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CONCERNING CONVERSION

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Many Christian denominations — perhaps all of them — believe that before one can become a Christian he must turn to God; he must be changed from the sinner he heretofore had been into a follower of Christ. There may not be full agreement as to just what this change or conversion is, as to just how far one must go in the overcoming of himself and his natural propensities; but all will probably agree that if there has been no radical change in one who professes Christ; if he be in thought, motives, life and conduct the same as before he made his profession, in his case there has really been no conversion. There is certainly the very highest authority for this view. Jesus' own words recorded in the gospels are, "Except ye be converted, and become as little children, ye shall not enter into the kingdom of heaven." These might be supplemented by many other passages in both the Old and the New Testament which make it clear that the biblical view is that before one can be a servant of God or Christ there must be a decided change in his life.

Many seem to think that regret for the wrongs of one's past life, what they are pleased to call repentance, is the only conversion required. But Peter, so it is recorded in the Acts, evidently did not think so. Here are his words, "Repent ye, therefore, and be converted, that your sins may be blotted out." To repent of one's sins may be a very good beginning of a Christian life, if such beginning be followed by effort, but it is only a beginning. According to the biblical standard it seems also that it is not enough to depend upon Christ to do all the work of conversion and to secure for us the resulting salvation. Otherwise why did Paul think it necessary to say to the Philippians, "Work out your own salvation with fear and trembling."

If a divine revelation has come to one's heart and the truth as it is in God and Christ has been borne in upon him; if in addition it has been made clear to him what his relation and duty to this revelation are, this is nothing less than a great epoch in his life. Its importance cannot be overestimated. But if this is to bear any fruit here or hereafter, he must also hear and heed the call for constant, determined, continued effort on his part to make this truth living, to give it reality, by incorporating it in his own life. Otherwise this revelation will bring no more than any other truth of which practical or useful application is made.

When the excitement of the occasion which may have been the means of bringing to him this revelation has passed; when he hears no more prayers offered up for him; and when the congratulations of his new-found friends over the great step he has taken have become but a memory, the new convert to Christianity is pretty sure to find some very hard and persistent work ahead of him. If he is to be honest with himself and with his Creator in his pledge to walk thenceforth with God and be a real Christian, he must engage in some hard labor with himself and his natural, sinful, primitive, animal nature. The Satan of his flesh, seeing his kingdom threatened, will become more active than ever, and the spiritual novice will seem to have more and harder temptations than ever before which will thoroughly test his spiritual mettle.

Too many new converts are like the poor soldier who, when the flags are flying, the bands are playing and the eager shouts of his comrades are filling the air, marches in the front rank and hurrahs with the loudest; but who later, when all this has ceased and the real struggle of the battle begins, forgets the cause to which he has sworn allegiance, seeks the easy and cowardly and traitorous way and leaves the battlefield to the enemy. Being a real Christian is a serious business; and the man who thinks that all there is to it is to call upon Christ and throw all of his troubles and burdens upon Him will never get far in the spiritual life. In order to be a Christian one has a fight on his hands. And let it not be forgotten that his principle warfare is against no other enemy than his own selfish, carnal, sinful self. This enemy defiant and unconquered, and his Christianity is only a feint, a bluff, a hollow mockery.

The world was never more in need of real Christians, men and women with changed, transformed, regenerated lives, of those carrying about with them and manifesting daily the spirit of the Master. We would dislike to be considered unkind

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or uncharitable, but there are so many weak, insincere, namby pamby, vacillating, lukewarm, spineless Christians; so many who are trying to serve both God and Mammon and are succeeding in serving only Mammon, that many otherwise intelligent people have about concluded that there are no genuine Christians, that there is no real religion, in the world. And many so-called Christians are going on day after day as though they, too, thought there was not.

If the world is to be saved from its sins we must have more men and women whose lives, as well as their lips, preach Christ; who have sacrificed the old life by living the great principles of love and truth that Christ is said to have lived; who have overcome the carnal, beastly nature and have in its place the pure principles of eternal life, the bread of heaven that comes from heaven, the Holy Ghost.

Let the new convert remember that mere intellectual theology has hardly any influence upon life or conduct. In the language of a great English author, "Creeds posted upon the memory will not eradicate vicious propensities." If he really wants to be a Christian let him strive mightily and constantly to make himself "a fit tabernacle for the indwelling of God's holy spirit," and, no matter what his creed, God will find him and bless him with His own love, wisdom and power.

As the situation is now generally understood, the Sinn Fein can either take it or let it alone.

Now that Lenin has restored property rights, have the Bolsheviks left any property?

We have always thought that the Recording Angel forgot to charge it when a man lied about his salary.—Exchange.

Mesopotamia is now being exploited for oil. Grandpa Noah made the mistake of his life in finding water.

It has been figured out that the cost of living in the east has lately decreased seven-tenths of 1 per cent. That is getting percentages down to a grat's heel.

The first train load of raisins has been sent east from the Fresno district, California. The prices are good, and the growers, at least, will get a kick out of them.

If China is able to maintain an open door after the meeting of the disarmament conference it will be because Uncle Sam inserts his foot therein. That much is plain to a man up a tree.

THE ARBUCKLE INCIDENT

(Los Angeles Times.)

Roscoe Arbuckle will have ample opportunity to repent at leisure in the cell of a San Francisco prison his attempt to play the role of Lucullus off the screen. They do such things in literature and in the cinema; but he is now learning at a tragic price that there is a wide distinction between the silent drama and real life.

Whether he is culpably responsible for the sinister death of Virginia Rappe is a question that a San Francisco jury must decide. If the charges made by certain of those who attended the "party" from which she was carried in an unconscious condition to die two days later can be proven he richly deserves the penalty; but it is possible that the fumes of alcohol may have caused their imaginations to register things that did not occur. The Times accords to Arbuckle his full right to be regarded as innocent of intent to commit a crime until he has been actually proven guilty.

But the Times is not blind to the fact that two carousals in which he played a prominent part have caused charges of the commission of a felony to be filed against him. And the Times is fully aware that a single individual, however hilarious, doesn't constitute a party. The wild nature of his entertainments was an open secret in the screen world, and it is not on record that anyone attended except of his or her own free will.

We do not refer to these things in extenuation of his alleged offense, but to point the moral that he is simply the product of the unhealthy atmosphere of certain movie studios. Public opinion will not tolerate one standard of morals for film folk and another for the rest of the community. While there may be no necessity for an official censor to pass upon the productions of the different studios, there does seem to be a need for some kind of censor on the performances of a number of the actors when off the stage.

Too risque a scene can be cut from the film, but Arbuckle is now learning to his sorrow that such editing is not possible in real life. Public opinion is a regulator of morals, from whose decree there is no appeal. In the past we have probably looked with too much tolerance upon the frivolity and the license so prevalent in the film world. The stars appeared

FUTURE DATES

September 19, Monday.—Circuit Court term begins. September 21, Wednesday.—Sells-Floto Circus. September 22, 23 and 24.—Pendleton Round-up. September 26 to October 1.—Oregon State Fair. September 28, Wednesday.—State school and commission to open bids on \$5,000,000 bonds. November 21, 22 and 23.—Marion county Teachers Institute.

vided it fills the houses and gets past the authorities.

Some directors have said that childish innocence has no place in the moving picture world; that the public demands portrayals of passion; that it likes to be vamped and that no actress can register faithfully on the screen the passion of love who has not been a wife or a mistress. They intimate that the code of morals observed in the common life of the people cannot be applied to the film world. Fortunately there are others who take a higher view both of the taste of the public and of the essentials for a successful heroine. The Times trusts that the force of public opinion will be cast on the side of the higher and nobler view. For public opinion, once sufficiently aroused, can drive the whole fast set out of the movies. A moral boycott is a weapon against which the smart gangsters have no defense.

We repeat that there is little need of a censor for the motion picture films and a serious need for a stricter censorship of the lives led by cinema stars when off the stage.

as a class apart. They did such unconventional things in staging their productions that we came to expect them to kick a bit higher than other folk. In fact, those who take part in the slapstick comedies give one more the impression of trained monkeys than human beings.

Arbuckle was famous for his roaring farces. One no more expected to see him do a logical thing than to see a pig painting a masterpiece. But the public enjoyed such hilarious diversion. It was a respite for many from the tragedy of the daily existence. But Arbuckle in tragedy, either in the films or in a San Francisco hotel, is not amusing to the public eye. As far as the theater-going public is concerned, whatever the result of the trial, his star has passed into permanent eclipse.

For three or four years the smart set in the movies has been traveling at a furious pace. Their marital infidelities have clogged the pages of the divorce records. They have taken supreme delight in flinging their money from the windows. However moderate might be the pictures they produced, in real life the machine was always running in the high.

Now one of the fastest of the furious set has driven his machine into the ditch. His pictures are being withdrawn by houses on the coast running them under contract; he is locked up on a charge of commission of a felony for which the extreme penalty is death. The Times trusts that the example will prove a salutary warning to others who have been going at a similar pace; for Arbuckle is not the only cinema star who has given mixed parties at which the host received his guests clad only in bath robe and pajamas.

Film characters become, in a degree, public characters. The Los Angeles colony has been setting the style in raiment for the rest of the country. Its leaders are also looked to by the frivolously inclined of the younger set for a standard of morals. Keeping up with Mary is as strenuous as "Keeping up with Lizzie."

Customs are conventions carrying the authority of centuries. They form an unwritten law that cannot be violated with impunity. The motion picture industry is something that sprang up but yesterday and has not yet been properly classified. But it is an industry in which the whole community, the whole nation is deeply concerned. For the cinema is a powerful agent for education, whether for good or evil. In order to be profitable its productions must amuse the public; and few of the producing companies are concerned whether the amusement is healthy or erotic production.

EDITORIALS OF THE PEOPLE

Police Uniforms

Editor Statesman—I have always read with a great deal of pride your Thursday issue, showing what a great county Marion is and its wonderful resources; also your slogan "Patronize home advertisers." But I was very much surprised to learn this a. m. that our police department gave their orders for the new uniforms they are soon to parade in.

I would like to ask why a Salem merchant was not given this order. We have a number of merchants who could furnish these uniforms for the same money. How are we to build up Salem industries if we send our money away from home?

Who is to blame for this slight on our merchants? The writer is not the only one who would like to hear from the police department the reason.

—A Salem First Taxpayer.

BITS FOR BREAKFAST

Salem was busy yesterday. But the crowds will be greater on futuro Saturdays.

The rain of last night was more or less welcome; if it will only snap out of it quickly, all will be forgotten.

Gardner will be in several places at once, till he is killed or caught.

The Bits for Breakfast man is not permitted to name names; but some more world records are being broken by Salem district cows; or in the process of being broken. Our great cows are far ahead now that the rest of the world will never catch up; and the competition will in the future be between Salem district cows.

More dwellings are being built in Salem than at any time in the city's history; in both Salem and its suburbs. But we seem to be still about 1000 houses short. This was the estimate made by a Salem man who ought to know last spring—and with all the building the demand keeps just about that many laps ahead of the supply. A house was advertised in

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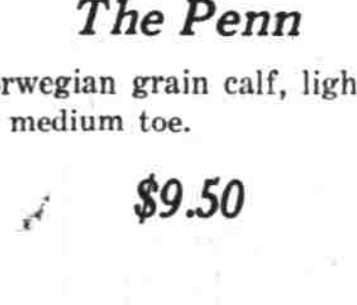
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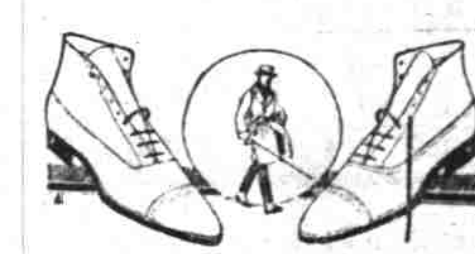
The New Prize
Narrow toe. Light brown with perforated toe cap and seams. A wonderful fitter.
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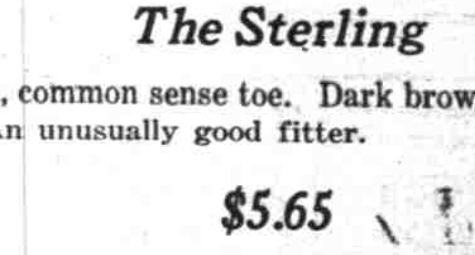
The Penn
A Regal Norwegian grain calf, light-heavy shoe, blucher cut, medium toe.
\$9.50



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\$6.75



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