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THE LAWYER'S QUESTION:—Master, what shall I do to inherit eternal life?

JESUS' ANSWER:—Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy strength, and with all thy mind: and thy neighbour as thyself.

PRAYER:—We rejoice, O Lord, to know that this life eternal to know Thee, the only true God and Jesus Christ Whom Thou hast sent.

SALEM IS TO HAVE LINEN MILLS

Without particularizing, it may be definitely stated that Salem is to have linen mills, and the writer believes, soon—

And this is sufficient excuse, if any were needed, for calling attention to some of the benefits that will accrue from their successful operation here, and to the fact that the raising of flax and the making of linens will make a permanent industry—

As permanent, for instance as Salem's paper industry, based on the fact that the world will always need paper; that paper is made from cellulose, and that there will be cellulose as long as there is any vegetable growth that will stand up; that has fiber—from the veriest garden weed to the giant of the forest.

So there will be need for the manufactures of flax as long as civilized man shall use napkins or table cloths or towels or clothing or tapestry or laces or handkerchiefs or air planes—

And so long as he paints houses or automobiles or any single thing on which paint is used, from a hairpin to a floating city clack a ship; and so long as he uses putty for window or doors in shacks or palaces or skyscrapers; and so long as he makes linoleum for his floors.

Why? Because linseed oil is flaxseed oil; lin is the word for flax in the French and several other languages. Linseed oil is pressed or boiled out of flaxseed; yielding in weight 35 to 41 per cent of the flaxseed; about 35 per cent from the flaxseed grown on the fiber flax in the Salem district—

And linseed oil is the only oil produced in commercial quantities that is a "drying" oil. What is this "drying" process? It is not really drying at all; not like the evaporation that takes place when the housewife hangs her washing on the clothes line. The "drying" is due to the instability of linseed oil and its susceptibility to atmospheric influences. It changes itself chemically, combining itself with the oxygen from the air. If a film of linseed oil is exposed to the air it absorbs oxygen quickly, becoming more and more sticky and viscous during the absorption, until at last it dries to an elastic skin. The amount of oxygen thus absorbed by the oil may be as much as twenty per cent of its weight. In making paints and varnishes the coloring material, white lead, lampblack, ultramarine or red lead, is ground with a small quantity of linseed oil and then mixed with more linseed oil, and with the oil of turpentine; and when a layer of the paint is spread on a surface of metal or wood it "dries" quickly, and a protective skin is left. The glazier, too, depends on the "drying" quality of linseed oil when he fixes up a new pane of glass with putty. He uses whitening ground up with the linseed oil, and it is the linseed oil that makes the mixture hard when it is exposed to the air. The same thing happens when the maker of linoleum mixes ground cork and rosin with linseed oil. The linseed oil drains in oxygen from the air and oxidizes and solidifies the mass.

Now take the flax plant. Here in the Salem district it may be planted and harvested (pulled) in 70 days or less; some irrigated flax was planted and pulled this year within 50 days, in the Turner neighborhood. It is a miracle plant. It will grow in that short time and it will last throughout the ages. Its fibers are so fine that they may be divided and divided to microscopic fineness, and an Irish girl 13 years old spun a thread of it 1432 miles long, from a single pound of fiber! And spun together and woven into cloth it will outlast the life of the spinner and weaver 5000 years, as witness the fine linens in the tombs of Egypt; and it will make a cloth that will defy the elements, as in the sails of ships and the wings of the air planes aloft in a hurricane.

First in value is the seed; for linseed oil and poultices and medicine.

Next is the fiber for upholstery or spinning tow or for spinning into "yarn" for thread or twine, or for weaving into cloth of various kinds.

Then the water of the retting tanks is used for fertilizer. The oil meal after being pressed for the linseed oil makes dairy feed. So do the bolls with the broken and small seeds. The latter is also good for horse feed. The shives or woody part of the flax straw—the inside part after the fiber, which is on the outside, is taken off—is burned for fuel in making steam heat or other heat—

So there is no waste in flax—absolutely none.

The pulled flax does not exhaust the soil as much as grain crops, or cabbage, or potatoes. A second crop the same year may be grown in flax land. With proper rotation, flax may be grown for 1000 years on the same land. It will produce each year what will sell, when manufactured, for as high as \$24,000 an acre, or more.

It will go on doing this forever.

So the flax and linen industries are good for all time. They will last as long as civilization lasts. They are payers of high wages and salaries. They may be developed here in the Salem district, on less than 100,000 acres of land, giving employment to over 1,000,000 people, directly and indirectly, for all time.

There are only a few districts in the world in which the finest fiber flax can be grown and retted and manufactured with the fields within eyeshot of the factories. The Salem district is one of these. We have the setting to become the Belfast of the New World. And more than a Belfast, for we have the American genius for quality production. We will see linen, five times as durable and potentially valuable as cotton goods, cheaper in the markets of the world than cotton goods. Perhaps before very long. And Salem ought to and no doubt will have a master hand in bringing this about.

figures showing a loss to Oregon by the income tax. On the theory that had men must stand together, doubtless these letters were written saying they intended to locate in Oregon, but did not. About twenty-seven million of this is lumber interests and it must be admitted that we have enough lumber moving in this state now. Those that are here are handling the lumber market very successfully, but our contention is that if it is right to repeal the income tax because these fanciful figures show a potential \$40,000,000 loss, it is right to repeal all taxes in the state of Washington because they have an actual loss of \$139,000,000.

However, there is mighty little danger of the repeal of the income tax in Oregon. Sober minded men know the law hasn't had a fair chance and yet it has worked surprisingly well. The special interests know the law is working so well that if they let it get a fair chance they can't repeal it, hence the fight made for a premature repeal.

Then look at who is fighting for the repeal of the income tax.

THEIR OWN MEDICINE

In 1912 in California a law was rushed through the legislature to prevent the regular republicans from nominating a ticket. It was regarded as a shrewd political trick. Now these same men are trying to do precisely what they opposed in 1912, and this law confronts them like Banquo's ghost.

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income tax brought about a million and a quarter last year, and next year it will relieve the state of the necessity of any property tax whatsoever. We submit in all fairness that the man is asking a good deal, even if he is the greatest state builder in the world, to ask the people to continue to pay a property tax out of their capital in order to retain him as a citizen, desirable in every way as he may be.

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edged before the rest of the school board and the insurance agents present at the meeting September 9 that he had done so.

This employee refers to a "group of specialists who do nothing else but write insurance." Does he mean who do nothing but write fire insurance? Then the writer would like to ask who those "specialists" are? If he refers to the clerk of the board, it is obvious that he does something else; for he also serves as clerk of the board at \$90 per month.

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ostensibly, but really for the purpose of recharging my soul with the inspiration to be gained by looking at the replica of Joan of Arc in the jewelry store window. The first time I saw it, I was thrilled as I had never been before. It opened the vistas of a new world and as I tread its avenues I felt an exhilaration that brightened my life.

Gradually this vision dimmed and when it sank low I became lonesome. I manufactured excuses in several instances to come to Salem. I really came for the purpose of recharging my soul with the inspiration of looking at that replica.

I have seen many pictures; I have seen many statues in my day, but I have never before seen one that so permeated the very vitals of my brain, my heart, and my soul. I have some times wondered if the homage paid to Mona Lisa was not exaggerated, but I am now prepared to sympathize with those who felt the tragedy of the disappearance of that wonderful picture.

The last time I came to Salem, I went directly to that corner. The picture was not there. I felt as sinking, a slipping of soul, and the depression abides with me. I want to see that replica. I want once more to look upon that spiritual face and see the expression that tells me more than a sermon could possibly tell.

Joan of Arc had a hard life. Others have had lives. My life has been none too easy, but when I look at that face, the spiritual challenges the poor troubles I have had and my soul strikes fire anew with determination to put the little things from me and strive always for the greater things. That statue was bread to my soul and I have grown because of it. I wish some way could be devised to put it back in a window somewhere, where those of us who are denied so much in life can see the expression of spiritual loveliness.

AN OPEN LETTER

Rev. Dr. A. A. Morrison, Rector of Trinity Episcopal Church, Portland, Oregon. Dear Sir:—You are quoted in the Oregonian of September 22d, as preaching a sermon from which the following sentences are taken:

First: "There are some persons who are so exclusive and selfish that they only look upon heaven as existing for their particular benefit, to the exclusion of all others. If I had anything to do with it, I would not admit such persons in heaven."

Second: "In spite of those who think that we in the church have not right to interest ourselves in business affairs of the world, we do have a right to consider legal questions that involve discipline, as well as questions of government."

Third: "If you saw your wife and children being carried away for the purpose of harm, is that time for inaction or sentiment? There are times when human society demands the destruction of the destroyer of life from the sphere in which he has been functioning, that is an artificial death."

If the above quotations are correct, you were just stating your own views, and not those of Rev. Dr. A. A. Morrison's, a servant of a living God who commands that thou shalt not kill. In your own views you state that "we of the church do have to consider legal questions, as well as questions of government." It is true that churches are claiming this right, and that is the reason, why, the people of the churches are not of one accord.

One time I heard a story that was reported as being the saying of an old Indian to the effect that if everybody thought as he did they would all want to marry his squaw. But this Indian evidently had not considered the other fellow, any more than "persons" who are so exclusive and selfish that they only look upon heaven as existing for their particular benefit, to the exclusion of all others."

You say "There are times when human society demands the destruction of the destroyer." Would it not be best to stop his work in the kindergarten which co-operates in conjunction with the human societies, instead of carrying your plan out contrary to God's commandments, to the effect that if somebody kills then somebody else is to kill them, and thereafter society must kill them until the devil has us all for that is his trick.

My dear brother in Christ, the inner man must have complete control of the outer man, so as to make him submit to God's way in dealing with the wicked. God could have destroyed Satan had he desired to do so, but of course He then could not have advised us, or rather commanded us not to kill, if He had himself murdered Satan. Mr. Morrison you are an able and conscientious servant of God, loved, prayed for by all who know you. I wish you God's speed in your work and I ask you not to make such statements in your pulpit any more.

Yours truly, —Will E. Purdy.

senator was playing upon the dissatisfaction and prejudice of the groups from which he is drawing support. Whenever he took up a specific question a noticeable restlessness could be detected in an uninterested section of his audience. It was this fact which caused the aisles and lobby to be filled with hundreds of people flocking from the auditorium before the senator was half through with his comparatively short address.

There could be no question that the sentiment of the La Follette leaders was that to accomplish the purpose on which they are united—the dethroning of the old party—they must defeat Calvin Coolidge. Garfield Hayes, chairman of the third party state committee, openly announced to the meeting that it was his belief that the fight was between Senator La Follette and President Coolidge.

The march of events seems to have made La Follette the champion of the radical progressives and Coolidge the leader of the calm conservatives. In other words, John W. Davis, Democratic nominee, is without an issue. His attack on the present administration on grounds of official corruption is offset by the similar charges which reflect on his own party in connection with the aircraft and ship-building scandals. It is doubtful if such criticism coming from Davis can injure Coolidge.

The measured attacks of Republican leaders and Republican press on La Follette and the similar disregard of Davis indicates that the Coolidge camp has also decided that La Follette ranks as the most dangerous opponent. The bitter and almost frantic effort of such Democratic leaders as Shaver and Harrison to counteract this growing opinion likewise seems to strengthen it.

Polls Show Trend

The results of the polls by the Hearst papers in 60 leading cities and the meagre returns from the Literary Digest vote are additional proofs for these conclusions. In both instances the race is between Coolidge and La Follette while Davis is running a very poor third. This movement of progressives away from Davis while Coolidge is maintaining his strength with conservative Republican and Democratic votes may, and very probably will, narrow the field in this section to a straight Coolidge-La Follette battle.

The eternal triangle causes enough trouble for us without the presidential campaign becoming an infernal triangle.

FOOT AND MOUTH DISEASE IN TEXAS

New Outbreak Of Deadly Cattle and Horse Sickness Is Reported

HOUSTON, Texas, Sept. 27.—A second outbreak of the foot and mouth disease was discovered late today in the six thousand acre ranch near here which is under strict guard to prevent spread of the malady.

Announcement of the new outbreak was made by Dr. W. E. Cotton, government expert from Washington, who said he had definitely diagnosed the disease among cattle on the Perry McFadden ranch near Webster, Texas.

This ranch is slightly north of the ranch of the Rev. William States Jacobs, where the epizootic first was discovered in a herd of brahma cattle.

We have come far when a candidate's promise to enforce the law is considered brave.

Franco-British German trade combine against America is reported, which may hurt our exporting wine and monacles and pretzels.

Plays Upon Prejudice

It was my frank impression that whether purposely or not the

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