

BIRTH CONTROL IS GAME, SAYS PRIEST

Nation Practicing It Doomed to Extinction, Declares Rev. Father Black.

MEN VOTARIES EXECRATED

Charge Made That Advocates Place Themselves Above God and Constitute Preordained Laws to Their Own Ruin and Damnation.

Rev. Father Black, pastor of St. Francis Catholic Church, declared in a sermon before his congregation yesterday birth control to be a heinous practice, contrary to the natural laws governing humanity, contrary to the positive divine law, whose advocates are either dreadfully wicked or mere sinners; a crime that cries out to heaven for vengeance.

His explanation for preaching such a sermon was that it was demanded by the widespread practice of birth control and the fact that even people of his faith had followed it in individual instances.

"The family is the unit upon which the state depends for its life," asserted Father Black, "and the commission of any act that tends to disintegrate the family unit is punishable by extinction. Therefore it is certain that the practice of birth control will bring the Nation that practices it to extinction and damnation."

Family Organization Defined. "The father is the visible representative of God. He is the head of the family toward whom the eyes of his own are directed, whose will they obey. He is the supporter of the family, like God, giving them 'meat in due season.' His place is divinely ordered and decreed.

"The mother is the representative of divine Providence in her family circle. Her care extends to all things. Her work is performed within the sanctuary of the home without noise. She performs every Christian duty. Such is the position of the truly Christian woman; not the one whose maneuvers are recorded on the daily society pages of the press, nor the picture appears in the Sunday papers.

"Such is the exalted position of men and woman in the bonds of holy matrimony. And such it should be always. So important is this divinely constituted unit that the well-being of all nations depends on the sacred reverence of the family.

"But, in the face of these divinely revealed facts, what are we to think of actual conditions today? Not long ago I spoke of the horrible subject now so rampant—birth control.

Men Shame in Execution. "I have been quoted as putting all the blame for this practice on the woman. I want to disabuse your minds of that. You all know what I have said of the woman who promotes birth control, but now I want to emphasize those words and multiply their intensity if it be possible, in application to such monsters as husbands and under the form of men who practice birth control.

"It is simply unspeakable when we consider how far this birth control blight of perdition is infecting and destroying. And the advocates of this heinous monster have the effrontery to flaunt their names above God and condemn as though it were a virtue.

"Quality, and not quantity, seems to be the slogan. How can a tree that is rotten to the core produce fruit of quality?

"It is a fact that any force that acts contrary to any natural law must be lost. It is therefore plain and a scientific fact that any law that opposes the natural laws that are supposed to govern it must suffer extinction. Since the nation is founded upon the family, the family must remain a clean and solid unit.

"What has become of men when they seem to fight God and nature by putting themselves above God and condemning his preordained laws? Why do men of intelligence and reason invite suicide by a sanctioning of such an infamous practice?"

REFUGE IS TO BENEFIT

FLORENCE CRITTENTON HOME THEATER PARTY IS TONIGHT. Receipts From "It Pays to Advertise" Will Go to Augment Treasury of Institution for Women.

Florence Crittenton Refuge Home will be the beneficiary of the big theater party at the Heilig tonight, when "It Pays to Advertise" will be presented.

The Woman's Christian Temperance Union founded a little school and exchange about 25 years ago, on a small scale at Second and Columbia streets. Later the institution enlarged its scope and became an industrial home. Property was obtained later at East Thirty-first and Glisan streets, and the refuge home was started. It was known as the Portland Refuge Home for Women. It was incorporated in 1897.

Charles E. Crittenton, an Eastern philanthropist, visited Portland soon afterward and volunteered to make it one of a chain of institutions that he had financed wholly or in part. There are 65 of these homes in the United States, all founded in honor of the memory of Mr. Crittenton's little daughter, who died at the age of 4 years. A small amount of money is received, and the benefit tonight was planned to augment the treasury.

The home is run at small cost, there being only two paid employees, a superintendent and a nurse. The girls do all the housework. It costs but \$9 or \$10 per capita to feed the 40 inmates.

C. W. FULTON WILL SPEAK. Rotary Club Luncheon Will Be Held at Noon Tomorrow.

Ex-Senator Charles W. Fulton will be speaker at the Rotary Club luncheon at the Benson Hotel tomorrow at noon, and C. E. Cochran, vice-president of the club, will be chairman of the day. The programme will be in celebration of Washington's birthday. Advertising talks will be given by Dwight Edwards, J. C. Moore, G. S. Costello and W. J. Mitchell.

TWO OF THE "BELLES OF LONG AGO" AT VETERANS' PARTY SATURDAY NIGHT.



Mrs. H. B. Pierce, on Left, in a Gown Made From a Piece of Silk Which Was Sent Her From Richmond During the '60s. Mrs. W. C. MacNaught, Right, Wearing a Gown in Which She Appeared on the Stage in 1885.

Chamber of Commerce building, was awarded the verdict in the competition just concluded for the best design for the new Baker \$100,000 high school building. Mr. Lawrence, who is the dean of the school of architecture at the University of Oregon, will leave at once for Baker. The announcement of the jury that decided the merits of the competitive drawings was made known yesterday.

Drawings were sent anonymously by various architects and many designs were submitted. This is the first competition under the rules of the American Institute of Architecture ever held in this state.

Grand Army Veterans Entertained by Relief Corps. GARB OF YOUTH IS WORN. Girls 70 Years of Age, or Thereabouts, Exercise Leap Year Privilege in Choosing Timid Boys Who Defied Cannon.

It was a scene in which gaiety and joy prevailed and the hearts of the veterans and their wives beat once more to the old time when Summer Relief Corps entertained the members of the Grand Army of the Republic at a "Belles of Long Ago" party at their headquarters in the Courthouse Saturday night. The women were garbed in the gowns of '61 or before and with the hair dressed in the old-time style with the little curl behind the ear and the powder and "friz."

It was just such costumes as they used to don when they bewitched the hearts of their boy friends of long ago. It caused the pulses of the veterans to quicken as they looked back in memory to the time when they used to swing on the front gate with their "beast" girl and pay court in the most approved style of the time.

The veterans acted speedily on the inspiration. To the tune of lively music they whirled the women in the mazes of the old-time quadrille and cotillon. However, Leap Year rules also prevailed and when a veteran was found who, though willing to face the cannon was nevertheless unloved by the "beast" girl and pay court in the most approved style of the time.

Dr. H. Boyd, of the First Presbyterian Church, preached an appropriate Washington day sermon.

Vincent Grange Has Spelling Bee. VINCENT, Or., Feb. 20.—(Special.)—The Vincent Grange held a spelling match Friday evening in which much enthusiasm was shown. Mrs. R. Bean was the champion speller. The grange decided to hold more spelling matches in the future.

Parks Crowded With Humanity and Every Motor Owner Takes Spin. Repetition Promised Today. Portland enjoyed a balmy, Summer-like Sunday yesterday. And what's more, today is going to be equally salubrious, if the reading of the weather observer is correct. He said early last night in his forecast that the day would be fair with a fluctuating barometer to give a threat of possible precipitation.

The maximum temperature yesterday was 59, the minimum 49, making the mean 45. This latter is just one degree warmer than it was the same day last year. Yesterday had the advantage of a rich, glowing, radiant sun to mellow and make appealing the otherwise crisp atmosphere.

That the Portlander appreciated the day's gift was made evident by the throng that walked along or rode through the streets during the day. It seemed like Summer and the Portland Railway, Light & Power Company made it seem more realistic by anticipating the heavy traffic, it put on its Summer schedule of extra service, particularly on the Portland Heights and Rose City lines.

The cars on these lines were crowded during the afternoon especially. Traffic generally over all other lines was heavy.

Of the boulevards in and about Portland, including the Columbia Highway, had their quotas. Thousands had their first real outing of the season, and many had their cars out for the first time this year. Moreover, all of the "rubber-neck" cars that ply in and about Portland did their share of business, to say nothing of the garages with rental cars.

Nor was the day pleasurable only to the grown-ups. Children ranging from the babe in carriage to tender youth, including "Young America," were in evidence, particularly at the parks, the plaza and, in fact, wherever there was sunshine and life and interest. The zoo at the City Park got an unusually large throng of the old as well as little folk.

SOCIAL SERVICE EXHIBITION WILL BE HELD. A social service exhibition, sponsored by the Portland Ministerial Association, will open February 25 in the White Temple. The exhibit, which was installed in the Panama-Pacific Exposition and attracted the attention of all educators and social service workers, is under the direction of G. B. St. John.

Dr. Allen White, a fellow of the Royal Geographical Society, will direct a Palestine peasant. The costumes were obtained from the Orient by Dr. Moore, and the staging will be authentic. In connection with the pageant and the exhibition, there will be motion pictures of world-wide interest, and Miss Mollie Beat will tell stories and anecdotes gathered in her travels.

Other Acts on Bill. Half a dozen other acts are on the bill. There's Chuck Riesner, a capable, clever comedian with an irrepressible fund of humor. He is assisted by a nifty little maid named Henrietta Gores. Gores is a good name to be on a fashion show bill. They're wearing 'em again. This little Gores sings and dances and feeds partner "Chuck" who "wrote the act" and puts it over well. There's an interesting sketch, too. It is melodramatic in tone with Arthur Sullivan and Mercedes Clark in the principal roles, the man as a reformed crook who is going to try the old game, now that starvation faces wife and baby. But he goes "straight"—that's the name of the sketch and it has a real thrill in its climax and is acted.

A cute girl, Irish and snappy, is Lillian Fitzgerald, who sings and comedies with Henry I. Marshall at the old game, now that starvation faces wife and baby. But he goes "straight"—that's the name of the sketch and it has a real thrill in its climax and is acted.

PORTLAND ARCHITECTS WIN. Lawrence & Holford Design for Baker High School Approved. A firm of Portland architects, Lawrence & Holford, with offices in

HOWARD SUIT PENDING

Rumor of Dismissal Denied by Mrs. Witherspoon.

ONE OF HIS FIBS, SHE SAYS

Attorneys Uncertain How to Proceed, as C. M. Idleman Does Not Know if He is Retained in Breach-of-Promise Case.

"One of Joe Howard's famous fibs!" This was how Mrs. Edah Witherspoon summed up the rumor that her \$50,000 breach of promise suit against the popular Orpheum headliner, song writer and musical comedy favorite had been dismissed.

"Of course Witherspoon's been dismissed. I was not vindictive and so I let him have time in which to answer, but I certainly did not authorize anyone to say the case is dismissed," declared the pretty little widow, who claims that Joe wooed her last Spring and then refused to wed.

W. A. Burke, Mrs. Witherspoon's attorney, echoed her statement that the announcement alleged to have been made by Mr. Howard "is a falsehood." "There is nothing to it," he declared. As yet no answer to the suit has been filed, Mr. Burke said, but he thought that in all probability there would be one this week.

C. M. Idleman, who was asked to act as attorney for Howard, says he doesn't feel sure that he is his attorney. "Early last week I received a telegram from Mr. Howard stating that he had forwarded court costs," explained Mr. Idleman, adding, "but as I have never heard of a check from him since, I don't know whether or not I am to be considered his attorney. It would appear he treats us and our courts rather lightly."

Mr. Idleman also stated that the breach of promise case had not been dismissed. The plaintiff didn't do it and the opposition hadn't put in an appearance, but to give Howard a chance Mr. Idleman had asked Mr. Burke for an extension of time, and this had been granted.

Mrs. Witherspoon filed her suit against the Orpheum last February 4. He left immediately for San Francisco to fulfill his engagement on the circuit. Mrs. Witherspoon declared that Howard had been introduced to her by her father, in the Hotel Multnomah, and had subsequently made love to her in appearance, but to give Howard a chance Mr. Idleman had asked Mr. Burke for an extension of time, and this had been granted.

Mrs. Witherspoon lived at 742 Fifty-sixth avenue, Southeast, with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. G. L. Reiman, and her 16-year-old son. She declares that the best of her knowledge and belief Howard was not married to Mabel McCann when he asked her to be his wife and settle down to an ideal home life.

OREGON RUSSIAN HERO

EDWARD W. PASTAW, FORMERLY OF ASTORIA, IN CZAR'S ARMY.

Ex-Employee of O.-W. R. & N. Company. Now Lieutenant, Wounded While Blowing Up Foe's Bridge.

Edward W. Pastaw, of Russian and Swiss parentage, an ex-employee of the O.-W. R. & N. Company at Astoria, who mysteriously disappeared several months ago, has been heard from in news from Marseilles, France, saying he has done heroic work as a Lieutenant in the Russian army.

The word of Lieutenant Pastaw was sent to The Oregonian by a former visitor to this city, A. Cumberbatch, now serving in the Twenty-fourth Russian Army Corps.

Mr. Cumberbatch tells of finding Lieutenant Pastaw quite by chance in one of the field hospitals on the Roumanian border and thus relates the heroism of Pastaw.

"Lieutenant Pastaw was in the Engineer Corps and was sent one day to mine a certain bridge. Before he was able to complete the task he was surprised by a detachment of the enemy's soldiers. He blew up the bridge, severely injuring himself, but stopping the advance of the enemy.

"It has been in the field hospital for more than three months and will be there many weeks longer, but he has made himself a hero."

WRITERS TO BE GUESTS

Laurelhurst Club to Entertain Newspapermen Tomorrow Evening.

News writers and editors of all the daily papers of Portland will be the guests of the Laurelhurst Club at an informal dance in the Laurelhurst clubhouse, East Ankeny and Thirty-ninth streets, tomorrow evening. According to present indications, the invitation will be generally accepted.

Inasmuch as the entertainment comes on Washington's birthday, the activities will take on a patriotic hue. The Laurelhurst people are making extensive preparations. Dancing and various other forms of entertainment are on the programme, and refreshments will be provided.

OREGON HEARS HIGH SCHOOL LECTURE

OREGON, Or., Feb. 20.—(Special.)—Wallace H. Lee, president of Albany College, gave a lecture on "The Social Message of the High School" before the pupils and parents of the Oregonia school Friday evening. The benefits of the high school in forming higher ideals of hygiene, morals, use of library and civics were set forth.

WHAT IS AUTO-INTOXICATION?

The best and clearest definition is "Self-intoxication, or poisoning by compounds produced internally by oneself; that is, the physician agrees that 95% of all illness is due to this cause, brought on by accumulated waste in the lower intestine.

The one sure, natural and safe way to keep the intestine clean and free from this waste is by an occasional Internal Bath with simple warm water given by the "J.R.L. Cascade."

You will be astonished at your feelings the morning after taking an Internal Bath by means of the "J.R.L. Cascade." You will feel bright, brisk, confident and as though everything is "working right."

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COLLUSION IS DENIED

CONTRACTOR SAYS BIDS FOR AUDITORIUM WERE IN GOOD FAITH. H. M. Boyajohn Ignorant of Mr. Pederson's Plans, Though Apparent Error in Bid is Noted.

H. M. Boyajohn, general manager of the Boyajohn-Arnold Construction Company, to which concern would fall the contract for constructing the Postland Auditorium, in all likelihood, if Hans Pederson, lowest bidder, should withdraw, resents inference drawn from the situation at the City Hall that the Boyajohn-Arnold Company and Pederson are in any agreement of any kind.

"The report at the City Hall as to an understanding of some kind between Hans Pederson and the Boyajohn-Arnold Company is not based on fact, and is entirely untrue," said Mr. Boyajohn. "We were absolutely sincere in our bid as made, and we believe Hans Pederson's representative was. We know nothing of Pederson's bid, and were as surprised as anyone when we learned he was so far below the other bids. The inference that Pederson and our company might have had an understanding, owing to having done other work together, is based on the Columbia River Highway contract. In that we openly announced the agreement.

There is an opinion general among the contractors that Pederson will withdraw, but Mr. Boyajohn says he has no knowledge of any intention (on. The Pederson bid contained a "mistake," in the opinion of contractors interested, and it was the revelation of this error as the bids were slipped.

MUSICAL PLEA TO BE MADE

Dr. Alma Webster Powell to Speak at Reed College. Dr. Alma Webster Powell, prima donna, scholar, lecturer and president of the New York Welfare League, will deliver a public lecture-musical in the Reed College chapel at 3 o'clock tonight.

Dr. Powell has temporarily abandoned her career as a great prima donna in order that she may devote her time to the work of urging the people to ask the Government for public supported schools for musical instruction. She is touring the country at her own expense, and delivering her pleas especially at colleges and universities.

JANITOR DIVES INTO GLASS

Ladder Slips, Fine Show Window Broken and W. A. Jones Hurt. The ladder slipped. Inasmuch as it slipped during the process of washing a large plate glass, W. A. Jones, janitor for Krebe-Logus, 110 Tenth street, at whose place the accident occurred Saturday night, was "laid out" for a couple of hours, and a plate glass window 15 by 20 feet was shattered.

The window is one of the largest of the kind in town, in the Pittcock block, and few in town are larger. Jones was precipitated head first through the glass when his ladder slipped.

Better Optical Service. The Wonderful Ophthalmoscope. With this Instrument We Can Read Your Eyes Like a Book. It is in the doing of things that we learn how to do them. Genius consists in doing things better than others do them. Competent advice must rest on adequate experience. We won't experiment on you, and you won't be experimenting when you buy your first glasses here. The little details others overlook receive our most considerate attention—a reason why our glasses are above the average in quality at the same prices others ask for inferior glasses. THOMPSON OPTICAL INSTITUTE. 209-10-11 Corbett Bldg., Fifth and Morrison. Manufacturers of the Genuine Kryptok Lenses.