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THE PUBLIC BLACKGUARD

In its self appointed capacity of public blackguard the Glacier has from time to time taken upon itself the task of assailing men and institutions at Hood River against whom it has some fancied grievance. For several weeks under cloak of the skulking O'Reilly it attacked and endeavored to besmirch the character of those toward whom its ill-will was directed. It now sees fit in its role of public censor to make an uncalled for attack on the News in an article which it heads, "As to Lies;" a subject on which it is evidently very much at home from practical experience. It apparently knows all about lies, from its analysis of various kinds. From its intimate knowledge as to their value, the conclusion is conclusively drawn that it has tried all kinds; some it is inferred it has found profitable, others disastrous. This austere and virtuous relic of journalism looks abroad to criticize the alleged sins of its fellows; it casts about for an opportunity to plunge its vulture beak of venomous criticism into affairs public and private. Under the guise of espousing the cause of the public good this benevolent, generous, progressive paper vents its animosity or its favor according to its patronage.

In its position of moral rectitude, so stringent that it leans backward, this palladium of all the newspaper virtues would be a joke if it were not for its blatant venom. As sage, prophet or advocate the Glacier is a failure. As a medium to purge its contemporary of its alleged errors and omissions it lacks the innate sincerity of truth and honesty.

The Glacier will do well to become introspective, to look inwardly and see what it finds; to pause for meditation, and when tempted to criticize its fellows, to smother the inclination in a paroxysm of disgust for its role of public blackguard.

MR. LANGILLE'S CRITICISM

As can be noted in another column the News gives its authority for the story relating to the bond issue which forms the excuse for the Glacier's ill-advised attack, and also for the unnecessary comments on the conduct of this paper by Recorder Langille. In making a statement of his opinion of the legality of the bond issue and the proceedings necessary prior to it, Mr. Langille was undoubtedly within his privileges; his other comments, however, were uncalled for. The News has not appointed him its censor, and it fails to find this role assigned him in the section of the charter defining his duties. The statement which Mr. Langille objects to was made in good faith backed up by proper authority. It was given for what it was worth as news and comments to the contrary were a mistake on Mr. Langille's part.

IMPROVED STREETS

The proposition advanced by the Civic Improvement League for the purpose of securing early action in regard to street improvement is worthy of the earnest consideration of Hood River residents.

There is no condition here which causes so much unfavorable comment by casual visitors and prospective investors as lack of paved streets and it is also admitted by those most loyal to the town that they are far from what they should be. It is pointed out by strangers that many towns of smaller population than Hood River have block after block of paved streets and in this respect they make unfavorable comparisons and cast doubt on the progressiveness of the community. In fact it is a serious disadvantage.

The time is near at hand when

Hood River must take up this work and the plan suggested meets the difficulty more than half way. By issuing improvement bonds under the Bancroft act a large amount of paving could be done in the near future, the city and its residents benefit almost immediately and the cost be made easy. There is no doubt that the council would be glad to authorize the work if it can be shown that property owners are favorable and we believe that a majority of them are.

ALL OREGON NEWS

Portland, Ore., Feb. 22—(Special) The new packing plant of the Swift interests on the Peninsula is expected to start operations on March 14. Because of the magnitude of the work embraced in the Swift plans there has been a delay in the original project of nearly a year in getting ready for packing but the plant is now practically complete. The opening of the plant means that 500 people will be employed at the start with the probability that the number will be doubled within the coming year. It will furnish a big livestock market for the farmers and stock raisers of the Pacific Northwest and other packing plants and factories for utilizing side products of the packing houses will be established.

Work on what will be the tallest building in the state, if not in the Pacific Northwest, will be begun March 10, when construction of the new Yeon building will start. The structure will be built at the corner of Fifth and Alder streets and

the rose planting exercises. This has become an annual event in Portland and the custom is growing in favor each year. The planting of roses at a time when many other sections of the country are still wrapped in snow and ice is also a splendid advertisement of Oregon's climate.

Advertisements are being placed by the Portland Commercial Club in the leading Swedish and Norwegian-Danish papers of the country, calling attention to opportunities here for industrious people who seek homes in the country districts. A large inquiry is coming to the Portland office from Scandinavians all over the country and letters are answered by a special correspondent who understands the language. This is but one phase of the Commercial Club's work but it is bringing inquiries. The people are thrifty and industrious and settlers of this kind will help develop the vacant lands of the state.

NORTHWEST NOTES

From our Seattle correspondent. Seattle, Feb. 22—Roosevelt seems to look pretty good to the newspaper editors of Oregon, Washington and Idaho, in fact, to most of them west of the Mississippi river. A Chicago newspaper conducted a canvass of the editors west of the Alleghenies recently to find out their choice for president. The move was made to ascertain if Taft is still a favorite with the people. The canvass showed that Roosevelt was the favorite with 1399 editors, while Taft trails with 1093. In Oregon Taft got 14 votes and Roosevelt 32; in Washington Roosevelt 51, Taft 31; in Idaho Roosevelt fell behind Taft, the latter receiving 17 votes and Roosevelt 14.

Jesus how would you demonstrate that a person may or may not be his follower who does not delight to do good and, having the opportunity is not actively engaged in doing it?

Verse 19—What is the law which operates to eternally destroy the hope and happiness of all who persist in doing evil?

Verse 20—What is the natural fruit of a follower of Jesus, and that of a follower of evil?

Verses 21-23—Jesus intimates here that a man may be quite successful in religious work and yet be a worker of iniquity; show how that can be possible.

How does God regard a man who prays and yet knowingly commits sin?

Does God expect, and is it reasonable to expect, that ordinary mortals can do his will in all things?

How do you account for the self deception of men who, according to the teaching of Jesus, will walk up to the gate of heaven, thinking they are saved, but to be turned back as workers of iniquity? (This question must be answered in writing by members of the club.)

Verses 24-27—Does Jesus mean that we are to do literally as his words read in this sermon on the Mount, or to take them as principles and do as he did, form the personal acquaintance of the Father and then do his will in the details?

If a man loves God and his fellows and is following Jesus in doing good, always being true to the voice of God in his soul, what reason is there to believe that that is building upon the impregnable rock?

Verses 28-29—What was it that distinguished the teaching of Jesus from that of the scribes? Lesson for Sunday, March 6th, 1910. Jesus the Healer. Matt. 8:2-17.

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D.V.4—20 Acres 4 miles out on west side. 5 acres pears, 15 acres 2 year old Spits and Newts; 4 room house; good spring, small barn. Price \$16,000. Easy terms.

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Oregon will be given another congressman, and possibly two, it is believed, after the coming census is taken. According to the basis of representation expected to be fixed by the new census, one congressman will be allowed for every 224,000 of population. The basis at present is one representative for every 132,182 of population. It is expected the coming census will show a population for the state of close to 900,000. This would give three congressmen and if the hopes of some are realized and the state is found to have 1,000,000, then four congressmen will be allowed.

Washington's birthday was celebrated in Portland by the planting of rose bushes in the parks and public squares of the city with appropriate exercises. Thousands of bushes were set out throughout the city and the new plants will be blooming in time for the annual Rose Festival in June. City and state officials, together with representatives of foreign nations that contributed their native roses for the affair, participated in

LOCAL NEWSPAPER BIBLE STUDY CLUB

February 27, 1910
 False and True Discipleship. Matt. 7:13-29.

Golden Text—Not every one that saith unto me Lord, Lord, shall enter into the kingdom of heaven; but he that doeth the will of my Father which is in heaven. Matt. 7:21.

Verses 13-14—In what sense is the gate to eternal life narrow and the way to destruction broad? What are the conditions for entering into eternal life?

If a man repents of, and gives up all his sins but one, why is it impossible for him to pass through the gate which leads into eternal life?

Verse 15—Are there any false prophets these days, and if so describe them.

Is a pastor, or a Sunday school teacher, a false prophet if he preaches what he does not practice?

Verse 16—If a man is a good husband, a kind father, an agreeable neighbor, charitable, honest and industrious, but does not belong to any church, what reason is there for us to conclude that he is not a Christian?

Verse 17—If a man attends church and prayer meeting regularly and takes part in the services, but is ugly and cross to his wife and children what reason is there to conclude that he is not a hypocrite?

How would you class a woman, active in church and missionary work, who habitually repeats stories whether true or false, against the character of her neighbors?

Verse 18—From the teaching of

PORTLAND MAN INVESTS \$31,500 IN MOSIER LAND

Through the agency of B. E. Duncan & Co., one of the largest real estate deals ever transacted at Mosier took place last week when this firm sold the George Sellinger place to E. Brong, a Portland man. The property consists of 223 acres two miles east of Mosier, adjoining the holdings of the East Hood River Fruit company. The price paid by Mr. Brong for the property was \$31,500. One hundred acres of it are improved and it is considered one of the finest properties in the Mosier district.

Grant Wins Wrestling Bout

In the wrestling match between Squeeze Ethridge and L. A. Grant, instructor of the Hood River Amateur Athletic club, at the opera house last Friday evening, Grant was successful, winning in two straight falls. Grant had the best of his opponent in weight by 25 pounds. The smaller man held out for 27 minutes before the other could get the first fall. Ethridge was about done for when they went at it the second time and Grant gained the second fall in nine minutes.

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