

### THE GREATEST LOAN SHARK

Some way, some how, Nature will have her payment for every law of hers that is violated. For every sin and crime against her, she collects fines in pain and life. For every defiance of her she exacts indemnity the installments of which seem never ending. "God! But the interest!"

This is the debt I pay  
Just for one riotous day,  
Years of regret and grief,  
Sorrow without relief,  
Wrote Paul Lawrence Dunbar,  
Pay it I will to the end—  
Until the grave, my friend,  
Gives me a true release  
Gives me the clasp of peace,  
Slight was the thing I bought,  
Small was the debt I thought,  
Poor was the loan at best—  
God! But the interest!

### With the Churches

#### Evangelical Church

By W. A. GUFFROY

SERVICES FOR SUNDAY, FEB. 15, 1914.

Sunday school at 10 o'clock; preaching services at 11 and 7:30 o'clock and Y. P. A. at 6:30 o'clock. Prayermeeting Wednesday evening at 7:30.

All are welcome to these services.

#### Baptist Church.

By A Member

Sabbath School 10 A. M.  
Morning Service 11 o'clock.  
Subject, "Washed, sanctified, justified."  
Young Peoples Service 6:30 P. M.

Evening Service 7:30 o'clock.  
Subject, "The proof of the pudding."  
The public is welcome to these services.

#### Christian Church.

By H. F. JONES.

The services of last Lords day were well attended in spite of the prevailing conditions.

The "Efficiency Campaign" which had been so carefully planned and arranged for, is called off.

We desire to express our gratitude to all who by their presence and co-operation, helped to make our dedicatory services what they were.

Mrs. Clara G. Esson, Bible School expert, will be with us next Sunday. She will speak both morning and evening. There will be a workers' conference at 3 P. M.

The Normal class in the Bible School invites all young people interested in systematic Bible study to investigate the work being done.

Have any of you thought to say "Thank you" to the marshal? Those cross walks have been kept in fine shape through the bad weather.

We call special attention to the C. E. You will find no better meetings any where than these young people are having. Why not come once in a while and enjoy this hour of helpfulness?

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#### Man and Sleep.

How much sleep is necessary for a man? The question was raised centuries ago by Montaigne. "Physicians," he wrote, "may consider whether sleep be so necessary that our life must needs depend of it, for we finde that Perseus, king of Macedon, prisoner at Rome, being kept from sleep, was made to die, but Plinie alegeth that some have lived a long time without any sleep at all. And Herodotus reporteth there are nations where men sleep and wake by half years. And those that write the life of Epimenides the Wise affirm that he slept the continual space of seven and fifty years."

### Strange But True

The terrible conditions existing in Whitechapel, London, to which Gen. William Booth referred when he said it made him "hunger for hell" are found to be just as terrible in our own Christian America. Henry M. Tichenor says that there is more damnable inhumanity practiced in any one large city of our land, than there is among all the heathens of other lands!

Who can doubt this who is broad minded enough to read both sides? However, there are many who do not, and let me say right here that the person who is so narrow and prejudiced as to turn a deaf ear to the sufferings of humanity is not worthy of the name Christian, though there are many who call themselves such who would be shocked and would try to discredit any one, who should tell him of the horrible conditions existing in our tenements. When three or four families live in a single room, as is often the case, and that room has no way for sunlight to enter and has little or no ventilation, what can you expect? No privacy, no comfort, no home! A condition most favorable to disease and immorality.

The Commissioner of Health of the City of New York reported that there were 20,000 consumptives in the tenements of that city alone. These people are employed in sweatshops at starvation wages, making clothing which is sent out all over the land laden with germs of the dreadful disease.

A dinner was given by Washington "society" recently, costing \$700 a plate, while only a few doors away women and children were actually starving to death. The Christian Herald states that one thousand honest, worthy, unemployed men are fed in the famous bread line every night, yet there are people who "know" that any one can get work who wants it!

There are about five million unemployed workers in the U. S. today! Why? Simply because a few men own the mines, mills, factories and other means of production and will only employ them when they choose to do so! Fifty men in the U. S. own one-third of its entire wealth, and and only two per cent of the people of New York City own their own homes. The great majority of the workers of the world who produce all wealth are absolutely homeless.

The White Slave Traffic exists today in all its hideousness in spite of all legislation and attempted reform. Thousands of innocent girls, many of them mere children, are sacrificed each year to satisfy the lusts of moral degenerates and to fill the coffers of the wretches who profit by the trade.

What shall we say of a system that exports two billion dollars in American made goods annually while our own people who produced these goods are starving to death and going naked because they do not receive enough wages to buy back even the necessities of life? Of all the crimes for which the profit system is responsible the vilest and most shameful is that of Child Labor. The U. S. Census reports show that in the last ten years child labor has increased more than 200 per cent. A system that produces five million unemployed men makes child labor a necessity. You see it is much more profitable for the masters to employ children in their mills and factories than to employ men as

they can get them for a very small wage and a child can attend a loom almost as well as a man and can be kept at its task and made to endure more hardships without protest. Poor, little, dumb, helpless slaves! My God, how they have suffered all down through the ages; through 2,000 years of so-called Christianity. When I think of it, as I surely must, if I mean to do the work of the Master, I can scarcely control myself! The tears, the suffering, the awful injustice they are forced to endure are all due to our blindness and indifference. Little children of six years are dragged from their beds before daylight and sent, half awake, to toil all through the weary hours until seven o'clock at night in the cotton mills of the south. Jane Addams reports finding a little child of five at work in a factory at two o'clock in the morning! What chance have these children to develop—anything—unless it be a feeling of hatred and a spirit of rebellion against a system that has so sorely oppressed them. With pinched faces and sad eyes they are looking to us for deliverance, and we dare not fail in our duty toward them and toward our fellow-man or our vaunted Christianity amounts to nothing and is a blasphemy against God! I appeal especially to those who call themselves Christians for as such you have pledged your lives to the service of Him who came to "preach the gospel to the poor, heal the broken hearted, preach deliverance to the captives, the recovery of sight to the blind, and to set at liberty them that are bruised!" And who said "Woe unto the world because of its offenses!" Can we keep on praying "Thy Will Be Done" and allow these conditions to exist when the good book tells us it is not God's will? It is time for the church to recognize the class struggle and to take her stand for or against oppressed humanity. This challenge to the Christian consciousness of our day must be met! The blood of the innocents is calling aloud for vengeance and God is holding us

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Notice is hereby given that the undersigned as guardian of the person and estate of Joseph Clark Bell, a minor, has filed his final account in the County Court of the State of Oregon, for Polk County, and that Saturday, the 7th day of March, 1914, at the hour of ten o'clock A. M. of said day at the court room of the said county court in the City of Dallas, Oregon, has been appointed by said Court as the time and place for the hearing of objections to the said final account and the settlement thereof.

F. W. BELL,  
Guardian of the person and estate of Joseph Clark Bell, a minor.  
Dated February 6, 1914.  
Brown & Sibley, Attorneys for the Guardian.

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