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EDITOR CLAUDE INGALLS,
PSYCHO HEALER.

Claude E. Ingalls, of the Corvallis Gazette-Times, throws a trenchant editorial pen, to speak in the vernacular of the day, but not to infer that Claude approves of that kind of English, for he is very particular and gets almost as much enjoyment out of picking to pieces the English used by others as he does in employing it for the expression of his own ideas. It takes quite a vocabulary and an expert wester of language to even modestly give expression to some of the things Claude thinks.

Editor Ingalls' trenchant pen operates with the greatest facility in giving expression to Claude's ideas on the futility and fatuity of the efforts of modern cults to bring about the reformation of the world and of religious organizations to cure the minds and bodies of modern sinners.

Claude is not an atheist, neither is he an agnostic. He admits that there is a supreme being, and when Claude admits that anything is so, there is no need to prove it. The supreme being whose existence Claude admits may not be the same supreme being whose existence others admit, but each of us has a right to believe in the existence of the kind of a supreme being we prefer. If Claude prefers to believe in a supreme being whose description would fit to an exact nicety that of the editor of the Corvallis Gazette-Times, we can see no reason to deny him whatever personal satisfaction he gets out of so doing. Assuming that this is the position he takes when he says he believes in a supreme being, we can more fully understand why he should be proud of considering himself something of a self-made man.

Editor Claude also admits that there is a devil. That is the only tenable theory he has to explain the existence of demons.

Editor Ingalls has little patience with the faults and foibles of his fellow creatures. He has enough of his

own to have patience with without taking on those of others, and when people from his home city went by hundreds to attend so-called faith-cure meetings in the city of Albany, Claude could no longer control himself and his trenchant pen went on a rampage. Had his constituents gone to meetings in Helena, Kokomo, Timbuctoo or somewhere out-of-the-way or outlandish place, Claude might have contained himself, but for residents of his city to find something in Albany superior to the attractions of Corvallis was beyond all reason.

It is nothing to Editor Claude that the so-called performer of the reputed miracles denies any responsibility therefor, that he disclaims any credit as a faith healer, or as a healer of any other kind. People call him a faith healer, residents of Claude's own town do so, which is unthinkable and inexplicable, so Claude proceeds to go to bat to demonstrate that there is no such thing as faith healing.

Possibly Claude is right. Possibly he is not. We neither deny nor confirm. A power which could create such a many-sided character as the editor of the Corvallis Gazette-Times ought to be able to do anything of any magnitude for the welfare, or ill, of mankind. At any rate he gets no argument from the evangelist at whose meetings the remarkable cures are reported to have been performed. The evangelist undoubtedly is glad to have the advertising in a great family journal like the Gazette-Times and to have a man of Ingalls' capacity (mentally and gastronomically) express ideas more in harmony with those of the evangelist than ordinarily are expressed by ardent editors who attempt to poke fun at whatever kind of healing results from evangelistic meetings of the kind which have been conducted at Albany and which will be conducted in Cottage Grove in the near future.

It is Ingalls' idea that the reputed cures are entirely psychological, that is, that the sick ones have merely imagined that they were sick and that all that was necessary to effect a complete "cure" was to remove the idea from their minds. This theory is interesting and is the reverse English on a somewhat popular belief that a person who is sick can cure himself by imagining that he is not sick. Editor Claude's pretty theory, however, is slightly out of harmony with another theory expressed by him to the effect that those who attend meetings of this kind are without brains. How a person without brains can imagine he is sick is a problem that no less a person than Claude can logically and rationally explain.

We have dwelt at some length upon Editor Claude's theory. It is now pertinent to explain what terrible experiences in life have brought Editor Claude to a position where he believes in no other supreme being and denies the efficacy of faith and prayer to cure genuine illness of soul and body.

Years ago Claude lived in Kansas.

A great many good things have come from Kansas and it was a good thing when Claude left. Senator Capper, while he was governor of that state, once said that something always happens just before Kansas goes to hell. Claude left—and came to Oregon—and there has been considerable hell here ever since.

But when Claude graced the Sunflower state with his presence, he ingratiated himself with congressmen and other more or less prominent residents of the state. Whenever he wrote a particularly pretty or emphatic editorial about the heroic things being done by a republican congress, or the dastardly things being done by a democratic congress, all members of congress from his state sent him packages of vegetable and flower seeds. The republican congressmen sent them with the best of good wishes. The democratic congressmen sent them to get even with him.

Claude would plant a package of pansy seeds with all the faith in the world that they would produce pansies, but either he was short on faith, or the power he prayed to was busy in Oregon, for the pansy seeds produced cabbages and the lettuce seeds produced cornflowers. That was Claude's first insight into the futility of faith.

Editor Claude had not been in Oregon many years until his ability was recognized and he has almost since the time of his arrival here served upon republican committees of some kind. During the last campaign he was secretary of the state committee. With Claude on the job what chance was there for a republican defeat? Not the slightest. Editor Secretary Claude admitted as much to Chairman Toole, and to any others who cared to know, or could be induced to listen. Everybody had faith in Claude, including Claude himself, but upon the day after election even Editor Claude couldn't explain how it happened. The truth probably is that the people imagined they were sick and imagined that Doctor Pierce's favorite tax prescription would cure them. Had Editor Secretary Claude known the exact condition he could have remedied it, for when he gets to swinging that trenchant editorial pen he can make anybody believe whatever he wants them to believe—with the exception of those contrary people who won't listen to reason.

The Sentinel is pleased that Editor Ingalls disagrees with someone every once in awhile, for if he did not we would be deprived of much of the enjoyment we derive from a perusal of the contributions to the exchange table. We would rather read his effusions when he disagrees with us than the effusions of many who do agree with us. The only reason that he doesn't get into a bigger field than that at Corvallis is because he wouldn't last a week on a metropolitan paper where he couldn't write an editorial dictated by anything except his own conscience. We need more editors of that kind,

even if their ideas sometimes do not harmonize with ideas expressed by The Sentinel, which in itself might be a near calamity, and we greatly regret that he is likely to desert the ranks of the fourth estate to join the ranks of the psycho healers.

THINGS WE THINK

Things Others Think and What We Think of the Things Others Think

The looking glass might be more popular if it didn't stick so closely to the truth all the time.

Many a wife has been surprised at the deftness with which her husband is handled by his office girl.

No person ever gets so rough or so bad but there is a spot somewhere that can be touched by kindness and charity.

The wisest people in the world are sometimes the easiest fooled on some little thing that doesn't amount to anything.

Once in a while when we hear a man say his wife is a treasure we think he forgot to attach another "r" at the end of the word.

No two women agree upon what constitutes a good husband. Each must adapt her ideas to her own peculiar brand of husband.

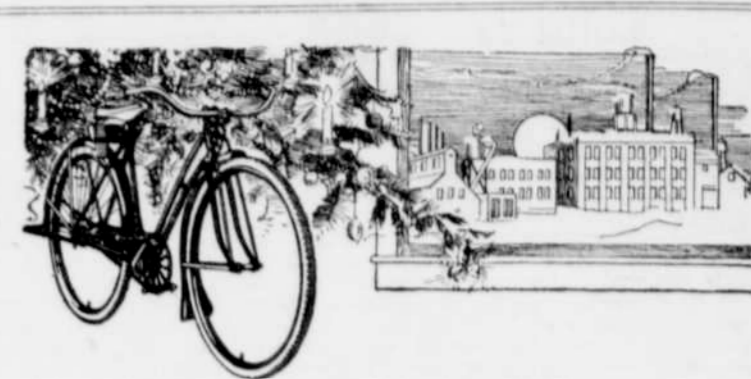
Home rule was not originated by the Irish. It has been a living, burning question since the first man and woman were put on earth.

What has happened to the old red petticoat that used to play so prominent a part in times of imminent danger to life and limb.

If a wife wants to keep a hubby traveling in the straight and narrow path, all she needs to do is to make him believe he talks in his sleep.

A lot of politicians wait until they see what policies are going to be popular, and then adopt them as their own, just as if they had originated them.

There is nothing to the story that has been going the rounds to the effect that after January 1 those drawing checks for less than a dollar would be subject to a fine of \$500, but if it were true, there are many who could with less risk draw one for the smaller amount than for the amount of the fine.



A Christmas Chum

One that is full of fun, lively from the word go, jumping with pep, helpful to health, free of bad habits, thrifty—the best kind of a pal 365 days in the year. Such a chum is the BICYCLE. Can anybody offer you a better Christmas gift suggestion?

HARRY RENTLE

Let This Be a Sonora Christmas

The name Sonora is a guarantee that you have the Highest Class Talking Machine in the World. This is a fine gift for the home, for its decorative value as well as for the pleasure of the entire family. It will prove a wonderful addition to the furnishing of your living room besides bringing into your home the work of the greatest artists. When you give a Sonora you can rest assured that your gift will be appreciated. It will still be a luxury and a comfort years from now. Gifts of this kind make better homes. There is one to fit your purse. Prices range from \$50 up.

Give Her a White Rotary for Christmas

There can be no more useful gift given than a good sewing machine, and in a White you have the most modern that is made. It pays to buy a good machine. The "Sit-Strate" White Rotary is a practical expression of modern hygienic sewing machine construction. These machines can also be furnished in the vibrating shuttle style if preferred. Call at our store and have us explain just how easy it will be to have one in your home.

We also handle Baldwin Pianos, The White, Claxtonola, and Burnham Graphophones, Records, Player Rolls, Sheet Music, etc.

Berry Piano Company

Main Street—Near the Bridge Cottage Grove

Kem's for Drugs

The Rexall Store

Offers you this season the most complete and varied assortment of Gifts we have been able to show you for years. We not only invite, but we respectfully urge, your careful inspection of our stocks. Remember, the Gifts we offer you are not only Beautiful but they are also Practical, Useful Gifts bought for the Double Purpose of pleasing the recipient and of "fitting your purse." A few suggestions follow:

- Mawauphil Dolls**—A new creation in the Rag Doll "race;" no breaking nor tearing; made from knitted mercerized cotton and silk material stuffed with silk floss. Faces painted in fast colors, giving expressions that delight both children and grownups. They are priced each.....50c to \$2.00
- Eastman Kodaks and Brownie Cameras** make pleasing and useful gifts; indisputable records of events may be kept through their use. Nothing fascinates more than good pictures and the joy of having them accumulate through the years.
Kodaks.....\$8.50 to \$35
Brownies.....\$2 to \$15
- Ivory Pyralin** solves many gift problems. Rich looking, beautiful in design, adding a touch of elegance and refinement to any home. You'll be delighted with what we have to offer you in Ivory Pyralin.
- Hand Painted China**—This is genuine hand decorated ware painted and fired by Mrs. Kem. This year she offers you many novelties, some done in luster finish.

- Books**—Reprints of popular copyrights at 85c. Bibles and testaments, 75c to \$5. Children's books from.....10c to \$2
- Electrical Goods**—
Flash lights from.....75c to \$3.75
Electric grills.....\$2.50
Electric curlers.....\$2.50
- Stationery**—Always an acceptable gift, is offered you in various grades and prices, all beautifully boxed.
- Other Items** that may offer a solution to your problems are: Rubber balls, 15c to \$1.50; Kodak albums, 75c to \$4; Watches, \$1.65 to \$9; Alarm clocks, \$1.25 to \$4; Toys and Games, Playing Cards, Greeting Cards, Tree Decorations, Christmas Boxes, Incense Burners, Hand Mirrors, Shaving Mirrors for wall or stand, Razors in various makes, \$1 to \$5; Thermos Bottles and Lunch Kits, Vases, Bead Chains, Harmonicas, Fancy Baskets, Hot Water Bottles, Manicure sets, Perfumes, Toilet Waters and Toilet Sets, Loose Leaf Memo Books, Military Brushes.

- Fountain Pens**—Waterman, Tempoint, Snap-Fill. Every one guaranteed 14-k gold. Nibs pointed with iridium and they must give you satisfaction. Anyone receiving one of these pens which may be unsuited to them may exchange for one that suits. Priced at \$2.50 to \$7 and war tax.
- Eversharp Pencils**—The genuine and original—the kind all other makers imitate; give wonderful satisfaction. A useful and beautiful gift that pleases. Priced.....50c to \$5
- Leather Goods**—Purses, brief and music cases, tightwads, bill folds, Boston bags, collar bags. You can afford to buy these goods shipped direct from the factories and economically priced.
- Norwood Novelties**—A large assortment of novel articles boxed especially for gift giving. Each box cover carries a little verse or rhyme descriptive of the article or its use and thereby adding much to the gift itself. These will please you and your friends because they are very new and different. Priced.....50c to \$2

Some farmers plow right through their work.
Love isn't so blind but that it can find a girl's lips in the dark.
We almost expect the unexpected to happen much oftener than it does.
The happiest person is the one who has just brought happiness to someone else.
The laborer who proves worthy of his hire usually has a new mark set for him.
Some men have such poor business heads that they don't even collect their thoughts.
Maybe the reason that so many folks talk about the weather is that it can't defend itself.
Don't forget that your neighbors are watching you just as closely as you are watching them.
It would keep a girl busy most of the time to look like her photograph much of the time.
When a man has been vindicated several times you begin to feel that something is wrong.
Grasp your enemy by the hand—that is the generous thing to do, and will keep him from using it to slug you.
An irate husband knocked his wife's false teeth down her throat in a mild altercation—and now the wife can eat her vitals out with anger.
We are glad some people change their minds once in awhile. We would dislike to have them stay in the same state of mind all the time.
An eastern legislature has passed a law prohibiting the publishing in the state of stories of crime. It will therefore be necessary to have outside printers publish the legislative proceedings.
It is claimed that of every 1000 people 80 are blind by nature. Of the balance 200 are blind partisans, 600 can't see their own faults and the remaining 120 don't use their eyes.
Several hundred thousand dozens of Chinese eggs have been consumed on the Pacific coast during the past year without the consumer knowing it. The consumer has been fooled as successfully as he has been fooling biddy with china nest eggs for fifty or a hundred years.

The more things a person gets to make him happy the more he has to worry about.
No one is so perfect but that an enemy can hatch up things that some folks will believe.
If you let an agent know that you are in the market for an automobile, you are not going to remain in the market very long.
When you hear a man say "I said the last time I'd never do that again" you can be pretty sure that he has not had his last like experience.
In later life a man really gets so he takes some pride in big feet or some other physical characteristic, remarks about which cut him to the quick in his younger days.
Any old kind of a government would be all right if we could get the men we want into office—and they would do what they promised before the ballots were counted that they would do.
We are told that there are not enough people on the farms and that's why food is going up in price. Another tells us too many are going on the farms and that's why food is going up in price. We would add that there are also too many consumers, and that's why both are going up.

Printed Christmas Cards

The Sentinel is prepared to furnish Christmas cards printed in red and green, with suitable illustrations, with reading matter supplied by the customer, at the following prices:

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| 25 for..... | \$1.50 |
| 50 for..... | \$2.00 |
| 75 for..... | \$2.25 |
| 100 for..... | \$3.00 |

(including envelopes)

These are very tasty in design and solve the problem of how to remember many friends with an inexpensive reminder of friendship and good wishes.

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