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OUR IRRELIGIOUS UNIVERSITIES

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During the past year William Jennings Bryan has been going about the country preaching against the methods and ideals of our universities, being especially emphatic and bitter against some professors of biology, zoology and geology for the way in which they teach these sciences. Mr. Bryan, who is a Presbyterian of the old school, may be thus denouncing these methods and teachings because he sees in them, if continued, disaster for his particular religious faith. Like nearly all sectarians, he is doubtless honest in believing that if his own faith be destroyed, all religion worthy of the name will have been swept away. If, however, any such calamity as the destruction of religion is threatened, of course all right-thinking men and women should bestir themselves to prevent it.

Supplementing the cry of Mr. Bryan, two authors in one of the leading magazines have drawn an indictment against the colleges and universities for their irreligious tendencies. They say that what the colleges and universities need is what all the world needs, religion. If they are to retain their importance, they must be able to impart spiritual leading to minds that are fit to receive it. If they do not, they fail in their most vital office. If they fail in that, they lose their leadership, which will go to men of faith, as it always does. "The great void in the world," continues one of these authors, "is the lack of standards; standards in business, in politics, in international relations—in fact, in every walk and avocation of life. Nowhere is this truth more manifest than in our colleges and universities. What standards exist in educational theory, in teaching, in research, in scholarship, in advancement of professors, save the most artificial and superficial? Above all else, where are the standards of lofty moral ideals and leadership to which the colleges and universities throughout their departments once pointed their undergraduates?"

There is much truth in all of this. It cannot be denied that our universities do not attempt to provide for the religious needs of their students, leaving that duty to the students themselves or to their parents. Many of our universities are public institutions, and for all such the excuse will be made that they should follow the rule which is universally followed by the public schools, and not undertake to teach religion. But by these, as well as by privately endowed institutions, there should, at least be the recognition of the three-fold nature of men. While providing development for the intellectual nature, all of them give full recognition to the value and necessity of physical exercise, training and development, and the student is encouraged to engage in all harmless forms of physical activity. Why should not the same kind of recognition be accorded the spiritual nature of the student? This nature, the highest and most important part of man, cannot be neglected in his development without a great letting down in his moral fiber, as well as in his intellectual ability and attainments.

More important still, the development of this spiritual nature should go hand in hand with the development of the intellectual and physical natures. Nourishment of this highest part of man's individuality should be afforded during the

adolescent or growing period of each individual existence. Otherwise it will be partly or wholly neglected. The ideal education is one wherein due attention is given to the three elements of the nature, physical, intellectual and spiritual.
Without physical development the student becomes a weakling in body, incapable of acquiring or making full use of intellectual training. Without spiritual development, he misses the highest and sweetest experiences of life, cannot make the highest use of the intellectual knowledge and training that he does get, and is not in the way of coming into relation with the Great Source of all knowledge and wisdom. Still more important, he has failed to develop that part of himself which when strengthened and unfolded will enable him to control the physical and animal instincts and passions in him, and thus enable him to become a real, a true man. Without this control an educated man is little more than an educated animal; or worse, an educated fool.

Perhaps, however, the case of our universities is not so desperate in a religious way as Mr. Bryan and some others appear to think. We should be careful not to make our definition of religion too narrow. It would be well to bear in mind that sectarianism is not necessarily religion or Christianity. The sectarian is apt to think that he who rejects the particular form of faith to which he himself subscribes has cast aside all religion and is an infidel or worse. But one may even not affiliate with any of the prevailing forms of religion and still be intensely religious, having an unshakable belief and trust in God and making daily efforts to more nearly realize his ideals in his life.

In seeking a cure for the irreligion in the universities, we must recognize that the student often finds it difficult to reconcile the teachings of the class room and the demonstrations of the laboratory with some of the dogmas of the churches. We who would replace this irreligion in the universities with a general and vigorous religious life must come to the point where we will be willing to modify our dogmas, when they conflict with demonstrated and ascertained truth, or we shall meet with small success in this effort. To do this is in no sense giving up religion or destroying the Bible or the faith of the student in it. On the contrary, it is meeting the situation which modern knowledge and research compel, in order that the students of our universities in this day may find it more easy for them to believe in the Bible and possible for them to accept our religion.

It does no good to the cause of religion to condemn professors for teaching science according to the facts as they find them, nor to call upon the students to reject these teachings. It only makes the cause of religion more hopeless as to them, and may do irreparable damage by fixing in the minds of the young the impression that our ignorance is all there is of our religion, and our narrow physical interpretations of the Bible the only interpretations and thus cause them to definitely reject the Bible and all religion.

Under the pending tariff bill, Bibles and pulpits are free, but brimstone must pay a duty. There are some sinners who will say it ought to.

Dr. Arthur Conan Doyle, having delivered his spiritualistic message, has returned to England. We have our doubts about his spirit messages being authentic, but they are at least as true as the one that Joe Tumulty says he got from Woodrow Wilson.—Exchange.

The California branch of the Gideons, the Christian traveling men's association, has been in session in Los Angeles the past week. If the Gideons never did anything beyond placing a copy of the Bible in every hotel and apartment house room, which is their principal form of activity, they deserve well of their country.

If only the automobile drivers would observe all the rules of the

game, the newspapers would not have so many horrible and other accidents to report—especially after each Sunday. Automobile travel could be made reasonably safe, if every single man or woman driving an automobile would get and remain safe and sane and sober.

WEATHER BY WIRELESS

(Los Angeles Times.)

There is impressive promise of future control of the weather by radio. Not only will our storm predictions be broadcast by wireless, but the storms themselves will be regulated, chastened and diverted by radio. The scientist says that we will get our weather by wave lengths. Our climate may yet be assigned to us by a governing board. The peculiar climate of California may be cut up into small pieces by a commission at Washington and distributed over Dakota and Oklahoma. Our showers will go through a meter. We will be

SPOONING ACCORDING TO HOYLE.



Of course, this is the Chicago officially correct position, but it appears rather passe for the variety of flapper from other cities, and our cops are more lenient or tender hearted or something. Anyhow, though this idea of the proper way to spoon may be a bit in Chicago it would make the young ones of our city and surrounding territory laugh themselves to death.

hitched up to a wave length of 675 ge-whizzes and draw off a half-inch of nice wet rain. When the Democrats are in power they will be accused of favoring the solid South in the matter of climate and some statesman will be elected president on a platform of equal and indivisible climate for all. William Jennings Bryan will be stumping the country in favor of a declaration for sixteen showers to one cyclone, and the Populists will be demanding that the government manufacture all weather and furnish it free to every citizen. The prohibitionists will still be insisting on a bone-dry country, while the southerners will be yelling for a wet Sunday. Senator Borah will be accused of having a cold wave up his sleeve and the government will be asked to prosecute a lot of Kentucky moonshiners for bootlegging their own climate by the use of the radiotelescope. The women will be organizing the merry sunshine party and will insist on a declaration for a minimum of rain. Jim Reed will be suspected of having formed an entangling alliance with a Montana blizzard and the Massachusetts delegation will come to congress for adequate tariff protection against the pauper climate of Shetland. If our climate is to be distributed on a wave-length basis, will it be necessary to have an official prognosticator to tell us what the wild waves are saying?

BITS FOR BREAKFAST

School election tomorrow.

The hours are 2 to 7 p. m. The Bits for Breakfast man wishes to say this for E. A. Rhotten: He is honest, industrious, and has good business judgment. And he is not a scrapper; at least not a factional scrapper, though he would if elected school director tomorrow, stand up squarely and fight for what he thought was right—moreover what he thought was right would likely be right. He did not seek the nomination. Mr. Rhotten has for years been associated with the Statesman publications and this

much of a statement is due him from a fellow worker who knows him from the ground up; and without assuming to take a hand in the contest, or to advise any one how to vote.

Who can vote in the school election? Any citizen who has been a resident of the district for 30 days. A writer in the evening paper said any registered voter. That is wrong. A voter does not have to be registered. A letter in the mails says any person who has been a resident of the city for 30 days. That is wrong. The school district extends beyond the city limits.

The strawberries are still coming. But many more days as

warm as the past two will dry up the vines and end the season.
Alice Robertson, the Oklahoma congresswoman who is in Oregon, says all girls ought to get married. But she did not take her own advice.

History clears up a lot of things. It is now claimed that Socrates did not die from the drink of hemlock—that it was a sort of bootleg whiskey.

It is well that we cannot read the future. Which reminds us that every man who dies from the effect of taking moonshine whiskey was some mother's "precious baby" some time.—Exchange.

HOME—FURNITURE—PIANO

AUCTION SALE

1040. HOOD STREET
Near Summer Street

TUESDAY, JUNE 20th

1:30 p. m.

Good 7-roomed house will full cement basement, bath and toilet, built ins, newly painted and decorated, front and back porches, good garden, some fruit; this is a good home. Terms 1/2 cash, balance arranged; good abstract of title. Also at same time and place I will sell all the furniture of this home, consisting of square piano, lounge and settee, combination oak book case and writing desk, library lamp, book case and books, sewing rocker, 6 small rugs, 2 oak rockers, oak diners, extension table and oak buffet to match, oil stove, heater, range, 100-piece Homer Laughlin imported China dinner set, glassware and other dishes, kitchen utensils, break-fast table, cloth hamper, 3 beds, springs and mattresses, large oak dresser, oak chiffonier, walnut dressser, plate mirror 18x36 inches, screen, 200 quarts home canned fruit, bicycle, lawn mower, sad irons, meat grinder, garden hose, garden tools and 100 other articles which space will not permit to mention. Don't miss this sale if you want a home or anything that goes with a home.

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THE SWIMMING CLASS—LESSON V

By JACK GIHON

The Man Who Taught One Thousand and New Orleans Boys and Girls How to Swim

The crawl, used by practically every speed swimmer, and looked upon by experts as the only logical racing stroke, is naturally appealing to most young swimmers. The only difference between the trudgeon and the crawl arm movement is that in the crawl the arms are bent at the elbows a trifle more than in the trudgeon, and they come down in the water alternately at the sides, rather than in front of the head.

The leg drive is radically different from any other stroke, however, and is known as the flutter kick. It is a continuous up and down alternate thrash of the legs from the knee down.

To learn the leg drive, lie flat in the water at the edge of the pool, so that you can support yourself with your hands. With your legs straight out behind you, start moving them back and forth, the hips straight, but relaxed; the ankles limber, and the whole movement coming solely from the knees. Do not bend the knees too much, and hold them close together. The feet should never be opened more than 12 inches from the heel to toe. When you do it

crawl is the present perfection of all swimming strokes, and many instructors declare that until you have mastered it, you cannot consider yourself a good swimmer.

It is the most difficult of all strokes, but the speed it develops, its grace and its general utility put it on such a high plane as to make it well worth any difficulty you might have in mastering it.

The stroke consists of an abbreviated double overarm movement, very similar to that of the trudgeon, explained last week, and a peculiar leg drive learned from the natives of the South Sea Islands.

correctly, your feet should be churning the water, not splashing it. The crawl swimmer leaves a little wake behind him, something like that of a powerful motor boat.

After you have practiced it holding to a support, point your arms above your head, lie flat in the water, face buried, and try to progress, using the leg drive alone.—Then gradually take a couple of strokes, and a couple more.

The real difficulty of the crawl is in learning how to combine the arm movement and leg drive into a smooth stroke. It is a matter of practice, alone. Arms and legs work independently; you can use a fast flutter kick and a slow arm movement, or vice versa, if you wish. No two persons swim the crawl exactly alike, and you will get a style of your own with practice.

In swimming the crawl, keep flat on your face, and do not let your body roll. Breathe every other stroke, the same as in the trudgeon, except when you are sprinting, when you take breath only every four or six strokes.

In Lesson VI of "The Swimming Class" Mr. Gihon will give some tips on distance swimming.

A desk was 'cross one end of it.
At which there sat a guy
With grayish hair and funny smile,
And twinkle in his eye.
The cop says, "Judge, I brought the kid."
And then he beat it quick.
While I was left alone in there,
A-watchin' for a trick.
This guy he tells he mow he'll help
Me get a chanct once more;
He didn't think they ought to treat.
Me like they did before.
He talked so sort of friedly-like,
And kind of took my part,
And when I thought of what I done
I didn't feel half so smart.
Then when hed talked a while like that,
He smiles, so sort of queer,
And reaches in his desk and says,
"Say, Sonny, just look here."
He holds a funny sling-shot thing
All kind of old and worn;
"I've kept thi sthing," he says to me,
"Since long 'fore you were born.
I hit a window, just like you—
A kid, an dkind of wild—
They took me off to jail for it,
Like they did you," he smiled.
He told me all 'bout what a time
He had to get a start,
And you could see that he was just
A boy himself at heart;
And—well, I've chucked the gang for good;
I'm back in school again,
And we're such friends, and gee!
Why, I'm
Most glad I cracked that pane.

A SENTENCE SERMON

Peepul: If you aren't a fault mender you have no right to be a fault finder.—Arkansas Thom-as at.

SOUL AND BODY

Dr. Camille Flammarion, the eminent French astronomer, says that he has positive evidence that the soul survives the body after death and he has had several personal contacts with the fact. He does not merely accept another's statement, nor does he consider any argument of book or brain. From the stern viewpoint of the scientist he has made his investigations—extending over more than 50 years—and he says he has every material assurance of the existence of the soul and its flight from the human body at death. He does not say that it long endures. He knows nothing of a heavenly state or existence, but he says the separation of the soul from the body at the time of death is an absolute verity. He

FUTURE DATES

- June 19, Monday—Salem school election.
- June 17 to July 7—Vacation Bible study school.
- June 20, Tuesday—Chautequa season opens at Dallas.
- June 20, 21, 22 and 23—Portland Rose Festival.
- June 21, Wednesday—Nebraska picnic, state fair grounds.
- June 25, Sunday—At Silverton. Annual picnic of Salem lodge B.P.O.E.
- June 29 to July 5, inclusive—Chautequa season in Salem.
- June 27, Tuesday—American Legion state encampment at The Dalles.
- June 29-30, July 1—Convention of Oregon Fire Chiefs' association at Marshfield.
- July 1, Saturday—Annual Salem picnic in Portland, Laurelhurst park.
- July 3 and 4—Monday and Tuesday State convention of Artisans at Woodburn.
- July 29, Saturday—Marion county Sunday school picnic at fair grounds.
- September 2, 3 and 4—Lakeriew Round-up, Lakeriew, Or.
- September 13, Wednesday—Oregon Methodist conference opens in Salem.
- September 21, 22 and 23—Pendleton round-up.
- September 25 to 30 inclusive—Oregon State Fair.
- November 7, Tuesday—General election.

THE SHORT STORY, JR.

The Judge

Jerry Parks and me last week
We cracked a window pane.
He got away, but I got hauled
Back into jail again.
I been there once before, you know—
They caught me swipin' lead,
I hated bein' caged like that.
You feel like you was dead;
But all the fellows in our gang
Had been to jail, you see,
And used to boast about it, too.
A-lookin' down on me.
This time—a kind of funny thing
Cop took me in a room,
A sort of nice and sunny place,
And quiet as a tomb.

DAILY PICTURE PUZZLE

ANSWER TO YESTERDAY'S PUZZLE IS: BACON POTATOES

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MARION sewed the name of her favorite author in this quilt. WHAT IS IT?

Vacation

Remember the long distance telephone in your vacation plans.
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