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### PREPARING FOR DEATH

(Copyrighted by the San Jose Mercury) Many of the old-time theologians painted the life after death as full of terrors. A vast burning, seething, sulphurous lake was surrounded by innumerable devils who met the trembling sinners as they left this world and gleefully plunged them into this lake, gloating over their cries of pain as the burning sulphur seared but did not destroy their quivering flesh. To such an end for the countless ages of eternity these old expounders of religion consigned the vast

majority of the human race. As against this they pictured heaven, above this hell but not so far away that the fortunate and select few denizens of it did not have a good view of hell beneath, so that with the devils they might enjoy the anguish of the impenitent sinners below and constantly congratulate themselves that by accepting the leadership of these word painters of the future life they had escaped the fate of those who did

not accept it. These pictures of course constituted a background or basis for the appeal which they made to the sinner to induce him to accept the brand of salvation which they offered and which they guaranteed would save him from the terrors of hell and secure for him the joys of this pictured heaven. This salvation did not come as a result of the individual overcoming the propensities and impulses of the physical, carnal nature, either with or without the help of Christ. On the contrary he was taught that mortal man could not overcome them. By a merely intellectual belief in the Savior, by making a public confession of his faith and uniting himself with the church organization of the particular theological leader the blood of Jesus would miraculously wash away the effect of his base and sinful life, no matter how dark it was, and make him a white winged angel fit for the companionship of the saints. This without the overcoming of the physical life which Jesus commanded, without the good and unselfish works with which his life was filled, without any pronounc- day. ed manifestation of the presence of the Holy Spirit such as accompanied the early conversions wrought by the disciples and apostles. The only preparation for the future life and the sultan of Turkey, numbering the only insurance against the fires of hell that one needs was about 300, are weeping bitterly

These old ideas still dominate the religious thought of Harems as well as autocratic rulmany people. Could anything be more terrible, even to the ordinary normal, human being, to say nothing of one who is spiritual, who has overcome himself, who is regenerated so that he has really become a Christian according to the Bible. the Christ standard? Could anything be more repugnant to all ideas of justice, more destructive of all religious or moral effort? If this were the Christianity preached and lived by Jesus then the intelligence of this age—of any age—would be compelled to reject it and to class it with all those religions of the past and present based upon superstitions which have enslaved the minds and souls of men. Fortunately, if we are to believe the record, Jesus never taught any such horrible, unreasonable, brutalizing, soul-enslaving, growthdestroying doctrines. His teachings as they have come to us in His words and the acts and conduct of His life are entirely contrary to practically all of these old dogmas

Christ lived and died for him and ally himself with the re-

ligious organization of the theologians who were the ex-

Does He not teach that it is what one does and lives and is not what he professes or thinks he is or is to be, that determines his real status here and hereafter? Does He not declare that it is they that obey His and the Father's commandments, who do good for evil, who have overcome the flesh even as He overcame it, and who constantly manifest His spirit who are accepted by Him, who are His brethren, heirs with Him of the heavenly kingdom within us? The pure in heart are to see God, not those who call the loudest for His mercy. He who ministers unto the least of the weak and needy and sinful, the little ones of the earth, ministers unto Him. Not those who keep the outside clean, but those who keep the inner life clean, pure, spotless are commended

Unselfish helpfulness and service, forgiveness, gentleness, love, even of our enemies, righteousness, moral and spiritual strength and power-these are the outstanding elements of His character, and He has made it perfectly clear that except as we approach these in our lives and in the development of our own characters we are none of His and He will have no fellowship with us either here or hereafter.

According to the teachings of Jesus, then, the best pre- row confines he is potential, be- fensive purposes. Says an exparation for death and the life hereafter, is with His help to youd it he perishes; and if immor- change: "Under the circumstanlive and do and be the best we can here. The treasures which tality is a splendid but delusive ces we vote thumbs down for an He urges us to lay up in heaven are nothing less than pure dream, if the incompleteness of independent Filipino navy. What and holy thoughts and upright and righteous lives; deeds of every career, even the longest and the Filipinos really want is some helpfulness and love; the growth and development of the most fortunate, be not supple navy beans." spiritual, the heavenly elements within us bringing us into mented and perfected after its harmony and fellowship here with God, with Him. He makes termination here, then he who it very clear that those who are not striving to bring their dreads to die should fear to live, life and conduct up to their professions are hypocrites and for life is a tragedy more desoapostates, no matter how loudly they call upon Him.

It is, therefore, useless to be constantly looking forwards -John J. Ingalls. to death and preparing for that great event. It tends to call us away from the duties, demands and tasks which are to be met and performed, not in some future life, but here in this mundane state of existence. To faithfully and loy- It has been computed by a herd ally discharge our duties here, to obey in heart and life the of mathematicians equipped with commands of God, of Christ, to constantly seek to develop pedometers that the average the kingdom of heaven within us by bringing our own lives housewife who takes care of her into harmony with His, to give ourselves to unselfish service own home and also ministers to to humanity-these are the things to keep us on the road that the needs of two children walks leads to heaven here as well as hereafter. And if we are not an average of 11 miles a day. able fully to live up to our ideals, every effort we make to That's nothing. A man can walk realize them will bear its fruit for us, both here and in that many miles a day around a

wor of the apples industry in the therefore its purchase by schools Salem district, please tell the Slo- is a direct violation of the state

record entitles him to that.

It was "the old fight" in the football game at Corvallis yester-

declared to be that he should believe that the Lord Jesus over the flight of their lord and master. The youngest wife, aged 22, the daughter of the gardener, married only nine weeks ago, became hysterical in her grief. ers are becoming de trop and ausgespielt and out of date in the

> nia has ruled that the King James translation of the Bible "is the

> > FUTURE DATES

November 21, Tuesday-Bazaar, Cen-November 27, 28 and 29-Marion coun-November 30, Thursday-Thanksgiving

Lecember 2, Saturday—Bazaar,
Paul's Church. 560 Chemeketa.

Tuesday—School bu December 12. Tuesday-School budge meeting at high school.

December 25, Monday—Christmas.

If you know something in fa- accepted Protestant version" and law which prohibits the acqui-

Addressing the Phi Gamma Delta fraternity at Washington, work in character building among greatest influence in his life were his faith in God and his college

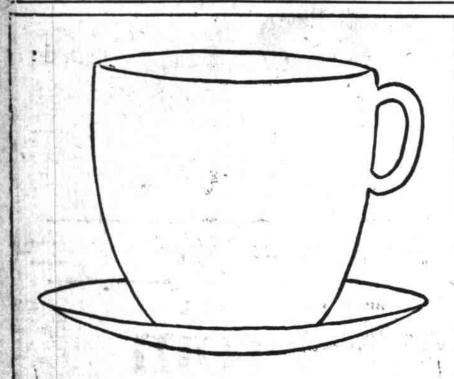
New York rabbi, well known in Oregon, speaking before a congregation of Jews at Chicago, criticized the Oberammergau passion play as an agency of religious and racial hatred against the Jews. Dr. Wise saw the play this year and says it reflects the hatred against his race which was common in the period when it was first acted-nearly 300 years



ponents of these doctrines.

Edited by John H. Millar

### Lessons in Trick Cartooning









"Y-e-s," admitted Edith, "they do look real natural."



"Of course, silly, can't you ell?" Flo admitted that she could

I'm so dreadfully be lots better looking if I only had pink cheeks like Mabel. But of course mother would never hear to it. What if I shouldn't tell her? I never knew the difeither. I'll save my money and get some and never tell her."

Several days later Flo started off to school, slipping out the side door when her mother wasn't looking. Any one would have thought that she had done something she shouldn't and was blushing. But the blush was sta-

"'Lo, Flo,' Jack called, falling into step with her. "I say, what's the matter? You look queer somehow. Don't you feel well?" "Look queer! The idea!" That just showed how dumb boys were. Flo laughed and said that she

had never felt better in her life School had taken up and Flo was industriously bending over a book trying not to notice the curious glances cast in her direction. The teacher came back and leaned over her desk. "Aren't you feeling well, Flo?" she asked. "You look flushed and a trifle feverish." Flo blushed hotly as Miss Potts put her cool hand on her going to be sick, and if you have a fever you will give it other boys and girls."

Blushing redder than the rouge, Flo slowly gathered her books to-



cheeks had mysteriously disap-

what made the pink spots on Flo's

dropped it in the laundry basket

PICTURE PUZZLE

WHAT WELL KNOWN BOOK IS JOHN READING?

handkerchief when she

good

### COMMUNITY PLANES

land for the use of municipal ly cannot make much progress in planes. Each community would the desired program while perhave a flock of airships of its sisting in remaining aloof from own-to be owned by the city any official contact with other and used for passenger, police and peoples. other needs. There would be occasional tournaments in which flyers of the different towns | Now the Filipinos want a navy would appear and contest for the of their own. . And just at a time honor of their respective com- when the world was eager to talk munities. England and France disarmament. Evidently the are making more general use of islanders expect that Uncle Sam aerial service in its various forms will not only give them full free-

late and inexplicable than death

### THE DAY'S WORK

pool table and never sweat a hair.

### THE HANDICAPS

A bishop says that America is sition of sectarian books by the to blame for the massacres in Clemenceau says he is resolved public schools. The decision re- Smyrna. He says that if we had to defend America against any- versed a ruling by the Kings joined with other Christian nabody." That will help to get him county court which gave a high tions in announcing our proteca sympathetic hearing, though he school permission to purchase tion of the Christians in Asia was assured of that before. His two copies of the King James Minor the Turks would have kept their hands off. Possibly he is right, but it is not to be proven by the experience of the past. When a Turk permits his fancy to wander in the direction of former Vice President Marshall murder or massacre he doesn't commended the small denomina- care much who it is as long as it another. They are all red to him. If the American army is to back up all the missionaries and assure the safety and stability of all converts it is feared that the

realization of a world of profound peace will be delayed. This is There is a movement in Eng- sad but certain. But we assured-

than this country is indicating. dom, but turn over a bunch of warships to boot. A trouble is INGALLS ON IMMORTALITY that when the Filipinos are accorded a navy they will want one Every man is the center of a as vast and impressive as that circle whose fatal circumference of Japan-in fact, they could well he cannot pass. Within its nar- say that they needed it for de-

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