

PREMIUM ON CRIME.

Theory of Forgiveness of Sins is Pleasing But Erroneous.

CLACKAMAS, Ore., July 25.—(Editor Courier.)—In regard to the hanging of murderer Lauth, at the penitentiary July 13, perhaps you will permit me a few remarks.

Reporters make the chaplain say: "No person who ever died was better prepared to go to Heaven."

Leaving the question of what and where is Heaven in the background for the present, I would like to ask if the claim, made by an honorable church official, and endorsed by the church generally, is not an offered premium on crime, and it seems to me to teach that a man can live a life of sin, theft, rape, robbery and murder, and at the last hour "turn to Christ," whatever that may be, and secure an honorable discharge from all the claims of the moral law, is politically a dangerous teaching? Had Mr. Lauth been taught—had it been instilled into his mind that no matter how great or how small his sins were, each one would not only follow him to the grave, but to the depths of the life beyond; that he must atone for each sin by the tedious process of self reform, whether in this life or the life to come, he would have probably hesitated before committing even a small crime—much less the crime of murder.

But, in all probability, Lauth had largely perverted destructiveness, with low consciousness, and being angered at his paramour, reasoned in this way, "I'll kill her and risk the gallows, but if I am to hang, the chances will be increased that God will wipe my sins away."

But sins are the effects of perversions, and perversions are not healed in an hour, a day, nor perhaps yet for years, but like the young tree that has been twisted by the winds, bent by the weight of snow, and stunted by summer's drought, until its unsightly appearance would cause the woodman to pass it by as a worthless, or yet, perchance, hoping to restore its native beauty, places the tree in better surroundings, shelters it from the fierce winds, guards it against the weight of snows, and supplying the dry, heated soil with moisture. At the same time, the trunk and boughs are trained to natural positions. Thus in due time the tree is reclaimed from ugliness to beauty. So, also, should his process of redemption be applied to man—must be so applied in some way before redemption is possible.

The theory of forgiveness of sin is pleasing, but erroneous. I cannot see that any sin was ever forgiven, or ever can be. The hour that Lauth killed his lady-love still hangs in the calendar of time. Nor is there any power in the universe that can erase it therefrom. No more can the deed of murder be recalled but will stand as a deed in the history of life, forever.

But while we are still guilty of all our past wrongs, we may in due time, rise above the plain of those wrongs and commit them no more. But lead a life ever after of justice and love.

But while Lauth, guilty of one of the foulest crimes, was carried by angel-hands to worlds of peace and happiness, what shall we say of the victim of his wrath—far less dark from stains of sin? A soul, like others, destined to live forever. Nor is she debarrd the right nor the power to begin at once the work of self reform. And in this instance, I am happy to believe the victim has far the advantage of the slayer in the race for the ports of Peace.

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NEEDY.

Thrashing machines are beginning to him in this part of the country.

Lewis Spaglia spent a few days' last week at the Fair.

Mrs. C. C. Molson, who was taken to the hospital last week, returned home Tuesday.

B. Byers entertained friends from Woodburn Sunday.

Miss May Price visited Portland Saturday.

The Misses Davis and the Meers, Shockley and F. Ringo, of Highland, were the guests of Miss Alice Ritter Sunday and Monday.

Miss Myrtle Smith spent Tuesday with her sister, Mrs. Etta Fish.

Miss Lizzie Herman was a Canby visitor Tuesday.

Miss Zoia Fish and Albert Elliot attended the picnic at Aurora Sunday.

Miss Beatrice Ritter has returned home after a two weeks' visit at Aurora.

Anderson Stuart left for an outing at the Coast Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. D. Zimmerman visited relatives at Hubbard Thursday.

"Dr. Wilhelm" spent Sunday at Willhoit.

THE COUNTY'S DEAD.

Mrs. Ida Porter.

Mrs. Ida Porter, wife of James Porter, died Wednesday at her home in Canby, aged 43 years, after an illness of about two years. Her death was due to a cancerous condition of the abdominal cavity. She is survived by a husband, four sisters and three brothers, and father and mother, Mr. and Mrs. E. E. Mott, who are pioneer residents of Clackamas county. Mrs. Porter lived all her life near Canby and New Era and was well known in that section. Funeral took place this morning from the Methodist Church at Canby, and the interment was in Zion Cemetery.

Mrs. Alice L. Wood.

Funeral service was held Sunday afternoon over the remains of the late Mrs. Alice L. Wood, who died in this city Friday, July 21. Service was held at the family residence, corner Adams and Twelfth street, after which the remains were laid to rest in Mountain View cemetery. Rev. E. S. Bolinger officiated. Mrs. Wood was at the date of her death aged 51 years, 3 months, 25 days, and is survived by a husband and two children, all of whom are residents of this city.

John G. Toner.

Funeral services of the late John G. Toner, of McMinnville, were held from the grave at Mount View cemetery Sunday afternoon. There were no other services held. John G. Toner, who spent the last days of his life with his only daughter, Mrs. Wright, of McMinnville, was an old pioneer of Clackamas county, having lived here the greater part of his life. He was a pioneer steamboat man, having run on the Willamette river the earlier part of his life. He was 83 years of age at the date of his death, and is survived by two sons and a daughter—William Toner, of Yacquina City, and Fred Toner, of Dallas, and Mrs. Wright, of McMinnville. Deceased died last Friday morning.

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Haying is almost through and grain cutting will soon begin.

One day last week Mr. Polick's son, Evert, ran over his valuable pup, with a load of hay, and the result was a dead pup.

There will be preaching at the Highland church Friday evening, at 8 p. m.

Several families just returned from the blackberry patch, and reported gathering many berries.

Little Lee Welch is quite ill with scarletina. Altha and Nettie Stephens are just recovering from the same sickness.

Several were disappointed at the beer drinking and barn shingling at Richard Muller's, as the beer didn't appear till 10 o'clock at night, for fear the shinglers would drink so much that they might tumble off the roof and dislocate a rib or hip.

Charles Welsh is the purchaser of a fine bay horse.

Born, to the wife of Clouse Krohn, a boy.

John Haines has purchased a fine horse.

Edgar Welsh is working for George Stephens.

Mrs. Bell Fowler is visiting her mother, Mrs. Vandon.

Mr. Fellner was in town Monday.

Mr. Pruden was in our burg Sunday.

F. Mayfield is out with his meat wagon twice a week.

Mrs. Ora Parish was over to her mother's to see her brother, Tuesday.

George Stephens and family are going to the Fair Wednesday.

Clarence Lee is working for F. Mayfield this summer.

Fred North has found his cattle that were reported sick.

Mrs. Maggie Harrington has been in Oregon City attending the Chautauqua.

Fred Heft's sheep have been bothered by the coyotes and one was killed.

Fred North and wife started to the mountains Tuesday.

School will begin the last Monday in September by B. Gunther.

George Rutheford's smiling face was seen at Polick's Sunday.

John Parish and Fred Heft made a flying trip to Oregon City Tuesday.

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Mrs. C. C. Molson has returned home from the hospital and will leave this week for Willhoit to spend a few weeks' outing for the benefit of her health.

Miss Laura Moore, of Sumpter, is expected home soon to visit her parents.

Miss Mary Hardesty was the guest of Mrs. C. Noblitt Monday.

Miss Wilda Elliott has returned home from Gladstone, where she has been visiting her sister and attending Chautauqua.

Mrs. Williams and Mrs. Johnson, of Woodburn, visited Mrs. Noblitt one day last week.

Mr. and Mrs. George Askin and family attended the campmeeting at New Era Sunday.

Miss Alice Wyland is home to visit her mother for a few days.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Smith returned home from Portland Saturday where they have been attending the Fair.

R. L. Stuart made a business trip to Woodburn Monday.

Caspar Hinkle, of Hubbard, is visiting Grandpa Noblitt.

CANBY.

Mr. Wilkerson and family have moved to Oregon City, where he has secured employment.

Miss Bertha Sturgis and Miss Edna Penman are Portland visitors this week.

Horace Patch departed for Wisconsin last Tuesday, where he intends to complete his education.

Clyde Dick started for the mountains last Wednesday for a two weeks' outing.

Andrew Koehrer was doing business in Port and Wednesday.

Misses Esther and Louise Knight made a business trip to Portland Wednesday.

A party comprising most all the young men of Canby are making preparations for a trip to the coast.

Mrs. Ruth White is visiting friends at Cottage Grove.

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