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GOLDEN RULE JONES.

Two men in the middle west achieved the unusual in the office of mayor, says the Call. One of these was Mr. Pingree of Detroit. He had many ideas closely bordering on Socialism. His first distinction was reached during the last panic, when he promoted the devotion of vacant lots in the city to the raising of potatoes and other vegetables by the indigent. The experiment was a greater success in the press than in practice, but it was new and its novelty gained fame for Mr. Pingree, who was twice elected governor of Michigan on the strength of it.

He was personally an honest man, but officially became the dupe of designing politicians, and many corruptions occurred which were expiated in the penitentiary. Governor Pingree was so credulous and confiding that he attempted executive interference with the courts to prevent the punishment of the men who had abused his confidence and despoiled the state. The net conclusion upon his public career was that he was admirably adapted for public responsibility in a community composed entirely of men like himself, but in our composite and complex society he was a failure.

The other candidate for fame was Golden Rule Jones, mayor of Toledo, Ohio. He proposed to make the golden rule the guide of all conduct, which it should be, and, to the credit of mankind, is mostly recognized as the guide of conduct, followed sometimes at a distance. It is not only among Christians. Confucius stated it in one form and Buddha in another, but in both to exactly the same meaning and purpose as in our Scriptures. Mr. Jones had ambitions in politics and was a quite pronounced socialist. He ran for governor in Ohio on his own nomination and polled a very large vote, but was beaten.

He was a rich man, made so by an invention which occurred to him for the improvement of oil pumps while working as a laborer in the oil fields at Titusville, Pa. He often expressed the opinion that no man could honestly acquire a million dollars, though he never doubted that his own large fortune was the measure and maximum of what a man could acquire without violating the golden rule. That was very human. When the French revolution began an aristocrat was the owner of landed estates. Before it was over an aristocrat was a man who wore trousers. So doubtless there are men a few rounds lower on the ladder of fortune who believe that no man could win Jones' fortune honestly and by observance of the golden rule.

He was the author of a great many epigrams, and delighted in their coinage. He took a strangely distorted view of things, which found expression in epigram. He said: "Police courts are charnel houses for the destruction of human souls. You cannot coerce people into righteousness." This ignored the duty of the courts to protect society such as prey upon it. Extending the same idea, he said: "As long as the capital crime of capital punishment exists, there will be murder," a very shallow generalization, in which the death penalty for murder is put forward as the only cause of a crime that has its motive in a wide range of passions. If he meant that there should be no criminal statute defining as murder the killing of a human being, the conscience of man is a statute of murder recognizing it as a crime, a malum in se, even in the absence of a human law making it a crime. Capital punishment is the highest form of punishment, whether it be imprisonment for life or the death penalty. Mr. Jones did not seem to be aware of this and doubtless meant to impeach the death penalty as the cause of murder instead of capital punishment, which may mean the death penalty or not.

His singular blindness to the business operations of a people appeared in his saying: "Borrowers of money are life's real derelicts." The enterprise of a country is kept going by energetic men who hitch their judgment to borrowed capital. According to Mr. Jones a man who borrows money is a social derelict, that is to say, a menace and a danger to society. No logic can justify such a conclusion. One of the strongest inducements to men to keep their

credit good is its use as capital in their enterprises. If it be a social offense to borrow money the world must be content to a stopping of the wheels of enterprise. The ability to lend money through such trustees as the savings banks is one of the leading inducements to thrift among the wage workers, who own the hundreds of millions of money on deposit with such trustees. The men of enterprise who pay wages of labor borrow this capital which belongs to the very people they hire and invest it in enterprises which use more labor and pay more wages, enabling the earners to put more money in the savings banks to be borrowed for investments that furnish more employment for more labor and pay more wages.

Personally Mr. Jones was a sociable and kindly man who tried to live up to his conception of the golden rule, but the faith, hope and charity in his philosophy were distorted in refraction by an untrained mind.

SENATOR TURNER'S CAREER.

George Turner of Spokane, the democratic candidate for governor of Washington, was born at Edina, Mo., February 26, 1850, says the Tacoma Ledger. He received a common school education and afterwards studied law and was admitted to the bar. He was appointed by President Grant United States marshal for the southern and middle districts of Alabama and filled the office from 1876 to 1880. President Arthur in 1884 appointed Mr. Turner associate justice of the supreme court of the territory of Washington, a position he held until January 15, 1886. He was a member of the constitutional convention which framed the constitution for this state. In 1896 Mr. Turner left the republican party and supported Mr. Bryan for president. The fusion of democrats, silver republicans and populists carried the state that year for Mr. Bryan and elected a majority of the legislature. Mr. Turner was elected to the United States senate to succeed Watson C. Squire and served in the senate from March 4, 1897, to March 3, 1903. Senator Turner was assigned to several important committees in the senate, serving on the judiciary and commerce committees, besides the committee on interoceanic canals, coast defenses, fisheries, immigration, pensions and public buildings. President Roosevelt recognized Senator Turner's ability by naming him, with Secretary of War Root and Senator Lodge of Massachusetts, as the American members of the joint high commission to settle the Alaska boundary question. The British members of the commission were Lord Chief Justice Alverstone, Sir Louis A. Jette and A. B. Aylesworth, the last two being Canadians. The commission sat in London and after hearing elaborate arguments made an award, the lord chief justice concurring with the American contention in regard to the interpretation to be placed on the treaty of 1825 between Great Britain and Russia regarding the disputed boundary. Ex-Senator Turner was prominently mentioned as a candidate for the vice-presidential nomination, receiving 100 votes for the nomination on the only ballot taken in the convention. Turner received the solid vote of Idaho, Minnesota, Montana, Nebraska, Oregon, Utah, Washington, Alaska, Arizona and Hawaii and support from Colorado, Delaware and the Philippine islands. Senator Turner was in no sense an active candidate for the nomination of governor of Washington, but was nominated by acclamation in response to a conviction that he was easily the foremost and strongest democrat that could be named for the place. Washington has no democrat who is more widely and favorably known nor who has shed more luster on the commonwealth through his distinguished public services.

Of course much is being written about Mrs. Maybrick, and some of it is not to her advantage. The truth is that she was married to a drug-sodden brute, and her real offense in the eyes of the jury was that she was not true to this creature, says the Examiner. He died of a poison in which he had been an habitual indulger. She was tried before a judge who was then suspected of lunacy and who urged that she be sent to the gallows. Soon after, this judge was raving in a madhouse instead of from the bench. He was a hater of women, having been deserted by his own wife, while on the jury were several who had similar experiences. Thus the trial of Mrs. Maybrick not only was unfair, but grotesquely and grossly unfair. In all likelihood the injustice in which it resulted would have been undone long ago but for the ill-timed and arrogant intervention of a lot of persons, especially on this side of the water, with more zeal than discretion. They couched their demands in such terms that compliance with them would have been acknowledgment that British law is capable of error and that a British judge may be a snarling and vicious bundle of senility and prejudice. And, naturally, the rights of Mrs. Maybrick had to be sacrificed.

The Igorrotes at St. Louis have been allowed to throw away their clothes and no more trouble is expected, unless the beef trust should suddenly decide to put up the price of canned dog meat.

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BIG FOREST FIRE RAGING.

Flames in Eastern Oregon Cover Two Thousand Acres.

Frank Schlegel, who, in company with others, has just returned to Portland from a trip into the foothills of the Cascade mountains, reports that a very dangerous forest fire is in existence near the headwaters of Eagle and Cedar creeks, and if the wind drives it to the north or the east, it will reach an extensive timber belt, and will become one of the most destructive fires that has been known for years.

"The flames cover about 2000 acres of ground, and extend in one direction for a distance of about six miles. I was on my way to my homestead claim some distance beyond, but, being unable to get through the fire, was compelled to return.

"We camped on an open space of about five acres, and the fire was raging in nearly all directions. The roar of the flames and falling of great timbers at all times resembled the sound of heavy cannonading.

"It seems that the fire was caused by the carelessness of some blackberry pickers who had left their campfire burning. We saw numerous berry pickers who were driven out by the flames and were compelled to hurry away to save their lives.

"One party had camped on a creek, and, after pitching their tent, had gone away and left it. They returned in time to see the tent in flames, and it was barely possible for them to get their horses hitched to the wagon and escape in safety.

"During the recent warm weather, the ferns have dried, and are the cause of the rapid spread of the fire. The fire began Saturday, and the rapidity with which it spread was wonderful. It can only be through the merest accident that it can be prevented from getting into the heavier forests of the Cascades and cause an almost unlimited amount of damage."

The Good Old Dinner.

In the good old days when friends of the family came to dinner the art of conversation did not trouble the hostess. What she wanted to be sure of was that the soup was hot and that the turkey was baked right. She wanted to be sure that those who preferred dark meat got all the dark meat they wanted, and whether they preferred strawberry pie to the custard pudding—or wouldn't they have both? And it was her concern, not how the art of conversation got along, but whether everybody had enough to eat. If she happened to be her own cook, the acknowledgement of her guests that the dinner was satisfactory was in the visible reduction of the food that was set before them.—Chicago Inter-Ocean.

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