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Optimism was the watchword of the meeting of the West Coast Lumber Manufacturers' association held at Portland Monday. It being agreed that better times were ahead for the lumbermen of the northwest as against the depression which has been spread over the lumber industry during the past 18 months. An anticipated car shortage and the need of retailers to increase their stocks were given as reason for an expected advance in prices and a revival of business, while a order placed by the Southern Pacific company for 5000 cars was considered most encouraging.

The city council is preparing to make war upon the weed nuisance in St. Johns. Notices will no doubt be served upon all property owners to cut weeds within a certain specified time or they will be cut by the city at the owners' expense. It seems to be the only thing to do. Many places in St. Johns are a disgrace on account of the rank growth of weeds of an obnoxious nature, and it seems that the owners have not enough civic pride to cut them down. On many of the streets the grass has grown so long as to almost cover the sidewalks, making it disagreeable to travel them after a rain. The danger from fire is not a small feature in the unconfined growth of weeds and other wild vegetation. It is up to the property owner to get busy, or bear the expense of having the weeds cut and additional costs involved therein.

The Greatest Menace

The danger that is the greatest menace to the United States today lies in the performances and plans of that class of men who have stolen the holy name of labor for their shibboleth, but who instead of being laborers are determined to live upon the labor of other men and women. The menace could be quickly turned aside by legislation and the work of the courts, except that every small politician who aspires to office seems to feel it a duty to cuddle to or temporize with the depraved organization. But they surely are a concernment to every state in our union, and wherever they appear their sinister crests there should be swift work done. The federal government should make the way easier to deal with them by setting aside some island in the sea to which, on fair conviction, they should be transported. They glory in a simple fine and brief imprisonment, for those things but heighten their prestige and influence. But were they to once understand that if convicted, the conviction would be swift banishment to some spot where they would have to work or starve, the fact would have a most cooling and soothing influence upon them. As yet they are but a little cloud upon the sky of our country but they threaten to fill the whole heavens with shadows in the very near future. Their preaching is altogether incendiary, their practices are so brutal that they on every manifestation make clear that they are public enemies, so cruel and untamable that they are a direct menace to order, law and the blessings of liberty. In their depraved souls liberty is but another name for unbridled license, their aims are but to convert free government into anarchy and their methods are as cruel as the hearts of hungry tigers.—Goodwin's Weekly.

"Three Weeks," Elinor Glyn's palpitant novel, will be made into a six part picture play costing \$20,000. St. Johns papers please copy.

The above gem appeared in the "Crawfish" column of Monday's Oregonian. Since St. Johns has apparently made a reputation as a place where moving pictures touted as off color, but which are not, may be shown, let it come, provided it is no more "scandalous" than the picture which Portland turned down recently and was shown in St. Johns. The local authorities, unlike Portland, do not turn down one show and then let a more suggestive one appear.

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A DEBATE

Subject: "Resolved, That Every Church Should be Wiped off the Map." Affirmative—Dr. Bailey Kay Leach, editor of "Justice"; negative, A. W. Markle, Editor St. Johns "Review."

The word "Church" used in this debate means the ecclesiastical religious organization constituting what is called "Christianity."

All European nations, except Turkey, and those of the Americas, are called Christian. They seem to be.

All Christian churches were off shoots of the Roman Catholic church. The Roman Catholic church was founded in the year A. D. 325 by Constantine, the Roman Emperor. Constantine was subsequently "sainted" by the Roman hierarchy.

Constantine clearly comprehended that, try as you will, you cannot separate church and state. If the two are not openly combined, then they must be secretly affiliated.

Religious interests, under the sway of superstition, which is but another name for ignorance, indubitably reaches out for temporal power.

The so-called separation of Church and State has resulted in every church struggling for political privilege, if not complete civil control.

Martin Luther proved no more liberal in his conduct toward "unbelievers" while he held civil power than had the prelates of the mother church. Also, Luther did not lead the Reformation for the sake of establishing religious liberty, but to gain material advantage and to dominate certain territory in Europe, particularly in Germany and Prussia.

John Calvin and John Knox both proved as cruel and murderous as the religious despots of Rome, once they secured the civil power.

But whatever of cruelty or atrocity was exercised by either the Roman pontiff and his cohorts, or by John Calvin or John Knox, was ostensibly done in the interest of the Church of Christ, albeit that church was Roman, Lutheran, Calvinistic or Presbyterian.

Then from those sects sprang the numerous and lesser ones with which Christendom is infested. All these are striving for power—both spiritual and temporal.

They all acquire property—and as much as possible. As their wealth increases their munificence is manifested in fine structures and elegant equipments. And their ministers, or priests, or bishops become the recipients of generous salaries.

Jesus is called the founder of Christianity. But Jesus founded nothing. He did not, in fact, express a single original idea. Assuming that such a man ever existed, the essence of his doctrine is found in what is called the "Golden Rule."

But there is not a church today—nor has there ever been one—that is governed by that ethic.

Therefore, the churches are all institutions of graft and greed, and they do not and cannot express the doctrine of Jesus of Nazareth.

Since they are not really Christian or Christlike, they are fraudulent and ought to be abolished.

Under the sway of the churches—a sway that has dominated society in all so-called Christian nations for nearly seventeen

hundred years—crime has increased, injustice has thrived, tyranny has never relaxed, the rich have steadily grown richer and the poor poorer. Meanwhile the Church has steadily decreased in power and membership.

In the past 84 years the Roman Catholic church has lost 5,000,000 members. The Presbyterian church has suffered a loss of 300,000 members for the past three years.

Thus, it is shown that the Church is a failure. If it were an instrument of God, it could not fail. If it were an institution of justice and righteousness, it could not fail. But since it is neither Godlike, nor Christlike, nor just, it ought to be "wiped off the map."—Justice.

Despite the debater's contention to the contrary, Christianity is of divine origin. Peter was constituted the head of the church by Christ himself. Of this there can be no doubt, unless the veracity of the Scriptures be assailed. Being divine, it will never fail.

With the advent of Christianity the dawn of civilization was ushered in. Its beneficent influence began to dissolve the darkness and its rays gathered strength and spread wider and wider all down the dark ages of the past until today its influence is felt and recognized in every nation of the earth. Were it not for Christianity the darkness and bitterness of the past would only have been enhanced and intensified as time wore on. That would have been the only logical outcome. But the fires of Christianity were lighted by Christ himself, and the result has been that today the world has advanced to a stage where the bigotry, the ignorance and benightedness of the past have given way to civilization and understanding.

Perhaps if the debater would study the pages of history for seventeen hundred years back he will find that crime has not increased, injustice has diminished, and tyranny is less prevalent than seventeen hundred years ago. Neither are the poor as poor, and the rich of today were in most cases the poor of a few years ago. And the church has not decreased in membership, according to the latest statistics. Therefore, the church is not a failure, and never will be because it is divinely instituted.

The debater takes for granted things that cannot be proven or borne out by facts. Because Constantine "comprehended that try as you will, you cannot separate church and state. If the two are not openly combined, then they must be secretly affiliated." Perhaps that might have been the condition at the time of Constantine, but can it be proven to be the case today? Also the statement that Martin Luther "did not lead the Reformation for the sake of establishing religious liberty, but to gain material advantage and to dominate certain territory" is assuredly not borne out by the reading of his life and history. The alleged cruelty and murderous instincts of John Calvin and John Knox are mere assertions that apparently have no foundation.

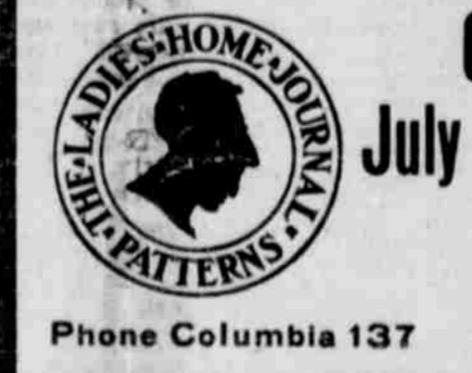
The debater proves his skepticism of the existence of Christ by the assertion, "Assuming that such a man ever existed." A man who does not believe in Christ cannot believe in the church or in Christianity.

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Will Have a Big Time

Headed by the various churches and Sunday schools, and the cooperation of the fraternal orders, and other organizations, a general celebration is scheduled for July 4th at Columbia Park.

The committee in charge has secured the Police Band, which will lead the parade from Portsmouth avenue to the Park, and furnish music for the entire days' program.

The park is well adapted for picnicking, with its lawns, beautiful shade trees, ball field, tennis courts, playground diamonds for both boys and girls, volley ball, basket ball, croquet sets, baby swings and schutes, gymnastic equipment for the boys, and many other conveniences granted the public by the city. The program for the day will be as follows:

Parade 10:30 a. m., forming at the corner of Portsmouth avenue and Lombard street, will be led by the Policeman's Band, and march to the Park. Prizes are to be awarded to the following: The most attractive and artistic display, open to Fraternal Orders, Sunday Schools or other organizations.

Best individual character, open to any one.
Best general float.
Cradle roll float.
Best decorated doll carriage—first prize, dressed doll; second, undressed doll.
Boys' Sunday School class display, also girls' Sunday school class.
Ball game—Boys vs. men.
Band Concert.
Basket dinner.
Literary program.
3:30 to 5: Athletic games and sports.

Public Utility Decisions

The Public Utilities Commission is arriving at physical valuations of the Salem and Dallas Water Company properties to fix reasonable rates to the consumers. In four public utilities inquiries of similar character the commission has upheld owners of the plants in recent decisions.

In the Newberg Telephone Company case, owing to advances in wages to telephone girls by the Industrial Welfare Commission, the company was only earning one and four-tenths per cent on the investment of capital. The Commission advanced rate 25 cent per month per phone, or three dollars per year, and raised the removal charge from \$1 to \$3.

In the North Bend and Marshfield water company cases they ascertained the valuation of the plant for both cities to be \$130,000, and decided present rates were unreasonably low. They authorized improvements in the way of new mains and a reservoir to cost \$16,000, and raised rates about ten per cent.

In the suit of the Eugene Water Board against the Oregon Power Co. the city, which is not under Utility Commission control, asked the state to prevent the Oregon Power Co. cutting rates and offering special inducements to meet the city rates.

Notice to Dog Owners

All owners of unlicensed dogs are hereby given final notice to secure a license not later than the tenth day of July, 1914. Persons failing to secure such license will have their dogs shot after that date. Also all dogs found running at large without a muzzle will receive the same treatment.—John Poff, Chief of Police.

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This the Utility Commission refused to do, thus sustaining the Oregon Power Co.

In Cottage Grove versus the Cottage Grove Electric Co. poor service and unreasonably high rates were charged by the city. After investigation the Commission found the rates reasonable, and dismissed the case without prejudice.

In city of St. Johns versus the St. Johns Water Works and Lighting Co. the Commission fixed the valuation of the property for rate making purposes at about \$90,000, recommended universal metering and decrease of rates of five per cent.—From Industrial News Bureau of the Pacific Coast Manufacturer.

Proposals for Street Work

Sealed proposals will be received at the office of the Recorder of the City of St. Johns until July 14, 1914, at 8 o'clock p. m., for the improvement of Richmond street, from the west line of Edison street to the Richmond street dock in the manner provided by Ordinance No. 605, subject to the provisions of the charter and ordinances of the City of St. Johns, and the estimate of the city engineer on file.

Engineer's estimate is \$6,712.94.

Bids must be strictly in accordance with printed blanks, which will be furnished on application at the office of the Recorder of the City of St. Johns. And said improvement must be completed on or before 60 days from the date of the last publication of this notice.

No proposals or bids will be considered unless accompanied by a certified check payable to the order of the Mayor of the City of St. Johns, certified by a responsible bank for an amount equal to ten per cent of the aggregate proposal.

The right to reject any and all bids is hereby reserved.

By order of the City Council.
A. E. DUNSMORE,
Recorder.
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NOTICE OF Proposed Assessment

Notice is hereby given that apportionment of the cost of improvement of Mo-hawk street, from the north line of Central avenue to the south line of Fessenden street, total cost of which is \$4,345.73, has been apportioned and is on file in the office of the undersigned, subject to examination.

Assessment district extends back to the center of lots, blocks or tracts of land abutting on said street as provided by the city charter and resolutions.

Remonstrance against said apportionment may be made in writing and filed with the undersigned until 5 o'clock P. M. July 13, 1914.

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