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WILLIAM KING'S CRIME

The human race, heaven knows, has moments when it is cruel, blind and wilfully mean; yet it is quite possible that most of the misery people suffer is caused by pain, ordinary heedlessness. We could make something approaching a heaven on earth if we set ourselves to it, but just can't be bothered to look for wrongs and take the trouble to set them right. Believe it? All right; listen to this. In New York there lives a 43-year-old man named William King. He is an expert joiner and carpenter; a man of steady, sober habits, asking nothing more of life than a decent chance to support his wife and his two little children. Eight weeks ago he lost his job—his company was "retrenching" and most of the workmen were let go. For a time the family managed to get along on what they had saved. Then the savings ran out. King sought work everywhere, but lots of other men were doing the same thing and jobs were scarce. He went without meals so that his wife and children could eat. Daily he got more desperate. Christmas was near. Finally, one day, he couldn't stand it any longer. Walking through a park, he met a well-dressed woman carrying a pocketbook. He snatched it and ran. The woman screamed and a policeman caught him. He was taken to jail. The purse, restored to its owner, contained just three dollars and seventy-five cents. So William King was lodged in jail to await trial on a charge of grand larceny; and Mrs. King tearfully remarked:

"I don't know what we'll do if they send him away. He's never been in the slightest trouble before. My eyes are giving out on me or I would have gone back to my sewing work long ago."

If nothing happens to prevent it, this man probably will go to prison. That is the law. What happens to him, his wife and his children is no concern of anybody's; and presumably, nothing will be done about any of them. Now the thing to note about this pitiful business is this: you cannot at any phase of it, blame anyone's meanness or cruelty or vindictiveness. The policeman who made the arrest was only doing his duty. So was the judge who bound the man over for trial. So, doubtless, will the jurors and prosecutor who send him to prison. The woman who screamed for help only did what any of us would have done. The employer who dismissed this good workman could not help himself. The men who refused to give him work simply had none to give. And there you are. Nobody is especially at fault. Nobody was conspiring against this man and his family. The simple, every-day combination of thoughtlessness and heedlessness was too much for them, that's all. Circumstances came together to crush the four of them. When we get along all right ourselves we don't take the trouble to inquire whether others are doing likewise. Surely a nation as rich and efficient as ours could find some way of preventing tragedies such as this, if it only would try. But that's just the trouble. We don't try very hard.

CUTTING YOSEMITE'S TREES

Much of the beauty of the great Yosemite National Park is due to the huge stand of beautiful timber that grows on that great public playground. But it happens that much of this timber—11,000 acres of it, to be exact—is owned, not by the government, but by private individuals. And several lumber companies are preparing to exercise their rights and cut down their trees. The government, without additional legislation, cannot prevent it. Representative Louis Crampton of Michigan has introduced a bill in congress to appropriate funds enabling the government to buy the privately owned lands within the park and save them for the enjoyment of all the people. If you're interested in the preservation of one of our greatest parks, you might drop a line to your congressman about it.

The deadlock between the mayor of Roseburg and the city council is a laudable joke. Councilman Shoemaker comes forward with an effusion, quoting the stale old adage that "you can lead a horse to water but he may not take a drink," and says it is the "power behind the throne" that he dislikes. Well, let's get some sort of power behind the old city. If Mr. Shoemaker has anything to offer in a constructive way, why doesn't he make such a plan known? Above all we need a lot of harmony in Roseburg and this paper is not afraid, and will oppose at all times any movement to retrograde.

After journeying through southern California we still maintain there is no place quite so inviting as the old state of Oregon, and particularly Douglas county. We all have our problems to solve and our sister state to the south has enough to keep her busy. All we need here is a little pop and ginger and the sooner it is applied the better for all concerned.

We have a lot of friends—and some enemies—and it is rather a hard task to sever our connections with both. We like 'em because the word hate has no place in our mind.

The men in Sing Sing are no worse than the people outside, says Warden Lawes. That seems reasonable.

Well, it won't be long now until other and brighter minds will guide the destiny of this paper.

Perhaps what is lacking in solving the traffic problem these days is a little horse sense.

HOW DID MOUNT NEBO GET ITS NAME?

Many Roseburg people, who for years have gazed upon the rugged promontory that towers so imperiously above the city, have perhaps never given thought to the reason for the name, or the manner in which the title was bestowed. The News-Review editor was asked the question by a Roseburg lady, and, not knowing the answer, made inquiry, developing the fact that few residents of the city are familiar with the history of the mountain's name. Mount Nebo was named comparatively recently, it was learned, the title having been given by the late Rev. J. R. N. Bell, during the time he was pastor of the South Methodist church in the late eighties. Rev. Bell was the owner of land embracing a part of the mountain, and his home was located near the base of the north slope. The name is of Biblical origin and was used to designate the precipitous headland in the Pisgah range, where Moses was led that he might view the promised land before he was taken from his people. Dr. Bell was inspired to apply the name to the local mountain as he first stood upon the highest point and gazed over the fertile valley below him. Certainly Moses, as he looked out over the land "flowing with milk and honey," that God had held out as a promise to the Children of Israel through their long wanderings in the wilderness, saw no fairer sight than confronted the eyes of Dr. Bell as he first gazed upon the scene below him. The name came to his devout mind as the most fitting that he could bestow upon the unnamed peak, and certainly it was well chosen, for, not only does Mount Nebo command a view of one of the greatest sections of God's created world, but travellers, who have journeyed through the Holy Land, claim that it bears a great physical resemblance to the rocky headland that became the last resting place of Israel's mighty leader.

County Notes

YONCALLA NEWS ITEMS

Miss Ava Carter of Condon, Ore., is visiting her father, Jim Moore, for a few days.

Mrs. Zeddie Boney and Mrs. O'Dale entertained the members of the Yoncalla Study club at the home of Mrs. Harry Cooke Saturday afternoon at a one o'clock luncheon. Following luncheon, Mrs. Kirkpatrick, daughter of Mrs. Kinsley, entertained the guests with a stereopticon lecture on early Oregon history. A very enjoyable as well as instructive afternoon was spent by about sixteen members.

Dr. Chandler of Eugene held the second quarterly conference of the community church Thursday evening. He gave a very profitable sermon on "Love."

The students of the union high school held their annual Valentine party in the high school assembly hall Friday evening, Feb. 15. Games were played, after which a delicious luncheon was served.

Little Debbie Johnson, who was taken to the Pacific Christian hospital at Eugene, a week ago for an appendicitis operation, is getting along fine. Mr. and Mrs. Johnson have made several trips to hugenote this week to visit their son.

Mrs. Amy Caldwell, who has been visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Jim Ambrose for the last month, left Friday for a few days' trip to Portland.

The Christian churches of Douglas county held a rally in the Christian church in Yoncalla all day Tuesday. The ladies of the local church served a dinner at noon. Delegates were here from Oakland, Drain, Roseburg, Glendale, Looking Glass, Myrtle Creek and other places. Speeches were made by several prominent men of the church. Mrs. Bond of Drain sang two beautiful solos.

The last basketball game of the season was played Friday evening between Oakland and Yoncalla, at Yoncalla. The hall was crowded to witness these games. The Yoncalla girls lost their game, 25 to 24, while the boys carried off the honors with a score of 16 to 10. Following the game, the two teams adjourned to the assembly hall, where the Yoncalla students served a delicious luncheon to the visiting teams.

ROSEBURG NEWS-REVIEW POEM FOR THE DAY

By LOUIS ALBERT BANKS

THE HEROES OF PEACE

The Associated Press carries this dispatch: "Captain George Fried, master of the America, received the congratulations of President Coolidge today for his rescue of the crew of the Italian freighter Florida, where his faithful heroism saved thirty-two lives."

"Representative Stobbs, of Massachusetts, presented Captain and Mrs. Fried to the chief executive. Mr. Coolidge expressed his pleasure at making the acquaintance of the captain and voiced his personal appreciation of his act. The visitors then were photographed with Mr. Coolidge on the White House grounds."

"Captain Fried, one of the outstanding heroes of the sea, was also on the bridge of the liner America as it ploughed its way through a raging lake in response to the British freighter Teesbridge's SOS. Three years ago, as commander of the President Roosevelt, Captain Fried directed the rescue of the crew of the freighter Antiope."

"Captain Fried is to visit several large American cities in reply to demands that other parts of the country get an opportunity to see the captain of the liner America. He does this by order of the Shipping Board."

I think the Shipping Board does well To send this captain round to tell Of battles won in days of peace Where hero-deeds will never cease; If on some blood-red battle field, Where war and anguish madly reeled, A man had killed these thirty-two, The thrill would leap the whole world through.

How much the more when saving life By battling with the sea's mad strife, By risk of life to save the lost— With no'er a stop to count the cost, These heroes of the raging main— With much to lose and naught to gain, Forgetting self to others save, Should count as bravest of the brave.

A habit man is Captain Fried— He is no fool and fragile reed; His eye is keen, his courage clear— When danger's round he's always near; He's never looking for excuse, But always seeks to be of use. Finds highest joy in rescue work, And from its danger will not shrink.

Let every youth now hark this tale— 'Twill blaze for you romantic trail; Your life will glow with hero stuff If you will make it brave enough; Look always on your brother's good And seek to serve the brotherhood; Give others' welfare highest care, And bright romance will be your share.

WEEKLY SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON

CHRISTIAN GROWTH

Text: John 1:40-42; Matt. 16:15-18; John 21:15-19; 2 Pet. 3:18.

One of the two which heard John speak, and followed him, was Andrew, Simon Peter's brother.

He first findeth his own brother Simon, and saith unto him, We have found the Messiah, which is, being interpreted, the Christ.

And he brought him to Jesus. And when Jesus beheld him, he said, Thou art Simon the son of Jonas: thou shalt be called Cephas, which is by interpretation, a stone.

He saith unto them, But whom say ye that I am?

And Simon Peter answered and said, Thou art the Christ, the Son of the living God.

And Jesus answered and said unto him, Blessed art thou, Simon Bar-jona: for flesh and blood hath not revealed it unto thee, but my Father which is in heaven.

And I say unto thee, That thou art Peter, and upon this rock I will build my church; and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it.

So when they had dined, Jesus said to Simon Peter, Simon, son of Jonas, lovest thou me more than these? He saith unto him, Yea, Lord; thou knowest that I love thee. He saith unto him, Feed my lambs.

He saith to him again the second time, Simon, son of Jonas, lovest thou me? He saith unto him, Yea, Lord; thou knowest that I love thee. He saith unto him, Feed my sheep.

He saith unto him the third time, Simon, son of Jonas, lovest thou me? And he said unto him, Lord, thou knowest all things; thou knowest that I love thee. Jesus said unto him, Feed my sheep.

Verily, verily, I say unto thee, When thou wast young, thou girdedst thyself, and walkedst whither thou wouldest; but when thou shalt be old, thou shalt stretch forth thy hands, and another shall gird thee, and carry thee whither thou wouldest not.

This spake he, signifying by what death he should glorify God. And when he had spoken this, he saith unto him, Follow me.

But grow in grace, and in the knowledge of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. To him be glory both now and forever. Amen.

The International Uniform Sunday School Lesson for Feb. 24, Christian Growth, John 1:40-42; Matt. 16:15-18; John 21:15-19; 2 Pet. 3:18.

By WM. E. GILROY, D. D., Editor of The Congregationalist

Our lesson deals not only with the growth of the Christian but with the growth of Christianity. Christianity had its beginning in Christ, in the reception of Christian teaching into individual hearts, and in the fellowship in Christ of those who believed.

True Christianity grows only in this way. Its increase can be only in accordance with the Christian fellowship of those who have come to know the meaning and power of Christ's salvation.

The story of the calling of the early disciples in the first chapter of John is a very simple and moving narrative. The fourth Gospel has been the battleground of the critics, and the evidences for its authorship are not by any means as clear as for the other three Gospels.

But the fourth Gospel has had an authority of its own because of its inherent nature, and the first chapter, which reveals to us the drawing of the first disciples and the beginning of the Christian fellowship, bears the marks of its genuineness.

Christian Influence. It illustrates, also, a great principle amply exemplified in the history of the church, namely, that when one starts Christian influences in operation one never knows what they may accomplish or where they may end.

Here was Andrew finding his brother Peter and bringing Peter to Christ. We do not know a great deal about Andrew, but we do know a great deal about Peter. We should probably find that in the history of the church many great servants of God have been brought into the Christian life and have begun their careers of devoted service as a result of influences and agencies that seemed much less than their own manifestations of zealous service.

Our lesson deals with Christian growth in its aspects in the progress of Peter—a progress that was not quite consistent and continuous, but which led Peter to ultimate heights of destiny through defeat and temptation and trial, and through discouragement, as well as through ways of triumph and hope.

The great secret of Peter's ultimate coming through was not any thing great or good in himself but the fact that Jesus understood him.

CHURCHES

Methodist Episcopal Church South, Corner of East Lane and S. Main, Sunday school 9:45 a. m., W. L. Cobb, Supr. Were you at Sunday school on Sunday last, we at ways miss you when you are not there, let's go this time. Morning worship 11 a. m. Subject, "What's the Use of Prayer." Epworth League at 6:30 p. m. Topic, "Why is Christianity the Only Sufficient Religion." Leader, Homer Rand. Evening worship at 7:30 p. m. Subject, "Fiber Grave Questions." Community singing, starts on time sharp. Bible reading, sermon, from 8 to 8:20. And at 8:20 we will show the pictures of the History of the Flag. These will be the beautifully colored and hand-painted slides. There will also be special music at this service. If you are a stranger in town we especially invite you to worship with us. And we extend to all a cordial invitation to worship with us. You can play your part by attending this service.

Some one must play the minor parts. And some must hold the spear.

And some, when the music starts, Must follow in the rear; Not every one can be the star. That shines with great white light, But some must twinkle from afar To harmonize the light.

JOHN B. PENHALL, Pastor.

First Church of Christ, Scientist. Services are held in the church edifice at 317 East Douglas street. Sunday service at 11 a. m. Subject, "Mind." Wednesday evening service at 8 o'clock which includes testimonies of healing through Christian Science. Sunday school at 9:45 a. m. All up to the age of twenty years are lovingly welcome. The reading room in the front of the building is open daily except Sundays and holidays from 2 to 4 p. m., where the Bible and all authorized Christian Science literature may be read, borrowed or purchased. The public is cordially invited to attend the services and use the reading room.

LAST THREE YEARS ARE THE HARDEST

By NEA Service.

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him. He was a strange mixture of fiery impulse and weakness. Men of such passionate nature are often the victims of alternating moods of discouragement and despair.

Men who are inherently weak often profess high ideals of strength and manifest an ambition that they are futile to attain. Jesus described Peter as one whom Satan had desired that he might sift as wheat. There was plenty of chaff in him, but there was a good bit of wheat besides, and Jesus prayed for Peter that his faith should not fail.

It was in the very moment of Peter's great declaration that Jesus was the Son of God that Jesus reminded him of his weakness, and it was when Peter was protesting that he was of different flesh and blood from others and that though all men might deny Christ he would prove faithful.

Prayed for Peter. But all through this process of aspiration and defeat Jesus prayed for Peter. Jesus loved him, and our four-fold lesson tells the story of Peter's ultimate destiny in Christian life and purpose.

The man who was a combination of fiery passion and of cowardly weakness became, through the grace of God, a shepherd of souls, gentle, earnest, passionate, able to feed the lambs of God, and yet with all his tenderness made strong to die the death of martyrdom which the Lord predicted.

It was that Peter grew, and it was out of this experience that he admonishes Christians to "grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ."

Our lesson is an incipitation of Christian growth by a concrete example of the way in which a weak man grew to be a strong man.

well universally treasured, safeguarded from the time they enter college as freshmen until they leave, according to the department of hygiene and preventative medicine at the school.

The reason for this is that each year a student is in school as taken less and less care of him, said, Dr. Smiley has arrived at three causes:

1.—The influence of home and mother is usually strong for good health habits and good maintenance. The younger a student is away from that influence the less he feels its effect.

2.—Student life has for generations been notable for its neglect of the ordinary hygienic laws. Many interesting stories are told of "bull sessions" lasting into the early morning hours, bouts of excessive drinking, etc.

3.—A fair number of colleges students are attempting the physical impossibility of doing the work of two men—living the life of a day laborer, to earn a living, and the life of a student.

"It will probably be many years in the future before any college will be able to boast of a senior class with a better upkeep rating than its freshman class," says Dr. Smiley.

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