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Truth Will Prevail

Some 50 years ago, the late Harvey W. Scott wrote an article in the "New Northwest" on the attempt of ecclesiastics to perpetuate dogma by rejecting science, that might have been inspired by the recent action of Tennessee in barring the teaching of evolution in public schools as contrary to biblical beliefs. Mr. Scott said:

Those who repudiate so vehemently the arguments and conclusions of science may be reminded, not improperly, that in every dispute of this sort for many centuries the church has been worsted and driven from its positions. After Christianity had become the state religion of the Roman Empire, it was made a state crime to affirm that death was in the world before the fall of Adam. It was asserted that all knowledge was in the scriptures and in the traditions of the church, and that in the written revelations man had been furnished, not only with an exact criterion of truth but with all that God intended him to know. It is only to say, what everybody now knows, that the authority of the Book of Genesis, as an account of the origin of things and the date of such origin, has been completely overturned; that death was in the world thousands of years before the date assigned for Adam's fall, and could not, therefore, have been a consequence of it.

The time was, also, when it was universally upheld by the church that the earth was a flat surface and the center of the universe. This was maintained out of the bible as resolutely as miracles are now. "How could the sun stand still at the command of Joshua unless it were going around the earth?" Though the church did all in its power to check and destroy the true interpretation of nature, though men were burnt at the stake as late as 1600 for their adherence to it, truth and enlightenment would prevail.

Spanking

"Spank them when they need it" is the advice given parents by Dr. Rudolph M. Binder, professor of sociology at New York university. Spanking, he explains, acts as a natural physical cure for the nervous condition that brings on misbehavior.

We always knew there was merit in the now almost obsolete method of teaching children how they should go and are glad to have the testimony of a scientist to prove it. It is good to get back to common sense after so many years of psychological bunk. As the New York World says:

We have been instructed in the psychological method of bringing them up, in the hygienic method, in the example-is-better-than-precept method, in the aggressive method, in the scientific method, in the religious-influence-in-the-home method, in the turn-them-out-in-the-alley method and in the anthropometric method. Are we coming back to the point from which we started? Pa and Ma may not be such back numbers after all.

Camouflage

The citizens law enforcement committee at Portland, in a report by Frank L. Shull, chairman, declares:

There are innumerable places of corruption in the city. It is a matter of no difficulty to find gambling joints. Houses of prostitution are plentiful, and street walkers are everywhere to be seen. Narcotics are being sold. Of these things we have satisfied ourselves. The police department is not functioning, or these things would not be.

Mayor Baker is pronounced a "four flusher" and Chief of Police Jenkins a "weakling," but neither the committee nor the press of Portland tells the real trouble with the Portland police force—and that is Ku Kluxed, hence honeycombed with corruption, permeated with favoritism, and without discipline.

Illegal raids upon private residences by stool-pigeons are merely camouflage to conceal protected vice and make the public think an effort is being made to check lawlessness.

LEVENS TO TALK AT CLUB LUNCH

W. S. Levens, appointed by Governor Pierce as prohibition commissioner for Oregon to succeed George L. Custer, will be the speaker at the next Monday noon luncheon of the chamber of commerce.

No special subject has been assigned Mr. Levens, but it is presumed that he will tell how he intends to handle the bootlegger proposition in Oregon that will produce a different feeling from that of his predecessor.

Mr. Levens is a graduate of the law school of Yale university. He had various experiences in Alaska, joining the crowd that went up the Yukon river to Fort Yukon. On his second trip to Alaska he practiced law, conducted hotels and carried mail into the far north. That was in 1908.

He then returned to Baker and served as police judge, and recently completed his third term as district attorney for the eighth judicial district.

PRAIRIE FIRE LOSSES NEAR ONE MILLION

(Continued from page one) that the larger fires have subsided owing to the settled calm of the winds which whipped the flames yesterday and Wednesday. Not much damage is expected hereafter as ranchers everywhere are taking the smaller blazes.

Ranches Destroyed Interrupted telephone communication and the unstruck condition of the country makes verification difficult, although every report talks of large damage to ranches.

A verified report today told of the destruction of the William Yancy ranch, north of Cody, Neb., several miles west of here. The ranch, one of the largest in northern Nebraska, was completely burned-out. It is also known definitely that several other ranches were burned out. Many cattle sheds in that region, it was reported, were caught in the path of the fire, which late yesterday seemed to break in several divisions.

The chief crop of this region is wild hay and cattle raising. Starting near the Rosebud Indian reservation in Tripoli county, South Dakota, late Wednesday, two large prairie fires spread

TODAY'S CROSS WORD PUZZLE

HORIZONTAL HOW TO SOLVE THE CROSS WORD PUZZLE

The way to solve the Cross Word Puzzle is to fill in the white squares of the diagram with the words which agree with the accompanying definitions. The definitions are numbered to correspond with the numbers on the diagram. Any word defined in the text under "HORIZONTAL" will begin at its number, shown on the diagram, and will extend all the way across to the first black space to the right of that number. That is, the word must begin in the square that contains its identifying number, and extend as far as the white squares continue uninterrupted. Any word defined under "VERTICAL" will also begin in the white space that contains its number, but will extend downward as far as the white squares remain uninterrupted.

Crossword puzzle grid with numbers 1-35 and a list of definitions for horizontal and vertical words.

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Men, Mothers and Maids

A Romantic Serial of Modern Life By IDAH McGLONE GIBSON

WHAT LOVE TEACHES "Oh, Melloy, let's stop talking this way; it brings us nowhere. What I had meant to say was, not that you were not sweet and worthy of any man's attentions and love, but that I did not believe Harold Kennedy was worthy of yours." "Ovid, have you ever found Harold Kennedy otherwise than sincere? Has he told you anything that you afterward proved untrue? Why do you dislike him so?" "I do not believe I should dislike him. If I were not afraid that he would make me unhappy sometime, I think I should like him very much. But you must remember that Harold Kennedy was an obscure moving picture actor until you took him up."

another impudently follow and then she was sure that her mother had thrown herself into the arms of Ovid Marchmont and was sobbing on his breast. "Hush dear you will wake Lillemay," Marchmont said. "You know I will not go away from you as long as you want me. Just always tell me what you want me to do and you may be sure that I will do it."

BRINGING UP FATHER

Comic strip panels showing a father talking to a son about getting out tonight and a mother talking to a son about Maggie.

DUMB DORA

Comic strip panels showing Dora talking to a man about giving advice for success and a man talking to Dora about a savings account.

KRAZY KAT

Comic strip panels showing a man talking to a woman about a suspicion that a radio is lurking around and a woman talking to a man about a savings account.

MUTT AND JEFF

Comic strip panels showing a man talking to a woman about a suspicion that a radio is lurking around and a woman talking to a man about a savings account.