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wrong; that it will not long enjoy a blessing or a privilege that it is not willing to grant to others—indeed, is not willing to make the necessary effort or sacrifice to secure to others. Deplorable indeed is the state of the man who believes in nothing of a religious nature; who in all the beauty, order and blessing he sees around him recognizes no creative, controlling, supreme intelligence. He thinks the creation came about without plan or design, by a kind of chance, and expects it at some time to pass away into oblivion.

the thrill it seemed to get in having a hand in the "new diplomacy." It is new diplomacy, and not only new but foolish as well. For instance, the long-forgotten Kerensky government is still maintaining a sumptuous embassy in Washington on the funds advanced by the United States. No man knows better than President Wilson, perhaps, how completely he was out-generaled in the conference of Paris. He knows that we are entitled to the naval bases which are a part of the Philippine system. It is in the power of the nation which is our greatest debtor to give us those islands. If Great Britain does not feel bound to make some recompense for the duplicity which Mr. Balfour practiced on our negotiators, President Wilson should use the weapon which the debt supplies to compel a decent regard for our interests in the Pacific.

show the exasperation of the consumers. A man who was asked the equivalent of \$20 for a hat, told the shopkeeper that he was the manufacturer of the hat and had sold it to the dealer for \$10. He called the retailer a robber. Lately the shopkeepers have been compelled to mark the prices in plain figures on every article in the shop windows in the vain

hope that tradesmen would be ashamed to ask exorbitant prices, the only affect apparently has been to level prices upward instead of down. Read the Classified Ads.

THE INFIDEL

(Copyrighted by the San Jose Mercury) An infidel is defined by Webster as one who does not believe in the prevailing religion. In a broader sense the word is used to designate one who does not believe in the Christian religion or in the divine origin of Christianity. The word is also given a still broader meaning and is applied to one who does not believe in any religion or who disbelieves in religion generally. Used by religious people in any of these senses it is regarded by them as a term of reproach. As a general rule perhaps it should be so regarded, yet it is doubtful if the word—if even religion itself—does not owe much to its infidels.

The Master Himself was infidel to the then prevailing Jewish religion. Paul was doubtless regarded by the Jews of his day as an infidel and a dangerous one, and he and Peter and the other apostles were certainly so regarded by the followers of the pagan gods of Greece and Rome. In fact, if the apostles and early Christians had not broken away from the prevailing religions of their day—if they had not been infidels according to the overwhelming opinion of their time, there never would have been any Christianity.

We have no defense to make of infidelity in the sense of disbelieving in any and all religions. But what should the world be today but for the men and women who had a higher and broader revelation than the men of their day, and who had the courage to come out from the prevailing religion of their time, and declare the new revelation! Human life would be meager indeed but for the labor and sacrifices of those who received these new revelations and were loyal to the truth as they saw it, and strove, struggled, suffered and died in an effort to make that truth a reality in the world. Religion itself would be something quite different, but for the independent, loyal, fearless, conscientious, God-fearing men of the past, many of whom met violent deaths because they were carrying forward the torch of human progress.

But the man to whom Christianity, as outlined in the New Testament, makes no strong appeal is not to be commended. He may reject some form or all existing forms of religion professed to have been based upon it; he may refuse to accept the usual interpretations of this scripture; but if he sees nothing in the life and teachings of Jesus to call forth his admiration and worship, he is not in harmony with the best that has come to the world. He is hardly a normal man and is perhaps to be pitied rather than condemned. The gospel of peace on earth and good will to men, of spiritual and righteous living, of seeking to know and obey the will of the Creator; the life of unselfish service to men; the willingness to suffer, to die that others may be elevated, benefited, saved—all this appeals to the highest, purest, and sweetest in humanity. To say that it does not appeal to you is to declare that you are without the sweetest, purest, noblest impulses of men.

To classify the New Testament with the superstitions and forms of paganism of the past and say that there is nothing in it of eternal or divine truth, nothing to elevate the race, but that it, like all religion, is only a myth that will pass away with increased experience and enlightenment, is to publish to the world that mammon is the god whom you worship and selfishness and self-gratification are about the only things that you appreciate and understand.

Selfishness may largely rule the world and the conduct of men, as the infidel declares. Perhaps it will always do so. But it is coming to be an enlightened selfishness, and in the time to come it may somewhat approach what may be called the selfishness of God, who doubtless finds His enjoyment in bringing life, happiness and development to all the creatures He has made. Enlightened human selfishness finds its highest enjoyment in ministering to, relieving and elevating others. The physician, the teacher, the preacher, who has not found this enjoyment is only a poor hack and has missed his calling. He should be digging ditches, or shoving notes, or doing something that does not call for the manifestation of these higher impulses. Enlightened selfishness is the product of the New Testament. It recognizes that it can not do a wrong to another without doing itself a greater

The next issue of The Statesman will be the Welcome and Anniversary edition, on Tuesday morning. Again, it will be the best immigration number of a newspaper ever printed in Salem. Every copy should go into the hands of a prospective newcomer.

Two hundred students in a Chicago university the other day were asked what they knew about Alsalam, and only nine could tell anything about the Biblical character. But a man foolish enough to wear his hair so long that it hung him up in a tree does not need to be remembered.

The Salem Rotary club did a big thing in bringing Tolstoy to Salem, and the appreciation of the people of this city and section will be shown in filling the armory on Monday evening to the limit of the seating capacity of the hall and all the available standing room.

The stream of newcomers to Salem is growing larger now. Every agency we have and every effort we can employ ought to be used and exerted to make them welcome, in order to continue here the building up of a city and country such as this city and country ought to be, and are set apart to be by the natural resources and conditions.

Another thing we need in this country is for everybody to "step on the gas." More power is to be added to the industrial and commercial engine. There is some hard going ahead, and we need more energy. Let the one hundred million people in this country do everything in their power to speed up production. It was the elder Morgan who used to say that anyone who was a bear on the country was sure to be broke. Morgan was a wise man.—Exchange.

THE BIG QUESTION.

"The big question is to raise enough to supply the factories of Salem. It can be done, but it will not be done till we have tens of thousands more of good farmers and gardeners."

The above was a paragraph in The Statesman Annual edition printed on February 28th last. That is not the biggest question now.

The problem has been turned about. The big question is for the factories and shipping and marketing and cold storage facilities of Salem to keep a jump ahead of the production and the prospective production of the surrounding country in all the various lines.

This is the big question, and it points to the big duty of Salem people; a duty the full performance of which will redound not only to the highest glory but also to the highest prosperity of Salem.

FUTURE DATES.

- January 24, Monday—Count Tolstoy to speak at armory.
January 28, Friday—Triangular inter-scholastic debate, Salem, Stayton and Oregon City high schools competing.
January 27, Thursday—Guild dance.
January 29 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 Sponone.
February 22, Tuesday—Basketball, Willamette vs. Idaho, at Salem.
February 23, Wednesday—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 15, Friday—Baseball, Willamette vs. U. of O., at Salem.
April 16, Saturday—Baseball, Willamette vs. U. of O., at Eugene.
May 28, 27 and 28—Baseball, Willamette vs. Whitman, at Walla Walla.
October 1, Saturday (tentative)—Football, Willamette vs. O. A. U., at Corvallis.
November 11, Friday (tentative)—Football, Willamette vs. Whitman, at Walla Walla.
November 24, Thursday (tentative)—Football, Willamette vs. Multnomah, at Salem.

GUAM AND ENGLAND.

Now that England is seeking a renewal of a slow-payment basis of the \$4,000,000,000 loaned to her by this government in May, 1917, our diplomats should bestir themselves to undo the folly which characterized their settlements in the Pacific as bearing on the island of Guam. In the midst of the negotiations with Secretary Lansing and two other representatives of President Wilson, Mr. Balfour was asked the fair and direct question as to whether or not there were any treaties of a secret nature in existence between Great Britain and any other power and, if so, what was their nature. In other words, the creditor wanted to know the liabilities of the borrower, and particularly those having a bearing on the future of the United States as a world power.

The question was put by one of the official negotiators, William Denman, in this explicit form: "Will you agree to a full disclosure of all the agreements between the allies affecting the interests of the United States and general world shipping conditions?" Mr. Balfour, according to Mr. Denman and Mr. Lansing, replied in the affirmative, adding that that was the purpose of the conference and that all such matters would be fully disclosed to the American conferees.

President Wilson, Mr. Lansing and Mr. Denman have all stated that Mr. Balfour made no vital disclosures, with the result that it was many months, and long after the money had been secured before it was learned that there was a secret agreement between Japan and England by which the former shut off Guam as an effective naval base toward the Asiatic coast and the latter shut off Guam from the Philippines.

Japan was confirmed by Great Britain in the possession of the Marianne islands, which place an insurmountable barrier between Guam and the north Asiatic coast, and in exchange England was backed by Japan in taking islands of the south Pacific necessary to bottle up Guam from the Philippine side.

This was but a foretaste of the diplomatic maneuvering by which Mr. Wilson was to be outdone through the peace conference. Mr. Balfour and the astute and suave diplomats used by him in relays to outwit the amateur who was striving to uphold the interests of the strongest nation in the world.

Great Britain's appeal for an extension of the loan and for lightened payments presents an opportunity for this country to get now what it should have had from the outset, namely, such a command of naval bases on all sides of the Philippines as to render our supremacy in the Pacific certain. If England is a close enough friend to expect us to carry her along financially then she should be enough of a friend to relinquish those islands which form a vital link in our Pacific system. If she is not as genuine a friend as that, then we should ask her to meet her obligations and to look for credit elsewhere.

It cannot be said too often that if the United States is going into the business of being a world power she must take that business seriously. During the peace conference almost every delegation dickered with the president of the United States for selfish ends was actually having its expenses paid by the United States. Fifteen minutes before Premier Orlando played his grandstand trick of leaving the conference he had asked for and received from President Wilson the money with which to uphold his government and to meet the expenses of the delegation in Paris. He actually went on that joy ride into Italy, denouncing this country all the way, on the money which he had just received from this government.

Diplomacy is give and take. The administration for three years past has appeared to regard it as giving only, and the more promiscuous the gifts the greater

A VICE PRESIDENTIAL HOME.

The election of a vice president, rich in intellectual matters, but comparatively poor in worldly goods, has brought up the question of a home for the second highest executive official of the nation. The duties of this position require the vice president's presence in Washington as presiding officer of the senate. Yet his salary is such that the rents demanded by Washington landlords for a suitable abode would not leave much of a balance for other living expenses. It is clearly the duty of congress to provide either a suitable home or a salary big enough to pay the vice presidential house rent. It was quite a novelty for one of the greater political parties to nominate any but a rich man for second place on the ticket. But it is a precedent that should be encouraged by making it possible for a man of limited financial resources to get through his term without having to run in debt for living expenses.

Italians Resist Outrageous Prices

ROME, Jan. 13.—The Italian middle classes whose incomes remain substantially what they were before the war are angrily resisting what they denounce as the "outrageous price of necessities exacted by profiteers." The scenes of indignation which occur in some of the stores of Rome

A GOOD NAME WANTED

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