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This journal and practically all newspapers of general circulation often receive communications which fan the fires of religious hatred by dipping into history in an attempt to prove the religious antagonists of the militant writers to be too execrable for expression in words. Little harm ever comes from printing communications of this character. That Catholics or Protestants, as the case may be, several hundred years ago were intolerant and persecuted those who differed from them in religious opinion is no evidence whatever that the Catholics or Protestants of this day are thus intolerant and cruel. If it be true that several hundred years ago the Protestants under Cromwell and the Puritans of Massachusetts, as well as the Catholics under Queen Mary of England and Catherine of France passed cruel and proscriptive laws and descended to barbarous cruelties against those who differed from them in religion, even the thought of which makes us shudder, that is no proper indictment against either Catholics or Protestants of this day. It is probably an injustice to the masses of those bygone times to suppose that a majority of either Catholics or Protestants really approved the horrors enacted in the name of their religion.

But even if these barbarities were generally approved at the time of their enactment, the world has since learned better. There is today perfect liberty of conscience for both Catholic and Protestant, for Quaker and Baptist, and every form of religious faith, in England, France, New England, and nearly every country in the world. The descendants of the Puritans of New England are today among the staunchest supporters and defenders of our American doctrine of perfect religious freedom for all.

The truth is that not so many hundred years ago it seemed to be the prevalent idea among both Catholics and Protestants that if they had the power, it was their religious duty to force their religious ideas upon those who differed from them, and that they were justified in employing for that purpose any laws or penalties calculated to make their efforts effectual. They even defended taking the life of the incorrigible heretic, on the plea that they were justified in burning his body in the effort to save his soul and the souls of others of his kind from the fires of hell. If these facts are recalled or referred to at all, let it be, not for the purpose of keeping alive the fires of hatred that prompted these barbarities, but rather to stimulate a feeling of abhorrence for religious intolerance and a lively sense of gratitude that in our generation the most of the world has developed beyond so brutal and selfish a condition.

Of course, none of these persecutions ever had any shadow of justification in the New Testament. Nothing could be more opposed to the Christian spirit or doctrine. In Romans, Paul says: "Who art thou that judgest another man's servant? Yea, he shall be holden up, for God is able to make him stand. One man esteemeth one day above another; another esteemeth every day alike. Let every man be fully persuaded in his own mind." "Let us not, therefore, judge one another any more; but judge this rather, that no man put a stumbling block or an occasion to fall in his brother's way." And he concludes thus: "Let us therefore follow after the things which make for peace, and things wherewith one may edify another."

Let us be thankful that the day has passed forever when a man can be forced to embrace or to give up any religious faith. And the time is rapidly passing, if it is not already gone, when a man can be induced to embrace any faith or turn to religion generally by anathema, threats or condemnation. Social ostracism of the so-called sinner, or pointing the accusing finger of scorn at him is not only wholly un-Christian, but it drives him away from church and religion instead of inducing him to embrace either.

The modern proselyter must learn to attract men to his faith, by argument and persuasion not only, but by living proof that it has something worth while to give to the unbelieving. And for this purpose no argument is so unanswerable, so irresistible, as a helpful, sympathetic, unselfish, loving spirit manifested by the professed followers of any form of religious belief. Where anathema, the threats of the fires of hell and cold logic fail, the gentle, tender word, the loving deed, the

genuine, unselfish interest in the happiness and welfare of the sinner and the erring will draw them as the magnet draws the steel.

At this beginning of the new year it may be foolish to make good resolutions which are destined to be broken before the year is a week old, but it is always an opportune time to cultivate a more charitable and loving spirit toward our brothers; that we will not only respect their religious opinions, freely giving them the same rights of conscience that we claim for ourselves, but we will look charitably upon their peccadillos, even upon their great wrongs. If we cannot make the Christian command to "Judge not our brother" the invariable rule of our lives, let us see to it that we judge him not ignorantly, or harshly or unjustly.

And those of us who have taken the name of Christ and think that we have enlisted under His banner should remember every day of the year that if we are really loyal to His cause and honestly desire to build up His kingdom in the world, we will make it the main object of our effort to incorporate His spirit in our lives, and manifest it at all times in our deeds. A greater force for the regeneration of the world than eloquent sermon or appealing evangelist or organized propaganda, or than all combined, is the humble, unselfish, self-sacrificing, loving, helpful man or woman who quietly "goes about doing good," not only in the name of the Master, but with His spirit. Such a life has a drawing and convincing power that cannot be resisted.

The world is waiting for more such lives to love and lead it into righteousness and real Christianity.

Welcome, members of all the houses, to all our houses.

To the legislators: Much is expected of you in the way of not doing much that is not needed at the present time.

A good place to begin to make Salem a better City of Welcome is with the legislators. They will spread their appreciation all over Oregon.

Under the new congressional apportionment bill, Oregon will probably get one additional member of congress. Get in line, boys, don't shove.

Grand Duke Michael has been located in Siam, a bit run down at the heel, but otherwise in a fair state of preservation. But these are rough times for grand dukes.

Time for action; now let the contractors who know tell the Salem people what an adequate cold storage plant and warehouse will cost; and its possible revenues.

And it won't be so long until the society editors will be writing pieces for the papers, just before the election, about the most comely gowns to wear to the polling place. We men are in for a good time, all right.

The procession of public men to Marion continues, and there is a variety of views of much moment submitted to the president-elect every day. If there is such a thing as wisdom in counsel, Warren G. Harding is certainly getting his share of it. But there are mighty questions to be solved. The nation believes he will address his task with all of the good judgment that learning of the views of many indicates.

Over in England the matrimonial busybodies are busy marring off the Prince of Wales. But the American girls have lost all interest in his princelings since they have discovered that his full name is H. R. H. Edward Albert Christian George Andrew Patrick David, Prince of Wales, Duke of Rothesay, Earl of Chester, Earl of Carrick, Baron of Renfrew, Lord of the Isles, Prince and Great Steward of Scotland and Knight of the Garter. Ain't that fierce?

"The Circuit Rider," the equestrian statue proposed to be presented to the state by Hon. Robert A. Booth, in commemoration of the work of the pioneer ministers of Oregon, of which Mr.

FUTURE DATES.

January 10, Monday—Dr. Charles E. Barker lectur. in Salem under auspices of Rotary club.

January 13, Tuesday—Apollo club concert.

January 15, Wednesday—Open Forum meeting of Commercial club.

January 14, Friday—Basketball, Willamette vs. O. A. C. at Salem.

January 19, and 20, Wednesday and Thursday—Annual institute Y. W. C. A.

January 20 and 21, Thursday and Friday—Basketball, Willamette vs. U. of O. at Salem.

January 24, Friday—Triangular inter-schoolistic debate, Salem, Stinson and Oregon City high schools competing.

January 28 to 30—Interstate convention of Y. M. C. A. in Salem.

February 3, Thursday—Durco day, show and sale, state fair grounds.

February 12, Saturday—Lincoln's birthday.

February 14, Monday—Basketball, Willamette vs. University of Idaho, at Moscow.

February 15 and 16, Tuesday and Wednesday—Basketball, Willamette vs. Whitman, at Walla Walla.

February 17, Thursday—Basketball, Willamette vs. Walla Walla Y. M. C. A., at Walla Walla.

February 18 and 19, Friday and Saturday—Basketball, Willamette vs. Gonzaga, at Spokane.

February 22, Tuesday—Basketball, Willamette vs. Idaho, at Salem.

February 22, Tuesday—Washington's birthday.

February 24 and 25, Thursday and Friday—Basketball, Willamette vs. Whitman at Salem.

March 4 and 5, Friday and Saturday—Basketball, Willamette vs. U. of O., at Eugene.

April 17, Friday—Baseball, Willamette vs. U. of O., at Salem.

April 18, Saturday—Baseball, Willamette vs. U. of O., at Eugene.

May 26, 27 and 28—Baseball, Willamette vs. Whitman, at Walla Walla.

October 1, Saturday (tentative)—Football, Willamette vs. O. A. C., at Corvallis.

November 11, Friday (tentative)—Football, Willamette vs. Whitman, at Walla Walla.

November 24, Thursday (tentative)—Thanksgiving day football, Willamette vs. Multnomah, at Salem.

need for every reasonable haste. If the city builds a plant, this will not prevent an enlargement of the plant of The Phez company, or the building of a cold storage plant by the King's Products company, or the Hunt Bros. Packing company, all of which will no doubt come in time, and still more private plants, too; and ought to come. But, with the growth that will be made in the fruit and vegetable industries here, every one will be needed—and finally the municipal plant will have to be enlarged, perhaps. But this is all in the future; and the thing now is to attempt to provide against waste and loss this year.

Speaking of the Harding cabinet, we have an idea that a tuba player would land someplace.—Exchange.

Helpful Health Hints

- Some men are born foolish. Others drink whiskey.
- Only the credulous are skeptical regarding osteopathy.
- Experience teaches us that a lot of our experience doesn't teach us anything.
- When a thing is wrong the doctor should know it as soon as his patient.
- The individual's power to accomplish his ideals depends not so much upon what he knows as upon what he does.
- If one prefers to sell his birthright of health for the mess of pottage called self-indulgence it is his own business.
- The big reward is not for the doctor who will lighten our burdens but for him who will teach us how to evolve the necessary strength to carry them.
- The nervous patient invariably suffers from an impoverished blood stream. Osteopathy overcomes the blood poverty that is so often responsible for neurotic conditions by re-establishing the supply of normal elements necessary to true blood building.

BITS FOR BREAKFAST

Now, the legislature. Are your New Year's resolutions holding water? That will be a great concert Tuesday night, by the Apollo club, and not a seat should be vacant. There is not a person in Salem who does not agree that this city must have a cold storage plant to save the surplus fruit. That being so, there is only one way, at the present time, to get, and that is for the city to vote a bond issue to raise the money. If you have another way, please speak up, at once. The Dundas-Martin company, having the sale of the surplus stock of King's Products company is opening up an office here, in the Oregon building, out of which a force will work, showing the people of the Salem district how to help their section and at the same time make splendid investments in the biggest thing in the world in the food line. All roads will lead to Salem for forty days and forty nights. The forthcoming Welcome and Anniversary Edition of The Statesman will contain such an array of articles by experts in their various fields as will astonish you. It will be the best immigration number of a newspaper ever issued from Salem—bubbling over with the spirit of welcome to the City of Welcome. "Harding clothes" are to be

the thing for the next four years—inculcating to blues and dark grays. Let us return thanks that the president-elect is not enamored of kilts.—Exchange. How is the aerial mail man going to manage to read the souvenir postcards? The girl who smokes a cigar.

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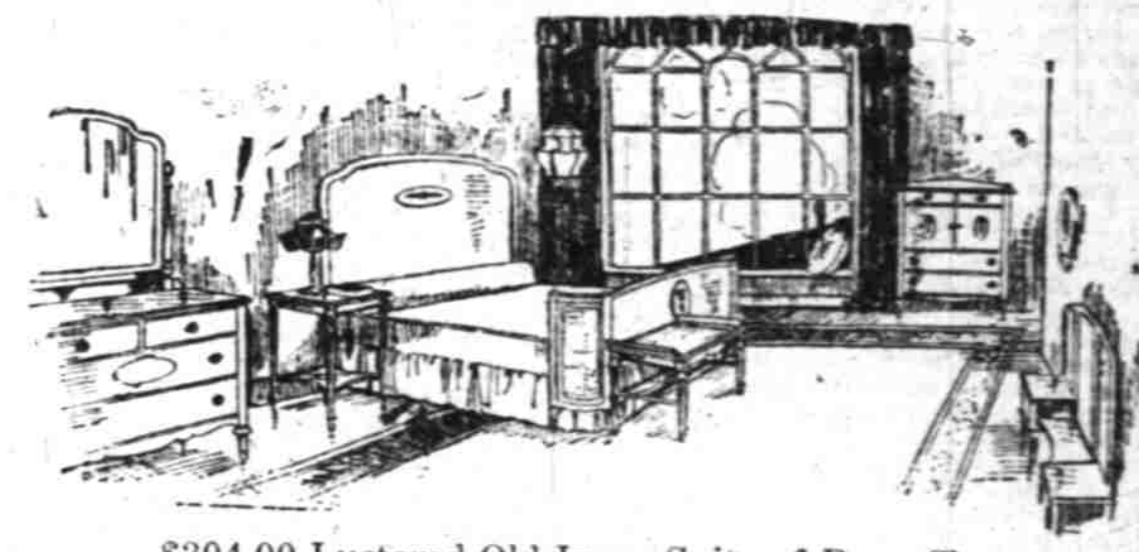
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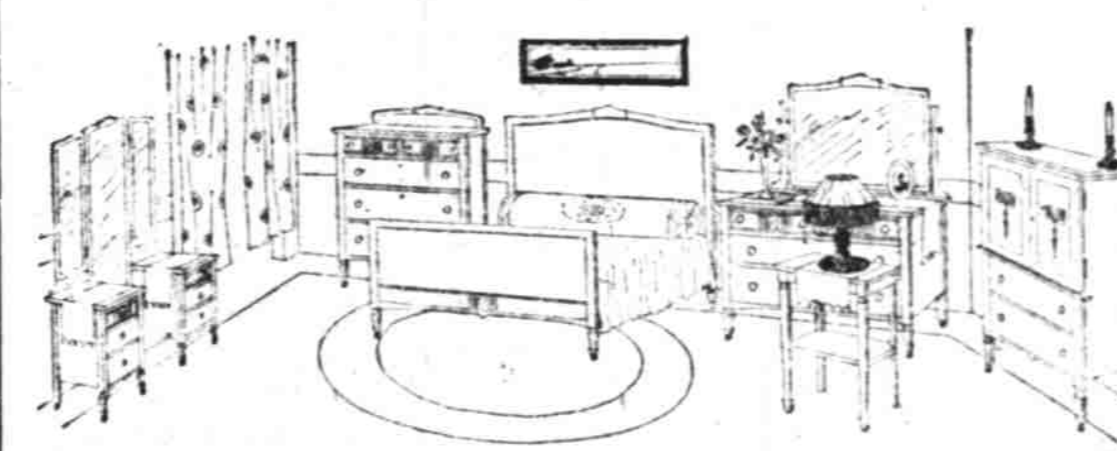
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 - \$72.00 Lustered Ivory Chifffonier, with brown fluted mirror frame \$54.75
 - \$69.50 Four-Poster Mahogany-Finished Bed, with iron sanitary side rails, at \$48.25
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