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Sweet are the uses of adversity Which, like the toad, ugly and venomous, Wears yet a precious jewel in his head; And this our life, exempt from public haunt, Finds tongues in trees, books in the running brooks, Sermons in stones and good in everything. —Shakespeare.

MORE RELIGION, LESS ACTING.

Rev. Dr. Bryce, of Winnipeg, retiring moderator of the Canadian Presbyterian assembly, preached a most sensational sermon in Vancouver, last week, at the close of the annual assembly.

Mr. Bryce is an earnest, able man. He has spent his best years in the work of the ministry. He has preached to save men and not to entertain them. He has made his religion a regenerating force among men, and not a dramatic art to please the senses.

Being this type of man, he deprecates the gradual tendency among the aristocratic churches of the large cities in Canada as in the United States, to make church service a dress parade, with theatrical effect rather than a spiritual awakening.

With scathing earnestness he condemns the sermons made up of oratory and not religion. He upbraids the services that contain a masterpiece of Mozart, Wagner or Mendelssohn and shuts out God. He deprecates the substitution of art for exhortation. He feels that all the great truths of the Bible and religion are being dressed in compromising robes to please the rich skeptic and the lethargic churchman.

He would turn drama out of the pulpit and the opera out of the choir and restore the fire of olden zeal and the awakening of olden song.

He accuses the Canadian church of drifting away from religion. He censures laymen for surrendering their strict tenets and the clergy for pandering to this "idolatry." He cites that four-fifths of a million people in Canada belong to the old Presbyterian faith and that the labors of the men who made this record are now being annulled by the later clergy, which tolerates the present mechanical church-going.

Church-going in the United States is on the wane. The deep religious spirit of fifty years ago is seen in very few congregations today, and yet this does not signify that the intrinsic religious truths are held in any less reverence than formerly. It does not signify that infidelity is on the increase. It signifies that people change in their methods of expression—where once they went to church and took deep interest in public confession, they now stay at home or seek recreation with the crowd, holding their faith just as sacredly as of yore, yet making it a matter of private concern rather than public display.

THE ART OF DODGING.

Since the Eddy corporation tax law has gone into effect, many of the "heavy concerns" are reducing their advertised weight.

One corporation has suddenly dropped from a capitalization of \$100,000 to \$4,000, in order to escape the tax. A general scramble is reported from the head offices of some of the most "prominent" corporations in the state. Those who believe the law to be unconstitutional will dissolve their corporate existence, place their property in the hands of a trustee

and do business as individuals, thus escaping the Eddy law entirely.

True, the legitimate bona fide corporations of Oregon are not questioning the justice of the law. They enjoy the privileges and blessings of the state and the protection of her statutes and feel that this tax is one of the necessary and inevitable results of their business life. They stand on their actual values and are doing business on capital that is tangible and taxable.

But the dodger is dodging in Oregon as never before. The inflated capitalist is squeezing the water of his stock books. The false values that have been paraded in six and to ten figures are suddenly reduced to diminutive size.

There is a vast difference in being a capitalist in the newspapers and in being one on the assessor's rolls. There is something horrifying to many of the "wild cat" corporations in the thought of taxes. Dividends they can understand and thirst for, but taxes they know not.

Taken as a whole, the state over, the Eddy corporation law is going to reduce Oregon's financial standing to a true and sterling basis. It will be the means of fixing just and permanent values on large property interests and will be the best inducement for large investments yet put forth. Investors will not hesitate to believe the figures that are presented to them. The values they see in the newspaper reports will represent actual capital and no fears need be entertained for watered stock. The law is a guarantee to strangers seeking investments.

As a tribute to her ability, experience and fitness for the place, Governor Chamberlain has appointed Mrs. Edyth Tozier Weatherred special commissioner from Oregon to the St. Louis Exposition. No other Oregonian could fill this important post so gracefully and successfully as Mrs. Weatherred, as she has been Oregon's sponsor at a half dozen expositions.

The pioneer picnic at Weston was well attended and each recurring reunion of this society should be more and more eagerly sought by the young generation. The pioneers are the historians of the West. The whole story of the conquest, formation and building of the Western empire, is written in the thrilling story of their lives.

In the state of Kansas there is a county containing 390 Danish voters. In the past 20 years just one Dane in this county has been arrested. Considering the fact that this settlement was made in Kansas at a time when law and order were scarce in some localities, it is a most remarkable record.

The Oregon congressional delegation has six jobs to distribute among the faithful—the United States district attorney for Oregon, registers and receivers for the land offices at Lakeview and Roseburg, and the office of register at La Grande, J. W. Knowles having been lost in the shuffle.

The Chicago Tribune has issued a protest against firecrackers, giving ten reasons why they should not be tolerated. Any 10-year-old American boy can give fifty reasons why they should be "popped" and it will be many years before they cease to be a part of American patriotism.

The San Francisco laundry workers have so much faith in the new co-operative laundry of Portland, that they have purchased \$1,000 worth of stock in it.

The Lewis and Clark Fair corporation, with a capital stock of \$300,000, will pay an annual license tax of \$100.

Bremerton has decided that it would hurt her pride less to shut up the saloons than the navy yard.

THE NEEDLESS FLOODS.

The most distressing thing about the flood disasters in the West is that the destruction of life and property has all been caused by something that ought to have been a blessing. The water that tore through Topeka and Kansas City as a devastating enemy would have been a most useful friend if it had been properly cared for. Most of it came through regions that will need every drop of it later in the season. The most precious resource of those regions has been worse than wasted. A certain amount of water falls every year between the Missouri river and the Rocky mountains. It is not enough for the needs of the country, but such as it is a great part of it is lost because it comes at the

wrong time, in the form of spring rains and melting snows, and runs off uselessly through overworked streams. If these streams were provided with storage reservoirs throughout their upper courses, in which the surplus flood waters could be saved and kept for irrigation in dry months, the lower channels would be relieved and there would be a saving at both ends. Besides, an even flow would be maintained in the rivers throughout the season, and thus three great benefits would be secured at once—irrigation above, navigation in the middle and freedom from floods below.

It is estimated that the damage to property from the deluge at Kansas City alone amounts to \$50,000,000. That is three-quarters of the entire cost of all the irrigating systems of the United States in 1900, and several times the cost of all the storage reservoirs.—New York World.

THE HAWAIIAN DECISION.

By the usual vote of five to four the supreme court of the United States has decided that the constitution did not follow the flag to Hawaii, but waited to be shipped there by congress along with the baggage of the territorial government, says the New York World. Again it is affirmed that the creature is greater than the creator. Congress was created by the constitution, but it can acquire provinces and recognize the constitution or not in them, just as it sees fit. It is as if a council of ministers appointed by the czar of Russia should annex a territory and then decide whether or not the czar's authority should have any standing in it.

We owe all possible respect to the supreme court, but when the supreme court makes a decision by a majority of one, with the chief justice and some of his ablest associates in the minority, it is permissible to doubt whether the judgment is the final voice of inspired wisdom. The dissenting opinions are expressed in language much stronger than could properly be employed by a newspaper. Chief Justice Fuller goes so far as to call the decision a usurpation by the court of the lawmaking power, and says that it is plain to him that immediately upon annexation the constitution of the United States became the supreme law of Hawaii. Justice Harlan is still more emphatic.

The minority dissenting from this decision is composed of Chief Justice Fuller and Justices Harlan, Brewer and Peckham—beyond question four of the strongest justices on the bench. Of the majority—Justices Brown, White, McKenna, Holmes and Day—it is to be said that Justice McKenna is certainly not the strongest member of the court, that Justice Day was secretary of state at the time the imperialistic policy was adopted, and that he and Justice Holmes are the newest recruits to the bench. In such circumstances it is not at all conceivable that the court may yet reverse itself on this question, as it has done on others.

THE FIRSTBORN.

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Grid of numbers for the word puzzle game, with letters R, A, D, E, R, A, D, E, R placed in specific positions.

11, 12, 21, or 13, 22, 23, 24, 33, etc. The solution to be handed in sealed, giving only the number of combinations that can be made of each word, with no name attached, in order that the committee awarding the prizes will not know who is in the contest.

Grid of numbers for the word puzzle game, with letters F, U, R, N, I, T, U, R, E, F arranged in a grid.

But if requested, each winner must be able to write, numerically, each of the various ways the number of times they claim. In order to identify all solutions we simply number each envelope containing an answer and keep a memorandum of each. No one will be allowed more than one answer. Prizes awarded July 25, 1903. There is no sure thing that the first solutions will be correct. So if you decide you want to change your solution after handing it in you can do so by placing your second in the numerical order we receive the latter. No one connected with the establishment will be allowed to contest.

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