporation that devotes its property to a use in which the public has an interest must submit to be controlled by the public for the common good as long as the use is continued.

The courts have held that the legislature can regulate the charges for storing grain in the elevators of large cities. Why, then, should it not be able to limit the charges of railway companies?

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SIGNS OF THE TIMES.

The question whether the world is growing better, or worse, morally, is one that frequently comes up for more or less serious contemplation.

The truth is, that human progress toward perfection very much resembles the waves of the ocean rolling up over the beach. They rise and fall, advance and recede, and yet the tide may be rising steadily, independent of the movements of each wave.

It is believed that when the time to vote comes Colonel Watterston's dark horse would be found to be suffering from poll evil.

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