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ATTENTION

The call for a meeting at Odd Fellows hall, Wednesday, October 20, at 8 p. m., signed by every business firm in Lents, with one or two exceptions, appearing on first page of this issue is of vital importance to this community. Every resident that has the welfare of Lents and country tributary thereto at heart should not fail to be present.

DISCOURAGING TO IMMIGRANTS

One of the measures which will come before the voters this fall is a proposed amendment to the state constitution giving authority to make laws for compulsory voting and registration, and also for voting by mail in certain cases. The Herald is not in favor of compulsory voting or of registration in country districts but the legislature or the people should have the power to pass such laws. Voting by mail should be permitted when the voter cannot be at home. As the laws are now in most states a large number of electors are disfranchised every year because they can not be at home election day. For these reasons the amendment should pass.

—Pine Valley Herald.

And what about a man, unfortunate, like the writer, who through force of circumstances over which he had no control was obliged to change residence to another state in the month of June, and thereby disfranchised from voting at the ensuing election because it requires a years residence in the great state of Oregon before one can vote?

THE TEACHER'S OPPORTUNITY

By William Mather Lewis, Director Savings Div., Treasury Department.

The strength of the United States depends upon the practical patriotism and sound economic thought of her future citizens. These characteristics must be developed in the daily life of the school.

Economists agree that the universal adoption of habits of intelligent saving will strengthen our nation tremendously. When every wage earner has a reserve fund of money the country will be sound economically, socially and politically.

The teacher who encourages pupils to earn money and to invest in Thrift Stamps and War Savings Stamps is doing much for their economic strength and practical patriotism.

Each child who buys stamps feels a partnership in the Government; he learns the wisdom of investing his money in securities that are absolutely safe; he becomes familiar in a practical way with compound interest; and as he sticks stamp after stamp upon the card, he has a visual demonstration of how savings grow.

Faith without works is dead. Thrift without safe investment, such as Government Savings securities, is robbed of its benefits. Its virtue lies not only in its principles but in the actual practise of investment.

Each year thousands of boys and girls in the United States are deprived of a college education because they lack money.

You can remedy this situation among your pupils by starting them on the road to saving early in life and encouraging them to safeguard these savings in Government securities.

You are rendering a real service to your country and your pupils by promoting the sale of these stamps.

Add to your influence as a teacher. Promote sound economic thought, practical patriotism and prosperity by encouraging your pupils in the regular purchase of Thrift Stamps and War Savings Stamps.

DANGEROUS AND COSTLY RAT.

Because of the bubonic plague cases in Vera Cruz and the proximity of that port to the gulf ports of the United States, Surgeon General Cumming is urging a war upon rats. The rat is a distributor of bubonic plague germs, just as different varieties of the mosquito are the carriers of yellow fever and malaria and the fly is the busy bearer of many germs. It has not been many years since this menace of the rat was discovered in an effort to learn the mystery of bubonic plague spreading, but now that it is known, the reasonableness, the need, of a general war upon the rat is evident. But there is another good reason for such a war. The rat does damage to the amount of \$180,000,000 annually in this country. Every person in the United States supports one rat and it costs him and her about \$2 a year each to do it. The rat population and human population are estimated to be the same. A small fraction of the annual upkeep of rodents would practically exterminate the entire rat population, says St. Louis Globe-Democrat. In view of the economic saving and the protection of the public health it would seem as though there should be a general campaign to accomplish this.

We were criticizing a crooked politician when our friend said: "His home life is hell." Our criticism stopped. When a man's home life is hell many allowances must be made for him. The highest human incentive a man can have to keep him straight and good is a happy home life. Take that away from him and there is not much incentive left, unless he is an extraordinary man, says Ohio State Journal. If there is some one at home, some one of honor and understanding, who shares all his hopes and fears, who sympathizes in all his misfortunes and glories in all his successes, who believes in him and trusts him and encourages him and stands by him, win or lose, a man with a spark of manhood in him is not likely to go wrong permanently or very far. A man who has not this blessed and inspiring influence in his life is to be pitied before being blamed.

It is necessary to obtain a permit to buy even a newspaper in Irkutsk, Siberia, under soviet rule. Even the oppressive and tyrannical governments opposed by the leaders of the soviet movement do not exercise such supervision over individual liberty of action as this.

Woman members of a rural council in England are to be allowed to smoke "to keep them in good humor," for one thing, and as an "antidote for a badly ventilated room," for another. This is perhaps the most ingenious method of ventilating a room ever devised.

Another disadvantage of the Russian soviet system so far as the United States is concerned is, the Russian believers in it want to flock to the United States where we won't have it, whereas those in the United States who believe in it won't go to Russia.

The opinion of the attorney-general that those "in transit" signs on automobiles are no good may cause some speculation as to the standing of a "license applied for" sign that has become on the job so long that it has become too dirty to be readable.

A traffic manager states that "people will talk and complain of the price of travel but they'll go just the same." That's true, but think of the hundreds of thousands more who will go if special rates are made from time to time.

After two years of silence, Arctic Explorer Amundsen has been heard from. He has landed at a trading post where it is feared by some that he will have to give up his ships for a half peck of potatoes.

It is said that in France a doctor's claim on the estate of a deceased patient comes first. But then the heirs ought to be willing enough to yield precedence if only out of common gratitude.

The report from Vienna that the pay of teachers and professors had not kept pace with the increased cost of living shows that after a war the vanquished as well as the victors suffer.

Premier Millerand says France will not consider resuming relations with Russia until the government agrees to pay its debts. That will be when Russia has another government.

The American Classic league, meeting in Cincinnati, sang patriotic songs in the Latin tongue. It would be interesting to know whether they can also sing them in English.

The Optimists have voted to become a national instead of an international body. They have more hope for America than for the rest of the world.

Judging by the week-end casualty lists, it's safer to ride in an automobile than to go swimming.

IS JESUS A MYTH

By Dr. James I. Vance

Is Jesus of Nazareth a fact of history? If not, there are some things without explanation.

The four Gospels are a fabrication and were invented to maintain and promote a lie. Is this believable? These Gospels abound in the sublimest moral teachings. They inculcate every virtue. They demand absolute fidelity between man and his fellow. They call for a life of unyielding probity. They frown on the slightest deviation from rectitude. They call not only for an honest life, but a clean heart. They explore the motives and investigate the secret processes of the soul, and brand as a bad life that cherishes so much as a desire for evil. Can it be possible that the world's sublimest moral plea is built on a lie. It is incredible.

If Jesus is a myth, the early Christian were deceived. There can be no doubt about the strength and sincerity of their belief. It was more than surmise and conjecture.

It was conviction stronger than life itself. For the sake of this conviction they suffered the loss of all things—position, kindred, property, life itself. They went to the dungeon and the stake with a song on their lips. They made the sacrifice not only without a murmur, but with an eagerness that cannot be explained without certitude. They had every opportunity to know whether they were being deceived. The evidence they submit could not be rejected in any court of justice. If they were deceived it is not possible for men ever to be sure.

If Christ did not live as He is reported in the gospels, the Christian church is without an explanation. The church is here. With all its virtues and its faults, it is here, an undeniable fact. Men may hold different opinions about the Christian church, but no man can say it is a myth. Its record is an open book, and its influence is widespread. As well try to explain the American nation without the declaration of independence and the revolutionary war as to explain the Christian church without its founder.

Can it be possible that all this is built on a lie? As well talk about the day without a sun or the sea without the waters of the deep or forests without trees or sensation without life as to attempt to tell the story of the world today and leave out Jesus.

MICKIE SAYS

LISTEN HERE, OLE TOP! YOU MAN MANAGE TO WIDDLE ALONG O.K. WITHOUT SUBSCRIBING PER TH' PAPER BY READIN' IT 'ROUND TOWN SOMEWHERE, BUT HOW 'BOUT VER WIFE? SHE LIKES TO READ TH' PAPER TOO!



NOTICE TO CREDITORS

In the Circuit Court of the State of Oregon, for the County of Multnomah, Probate Department. In the Matter of the Estate of Louis Corak, Deceased. Notice is hereby given that Frank Harper, the undersigned, has been duly appointed administrator of the estate of Louis Corak, deceased, by the Circuit Court of the State of Oregon, for the County of Multnomah, probate department, and has qualified. All persons having claims against said estate are hereby notified and required to present the same, duly verified and with proper vouchers, to said administrator, at the office of H. P. Arnest, Attorney at law, 9133 Foster road, S. E. Lents Station, Portland, Oregon, within six months from the date of the first publication of this notice. Date of first publication October, 1, 1920. Date of last publication, October, 22, 1920. FRANK HARPER, Administrator, Estate of LOUIS CORAK Deceased. H. P. ARNEST, Attorney for Administrator, 9133 Foster road, S. E., Portland, Oregon.



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