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OUR CONSCIOUS LIFE

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There is altogether too much ignorance and loose and illogical thinking in this day concerning what are harmless and what are sinful pleasures. Yet it is not difficult to draw the line between the pleasures that are harmless and those that are sinful. No pleasure can be harmless that results in the lowering of our ideals or standards, that weaken our power of resistance, that deadens or kills anything good in us, that makes us less pure, less true, less righteous, less spiritual. If we wish to make the most of our lives we will not partake of enjoyments that do any of these things. Harmless pleasures are elevating, making us stronger or better—at least they leave our better natures unsullied, unpolluted.

It is also well to remember that the sins that destroy do not always express themselves in outward conduct. The most soul-destroying, cankering, searing, deadening of sins may never get beyond the thought, the contemplation of him who yields to it. A great man has said, "Guard well, O heir of eternity, the portal of sin, the thought." Every sin has its inception in the mind. It begins by creeping into our secret thoughts, by stimulating our evil desires. Every sin has run riot in our minds and come to more or less dominate our thoughts long before it expresses itself in conduct. The Bible contains no truer words than these: "As a man thinketh in his heart, so is he." The things that shape one's life and character are the things that fill his thoughts, that absorb his secret, inner life.

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We are not mere animals. We are spirits, souls, created for eternity. We live not by meat and bread and drink. These things only minister to and build up our unconscious life. Out of these come only the tissues that make up our bodies, that weave the outer garments in which our spirits are clothed. We really live in the thoughts we think, the impulses of our hearts, the ideals and energies that dominate us, in the things that absorb and fill our conscious, real life. As these thoughts, these impulses, these ideals are high, pure, true, unselfish and holy, or carnal, base and sinful, so will our lives be, so shall we be.

Much the same elements built up the body, the unconscious life, of the primitive man as make up the physical body of the most educated and elevated man of today. The bones, muscles—all the organs and tissues of the body of the one were very like those of the other. But how different the conscious life! The one was what he was because he had done nothing but minister to and feed the animal in him. The other is what he is because he has ministered to, fed and strengthened those elements in him that have elevated him above the animal, that have developed his sentient life, his soul, his spirit. The primitive man had no pleasures according to the standard of the highest developed man of today; and he had, of course, no comprehension of the things that fill the thoughts and bring the highest pleasures to his modern descendant, the things that make life to him so well worth living. The primitive man really did not live; he only existed. He was hardly more alive than the plant, the tree, the beast.

How much more alive than this primitive man is the man of today, who spends his whole thought, time and energy in gratifying his physical, carnal, animal appetite, propensities and desires; who gives no time and puts forth no effort in the attempt to build up in himself something that shall make him sentient, intelligent, spiritual; that shall enable him to begin really to live instead of just eating, drinking and being only an animal—just existing!

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"To be carnally minded is death, but to be spiritually minded is life and peace," says Saint Paul. The great Apostle does not mean that to be carnally minded will necessarily bring death, dissolution of the physical body. By death he means the torpor, the stagnation, the death of the sentient, the soul, the real life. So, too, he means that to be spiritually minded brings us more and more completely into the conscious, the real life, the spiritual life which alone can yield us happiness and peace.

The worst thing that a carnal mind or sinful life can bring to one is not the suffering that these bring to the body; medicine or other agencies may cure that; death of the body may bring relief. But the weakening of the mind, the blighting effect upon the soul, the shrivelling of the heart, the searing of the spirit—these are the things that come from the carnal mind, the sinful life that we should dread.

And how are we to get away from the carnal, the worldlly, to sense life of mere existence and come in development where we may really live, where we may be conscious that we have a soul? There is but one way. We must get above the brutal, the carnal, the selfish, the worldly—first, in thought and desire, and finally in actual life and conduct. As malaria comes from the quagmires and marshes and fens where the air is laden with decaying matter and filth, so intellectual, moral and spiritual malaria comes from living in our thoughts and desires in the lowest part of our natures. When the miasma has entered our system we are fully aware of it, because the quake and fever give ample evidence of its presence. So sin and carnality, when we come to understand their symptoms, bring quite as unmistakable and unpleasant results to the mind and soul as malaria to the body. As the natural way to get rid of malarial poisoning is to get upon the mountain tops where their pure atmospheres will destroy the poison germs of the marshes, so the way to escape intellectual and moral diseases is to climb up to and live upon the heights.

"We rise by the things that are under our feet,
By what we have gathered of good and gain,
By the pride deposed and the passions slain,
And the vanquished ills that we hourly meet."

BITS FOR BREAKFAST

Fair and fine.

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Mother's day.

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Al G. Barnes has become one of the big men in the circus world. He has been playing to a great business, and has not this season had any rain.

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A small boy in a Salem home was up early yesterday morning, and dressed in about a minute, against the half hour it usually takes. He dragged his mother to the circus grounds and walked her about 40 miles, seeing all the things that were to be seen. Another small boy overheard by this mother, talking to his companion, about 9 years old. The first boy was reading a sign, saying the price of admission for adults was $1, with 10c for war tax and for children 50c, with 5c for war tax. "Say, J m, when will this war be over?" moaned the 9-year-old.

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Tom Walker, out in the Walker neighborhood near Middlegrove school house on the Silverton paved road, has a hen that is mothering three kittens. She has stolen the kittens from their feline mother and insists upon taking them under her wings; and she fights off the old cat when she attempts to assert her rightful claim to her own offspring. Is there another hen anywhere with the idea in her noodle that she is the mother of kittens?

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Talking about poultry, there is new evidence coming up all the time of a growing interest in the poultry industry on a commercial scale in the Salem district. The Statesman will attempt to keep track of this movement from Sunday to Sunday, with a view to being helpful in the movement, which will mean a great deal for this district.

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All the members of the Salem Broccoli association should get their seed at once of U. J. Lehman, secretary, 267 South church street. It is very important that every seed that can be had, of the Valentine variety, should be planted—all that is on hand and that can be bought any where.

MOTHERS

(By Susan Hubbard Martin.)

Deep in the hearts of those who bear
Burdens of sorrow, and pain and care
There blossoms a flower of memory rare
Planted there by —— our mothers.

No matter whether we're young or old,
Whether we're poor or rich in gold
That love as a garment does us unfold
Nobody's love, but — mother's.

Who has for us each the same deep care,
Who finds in our hearts these virtues rare,
That others deem not are slumbering there
No one sees them, but mother

Who binds up the hurt and the broken heart
Many times pierced by the enemy's dart!
Who gives us courage to do our part!
Nobody does, but mother.

Mothers of ours, let us love you well
Whose wrinkles and snowy hair doth tell
The battles of life you've fought so well
Bravest of souls — our mothers.

For certain and sure there will come a day
When her Bible must gently be put away
And mother will go on a journey to stay
She must answer the call — must mother.

And when with the slowly ebbing tide
The beautiful gates of pearl swing wide
And we are called to the other side.
Who waits for us there — but mother

With arms outstretched and a smile on her face
Up there with mother we'll take our place
Redeemed by His love and boundless grace
Praising him still, for — mother.

O mother of mine, I hope you know
The heart of your child who loves you so,
And if by my acts, I have caused you woe
Forgive me and bless me, my mother

When God gave us first — our mothers
For, next to the One that set us free
On this rugged cross of Calvary
Comes the love that glorified you and me
When God gave us first — our mothers

Thus deep in the heart of those who bear
Burdens of sorrow and pain and care.
There blossoms a flower of memory rare
Planted there by our mothers

DEBLOIS RELEASED.

PARIS, May 7.—(By the Associated Press.)—Captain Deblois, of the French army, controller of the Ober-Glogan district of Upper Silesia, who was made prisoner by 50 Germans while on a tour of inspection, has been returned to Upper Silesia, and released, according to advices tonight.

FRENCH PLANS COMPLETE.

DUSSELDORF, May 7.—(By the Associated Press.)—French military plans for the occupation of additional German territory are virtually complete and, with the arrival of General Degoutte from Mayence, Monday, the troops will be ready to march at a moment's notice on receipt of word from the government.

PORTLAND FIRM BOOSTING PARK

Opportunity Offered to See Wonderland That Lured American Author

Glacier National park has come into its own as America's scenic wonderland, because this newest of the national playgrounds is the most ruggedly picturesque of all in America, containing 1500 sq. miles, with 85 towering peaks, ranging from 7,000 to 10,500 feet, harboring over 60 living glaciers and nestling 250 shimmering lakes.

Glacier park has entranced and enthralled all those fortunate enough to have visited there, and the word of mouth from these tourists has created a elgacy of good-will which is bringing the results it has long merited.

Of the Glacier park beauty-land, Mary Roberts Rinehart says the following: "The call of the mountains is the real call. Throw off the impediments of civilization, go out into the west and ride the mountain trails. Throw out your chest and breathe. Look across the green valleys to the majestic peaks to where wild sheep stand impassive on the edge of space. Then the great mountain will get you, you will go back. The call is the real call. I have traveled a great part of Europe. The Alps have never held this lure for me. Perhaps it is because these mountains are my own, in my own country. Cities have called. I have heard them, but there is no voice in all the world so insistent to me as the wordless call of these mountains. I shall go back. Those who go once always hope to go back. The lure of the great free spaces is in their blood."

The opportunities to go and the accommodations offered Glacier park have never been so great as now. Co-operating with the park in efforts to allow more American citizens to see the unparalleled attractions at Glacier National park is the firm of Warner & Clarke, with headquarters in Portland. Their's is a real service offered to those contemplating summer vacations, and the firm's personally conducted tours offer no more alluring charms anywhere than to the justly far-famed Glacier National park.

Abundant Health is assured when there is good blood in the veins. Hood's Sarsaparilla is the medicine to make good blood. Begin taking it now. It is just what the system needs at this time and will do you great good. Sharpens the appetite, steadies the nerves.

SOME DOGS BEFRIENDED

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yellow around the eyes, male, weight 20 pounds. Killed.

April 1. One black and yellow, male, weight 20 pounds. Killed.

April 18. One long-haired, black, with two white front feet, male, weight 50 pounds. Killed.

April 19. One Scotch Collie, yellow with white around nose and ears, male, weight 60 pounds. Redeemed, $2.

April 19. One black, long-haired male, weight 30 pounds. Killed.

April 20. One Spitz with plain collar and ring, male, weight 25 pounds.

April 20. One white, male, with yellow face and ears, weight 15 pounds. Redeemed, $2.

April 20. One black, long-haired dog, with white on all four feet, fancy collar with aluminum nameplate, male, weight 10 pounds. Given away.

April 20. One bull pup, brown and white face and body, collar with brass trimmings, female, weight 15 pounds. Redeemed, $2.

April 21. One half-blooded bull dog with fancy collar, and small padlock, with white feet and nose, male, weight 40 pounds. Redeemed $2.

April 22. One black and brown, long-haired male, weight 20 lbs. Redeemed, $2.

April 23. One brown and white spotted bird dog, male, weight 50 pounds. Sold, $2.

April 25. One bull dog, brindle, male, weight 30 pounds. Redeemed, $2.

April 26. One black, smooth-haired pup, female, weight 10 lbs.

April 27. One white and salmon spotted bird dog, male, weight 50 pounds. Redeemed, $2.

April 28. One white and black dog, male, weight 25 pounds. Redeemed, $2.

April 29. One bull dog, black and brindle blend, with collar mounted in brass, with name, F. A. Bynon, 765 South Commercial Street, on it, male, weight 50 lbs. Redeemed, $4.

April 29. One Yellow and white long-haired female, weight 20 pounds.

April 29. One Coolie and Shepherd, male, weight 45 pounds.

FUTURE DATES

May 5 to 8 inclusive—Annual conference of Evangelical Association.
May 8, Sunday—Mother's Day.
May 9, Monday—Lecture by Oliver W. Stewart of Chicago at First Christian church.
May 10, Tuesday—Graduating recital, Willamette University School of Music, Waller hall.
May 13, Friday—County Sunday school business meeting at the Salem Public library at 8 o'clock.
May 15, Sunday—Second meet of the Salem Eugene Corvallis golf tournament, at Illahee Club links.
May 16 to 19—State Rebekah assembly in Albany.
May 17, Tuesday — Dramatic recital by Fred McGrew and Martha Ferguson, at Waller Hall, Willamette university.
May 18, Wednesday—Welcome program for newcomers at Commercial club.
May 26, 27 and 28—Baseball, Willamette vs. Whitman, at Walla Walla.
June 7, Tuesday — Auction sale of blooded Jerseys at state fair grounds.
June 16, Thursday—Oregon Pioneer association meeting in Portland.
June 17, Friday—High school graduation exercises.
June 3, Friday—Annual senior play by High School.
June 17, Friday—Annual Iowa picnic, State fair grounds.

ADDITIONAL CHURCHES

Hon. Oliver W. Stewart, of Chicago, formerly a member of the Illinois legislature, will speak in First Christian church on Monday, May 9th, 8 p. m. at Salem, under the auspices of the Flying Squadron Foundation of Indianapolis, Indiana, and in co-operation with local leaders interested in better citizenship.

Mr. Stewart saw service overseas as a welfare worker. He will speak on the subject "Our Past in the World Crisis." His address is the result of an opportunity to study industrial and social conditions in France and England, and was inspired by his contact with our army in France. It was his privilege to visit Romagne where is located the American cemetery, containing the graves of 22,000 boys who died in the fighting in the Argonne. His message is an electric one and will not fail to stir the community.

Mr. Stewart comes without expense to the local committee, and there is no admission charged for the lecture.

GOSPEL MISSION

185 South Commercial Street.

Up stairs services Sunday, 2 p. m. and 7:30. We pray for the healing of the sick. All are welcome. No collections.

In a special service Sunday morning at St. John's Evangelical Lutheran Church, Sixth and Y Streets, the catechism class of 1921 will be examined, and confirmed. Services begin at 10 a. m. Come, worship with us. —H. M. Gross, Pastor.

MOTHERS HONORED IN SALEM TODAY

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Rev. Thomas Acheson; "Mother and Son and the Cross," First Congregational church, Dr. W. C. Kantner; "A Throne for the King's Mother," Central Congregational, H. C. Stover; "Mothers," United Brethren, "Woman and Tomorrow," Unitarian, Rev. Frank Fay Eddy; "Mothers of Men," First Baptist, Rev. W. T. Milliken.

SAILORS STOP SHOW.

LOS ANGELES, Cal., May 7.—Production of an alleged German-made film in a downtown theater was stopped by the management tonight after a crowd, including about a score of sailors, had attempted to force an entrance to the building, protesting against the performance. The sailors were stopped by a squad of police and a naval provost guard.

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