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INTOLERANCE

(Copyrighted by the San Jose Mercury) There is a strange and bitter prejudice on the part of certain defenders of the Christian faith against those who disagree with them. No conception but theirs is admissible. No other pathway leads to the domicile of the pilgrim, who must turn neither to the right nor to the left if he would reach the portals of his spiritual home. Century-old dogmas are often held forth as infallible. To believe just a little less or just a little more; to question as much as the dotting of an i or the crossing of E t; to shade even indistinctly or interrogate ever so mildly; to suggest a more logical interpretation without modifying in the faintest degree the professed conception-to do any of these things is to at once fall into fatal and terrible disfavor.

Nothing has more stimulated the growth of agnosticism than this narrow sectarian bigotry. Its exactions and proscriptions have driven the world into darkness and despair. They have obscured the perspective, and as a result men are groping hither and thither for some talismanic magic which leads to truth and freedom rather than to the conception which enslaves. In a word, the modern sect, with its bitter interdictions and its cruel anathema against those in the darkness of indecision, has been cast out by millions who prefer communication with the inner monitor which opens up vistas of beauty and sweetness without enthralling the seeker or embittering him against his fellow man who chooses his own way to this sacred experience. If in no other respect narrow sectarian Christianity, so-called. is offensive, this is sufficient, for without charity there can be no true religion.

Von Moltke is said to have more than once shot a soldier whose helmet was slightly aslant. There are those who name the name of Christ who would consign to a literal hell a fellow creature whose religion varied perhaps but a line from their own. The severities of army discipline run to no greater extremes than the severities of sectarianism. The old commander whose strategies were learned in an older school is no longer wanted. Strategies have changed, newer methods and more certain ones have evolved, and today the general of fifty years ago who has fallen to the rear is pitifully ignorant of the science he once mastered. We do not contend that the analogy is perfect, but that the old theology of intolerance has fallen by the wayside while the newer freer and more vital truths have passed it by. No longer, for example, is the literal interpretation of the Bible commonly accepted. Nor the story of the creation, so picturesquely described in Genesis. And the sin of Adam, inherited by countless generations since the creation, is no more the literal thing theology has called it. but a beautiful story to be symbolically interpreted. Surely the sin of the father is not indefinitely to be borne by those who follow him, for God is a just God and holds the individual alone responsible for his acts.

Any religion which has not to do solely and exclusively with the conscience would better be avoided since all written Scriptures appeal directly thereto. Inspired, of course, a thousand times inspired, only an infidel would deny it. But not inspired in the sense that man's interpretation is final. That belongs to the individual himself. Within his own soul lives and breathes the Great Interpreter, and just as he develops communication with Him will be sharpen his spiritual vision and come into the power promised to those who have been regenerated by the new birth. Belief in a creed, made by men, things will pick up from now on. or in a formula, prescribed by men, never saved a soul and never can because it is not in creeds or formulas that man finds his God but within his own being. There resides everything ments yet to be made, but all danof spiritual value, the reservoirs of power, the potentialities awaiting development. There Tennyson found the secret of true religion; there Thomas A Kempis found it; there such great | the forthcoming Welcome Edition | admiring friends, Miss Irma Keespirits as Longfellow, Whittier and Holmes found it; and among of The Statesman. This is a fer, a fourth-year progressive sethe world's greatest women, Mary Hayes-Chynoweth and Frances Willard. And there will the whole world find it dresses you want supplied. It is numbers assigned to her, and by before the millenium of which we hear so much is ushered in.

No one ever heard of an intolerant illuminated soul, for intolerance and Christianity cannot dwell together. And yet the strict literalism of the Bible leads infallibly to intolerance.



It becomes a fetich to those who believe in it. It was in his by Scharwenka, with brilliant efsearch for a way out of the darkness that Cardinal Newman was inspired to write his immortal hymn, "Lead Kindly Lead." He found it within his own soul. Savonarola east bigotry and intolerance aside and listened to the voice within. Ah, these were men, great men, within whose souls burned the flame of love for all mankind. Intellectuals they were, but humble as children in the presence of eternal Truth. Thomas Huxley The Associated Press is exclusively entitled to the use for repub- died with the words on his lips: "I don't know." Lord Tennyson died singing the beautiful words of "Crossing the Bar," The one was a doubting materialist, the other a spiritual believ-tarianism are synonymous terms. They have done untold evil in the world. They have severed the golden cords of the home

DAILY STATESMAN, served by carrier in Salem and suburbs, 15 tie. They have made shipwreck of the most stered human re- Mrs. Robert R. Niemeyer and Mr. lations. They have left a world in unregenerateness, empha- and Mrs. Edward Niemeyer and months, \$1.50 for three months, in Marion and Polk counties; sizing the shadow rather than the substance, and by an their children. \$7 a year, \$3.50 for six months, \$1.75 for three months, out- unyielding attitude have prejudiced against their organizations those who would otherwise have joined them. A religion that does and small daughter, Jane Flornot change the life but on the contrary embitters it is doomed ence, arrived Friday from Portwir, be sent a year to any one paying a year in advance to the to failure. Such a religion does not commend itself to a world land, to spend Christmas and which has wearied of Phariseeism and craves something more New Years with Mrs. Elton's fath-BUNDAY STATESMAN, \$1.50 a year; 75 cents for six months; 40 substantial than mere externals which, however pleasing to the eye and ear, lead only to intolerance and bigotry.

stantial eatables and wearables,

needy families.

which are free for the asking to

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wonders, though they have about

Mr. and Mrs. H. J. Eberley

(Marybelle Reinhart), left the

where they will remain as the

guests of Mr. Reinhart's mother

The following plano recital by

Cottage street, Saturday evening.

Opal Royston.

Julia Query.

Pells Do Ring Presser

Thomas Nelson.

Sister Dear Kern

Jessie Fukuda.

Dorothy Swegle.

Edna Kugel, Mrs. Darby.

Marjory Hewitt.

Paul Woodward.

Blanch Hackett.

Marie Paine.

Mazurka in B-flat Chopin

Lillian Lynam.

Velma Taylor.

Carrie Halsall.

Butterfly Markel

Neta Phelps. Impromptu in A-flat . . . Schubert

irma Keefer.

This recital featured the regu-

lar work of the pupils, and the

rendition of the various numbers

was musical, intelligent, and

pleasing. Each performer con-

scientiously tried to please, and

Helpful Health

Hints

Play as you go and you will go

Accept no substitute for health There is nothing "just as good."

The doctor that pretends to

We know the value of fortune

when we have gained it, and the

value of health when we have

Health is a matter of esteop-

If you can read the persuasive

advertisements of a patent medicine without being convinced that

you need a bottle of it, you are

Health is simply the encourage-

ment of right habits the fixing of good habits until they become

a part of one's nature, and are ex-

Alcoholism is the mildest form

of inebriety. The glutton is a

worse drunkard, the sensualist a

more dangerous one, and the

patent medicine fiend the most

athy, and osteopathy is a matte

of choice. Don't be healthy unless

you are sure you want to be.

strong minded.

ercised automatically

hopeless of all.-Adv.

know everything proves thereby

that he knows nothing.

Norwegian Bridal Procession

Rustic Fidler

until after New Years.

business at the postoffice.

Hope good digestion waited on The Statesman warehouse of sub-

Two weeks from tomorrow Saem will have the three houses of the legislature to provide for. Christmas trees, nor trees so rich-

Some of our tenderieet missed the snow, but all agreed that it a cold storage plant and ware- week-end. was glorious Christmas weather, house in Salem, as a protection

Now that sugar is cheaper than prunes, the Oregon crop will have the right of way, and it will slide this time; and it will stay imporalong easily and the last of it be tant till it is settled. disposed of in time to clear the boards for the coming crop.

postoffice employes have done The work of supplying the needy families through the ware- worked themselves to death. There was never before such a house of The Statesman, with articles of food and clothing contributed by our people, has so far been a great success. There is a large store of supplies yet on hand, put in order for convenient handling and delivery. So the work will persist as long as there is need, and as long as the people with big hearts keep up the first of the week for Seattle. supply. In most cases the need cught not to last beyond a few

The Welcome and Anniversary pupils of Bertha Junk Darby was edition of The Statesman, to be given at the studio, 679 North issued about January 15, will contain articles written by the leading A Very Naughty Kitty Bilbro men in the various lines of business, industry and service in this Drag section. The work is far enough along now to allow of the promise and prediction that this will be the best number of a news- Merry Springtime. . . Brownfield paper for immigration and gene- Pauline Pristonic, Mrs. Darby. ral informational purposes ever First Melody Thome issued from Salem. It should Geneva Beaty. issued from Salem. It should have a very wide circulation among the people of other states O My Kitten Lern and countries who have friends and relatives here. Copies will be On Dress Parade . . . McIntyre mailed anywhere for 20 cents Minuet in G Beethoven each. As the price of paper is high-about four times the price Christmas Tree March ... Lynes paid in 1913-not a great number will be printed above the ad- Minuet vance orders. So it will be well Garden of RosesKern to order now, and send in the ad-ing will be prompt; on the day of publication. Advance sales are Twilight Friml already considerable in number. Kenneth Hewitt.

BITS FOR BREAKFAST

This is when two Sundays come

The big men in the business world are telling us that if there was a crisis, it has passed, and

True, there are some adjust-

succeeded, much to the delight of straight tip. So you would better ries pupil, surprised her audience order now, and send in the ad- by her artistic rendition of the going to be a great edition—the request played "Eg:an:me Valse" greatest ever. This is official.

N N N No family in Salem needs go hungry. There is a large stock in



IT'S NOT TOO LATE

to be thinking of making your eyes a

Christmas

of a pair of glasses-if they need them

MORRIS & KEENE OPTICAL CO.

202-211 Bank of Commerce Building

Miss Lucile De Witt came up yesterday to spend Christmas and the week-end with Mrs. Anna De Witt. The latter has also with her as her holiday guests her sister, Mrs. R. K. Humphrey and her son Edward Humphrey of Corvallis, who arrived the first of the week.

the Steinway baby grand piano.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Gerber, (La

Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Niemeyer entertained with a Christmas din-

Mr. and Mrs. James F. Elton

Mr. and Mrs. B. E. Bower of Union Hill were entertained as the Christmas guests of Mr. and Mrs.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Davey have with them as their house guest, Salem never had so many their daughter Mrs. Edward Domogalla and small daughter Jean of Astoria, who have been here for about a week. Mr. Domogalla There must be a campaign for came up to join them over this

The Davey's also have with them their son and daughter-inagainst any of the fruits and vegetables of this district going to law, Mr. and Mrs. Robert E. Davwaste. That is the most impor- ey, recently come here from Castant matter before our people at cade locks.

He-How some of these old songs do haunt me! Considering the vast volume She-Well, you've often murof business handled, the Salem dered them .- London Opinion.

Neuropathy

When you feel tired and in a run-down condition; when you do not sleep as well as you ought; if there is a weakness, pain or loss of power in any part of the body; if you have that languid, don't care feeling and you just about as soon quit as keep on going, why not consult a Neuropath and have him diagnose your case, give you a few treatments, loosen up those cramped, tired nerves so you will have some pep and feel like living once more.

Dr. F. S. Schutz

324 and 325 Oregon Bldg.

Res. 1310J Office 664

SUITS \$29.00 \$33. \$35, \$37.50 and

One of the largest "cuttrim and make" houses in Chicago has just sent us a consignment of made-to-measure suits which we are authorized to sell at

\$39

\$29, \$33, \$35, \$37.50 and \$39

These are wonderful values. They're all wool. They're well made-serges, cassimeres, Cheviots and fancy worsteds. They were made by one of the best tailoring establishments in America. We know the concern, for we have done business with them for several years.

Why Offered At So Low a Price

These are suits that were made to order but were left on the makers' hands by reason of market conditions. They must be disposed of at once. We're one of their representatives fortunate enough to be selected to sell them.

The Best Sell First So Come Early

Scotch ≤ o olen Mills Store

426 State Street



Have His **Eyes Tested**

During Holiday Week

By so doing prevent eye trouble during remainder of the winter

Your boy's eyes are given undue strain during these long winter evenings when he does most of his studying by artificial light. Unless they are properly attended to, this strain may result in serious trouble for the eyes which will handicap him all through life.

This week, when for the time he has forgotten school, is an ideal time to have those eyes tested. If there is no trouble, you are lucky. If his eyes show weakness, rectify that at once. It pays to be on the safe side.

Hartman Bros. Co.

Jewelers and Opticians

Hallmark Jewelers

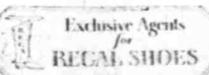
At the Electric Sign "SHOES"



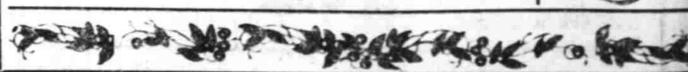




Shoes for everybody. Great Price Reductions. Quality and Cost Satisfactory



At the Electric Sign "SHOES"



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