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There is some soul of goodness in things evil. Would men observingly detect it out. —Shakespeare.

CHARLES B. MERRICK

THE sudden passing of Postmaster Charles B. Merrick will be a shock to his thousands of friends in Portland, in Oregon and in his former eastern home.

Few men were held in such universal esteem by acquaintances and friends. Few men had a gentler or more genial personality.

No man was more zealous in his devotion to the public welfare of Portland and the state. It was while attending a development meeting for the furthering of Oregon interests and Oregon life that he was called yonder.

His passing is a distinct loss to the social and business life of Oregon. It removes a man who was most devoted in the struggle for a Portland beautiful and a Portland practical.

The example of Charles B. Merrick, in his many public activities, is one for Portlanders to emulate. More Merricks, more men of the type of the man we all mourn, would bring great strength, great progress and great prestige to Portland.

The Journal joins thousands in the deepest regret at his passing.

THE POOR MAN'S DOLLAR

WOODROW WILSON'S policy of refusing Wall street money for his campaign is beautifully vindicated in the many half dollars and dollars sent The Journal by men of slender means.

The dollar from a calloused hand is clean money. It is not given with the expectation that it will come back many fold in especial favors from government.

As Governor Wilson said in his letter of acceptance, the national government should be so conducted that all the people will be taken into the partnership.

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The president whose campaign is financed by Wall street is compromised. His hands are tied. The mandarins of privilege have strings on him.

Woodrow Wilson is right. The poor man's dollar is better money with which to finance a presidential campaign than is Thomas F. Ryan's money.

NOVEL STREETCARS

THE latest novelty in New York streetcars is the low-swing, stepless, double-decker. For three months the single decked stepless has been on Broadway on its experimental run.

But the double decker car is the latest suggestion for improved traffic in the crowded streets, where trailers are impossible.

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clusive of strap-hangers, is 83. There is seven feet, six inches space from floor to ceiling below, and more than six feet on the upper deck.

High power, automatically working, brakes are provided, the greatest power coming into play with the heaviest load. Doors open and close on pressure of a lever by the conductor's foot, while the heating and ventilating systems are of the latest pattern.

THE EUGENE ATROCITY

THE Hill murders are duplicated in the Eugene atrocity. It is the Barbara Holtzman horror repeated.

There has been no conviction of the slayer of the Hills. There has been no apprehension of the fiend who destroyed the Holtzman child. Will there be a capture of the unspeakable degenerate who killed Mildred Green at Eugene?

The mind is staggered by these repeated atrocities. It resents the belief that society is so permeated with half-men-half-brutes who are ready to take a life for satisfying a beastly passion.

Is there to be a capture of the Eugene fiend? Or, like the slayer of the Hills and the destroyer of Barbara Holtzman, is he to go unapprehended?

What tends more to increase the number of these appalling occurrences than does the failure to discover the perpetrator? What does more to nerve a fiend for his crime than repeated and constant failures to apprehend?

What is the world coming to, anyway? At Eugene, this innocent child of twelve repeated her prayers with her father and retired for the night, full of expectancy, hope and purpose for the morrow.

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GENERAL BOOTH

THE friend, adviser, and helper of the poor, the afflicted, the weak in body and mind, the sinful and the down-and-out, whose long life had been devoted to their service, has passed from this world, though his spiritual presence, the pervading influence of his life work, grows and will grow, the brighter as the years pass.

It is impossible to lay a finger on any one secret of the strength of General Booth save as he found it in the gospel that he taught, in the Savior that he proclaimed. He had presented himself on the altar of his Lord in his early days.

But the secret of organization of this lifelong crusade was peculiarly his own. Other men, other ministers, were content to preach to congregations—to one church, bringing to salvation as they hoped, the individual soul.

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His retrospect, as he came in his turn to enter the dark river, cannot have been other than of proud humility. He was one of the very few who could quote without a waver the great words of St. Paul.

"The time of my departure is at hand. I have fought a good fight, I have finished my course, I have kept the faith. Henceforth there is laid up for me a crown of righteousness."

A PRESIDENTIAL BLUNDER

THERE seems every reason to believe that the president has blundered in the appointment of a successor to Judge Hanford.

The new appointee is a corporation lawyer. He is counsel for a great trunk railroad, and for other powerful corporations.

A corporation practice does not necessarily unfit an attorney for the bench. But it does raise a surmise of "indigibility."

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ford resigned under fire. Archibald is under impeachment. A federal judge in Georgia is accused. The air is thick with alleged taint on the federal bench. It is bad for the bench and bad for national institutions.

The senate should probe the Hanford succession. If the president has blundered, the senate should take measures to remedy it.

The bench must be kept clean. The country must be saved from judges who are not of judicial stature and not of judicial mold.

THE SCHWERIN CHARGE

M. R. SCHWERIN charges that there were unnecessary red tape customs exactions in the handling of shipments from the orient through Portland.

Collector Malcolm enters a general and specific denial. He asserts that other ports did not expedite oriental shipments any more than was done at Portland.

Which is correct? It is the word of Mr. Schwerin against the word of Collector Malcolm.

It is not a matter to forget. Portland should know the exact facts. It is a case in which the exact facts should be ascertained and disclosed.

Even Mr. Schwerin may be partly right. Collector Malcolm might be unconsciously mistaken. Other collectors, having a due regard for the welfare of their ports, may have been wisely flexible in the interpreting of their instructions.

It is a matter that the Portland Chamber of Commerce should investigate. The inquiry should be by an expert.

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OCEAN SAFETY

DANGERS from collision at sea are discussed in a recent article in the Independent.

A joint resolution by congress three days after the Titanic disaster expressed the conviction that an international conference should be called to discuss many matters for the security of life and property at sea.

It was felt that the best results would follow from such a conference rather than from the action of any one parliamentary body.

On July 30 there followed the findings of the British commission presided over by Lord Mersey. It is found that the lessons to be drawn from the Alexander resolution as well as from the Mersey commission fall under four classes.

The Titanic was navigated at unquestionably too high speed. New international rules on that subject, and also for creating and adhering to routes of ocean travel, will be considered.

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and to which the great masses go in battalions, regiments and brigades. Is it not tremendously important, is it not a sociological necessity that only elevating and educative entertainment should be given at these show places.

When so many other cities have barred fight pictures, it will be strange for Portland, one of the greatest home cities in the world, not to do so.

It would be strange for this beautiful Portland to harbor in one of its show places, the pictured reproduction of a fight, a fight that could not take place here because the laws of Oregon forbid.

Letters From the People

(Communications sent to The Journal for publication in this department should be written on only one side of the paper, should not exceed 200 words, and must be accompanied by the name and address of the sender.

Loan Sharks and Other Evils. Portland, Or., Aug. 19.—To the Editor of The Journal—Anyone who has had the misfortune to fall a victim to "loan sharks" knows that the grand jury investigation in Portland last spring was not employed by the city of Portland as far as the investigation was meant to bring about changes that would protect those who are employed by the city of Portland; it was a farce.

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THE DEFENSE OF DEBS

Portland, Or., Aug. 20.—To the Editor of The Journal—"Union Man" who censures Eugene V. Debs in Sunday's Journal, seems to be a very narrow minded fellow, whose committee has elected him as an organizer of labor unions, any more than Theodore Roosevelt or President Taft or Woodrow Wilson were they invited to speak.

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COMMENT AND NEWS IN BRIEF

SMALL CHANGE

Summer and the moon came back. Colonel Watterson is nearly happy again. Portland has no occasion to love Schwerin.

Rev. Mr. Brougher knows the best place for a vacation. It takes more than a few August showers to ruin Oregon crops.

Orasco deserves peace of the most complete and permanent kind. What! can't a new town be wild and woolly if it wants to? It seems not.

Few people do as much, or as well as they might, and really work no harder. Some sheriffs and mayors doubtless regard the governor as a malepropos butter-in.

Last month Portland had the Elks. September 11 it will give the Bull Moose the right of way.

A doctor who never asked a fee is to have a gravestone. He is the monument of an infinitely better if invisible monument to his memory.

La Follette checks all three parties, platforms and candidates though Roosevelt especially; but he persists in proposing a new party. But if he is, are Taft and Roosevelt Republicans?

V. P. Jimmy Sherman has been notified by the Oregon State Board of Agriculture that he is not to be forgotten. If the Republican ticket should win, he might be president. That one fact should bury that ticket a hundred foldings deep.

SEVEN ODD SECTS

Quietism.

Quietism, in the broadest sense, is the doctrine which declares that man's highest perfection consists in a sort of physical self-annihilation and a consequent absorption of the soul into the divine essence even during the present life.

In the strictest acceptance of the term Quietism is the doctrine put forth and defended in the seventeenth century by Molinos and Petrucci. One of their teaching developed the less radical form known as "Spiritualism," whose principal advocates were Fenelon and Madame Guyon.

The Hesychasts, or Quietists of Mount Athos in the fourteenth century, seem to have been fanatics of an extreme type. They imagined that, by a process of profound contemplation, they could divine internally the light of the Divine Presence—the glory of the Apostles on the Mount of Transfiguration. Hence they were also called "Theophanists." The soul of which this privilege was vouchsafed had no need to practise any of the eternal acts or rites of religion.

The theory of abstract contemplation which the extraordinary fruits of St. Francis and St. Ignace had revealed in the course of the twelfth century, here too the ablest expositors of learning of the middle age, Hugh and Richard of St. Victor, initiated crowds of ardent disciples into the mysteries of his religious doctrine. It is a marvelous quality by which the soul, sublimed and etherialized, ascends into the very presence of the king of kings. The path thus traced was trodden by many who were to take rank

prime cause of the present state of affairs, will furnish them a loophole through which to escape their just deserts. Things have come to such a pass that there is in the air a feeling that unless they improve very shortly a return to the old time neckties parties will be taken in hand by the "party" arranged and conducted by the vigilance committees of the past, even the questionable state of civilization under which we are living today would have been impossible, and things would have been different from what they are today.

W. J. Garrison's letter from McMinnville in last night's paper has the right tone and covers the matter thoroughly and if the voters will only vote as they should we will have less crime or at least have less criminals. Try putting a dog when he kills your sheep, and see if it stops him. W. J. JOHNSON.

Teddy As a Progressive.

Portland, Aug. 20, 1912.—To the Editor of The Journal—Mr. Roosevelt states he has taken the best of Mr. Bryan's and Mr. La Follette's progressiveness for his own possession. When I was a boy I once read in a book "It is not what comes from the mouth, but from the heart, that defiles." Another passage was, "Ye cannot serve two masters. When Roosevelt comes before the people in this campaign I hope he may look at his audience through this sign. This has been Mr. Bryan's success in three defeats for the presidency, that the people know he is sincere. I remember my first introduction. After one glance of Mr. Bryan's face, I felt it was not so big as I had thought myself. The sacrifice he made at Baltimore will carry him through history as one of the greatest of men who loved his country greater than his presidency.

Had Mr. Roosevelt seen the way the people would have no third term, thrown his influence to La Follette or Cummins, we should now have a true progressive in either party, but his egotism and hatred of La Follette made him show his true character. L. C. UNGER

May Turn the Candidate's Head.

From the Knickerbocker Press. Governor Dix says Governor Wilson's acceptance speech is scholarly and indicates that Mr. Wilson has a clear grasp of public questions. Such high praise from so eminent an authority upon statesmanship may turn Governor Wilson's head.

A Prodigy.

Gabe—Has Jones a good memory? Steve—Should say he has. Why, he can name every vice president of the United States.

Why Crime Increases.

North Portland, Or., Aug. 20.—To the Editor of The Journal—A few evenings ago in your paper was a piece headed "State of Police Arrested at the Increase of Crime; Half the Force Ordered to Report in Plain Clothes." Sure, crime

OREGON SIDELIGHTS

Baker Democrat.

The dry farmers of Baker county will be in the running this fall when they turn the grain into wheat. Theirs is a crop that is a wonder this year.

Dufur Dispatch: Quoting from files of August 12, 1887: The top price for steers at Portland is \$2.75, hogs, \$3.00, mutton, \$2.50. Practically all the meat in the country is raised, 10 cents being the average price.

Hillsboro Arise: Contractor William Foster expects to have the courthouse annex building completed some time during September, and at the latter part of the month to have the face brick and terra cotta laid, and the exterior walls will present a beautiful external.

Joseph Herald: A score or more of our people drove over to Sied Springs, 25 miles north of here, within the last week and brought home more huckleberries than a mule could haul on a level floor. That is the greatest huckleberry belt on earth.

Eugene Guard: New arrivals in western Oregon are wondering if the weather every summer will be like that which has prevailed here this summer. For their information we will state that between June 1 and the first of this there is seldom any rain, and irrigation would be a godsend.

Sheridan Sun: Next year will be one of Sheridan's best; then will follow the fruit year, in which many hundreds of acres of orchards will first come into bearing and the fruit industry will continue to develop from then on until Yamhill and Polk counties will be the fruit and nut centers of Oregon.

Toledo Leader: The big cable for the Mutual Telephone company has been laid from Toledo, Ohio, to New York, N. Y. The cable is 2000 feet long and weighs 5000 pounds. It will run between Toledo and New York, and will be in touch with the whole of the northern end of the country.

Eugene Guard: Thirteen years ago this month most of the wheat in the Willamette valley was ruined by just such a rain as this one. The rain fell almost continuously for seven or eight days before the grain was in the shock. It is on record that in long time that such conditions exist here.

THE MORAL ASPECTS OF PROTECTION

By Rabbi Rudolph I. Coffee, Ph.D., Pittsburg, Pa.

In the approaching presidential campaign, the chief topic under discussion will be the tariff question. Many persons will discuss the material advantages and disadvantages of the tariff. We shall confine ourselves wholly to the moral aspects of a tariff for protection.

The argument for a protective tariff on a certain commodity is to enable the producer to compete successfully with foreign importers. Thus, thousands of laborers obtain work, and the mill simply finds a ready market. On analysis the argument breaks down, it is unjust. Our government promises equal rights to all, yet here the privileges of a small minority of capitalists receive special consideration. As their dividends increase, the cost of living increases on the wages of the laborer remain the same unless the labor union can strike successfully.

This asking for special privilege from the government is absolutely unjustifiable. Many commodities are produced more successfully in this country than in the putting on of a tariff merely means that the price is so much higher for the genuine article, and almost as high for some inferior American-made article. Some few stockholders are helped, and 30,000,000 people find their clothing and grocery bills higher than ever. If it is replied that thousands of workmen are set to work in busy factories, we agree, but—at starvation wages. Men who are willing to take their lives for a ready market, through aid, give as little as they can to pay their help. The tariff on steel sends Pennsylvania millionaires, but the army of day laborers continued to receive \$1.50 a day after 12 hours of work, and seven days a very week. How the protective tariff does not benefit working people is seen in the late Massachusetts strike. Wages which no man could live on properly were paid by capitalists. Nature puts a check on the donor to charitable societies, but none to pay a living wage to hard working laborers. The protective tariff puts a business on a false basis. The duty may be raised or lowered by legislation, therefore a sense of insecurity pervades the business. Nature puts a check on the donor as soon as he can stand, but this protective tariff, originally intended to start and protect an infant industry has never been relinquished, though this infant is now well nigh on to a century.

Protection reverses the law of freedom and progress, therefore it cannot be just. Formerly, religion was the supreme concern of the state. Either you agreed or suffered martyrdom. Our forefathers fought for liberty of conscience, and now we worship and pray as we choose. Likewise, political freedom was denied the masses, who were not thought wise enough to know their own needs. Our ancestors successfully attacked the classes, and today every citizen shares the privileges of government. The world for centuries, but now, that the Civil war has ended this doctrine, the south finds greater prosperity than ever before. Freedom of the press, of the person, every form of freedom has been won for mankind. There remains the freedom of commerce, to purchase wherever one wishes without restrictions of an arbitrary kind. As all other forms of freedom have come to mankind, so will this in due time. The constitution prohibits a tariff between this and a sister nation.

Protection is opposed to the spirit of true religion. Moses and Jesus both emphasized the lesson of brotherly love. Our country practices that law, as Cuba, the Philippines, and the "open door" in China will testify. America is mindful of the words of the prophet, "Have we not one Father, did not the same God create us?" We sent our public school teachers to instruct the Filipinos, furnished them with free textbooks, to nurture them for future citizenship, but when they sent to our shores the very articles our missionaries have taught them to produce, America raises a high tariff wall to exclude them. We show our lack of brotherly love by limiting their market to our shores for a mere fraction of the whole output, and not enough to satisfy the needs of America for a single week.

The message of the twentieth century is peace. We have a large surplus of brother love is not only national but also international. We show our love of the heathen by offering him our Bible, and then play the hypocrite by denying his products fair competition in our markets. We send our ambassadors to bear the olive branch of friendship to Europe, and then impose an unreasonable tariff on imported necessities, even when America cannot produce them.

The protective tariff lives a falsehood and humiliates American producers to charge higher prices in America than in Europe, though freight be added, for the very same article. An American watch, purchased in England and brought back here free of duty (for American wars come in free) sells at a lower figure than the regular market price. This is possible because the American tariff is built on false standards, not on the natural value of supply and demand. The making of tariff rates has always been accompanied by unwholesome scandals. Selfish greed dictates many of the rates, not disinterested and loyal patriotism.

From the moral point of view, the protective tariff violates every canon of justice. It starts the wheels of industry and promotes progress, but not the healthy growth of sound, vigorous manhood. When a factory enters a new locality, invariably the charity sends a few dollars after to repair the damage done, in part by the mill and its system. The capitalists will support the charity organization out of their dividends. If these mills paid a living wage to the employees, there would be no need of charity. Let all industries have fair play, but we should not subsidize a few owners at the expense of the entire American nation.

Pointed Paragraphs

Modern young men court in haste and repent at leisure.

About the only thing father gets on his birthday is a lemon.

Better a pavement made of good intentions than no pavement at all.

Some girls are given away in marriage and some throw themselves away.

It takes more than a fur-lined overcoat to protect a would-be actor from the frost.

If a man's backbone is weak he will never occupy a front seat in the hall of fame.

A man has no use for a woman who attempts to do anything that he is wrong and succeeds in doing it.