

Morality vs. Dogmas.

Dear friends :- For some time I heve been watching the Oregon State Secular Union, and while your program is not exactly what I should have mapped out, yet I believe that you are on the right track and have made a magnificent beginning. Your are working in direct the whale swallowed Jonah or that violent opposition. Jonah swallowed the whale. I am Mayor Harrison rode at the head who urged that all the pretty girls but I guess the ministers did. be turned over to brutal soldiers to Two negro murderers were hangbe enslaved and ravished. It is ed in this city May 29th. Two not in accord with my conscience to protestant ministers were present tell my boys that whatever such a to see them off. The report says: God tells them to do is right.

on humanity's present ills, particu- of the psalm seemed to bring back larly in regard to the liquor busi- his courage. "I will dwell in the ness. We liberals cannot raise our house of the Lord forever!' and the moral standard too high. If we white caps hid the ashen faces of cannot get it any higher than the negroes." The report doesn't the bible, something is wrong with state where the other one will spend us. If we cannot take an un- the remainder of eternity. wavering stand against the evils and vices which beset the pathway Army were arrested in Evanston of mankind, we have no business because they refused to obey the talking about "moral standards." orders of the municipal authorities, Whatever adds to the misery of the confining their out door services to human race is wrong, no matter certain parts of the town. The how many gods say it is right. police say the army leaders forced Whatever adds to humanity's hap- the arrest so they could appear in piness is right seven days in the the martyr roll something after the week. "Do unto others as you style of their comrades in New would have others do unto you," is York. They seemed quite willing good gospel, even if Christ and Con- to be arrested and marched down fucius said it. "Take a little wine the street singing "All for Jesus." for your stomach's sake," is a fraud At the station they almost begged and a delusion, no matter who said to be locked up. The chief finally it. If it should turn out that we run wards, he thought they were seekup against a god when we die, he surely will not punish us for something that we have not done, and what square man wants to shirk re- officers went after them again and sponsibility for what he has done. this time they were hooked under If he is a gentleman, he will ask what good things we have done; what man we have helped to a bet- "either for pay or with the intenter life; what sorrowing one we have tion of taking pay" for the same. comforted; he will not ask us what particular religious dogma we ad- on their own recognizance. If they hered to.

what we know nothing about. This earth is so constructed that we can do right. Let us do it.

Cordially, W. E. JOHNSON. New York, N. Y.

Chicago.

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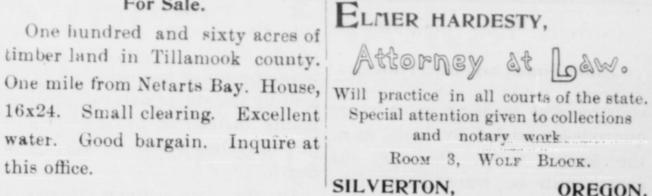
A few Sundays ago a church was line with my convictions and my dedicated in this city which cost anxiety is deep for your abundent \$125000. If that was taxed like success. The teaching of common other property it would pay \$1200 morality and horse sense is worthy a year. For \$3000 one can buy a of man's highest endeavor. I can- lot and build a comfortable home not see what relation morality has here; forty such houses would not to frogs in Egypt or Daniel walking equal in value this church and yet into a furnace and not starting the a proposition to exempt forty sweat. I cannot see that a man is houses from taxation in a communa better citizen for believing that ity would no doubt arouse the most

convinced that a man can be a good of 5000 bicyclists in a Sunday citizen and not believe that a tender parade the other day. I don't know hearted God ordered the indiscrim- whether he stopped to consider that inate slaughter of all the men, he was likely keeping a great many women and children in Cannan; nickles away from the churches,

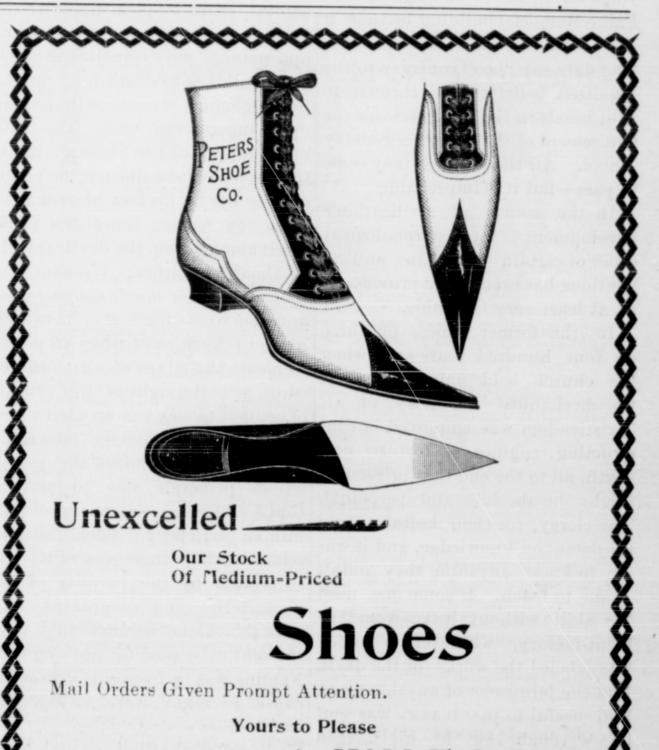
"The Rev. Mr. Ford stepping out

Do not make the mistake, however on the little balcony before the of thinking that the whole duty of second tier of cells, went on to the Oregon State Secular Union the end of the twenty-third psalm, consists in demolishing the bass- while the deputies pulled the white wood gods of the orient or the ghost shrouds around the negros and god of Palestine. I am glad to see when the ropes were over their heads that you do not. I am glad that one of them shrank from the touch of you have taken an advanced stand the hemp, but the stately measures

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this world better and happier, did not benefit them much. rather than speculate concerning

Seven members of the Salvation told them to go, for as he said after-

ing to brand themselves as martyrs. When released they marched back to the same corner and resumed their singing and shouting. The the ordinance which forbids the playing of musical instruments in the streets during certain hours The prisoners were then released could have induced the officers to lock them up it would have been Let us bend our efforts to making much better for their business. The charge being true, however,

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