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God and You

A LENTEN MEDITATION

By the Rev. Charles Stelzel

God is a living, Personal Force. He works in us and through us to do His will. We are partners with God.

LIFE FOR FOUR TIME LOSERS

(House Bill 392, by Mr. Lewis.)

Section 1. A person who, after having been convicted within the state of a felony, or an attempt to commit a felony, or under the laws of any other state, government, or country, of a crime which, if committed within this state, would be a felony, commits any felony, within this state, shall be punished upon conviction of such second offense, as follows:

Section 2. A person who, after having been two times convicted within this state of felonies, or attempts to commit felonies, or under the law of any other state, government or country, of crimes which, if committed within this state, would be felonies, commits a felony within this state, shall be punished upon conviction of such third, or subsequent offense as follows:

Section 3. A person who, after having been three times convicted within this state of felonies or attempts to commit felonies, or under the law of any other state, government or country, of crimes which if committed within this state would be felonious, commits a felony within this state, shall be sentenced upon conviction of such fourth, or subsequent offense to imprisonment in a state prison for the term of his natural life.

Section 4. If at any time, either after sentence or conviction, it shall appear that a person convicted of a felony has previously been convicted of crimes as set forth in this act, it shall be the duty of the district attorney of the county in which said conviction was had to file an information, accusing the said person of such previous convictions.

Whenever it shall become known to any warden or prison, probation, parole, or police officer or other peace officer that any person charged with or convicted of a felony has been previously convicted within the meaning of said sections hereinbefore set forth, it shall become his duty forthwith to report the facts to the district attorney of the county from which he was sentenced.

The above is the wording of the law enacted by the Oregon legislature at its recent session; the wording after the incorporation of two amendments—

And it will be a part of the statutes of this state in about 80 days—

The reader can interpret the language for himself; but, briefly, it provides that second offenders shall receive sentences not less than the longest term nor more than twice the longest term provided for the crime committed—

That third convicted offenders shall be sentenced to terms not less than the longest term provided for second offenders nor more than twice the longest term provided by this act for second offenders—

That fourth convicted offenders shall receive life sentences.

This applies, of course, to crimes below those for which life sentences are already provided. The law aims at the proper confinement of habitual criminals. It assumes that a person who has been three times convicted of crime, in this state, or in other states and countries, is to be rightly considered habitually criminal.

That test is now being applied in several states. It has been applied for a number of years in Ohio, where a similar law has been in force during that time—

And recently New York passed a law of this kind, known as the Baumes law, because it was introduced by a member of the legislature of that state named Baumes; which statute has already been effective in reducing crimes of violence.

This legislation is along the lines of modern ideas of penology, which lead eventually to indeterminate sentences in all cases. This new Oregon law approaches that ideal from another route than the one marked out by modern penologists—

Approaches it from the angle of committing magistrates instead of that of prison officials with parole privileges. It is a move in the right direction. Persons who are actually habitual criminals have no business at large, to prey upon society and pile up court costs.

STATESMAN PROGRESSIVE 71 YEARS AGO

With the compliments of the Oregon Historical Society, The Statesman has received a copy of Judge Chas. H. Carey's new book, "The Oregon Constitution," giving the proceedings and debates of the Oregon Constitutional Convention of 1857, and a resume of the events leading up to that convention.

In the resume of the events leading up to the adoption of the Constitution, the following incidents are recorded: "Judge Reuben P. Boise (at a democratic caucus held January 29, 1856, at Salem, by members of the legislature), chairman of a committee previously appointed, reported an address to the people as a preamble to a proposed bill resubmitting the question of state government to popular vote, and the report was unanimously adopted . . . .

"The Oregonian came out with a virulent attack on this program. It was denounced as the most visionary and foolish policy that could be adopted, as statehood would impoverish the people and bankrupt the state in less than two years, and would result in driving capital from the country and retarding settlement. The opposition was put quite frankly upon distrust of the sponsors, since no good thing could come from such a source, referring specifically to Delazon Smith, Asahel Bush and their infamous cohorts."

This attack was followed up by the Oregonian with reasons why the idea of statehood was foolish, and further abusing the "Salem coterie" and their "infamous cohorts."

The Statesman, then owned and edited by Asahel Bush, came back at the Oregonian in-kind, delivering blow for blow, with some punches to spare, and argued for statehood and progress; one of the arguments of The Statesman being based upon a low estimate of the salaries of state officers and upon the proposal to have biennial instead of annual sessions of the legislature, the rule in the territorial government. The Oregonian edited then by Thomas J. Dryer, had declared that a state government would cost "at least" \$60,000 a year."

It was a long fight, and a bitter one— But The Statesman won. The Constitutional Convention was held at the old wooden court house in Salem, from August 17 to September 22, 1857—

And Oregon, the "Valentine state," was admitted to the Union February 14, 1859.

The Statesman will, on the 28th of this month, enter upon its 77th year as a newspaper of progress, and it will live as a newspaper of progress throughout all the years of the future, if it shall, as it should, remain true to its historic past.

The Royal Ann cherry growers are to meet at the Salem Chamber of Commerce at 1:30 today, to discuss matters affecting their interests. The tariff on cherries will be discussed. But nothing can be done about this now. The Statesman was very much excited about this matter in 1922, when the present tariff law was being considered. This paper had many articles about the necessity of a cherry tariff of 6 cents a pound, giving the reasons therefor. But The Statesman at that time could get no one else excited about the matter, when every Royal Ann cherry grower on this coast ought to have been upon his toes. The result was a tariff of 2 cents a pound, including cherries sulphured or in brine. It was a trick of the maraschino bunch. It was an outrage. But the maraschino junta got away with it. The story is a long one, and will be referred to again, to refreshen the memory of our growers.

The different forces in China in favor of progress and a united country with a central government of the people; a United States of China, now have about everything their way. They will win quickly, if they do not quarrel among themselves. Anything may happen, of course, in China.

Bits For Breakfast

Royal Ann growers meet—

At Chamber of Commerce at 1:30.

They are to talk about the tariff, among other things. The Bits for Breakfast man wrote himself red in the face about this, when the tariff bill was up in 1922, and could get few of the growers excited. That was the time they should have been excited.

Congress ought to amend the tariff law a section at a time, or an item at a time. The system of taking the whole thing up or nothing is idiotic. It is strange that congress will do no other way, and never would. But that is the fact; stone wall fact. The member who can start a crusade that will change the rule will do his country an invaluable service.

Two time losers in Oregon are to be treated rough; three time losers rougher—and four time losers are to go over the road to the pen for life. That is the Lewis law in Oregon; similar to the new Baumes law in New York.

The impression is spreading, that the Oregon legislature at its recent session did a lot of constructive work. Killed a lot of foolish laws, and put onto the statute books a long list of good ones.

There is no question about the location of the proposed state office building. It will be on the vacant half block north of the supreme court building. That half block was purchased for this purpose. Hon. T. B. Kay, then in the legislature, had a lot to do with this. No other location will be

considered. And the work of construction will be started before very long; after a few preliminaries are taken care of. Including, perhaps, a friendly suit to test the legality of the whole of the proceedings.

Ten Willamette university students are today to canvass in Salem for the sale of Noble French prune trees. Treat them well, if they see you. This is a good work. It should be followed up, as long as there is a Noble French prune tree left.

Mr. Used Car Buyer: Have you seen the real buys at the Capitol Motors Incorporated? See Biddy Bishop, 350 N. High St. Telephone 2125 and 2126. (\*)

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Cottage Grove—Roy Beebe will reopen Old Leona sawmill, idle for four years.

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YMCA ACTIVITIES REACH HIGH PEAK

Lobby Program Greatly Enjoyed; Basketball and Volleyball Games Played

Activities at the Salem YMCA were at their peak Friday night, when a meeting, entertainment or athletic event was under way in every room and corner of the building, which was literally crowded with people from basement to garret.

The lobby was crowded with people attending the weekly musical program, presented by Mr. and Mrs. Richard H. Robertson, vocal soloists, assisted by Iva Claire Love, violinist, and Lucille Ross, pianist. It was one of the outstanding events of the series.

In addition, the women of the Jason Lee church gave a well attended chicken supper, the purpose being to purchase a new carpet for the church; the YMCA forum held an interesting meeting, attended by practically every member; and the nature study club's program also drew a large number of persons to hear Professor Morton E. Peck's lecture on birds. He discussed hawks, owls and vultures in this talk, illustrating his remarks by showing stuffed specimens.

The new English class for foreigners was started, with eight students attending this first session. Miss Lillian Schroeder is in charge. Besides all these activities, both gymnasiums were in use with basketball games going on, the handball courts were kept busy, and there was a big crowd in the swimming tank.

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HIGHWAY BODY LETS \$200,000 CONTRACTS

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mile stretch from Medford to Prospect on the Crater Lake highway, for the 15 mile stretch on the Mount Hood loop road between Hood River and forest boundary, and the 34.5 mile stretch from Island City to Minam on the Willamette lake road; and for the building of a ferry at Wedderburn at the mouth of the Rogue river.

The cost of these measures, which will range into several hundred thousands of dollars, has been provided for in the commission budget and have been under previous agreement, members of

the commission said. County Judge C. P. Bernard and Clinton Hurd, Lane county commissioner, appeared before the commission with the request that a new McKenzie highway bridge be constructed over the Willamette river between Springfield and Eugene. Members of the commission promised a definite reply to the delegation as soon as arrangements had been made with the Southern Pacific company concerning the elimination of a grade crossing. A sum of \$75,000 is available from the county towards the estimated cost of \$200,000 for the bridge, the Lane county men said. Members of the commission agreed that the condition of the present bridge demands that a new bridge be constructed in the near future.

A delegation from Wilsonville, which requested that the old Boone's Ferry road from Portland to Aurora be made a state highway, received no encouragement from members of the commission on the grounds that improvement of the road was not a necessity. Among the bids considered by the commission today were the following:

Construction of 8,500 square yards of concrete pavement on nine short sections of the Albany-Corvallis highway and the Pacific highway in Benton, Clackamas, Marion and Linn counties, rejected by the commission because the bids were too high. Lowest bids was \$31,653, made by Pyle and Bishop of Eugene.

Slits bay-Otter Rock section of the Roosevelt-coast highway, Lincoln county. Construction of 12.75 miles of broken stone surfacing. Requires approximately 42,000 cubic yards of broken stone. Awarded to Greenwood and Dann, Portland, for \$103,391. Grand Ronde-Sheridan section of the McMinnville-Tillamook highway, Polk and Yamhill counties. Furnishing 25,000 cubic yards of broken stone or crushed gravel for maintenance purposes. Awarded to Motor Investment company of Portland for \$58,787.

Redmond section of The Dalles-California, McKenzie and Ochocho highways, Deschutes county, furnishing of 5,100 cubic yards of crushed gravel for maintenance purposes. No bids received.

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LISTEN IN SATURDAY MORNING 10:00-11:30—KOW (41). Household helps and music. 11:00-12:00—KEX (447). Household hints and music. Time signals at 12:11:00-12:00—KOIN (319). Domestic science talks and music. 12:00-1:00—KFEK (252). Weather reports. 12:30-1:30—KGW. Neon concert. 1:30-3:00—KFJR (268). Music for the friends of Home. 2:00-3:00—KXL (580). Music. 3:00-4:00—KOIN. News, music. 4:00-5:00—KFEK. Music. 4:30-6:00—KFWV (212). Twelfth hour. 5:15-6:00—KOIN. Topsy Turvy Times. SATURDAY NIGHT 6:00-6:30—KTBB (263). Tourist guide. 6:00-7:00—KOW (497). Dinner concert. 6:00-7:00—KOIN (319). Organ recital. 6:00-7:00—KFWV (212). Twelfth hour. 6:30-7:30—KXL (580). Music. 7:00-7:30—KEX (447). Children's program. 7:00-8:00—KFWV. Amusement guide. 7:00-7:30—KOIN. Amusement suggestions. 7:00-7:30—KEX. Religious lecture. 7:30-8:00—KEX. Weather report and announcements. 8:00-8:30—KEX. Concert trip. 8:30-9:00—KEX. Bessie Ella Beale, pianist. Time signals at 9. 9:00-10:00—KOW. Instrumental quartet soloists. 10:00-1:00—KOIN. Saturday night club. 10:00-12:00—KOW. Dance orchestra. 10:30-12:00—KEX. Dance music. KPO—Oakland (361). 8:15, 9:15. KRX—Hollywood (317). 5:30, 6:45, 6:30, 7:30, 10, 11. KPSD—San Diego (245). 6, 7, 8, 9, 10. KFI—Los Angeles (487). 5:30, 6:15, 6:30, 7:30, 8, 9, Emma Kimmel, soprano; 10, 11. KPDA—Seattle (456). 6, 8:30. KPO—San Francisco (428). 5:30, 6:15, 6:30, 8, 9, 10. KPZZ—Hollywood (226). 6, 7, 8, 9. CCA—Edmonton (517). 6:15, 9. KHTR—Hollywood (570). 5:30, 6, 6:15, 7, 7:30, 7:40, 8, 10, 11. KNRC—Santa Monica (238). 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12. KFI—Los Angeles (405). 6, 6:30, 7:30, 8, 9. KPWL—San Francisco (250). 9.

KYA—San Francisco (400). 6:30, 7:00. KPWS—Oakland (226). 6:30. KGO—Denver (12). 6:30. KQMO—Seattle (366). 5:30, 5:45, 6, 6:30, 7:30, 8:30, 9, 9:30, 10. KPDS—Los Angeles (215). 6:30, 7:30. KPON—Long Beach (225). 6, 6:45, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11. KFWB—Hollywood (252). 5:40, 6, 6:30, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11. KFWV—Watts Walls (285). 10:30. KJCB—Seattle (284). 6, 6:15, 8:30, 9, 9:30, 10. KGA—Spokane (341). 5:45, 8, 10. KFWO—Astoria (211). 6, 6:30. AFTER MIDDNIGHT 12:00-1:30—KTBB (242). Music. 12:00-1:00—KOIN (319). Saturday night club. 1:00-2:00—KFWV (212). Twelfth hour. 12:00-1:00—KFRG, KGO, KPO, KPSD, KFWO, KNRC, KQMO. 1:00-2:00—KFI.

Mrs. Jenkins, a regular visitor at the doctor's office, started on the long story of her troubles. The doctor endured it patiently, and gave her another bottle of medicine.

At last she started out, and the doctor was congratulating himself, when she stopped and exclaimed: "Why, doctor, you didn't look to see if my tongue was coated?" "I know it isn't," was the weary reply. "You don't find grass on a racing track?"

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