

If it be true that Judge Fay L. Bentley of the Washington Juvenile Court has sentenced two fifteen year old average boys of good families to six years each in the reformatory for taking an automobile after a trial which in secret lasted two minutes ^{at which} and neither youth's parents or other witnesses were given no opportunity to testify, ~~boys had never been arrested before although Judge Bentley, former Trust officer for the District of Columbia, incarcerated two days of truancy in 1931~~ and if the only previous misdemeanor against the boys was two days truancy in 1931 I should say that Judge Bentley was either suffering from frayed nerves and needed a vacation or that she ~~had no qualifications~~ for the position of a Judge in a Juvenile Court. That the boys should be punished for the crime is obvious but the kind of punishment described above strengthens, not reforms, criminal instincts.

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patience, sympathy &
understanding