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EMERALD COUNTY JURY.

The Emerald county grand jury, which completed its 12 days' labor Friday, owing to the finding something like 100 indictments in violation of the local option law, has attracted no small degree of attention within the state, if not in the entire northwest. This body of men undoubtedly represented the sentiment of the majority of the voters and taxpayers of Emerald county and recommended that the county court employ special officers to enforce the law if the present magistrates fail to produce the desired results. The following is their final report filed, covering the local option question:

"We found, upon investigation, that the local option law enacted by the people at the last election in Emerald county has been most flagrantly violated, and we therefore were required to give considerable time and attention to the investigation of the so-called front-option cases. We have been greatly assisted by our investigation in these matters by special officers employed by the county through the district attorney, and we find that on account of the numerous violations of the law without any arrests being made therefor, that it was very important and essential, if the provisions of such law were to be enforced, that some special effort be made to that end, and we have accordingly in recommending that should the conditions at any time in the future become similar to the condition which has existed in Emerald county, that the enforcement of the prohibition law that the district attorney should employ at the expense of the county, the necessary assistance to gather evidence to be used in the prosecution of the offenders against said law. In this connection, however, we believe that if all of the officers of the county will give the same consideration to the enforcement of this law that they would to the enforcement of any other statute, that there will be no more necessity for employing outside assistance.

"In these cases, on account of the mass of testimony presented to us, we have been led to return indictments only in those cases against those defendants where there could be no possible excuse for a total jury to fail to convict, believing that a conviction upon all of such cases will be sufficient indication to those persons who have made it a business to violate such law, of the consideration they are apt to receive in the future if they continue to persist in defying the expressed will of the people of this county."

Over 1000 people visited the Pendleton fair on last Friday—Educational Day. This was their high-water mark, exceeding any previous day by 1400. There has been approximately 19,000 paid admissions to the pavilion during the week. All expenses were met and about \$1500 worth of new assets were left on hand for another year.

The socialist vote will be watched with interest by many at the coming election, as it will show whether or not the socialist party is growing in the United States. The vote four years ago cast for Eugene V. Debs was 462,382.

Little Child Injured.

Lucy, the little 3-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Charles McVary, while at play Saturday evening, fell off of the sidewalk onto a broken glass bottle, cutting a severe wound on her chin, which required several stitches. It is feared that it will require several years before the scar is removed, if any.

PIONEER CLERGYMAN

VISITS IN LA GRANDE

BUILT LOCAL EPISCOPAL CHURCH 34 YEARS AGO.

Dr. Nevius Spends Saturday and Sunday in La Grande—Was Officiating Clergyman at Wedding of Mr. and Mrs. Jay Stevens—Paddock Coming Thursday.

Rev. Dr. Nevius, one of the pioneer Episcopal clergymen of the northwest, came in unexpectedly Saturday evening and occupied the pulpit in St. Peter's church, both morning and evening, yesterday. Dr. Nevius built the local church 34 years ago, and the first service in which he officiated was the marriage of Mr. and Mrs. Jay Stevens, who have resided here continuously since. Dr. Nevius built churches in Pendleton, La Grande, Baker City, Lewiston and other places. He is 83 years of age, but his mind is as active and bright as when he first entered upon this mission field. He left this morning for Cove and Union, and will return here Thursday when Bishop Paddock will visit this parish officially.

The morning and evening sermons were strong, impressive and helpful. At the morning service, instead of teaching the text from Holy Scripture, he took as the subject of his address the baptismal vow of faith, as contained in the Apostles' creed? Answer: "I do." The preacher drew a clear distinction between knowledge and belief, or faith. Knowledge, in a sense, is what we obtain cognizance of by the senses, as when we see, hear, taste or smell a thing. Of facts that we learn by seeing or hearing or through our own senses, we are absolutely sure. We know them. We do not say that we believe such facts. Other facts we may be absolutely sure of, because they are capable of demonstration, and we may say that we know them. But the truths contained in the Apostles' creed are not of the class that can be demonstrated to a mathematical certainty. They are spiritual matters, and pertain to our eternal welfare, and are of the highest importance. The existence and nature of God, His infinite attributes of a virgin, His crucifixion, resurrection, ascension and His coming again to judge all men are truths that cannot be demonstrated by any mathematical process, and no one now living saw Christ at His birth, crucifixion, resurrection, or ascension, but these are historical facts as well attested as any facts that transpired nearly 1800 years ago, and their evidence is found in Holy Scripture. This church does not require us to say that we know that the statements of the creed are true. But we are required to say that we believe them. There is a vast difference between saying that we know a fact to be true and saying that we believe it. The preacher emphasized this distinction very impressively, because when persons are asked to be baptized or to bring their children to be baptized, and find that an adult cannot be baptized without saying that he believes the statements contained in the creed, some refuse to be baptized, saying that they cannot know whether they are true or not. He pointed out that such persons are under a misapprehension of the requirements of the church, and that the church does not require any one to say that he knows that the creed is true, but that he believes its statements to be correct. Baptism is only the beginning of the Christian life, and persons making this beginning are not required to say that they know that the statements of the creed are true, and the fact that they may be troubled to some extent about them is no bar to holy baptism, provided they believe them to be true. We have to act in very important matters in business life without knowing what will turn out to be the truth about them. We act on our belief, having faith that they are true. So it is in religion. Those who believe the creed are qualified for baptism and to begin their Christian life, and God, in His mercy, will strengthen their faith as they grow in grace through life. The doctor presented this question very clearly and impressively, and the above outline does him but poor justice.

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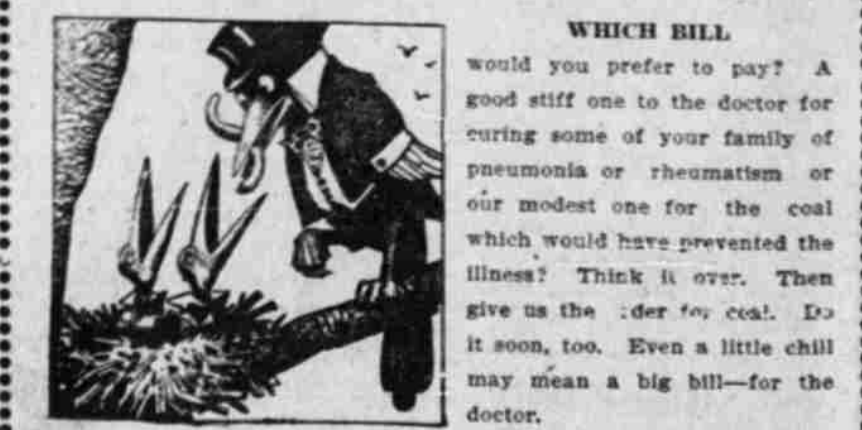
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