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WENT ABOUT DOING GOOD.—And Jesus went about all Galilee, teaching in their synagogues, and preaching the gospel of the kingdom, and healing all manner of sickness and all manner of disease among the people.—Matthew 4: 23.

No Christmas tree worry, says a headline. Evidently it does not refer to the getting of things to put on it.

All men are courageous enough to think that the other fellow should bear his troubles without whining. But it's always the other fellow.

That Illinois railroad which wants a nickname must have been extremely fortunate in its years of service or it would have had one conferred on it long ago.

The former kaiser says he has always had a liking for England. He could probably say the same for France—he tried so hard to go to Paris a few years ago.

English girls who take the advice of the British National Milk Publicity Council now rouge their cheeks by eating carrots and drinking milk. That will be enlightening to men who have often wondered how that carrot-color was obtained.

### A NEW AVIATION POLICY.

The recommendations of President Coolidge on what shall be done with the development of war and peace time aviation in this country will go a long way to correct present evils if approved by congress. Although no mention is made of Colonel Mitchell, the president's view is very, very much as Mitchell might want it. The president's board to investigate the conditions and needs of aviation made its report and it is that which is the basis for the executive's new policy. But the spotlight thrown by Mitchell on conditions and needs was most helpful to the board. So it is that succeeding events show that Mitchell is close to being right, dangerously close, as a matter of fact, regardless of whether or not he talked too much and violated army rules in getting the country's attention. Whatever his technical guilt may be as measured by army regulations, he will not suffer at the hands of the people of the country. He has done the country a good service. A few gray-haired generals who know combat only by old-fashioned standards and army conduct by the same rule may object and vote him guilty. But that's a small thing in this instance.

### ALASKA'S DETERIORATION.

Thanks to the moving pictures, the American public feels itself quite familiar with Alaska and few people desire closer acquaintance than the screen versions afford. But Alaska constitutes an enormous area under the Stars and Stripes. It is of imperial extent and the natural wealth it contains should be a satisfaction and deep concern of this country.

Yet Secretary of the Interior Work asserts the territory is rapidly becoming a "lost province," which he explains on the ground that opportunity for expansion has been curtailed by bureau officials made hesitant by limited authority. The white population at one time was 75,000; now it is estimated at 20,000. Production from its natural resources once was carried on enthusiastically and to the enrichment of those engaged in the work; it is not so now. Alaska for a time was a popular touring ground. The number of visitors has declined.

This deterioration ought not to be permitted. Our reputation for progressiveness should be maintained in Alaska and elsewhere under the flag. The government has poured many millions of dollars into Alaskan development enterprises which have degenerated into national liabilities. A change of plan clearly is in order if constructive work is to go on. Congress will have to adopt the program that will save Alaska.

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### OUT OUR WAY



WHEN THE SPHINX TALKS.

By WILLIAMS

### Editorials From Over the Nation

Cottage Grove Sentinel—A beautiful Eastern girl has married a wealthy Chinaman. The Chink has the chink, which gives us a queue as to why she did it.

Head Press—In Portland on a recent rainy day a traffic cop stopped a sweet young thing for driving without a license plate. Her excuse was she didn't want to get them dirty.

Forest Grove News-Times—When hooped Florida blows up—and that won't be long—old Oregon will still be calmly plodding on, harvesting honest crops to earn honest dollars.

### MAKING BOY CRIMINALS.

Portland Telegram—Two 17-year-old burglars arrested at Pendleton and two young Portland highwaymen, a little older, appear in the column of crime for one day this week. If the law functions as usual these four young people will spend a while in the state penitentiary where they will plan more burglaries and robberies.

To become a burglar or highwayman at 17 years of age a youth does not have to take a regular course in a school of crime, as did Oliver Twist. All that is necessary is that he be given all the cries for when a baby, all the sulks and kicks for when a youngster, all he demands and grabs when a young man. Give him no early instruction in his responsibilities toward his parents toward his neighbors and toward his God, give him no ambition to excel by the work of his own hand and give him plenty of amusement to keep him good natured and he is graduated into crime as naturally as a tadpole is into a frog.

Then give him a wide-open look into big wealth lying around within easy reach on bank counters and in cash registers, the key in the form of a cheap pistol and explosive, wheeled wings with which to fly away with the loot and the stage is set for a harvest of crime. There is no remedy for this except prevention and no prevention that precedes the home. Only the child who has been taught from before the days of his earliest memory to deny himself and to hate stolen fruit, is safe from the snare of crime.

### SNAKES IN THE GRASS.

Portland Journal—Rev. M. Coughlin, pastor of the Centenary Methodist Episcopal church



OFFICE CAT  
TRADE MARK REG.  
By Jynius

This is the time and age, that we have everything in the modern home but the family.

Peace Joyce says she doesn't believe in gambling and yet she gets married every once in a while.

TRIE TO THE FAITH  
Little Lador rushed into the grocery store. Banging a dime down on the counter he panted: "Gimme for ten cents animal crackers—take out the pigs."

TEETH—This PM—The April 20th.—At. In Dallas, Tex., News.

The penitentiary is no place for a journalist—it takes too long to complete sentences there.

THE PHILANTHROPIST  
The great man sent his heartiest wishes and a basket of fruit to every family in the community. The next day he announced his intention of entering politics.

PUNNY PAGE  
If only I were editor, I'd change the papers of all the comic characters in Sunday papers.

And so that Jinks might join his camp, I'd transfer Maggie to Ben or Lady Bountiful. Who's not a toady?

And so to soothe the famous wrath of Katerina, I'd trade their kids for Chester Gump. With all his beggars.

And so to find a springy boss, I'd give the Terrible Tempered Bangs. And let him spoil her.

And so to find a good, to try Katrina's power, I'd give her Happy Holligan. And send her flowers.

Proctor: Did you hear those fool pointers crowing early this morning?  
Mrs. Brown: Yes, dear.  
Proctor: I wonder what on earth they do that for.  
Mrs. Brown: Why, don't you

### Honored



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remember, dear? You got up early one morning, yourself, and you crowed about it for a week.

She: "I wonder who invented that superstition about Friday being an unlucky day."  
He: "Oh, some poor fish."

The arteries are not the only things that harden as years go by. There is the head.

Sign on history counter: "Sixty Cents 49 cents. Buy now. They Won't Last Long."

Wild life isn't really disappearing. It is just moving to the cities.

### Congress' Child Law Proves Bar to Pages

(By Charles P. Stewart)  
WASHINGTON, (NEA Special)—The United States Senate is caught at last—caught in a trap it helped to set.

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Superintendent of Schools Frank W. Dalton says this must stop.

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At the last minute, however, it occurred to some senator that prohibition of the employment of children under 14 probably would be construed as including congressional pages. Accordingly the

bill was amended, to leave them out.

The House of Representatives accepted the amendment, but didn't like it, and never since has employed a page below the minimum age limit for the rest of the District.

Doubtless the senators would have tried to amend the compulsory education bill, too, if anybody had thought of it, but nobody did. Due to this oversight the measure slipped through and unless the Senate decides to defy it, as law, which it can't do with a good grace, it seems certain to have to abide by what Dr. Dalton says.

Absence of street cars doesn't make the heart grow any fonder.

About all a rolling stone gathers is speed.

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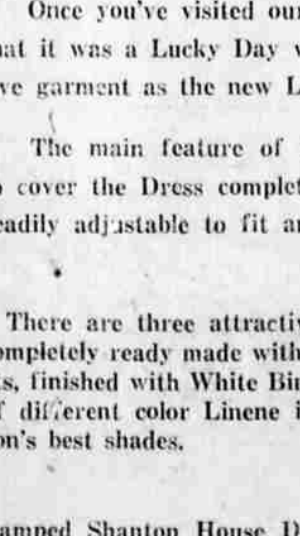
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Rev. J. B. Briney, who occupies a pulpit in a Disciples of Christ Church at Kansas City, Mo., has spent 65 years in the ministry. Beginning his career in 1860, he has served in Kentucky, Tennessee, Washington, Illinois and Missouri.

selected an excellent topic for his sermon Sunday. He challenged the "whisperer," the scandal monger who retails tales without any evidence or care for the truth of his statements, without any realization of their possible effect, and without even the nerve to make them publicly. He severely reprimanded the man or woman who will accept a "whisk" as more authentic "than a sworn statement," and attacked those who fall to the level of the tale bearer.

There are plenty of people who are willing to whitely or unwittingly tear down reputations or inflictations through the medium of the cowardly whisper. But they are not helping the world. They are not adding to build. They are not even Christians.

There are plenty of people who are willing to assassinate by a whisper. It always has been done and it is still done.

Are they just to their victims? Do they give them an opportunity to answer? Do they care whether

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