

DR. SMALL'S PLAYS DOGGING THE CLERGY

Rebukes Pastors Who Object to Criticisms of Theological Doctrines.

DEEDS, NOT CREEDS, COUNT

Pastor of Universalist Church Says a Few Pertinent Things to Preachers Who Would Muzzle The Oregonian.

EXCERPT FROM THE SERMON. We have had an example in this community in the criticism by the morning paper of a phase of theology which was characterized as an attack upon the fundamentals of Christianity, when it had done nothing of the sort. It simply criticized a dogma, or theological belief, and did not seek to attack Christianity, yet it was accused of attacking Christianity and undermining the Christian religion. Theology is not religion, and the morning paper did not attack religion when it came to its criticism of dogma. It was not an editor, or a citizen, may criticize points of theology without being characterized as an infidel and charged with seeking to destroy the Christian religion.

Dr. Small, pastor of the First Universalist Church, administered a stinging rebuke in his sermon yesterday morning to preachers who object to intelligent criticism of religious dogmas. By inference he referred to the criticism by the Oregonian of the First Presbyterian Church, and the attack which he recently made upon the Oregonian because it expressed editorially its opinion upon certain points of theology. The subject of the sermon by Dr. Small was "Creeds and Deeds."

"Can we, and ought we, to get along without creeds? One says no; that creeds are the necessary formulas for the guidance of men. Another says yes; that creeds and the insistence upon them has given us the darkest pages of Christian history. Another says creeds may be all right if they consist of a few broad, fundamental principles. It is safe to say there is truth in all these positions; but the latter is soundest. Creeds never will have the same hold over men as formerly; because it is now known that knowledge is only fragmentary, and there is no such thing as a final revelation. The time will be when men will not be summoned to accept any dogmatic statement on pain of being termed an infidel. Few more disastrous attitudes than this have been assumed by the champions of the officially consecrated doctrines of any religion.

Will Have Free Speech. "A Portland paper is called an infidel sheet; its editor is proclaimed an infidel; the main streets of the city are publicly prayed for by blatant revivalists whose standards of propriety do not inspire admiration; and yet the paper is not infidel. Why all this? Because, it is said, that paper attacked Christianity. The paper does not attack Christianity—it has merely utilized its inherent right of criticism some theological dogmas that have passed currency so long. What a spectacle! Preachers with college degrees, unable to discriminate between religion, the life of God in the soul, and theology, the effort to express that life in intellectual statements, and denouncing as infidels who venture to criticize dogmas. They may have large followings of people; but their leadership is anything but inspiring. These preachers make a body of fixed fact, but with facts only meagerly supplemented as yet. Hence, churches ought to encourage the freest and fullest research among the people. Do you ask me how the church may come. And it will not be the result of loose thinking; neither will it produce such. To be free to think and investigate to the full is not to be intellectually baby. Quite the reverse. "There is a tremendous amount of loose thinking regarding religion nowadays, especially in the sections where the theology is useless, creeds are but fetters to the mind, and that it does not matter what one believes. Such assertions are not wholly false; they are only partially true. Regarding the latter assertion, the fundamental issue is not: What does a man believe? but it is: Does he believe something which is constructive and uplifting. Belief and conduct are twins. Each one has some philosophy of life, and our working out of it is in exact ratio to our belief in its truth. You can tell a man's practical creed by his deeds. If a man doesn't act as if he believes the universe to be a machine, you may be sure that he doesn't have any positive belief in that way.

Religion and Creed. "What is the matter with our Stanford Whites and others of that ilk? They are Ismaelites of the worst type, and their essential creed is that the world was made for their own lustful enjoyment. Such men do not believe in religion; for to believe in religion is to believe that we are in the midst of a moral order whose imperious demands on all of us are for righteousness of life. Without this creed a man suffers an eclipse of his moral life. Regarding the matters of speculative interest in religion, it makes no difference what one believes. What boots it whether one is a Trinitarian or a Unitarian, a Universalist or a Calvinist, a believer in the immaculate Conception or an unbeliever? Between one's creed concerning these issues and one's conduct there is little direct relation. "But unless we believe that the universe is moral through and through, and that it is moving toward righteous ends, and that its Ruler validates our sense of obligation and sustains us in our efforts at making ourselves good and true, we could engage in no constructive attempt in that direction."

Would Have Churches Unite. Pastor Suggests "Christian" as Name for All Churches. Rev. E. S. Muckley, pastor of the First Christian Church, delivered a sermon last night on "The Non-Sectarian Name." He took the position that all denominations should unite under one name, and suggested that all should be called "Christians."

Found Dead on Top of Coach. SEATTLE, July 8.—The body of Max Pappeau of Everett, Ill., son of a manufacturer there, was found today on top of a westbound passenger coach. It is supposed that he was beating his way

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COMES TO PRESIDE AT LAND-FRAUD TRIALS

Music of the Best. The high class of music selected by Conductor Charles Brown for the first programme and the spontaneous appreciation of it, is an indication of the demands of the public being strictly classical. While each number was heavy, some of them being light and delicate in composition, the standard was first-class and it pleased the audience. The announcement that there will be five open air concerts weekly has been well received and there is no doubt but that equally large crowds will attend them all. Conductor Brown and his fine band have sprung into popular favor, and if they always give as good music as they did yesterday Portland will want no better. During the intermission and after the concert was over, crowds wended their way to the caged home of the baby monkey, and this little newcomer to the monkey family of the Park amused on-lookers with all sorts of antics and tricks. Mother Katy keeps her baby well before the public eye, seeming to take great pride in exhibiting it to the curious spectators. The capacity of this infant, no larger than a two months' old kitten, for peacocking is surprising. The animals were all in fine condition, and the fawn in the deer pen and the calf at the Elk pen shared honors with the monkey prodigy.

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FEDERAL JUDGE HUNT.

at the top, and the best music in town to entertain them. So men, women and children passed in procession up the beautiful winding walks and paths to and from a shady spot and to pass a pleasant afternoon and evening.

BUTTS HEAD INTO WINDOW

With Fragment of Glass Suicide Cuts Throat in Bronx Park.

PERSONAL MENTION.

dan agency, is stopping at the Hotel Oregon.

W. H. Smith, Jr., of San Francisco, is at the Hotel Oregon.

HUNT COMES TO PRESIDE

Montana Judge Will Arrive Here Today.

Will Take Charge of Land Fraud Cases and Remain Until They Are Concluded.

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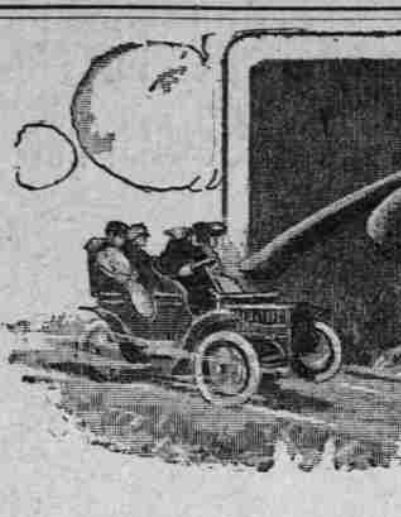
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