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PAROLE AND INDETERMINATE SENTENCE

This is a big subject for a newspaper paragraph, with space much limited. But while prison matters are under discussion in heated arguments and propaganda appeals in Oregon, the matter may get more consideration now in this state than at some other time...

THE DECADENCE OF SECTARIANISM

The recent union of the Methodist, Congregational and Presbyterian churches of Canada into a single denomination to be known as the United Church of Canada is the culmination of several years of effort. After the Methodist and Congregational bodies had almost unanimously approved the union...

The motive of the opponents of sectarianism is declared by one of them to be "to perpetuate the force which has been sanctified for nineteen hundred years by One who came that men might have life and have it more abundantly. They want to get off the desert island of denominationalism...

over small doctrinal points missed the spirit of Christ, so now the opponents of dogma, in their yearnings for this indefinite brotherhood and their attempts at the service which is inseparable from real Christianity, may forget that human brotherhood can only come to the world by the growth of the Christ spirit in the hearts and lives of the people...

And there will doubtless be room in the church of the future, however mighty and perfect it may come to be, for certain doctrinal considerations. Broad, charitable and spiritual they will be of course. Among these must be the reality of God, and the presence of His life and Spirit in the human soul, and the regeneration of the individual human life by this spirit when men work with it by earnestly striving to purify their hearts and by honestly seeking to know and do His will.

One of the hardest things in religious history to understand is the spirit of sectarianism developed by our forefathers. Men who believed in the inerrant, divine inspiration and verbal accuracy of the Bible yet found it so impossible to agree upon its meaning that they formed more than one hundred sects, each of which claimed to have found the only correct interpretation and each in open warfare against all the others. It is impossible for the impartial religious student of this age to escape the conclusion that none of them were right.

Even though our forefathers may have been narrow sectarians, dogmatic, bigoted, intolerant and often guilty of unchristian and cruel persecution of the adherents of other sects, still they were generally loyal to the truth as they saw it. They were bold in its defense and often sacrificed fortune, friends and home—even life—for it. If we of this age, with our enlarged knowledge and our wonderful opportunities, can be as loyal to the truth as it is revealed to us and as ready to labor and sacrifice ourselves for it as they were, a brighter, better, and happier day may soon dawn for the world.

There is the usual agitation just now for a one term president, that term to be lengthened to six or eight years. Of course, Mr. Harding's death was not brought about from any worry over a re-nomination, but it makes pertinent the discussion of the length of the presidential term. In this connection there is also discussion as to a third term. This is unnecessary. The people have already passed upon that. Some presidents can get a second term, but no president can get a third term.

Edison and Immortality. Since the time poor, weak, sinning Adam and Eve faced their Lord in the garden, the world has been asking unceasingly the same question that was in their hearts: "If a man dies, shall he live again?" Thomas A. Edison, who gave to the world as much as any living man, was frankly an agnostic and almost an infidel for many years. Dealing in what was almost a miracle constantly, he lost his vision of immortality. However, the years have mellowed him and also restored his vision and now he cries with the philosophers of old: "Plato thou reasonest well. It must be so."

DO YOU REMEMBER WHEN GAS FIRST CAME

postoffice, and Farrar Brothers, one of them the father of John Farrar the present postmaster, was next to him on the list as of the first 10. The Patton block, the upstairs of which was recently remodeled into apartments, was one of the early gas-users. That was 53 years ago. R. R. Earhart, of the firm of Cox & Earhart, merchants, later became secretary of state. S. Durbin & Co. had a livery stable where the Salem Hardware now stands. They used gas. Usaforage & Wright were merchants on Commercial street. Later John G. Wright became steward out at the state hospital, and he died there some weeks ago, after having served the state faithfully for almost half a century. The Statesman was No. 27, signing up under the name of S. A. Clarke. James Lenaghan had a gas-lighted restaurant in the opera house block. R. J. Hendricks of the Statesman, ate his first meal in Salem at this queer little place, almost 50 years ago. Waiter Family Prominent. E. M. Waite, printer, whose establishment was finally merged into The Statesman, was then a prosperous business man of the

NEWS IN COURTS

A Wisconsin editor is facing contempt charges because he refuses to heed the admonitions of the judge, and not comment on a case now being tried. The judge warns that any comment that might influence the jury men is contempt of court, while the editor contends that he has a larger responsibility to his public. In New Mexico, Carl McGee has been the storm center for two years because he insists the actions of the court are subject to review and that a criticism leveled at a judge is just as fair as one leveled at an executive official. It is true that our judiciary is the bulwark of our life and that we must respect it, but when a judge sets out to throttle free

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FUTURE DATES

- August 1 to 15—Annual summer camp of YMCA, Trask river. August 1 to 29—Annual encampment of Boy Scouts at Cayceda. August 12, Sunday—Annual meeting Mar-ten County Jersey cattle club, at Fox Brothers' farm, six miles south of Silverton. August 12, Sunday—Home-coming at Court Street Christian church. August 12, Sunday—Third annual home-coming of Aumsville Pioneer association. August 14, Tuesday—Summer ceremony of "40 & 8." August 15, Wednesday—Minnesota picnic, state fair grounds. August 17, Friday—Iowa picnic, fair grounds. August 18-19—National guard rifle matches at Clackamas rifle range. September 19, Wednesday—Willamette university opens. September 24 to 29—Oregon state fair.

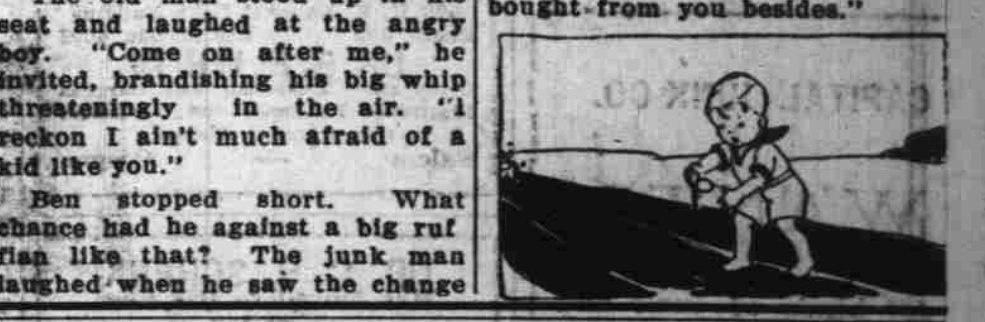
PERSONAL J. G. Moore, former Marion county treasurer, was in the city yesterday. He is now a resident of Portland. C. G. Cowles, Albany, was a business caller in Salem, Saturday. Miss Ruth Daugherty, stenographer at the Morris Optical company has returned from a vacation trip to Newport. Mrs. Sadie Keyt and Miss June Whitmore spent several days last week in Newport. Lloyd Ridgdon left yesterday for a vacation trip in the Puget sound country. Mr. and Mrs. Glen McAllister and Mrs. William Barr of Knappa-ton, Wash., are guests of Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Chadwick. L. R. Applegate was in Eugene yesterday on business. Dr. H. O. Hickman of Gervais was in Salem yesterday on business. Miss Violet Jobelman and Miss Catherine Priegnets of Portland are visiting in Salem. Miss Jobelman is a daughter of Fred Jobelman at the Bligh hotel. Mrs. Maude Pointer and family will leave this week for a trip into southern Oregon. They will return late in September. J. B. Vibbert of Brooks spent Saturday visiting his brother, J. L. Vibbert, 1120 South Commercial.

THE BOYS AND GIRLS NEWSPAPER

Cartoon Magic—A Day in Camp. You can draw a camp scene like a regular landscape artist if you follow carefully the lines shown in the two little pictures beneath the big word "camp." Doesn't it make you think of that day in camp when you came in a shrunky as three bears and hung the old coffee pail over the fire?

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