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**WHAT IS LENT?**

As the ancient ecclesiastical season of Lent begins tomorrow, the following items concerning it, which have been furnished us, will be of interest:

From the earliest time in the history of the church the days preceding Easter have been days of fasting. Some fasting absolutely for two or three days, others following their Lord's example, fasting 40 days. By the fourth century the 40-day fast had become the general custom. Just how the fast began with Ash Wednesday we do not know, but the custom had the approval of Gregory the Great, before the end of the sixth century.

Lent—a familiar word, a much abused word, oftentimes a lightly or jestingly spoken word, and yet a word of marvelous power to every earnest, honest man, woman and child. Its lessons are lessons of devotion; its truths of manhood; its plea is for reality triumphing over the shams of life. Its many-sided truths commend themselves to different people in very different ways; but there is a spirit underlying all its ways that makes men better, nobler, holier in their daily lives—and that it what we want.

Lent appeals to some with great force because of its antiquity. It runs all through the Christian centuries back through Jewish history to the days when Israel was delivered from Egyptian bondage. In all the generations, with deviation only as to details, there have been days of preparation for the great Pascal feast—known in our day as Easter. Its antiquity proves its value. Think of the saintly lives it has fostered and developed; of the careless, aimless lives to which it has given direction and force; of the good resolutions of millions of souls it has watered with prayers and self-denial; think of the multitudes who enjoy the bliss of paradise because of its inspirations. Its memories are sacred. It is holy ground, representing God's presence among His people. As Moses drew nearer to the burning bush with reverence because God was manifested there; so we approach this sacred season. Who dare speak lightly of it? Who dare treat it with unconcern?

There should be little opposition to the plan to pay our legislators \$10 per day. If they are worthy of any emoluments whatever, they should be worth this amount. We now have a law, and a just one, prohibiting our law-makers from accepting railroad passes. Again, since we elect our United States senators direct, there is no chance of picking up a little easy money on the side, consequently there seems to be no other way than to pay these men something near what their services are worth. The last few lines above might be taken too seriously, while it is well known that a few men go to the legislature for the purpose of making all that is possible, but they are few, indeed, compared with the whole number. But one thing is noticeable, that there is not the gen-

eral interest taken regarding legislative candidates as there was under the old system. This is easy to account for, however, as during the period of factional fights in the republican party in this state, each leader in each county tried to out-general his opponent in securing the best legislative timber that could be obtained, in order to secure his nomination and election. Then it was often the case that if some good man was found who was not financially able to make the campaign, funds were provided which were supposed to come from the man who was seeking the United States senate. This all was considered practical politics for many years in this state, but the primary law has changed all this, and it is just possible that it will require a few years' education before the stronger men in the several parties will personally come out and seek the nomination. The primary law practically banishes the idea of the office seeking the man. We notice, generally speaking, there are few candidates for the legislature announcing themselves throughout the state. The tickets will all be filled, however, before the time limit expires, and it will doubtless be found that the personnel of the legislature will be fully up to the standard of former years.

The Kentucky legislature reminds one of his boyhood days after committing some act of indiscretion which is generally followed by some better deed as a hope of restitution. After a sufficient number of democrats had gone over to the republicans and elected a republican United States senator, the democratic party felt guilty and in order to redeem itself and restore its own conscience, passed a prohibition bill, which in a measure had a "get even" spirit more or less mixed with the desire. We trust the gentleman elected to the senate will so conduct himself that his state or nation may never have cause to regret his election, and as far as the prohibition movement is concerned, if his election brought about the restriction of liquor in his own state, it is possible that he has already accomplished more for his people than many predecessors.

The Willamette valley is going into walnut culture on an extensive scale.

We may refer to this period as the dark ages in after years.

**Honor Composer of "Carmen."**  
Paris, March 3.—At the Opera Comique tonight a special production of "Carmen" will be given as a memorial to the composer, Bizet, who died shortly after its premiere at the Opera Comique on March 3, 1875.

The first production of the now popular composition was a total failure, the audience expressing its disapprobation by constant hisses. Before the final curtain Bizet rushed into the street, weeping violently, and died shortly afterward. The blow to his ambition had been too much for his sensitive soul.

Had he lived a few years longer he would have heard his work applauded vigorously in the very theater where it had at first so dismally failed. In the last two decades the fame of the work has spread throughout the musical world.

**Billion Dollars in Treasury.**

The strength of the United States treasury at the present time was commented on in the house today by Mr. Boutell of Illinois, says a Washington dispatch. He said he had just been informed by Treasurer Treat that for the first time the gold coin and bullion in the United States had reached and passed the sum of one thousand million dollars, "an event so extraordinary," he said, "that it will be chronicled and commented upon with surprise and amazement in every financial center in the world; an event which all citizens of our republic, without regard to party affiliations, may well contemplate with satisfaction and pride."

**Ohio Republican convention.**

Columbus, O., March 3.—With a member of President Roosevelt's cabinet, Secretary of the Interior James R. Garfield, as chairman, and with every one of the 815 delegates solidly in favor of the presidential aspirations of Secretary Taft, the Ohio republican state convention was called to order here today. The four delegates-at-large to be selected will be for Taft first, last and all the time, and it is now certain that Foraker has been defeated all along the line and that the Buckeye delegation of 46 will be solidly for Mr. Taft.

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**G. O. P. MEN MEET HERE**

To eliminate all factional combats, to stand pat on the republican ticket as it will be put in the field at the June election, and back it to the last ditch, to encourage larger republican registration, tells in brief the results of a meeting of the Union county republican central committee meeting held at the Commercial club this afternoon, in response to a call from Chairman C. E. Cochran, who presided.

There was no election of officers or anything of that sort, but there was a spirited series of talks on various phases pertaining to the coming election. Representatives of the G. O. P. were here from all parts of the county, and the club rooms were filled with party adherents.

The matter of selecting a central committee man was likewise brought up and discussed.

At press time the committee and others, for republican candidates and party laymen were requested to attend, and many of them did, the business session was still on. A full and detailed account of the meeting will be published in The Observer tomorrow.

**CITATION.**

In the county court of Union county, State of Oregon.

In the matter of the estate and last will of Melinda Wardwell, deceased: To William McCall, zaccariah McCall, Jonathan Newman McCall, Rebecca E. McCall, Linna McAllister, Fanny Wilson, Lillian Kinney, William A. McCall, Hugh McCall, Edna Seltz, Florence McCall, Marjorie McCall and Mary M. Couch, Heirs at Law and devisees of said Melinda Wardwell, Deceased:

Whereas Ulysses G. Couch, as administrator de bonis non of the estate of said Melinda Wardwell, deceased, (with the will annexed), has presented to the county court of Union county, state of Oregon, his petition in due form, praying said court to grant him in order thereof duly authorizing him to sell, according to law, either at public or private sale, as said court may determine, all of lots five and six of block twenty-six (26), in Sterling's addition to the town of Island City, in Union county, state of Oregon, to obtain funds to pay the legacies provided by said will and expenses of administration; and said court having by order thereof fixed Tuesday, the 7th day of April, 1908, at ten o'clock a. m. of said day, at the April term of said court as the time, and the usual place of holding said court at the court house in La Grande, in said county and state, as the place, for hearing said petition and objections thereto, and directing the issuance and service of a proper citation in said proceedings; Now, therefore, you and each of you are hereby cited and required to appear in said proceeding at said time and place and then and there show cause, if any exists, why the prayer of said petition should not be granted and why said court should not make an order thereof authorizing said petitioner to sell all of said real property in accordance with the said prayer of said petition, to obtain funds to pay said legacies and ex-

penses of administration, and you are required to make said showing within 10 days from the date of the service of this citation and not later than the time fixed, as above stated, for hearing said petition.

Witness the Hand, J. C. Henry, Judge of said court, and the seal of said court affixed, this, the 17th day of February, 1908.

J. B. GILHAM,  
Clerk of Said Court.  
F. C. BRAMWELL,  
Deputy.

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**New Brunswick's Elections.**

St. John, N. B., March 3.—General elections are being held in New Brunswick today, after a hot campaign attended by much political excitement. Federal party lines are not closely drawn in this province and the personality of the candidates has been the principal issue.

**For Sale.**

Some well-leaned white seed oats, No. 4. Also some fine black barley seed. This barley is more valuable for hog feed than wheat. Inquire of Hermna Vehrs.

**Odd Fellows to Hermiston.**

Among the prominent Odd Fellows to go to Hermiston this afternoon to assist in the institution of the new lodge there tonight, were J. E. Beam, John D. Brown, G. W. Bradley and S. A. Newberry. The lodge will be instituted by Grand Master Richard Scott, who went down this morning. There will be a charter membership of about 25.—Pendleton East Oregonian.

**Grounded Steamer Docked.**

New York, March 3.—The steamer Coama, which went aground on Fire Island yesterday, was docked this morning without any apparent damage resulting from her accident.

**Odd Fellows in Parade.**

Fort Worth, Texas, March 3.—Many additional delegates arrived today for the annual encampment of the Odd Fellow and Rebekah lodges of the state. A parade and a concert by children from the Odd Fellows' home at Corsicana are the features of today's program.

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