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INVEST LANE COUNTY MONEY AT HOME

Solicitors have been in Eugene the past week attempting to sell the bonds of a new cement company, organized recently in Portland. We do not know whether they were successful in securing subscribers here, and have no information concerning the security of the investment they offer. It may be a gilt-edged proposition for aught we know—but we hope Eugene and Lane county people will turn it down, along with all similar propositions.

Go to Portland with a Eugene enterprise and you are invariably unsuccessful. The reply is always that there are plenty of opportunities in that city for the investment of money, and that it would not be a good business move to send capital to Eugene or elsewhere.

This loyalty to home investments should be emulated by every man and woman in Eugene who has money to put into securities. We need every dollar here—more, in fact, that we can command, to build up the city we all hope some day will mark the site of Lane county's capital. As an example, there are now on the market in this city \$40,000 first mortgage bonds of the new Osburn hotel—an investment amply secured by four dollars' worth of property to one of liability. Over \$80,000 in stock has been subscribed and paid for, and it will require \$40,000 more to complete the building. To meet this deficiency the bonds have been issued, drawing 6 per cent interest, and the property turned over to a trustee, who will represent the bondholders. A safer investment could not be offered, and while the Portland cement bonds may be all right, there is no element of doubt about these local securities. The property is here, where its value may be easily ascertained; in fact, it is a matter of common knowledge.

In this instance and upon every other possible occasion, there should be local patriotism enough among our people of means to choose first the home investment. Keep the money here, where it can be expended in making Eugene a larger city, thus making every dollar's worth of property more valuable because of increased population and growing volume of business.

STRANGE ACTIONS OF DR. COOK

The Cook case is one of the strangest that the present generations have encountered. While it is now generally conceded that Cook is a fraud, consciously or unconsciously, he has not been proven so definitely—the declaration of the University of Copenhagen against him being merely on the grounds that sufficient evidence was not submitted. If Cook set out to deliberately humbug the world and gain a fortune thereby, his latest moves have certainly lacked much of the shrewdness of the earlier ones or he has fallen ill or given away under the strain. Otherwise he could still have been lecturing every day and raking in his thousands of dollars. Being in evidence to dispute claims from time to time made against him, and to offer excuses or ask for delays, he could have indefinitely staved off complete exposure and could, we believe, to the end of his days retained a strong following who believed in him. But instead he dropped from sight and doubts unanswered were allowed to accumulate that can never be overcome, no matter what proof, genuine or faked, he may hereafter offer. His warmest supporters have turned on him, grieved that he should have deceived them and that they should have been so mistaken in a man they believed to have scientific ability and to be thoroughly honest and a gentleman. There are still many who cling to the belief that Cook is crazy or ignorant, and that he actually believed he found the pole, and collapsed when he realized that he could not prove it, that his former ideas had been wrong, but the world turns quickly, and most of us are now arrayed against Cook, its former idol.

However, the change of sentiment has not greatly warmed toward Peary, and few of the former Cook adherents are flocking to him. In fact, many believe that he, too, is a fakir—though he has made good in his scientific proofs. But even as a victor he has gained little of public esteem because of his actions—though it is now better realized that he had excuse for them. The case is a strange one, and in many ways a melancholy one, and it might have been better if the old pole had never been turned up.

During the fiscal year ending June 30, 1909, the inspectors of the federal government inspected 56,544,255 animals. Of these 141,085 were rejected and condemned, and in addition to these 899,628 parts of carcasses were condemned. It is estimated that the monetary loss is about \$3,000,000 a year. This is, however, not exactly the proper way to figure, of course. The report which gives these statistics shows that over 99 per cent of the animals which build up Eugene and make permanent its splendor need for the eradication of stock diseases is illustrated by these condemnations, and we hope and trust that the enforcement of inspection will bring this needed reformation about. Much of the disease which causes condemnation is preventable.

The senate committee on foreign affairs has sat heavily down upon Senator Raynor's resolution against Zelaya, and also upon Secretary Knox's policy, which the senate refers to as of the "shotgun" and "jingo" variety. The talk points out that Cannon and Groce were really not American citizens, since they held commissions in Estrada's army as colonels, and to have procured them they must have sworn allegiance to the Nicaraguan revolutionists. The members seem inclined to knock out at once

and for all time the old habit of soldiers of fortune going to other countries, taking up arms with them or against them, then when they got into trouble, rushing back for United States protection. No American citizen and no American interests should ever lack for the prompt aid of their government when they are keeping out of other governments' affairs, but when they go to foreign lands they should behave themselves and not go around looking for trouble, just for the fun of it. But, even at that, Nicaragua should be told "where to head in," and the big stick should be wafted around until those burlesque governments of Central and South America come to realize their responsibilities to themselves and to other nations. There has already been too much leniency with them.

An odd instance of the onward march of the Yankee drum. The old-time custom of going barefoot has not yet received a solar-plexus blow in the dark continent, but the innovation is making headway and if things keep on as they are going the corn and bunion doctors will soon begin to move that way. Accounts do not say whether the adoption of footwear by the inhabitants of Africa is due to more strenuous habits of labor, or whether vanity is the seat of it all. There is some reason to suspect the latter.

Now that congress has decided there shall be a probe of the Ballinger-Pinchot fuss, let us hope it will be thorough and satisfactory, and that the public will find out just how much fire there is back of all the smoke that has been buzzing around for the last few months.

The old home of Fenimore Cooper, writer of the "Leather Stocking" tales, near White Plains, N. Y., has been sold for \$105,000. Whoever did the buying must have had his leather stocking pretty well choked up with dollars.

Nicaragua goes out of one bunch of warfare into another. It really doesn't make much difference to the people and the politicians and hold-up artists there who or what they fight for, just so they can keep a-fighting.

And now let us hope the customers of Dr. Cook's brother, William, the milkman of Brooklyn, will not begin to grow suspicious of his product and go to probing for water.

Advertising doesn't pay? A Spokane man has little been driven from home by the swarms of women who answered a matrimonial ad he placed in the want columns.

A Washington dispatch says Taft and the leaders are on the verge of a break. Oh, well, a good many of us are due to be "broke" by the time the Christmas shopping is over.

Over in Kentucky a perfectly formed lamb has been born with six useful legs. It'll be able to get to Wall street with its fleece that much quicker.

Teddy has collected more than 6000 specimens of animals and birds in Africa. Who'll be the first college head to offer him the chair of zoology?

The best New Year resolution to make is that you will boost harder for Eugene during 1910 than ever before.

Roseburg has a new weekly paper called the Douglas Leader.

Invest your money at home, which means here in Eugene.

THINGS WE THINK
and
WHAT OTHERS THINK

By Elbert Bede

A kid isn't always the son of a butinsky.

A clock that chimes always keeps time to the music.

Sometimes you are judged by the company you don't keep.

Compound interest is great fertilizer for the root of all evil.

We need a few disasters now and then to keep alive the spirit of charity.

The fellow who brings the most chocolates isn't always the "candy boy."

In the taking of the census the no. counts count as much as any one else.

There is always a premium on the man with energy and the brains to use it.

Poe wrote some mighty sober things for a man who is reported to have drunk so much.

If Georgia was as dry in the 60s as it is now we may surmise why Sherman marched to the sea.

A Mississippi belle has married a Chinaman. The chink is wealthy, which may give the moralists a clew.

A Cleveland doctor lays criminality to poor teeth. An aching tooth is certainly not conducive to good citizenship.

During the heated controversy between Cook, Peary and their artisans, the north pole remains cool and unmoved.

The Egyptian who discovered how to make mummies out of women must have made a tremendous hit with married men.

"A New York woman has a hen that has laid 139 eggs in sixty odd days," says an exchange. That hen doesn't lay—she lies.

War is good for one thing. It dem. onstrates that 50 per cent of the ci-

garette smokers are not physically capable of the rigorous life of a soldier.

Mark Twain's daughter has married a hifalutin Russian by the name of Ossip Grabritowitch, and Mark doesn't think there is anything funny about it.

If things have been stormy and cloudy at the office, don't let your actions around home be the harbinger of that fact. Your wife has no doubt weathered a few squalls herself during the day.

The end of the world was predicted to come a couple of weeks ago, but the old earth never slipped a cog and Jawd D. continues to donate a paltry million now and then to put some brains into people foolish enough to look for such a catastrophe.

When you hear some fellow telling what a snap some farmer has, just investigate a little bit, and you will find that about all the agricultural work he has done is to cultivate the acquaintance of some farmer's daughter. Of course that's pleasant work.

Some insights to tell a married woman from a single one is demanded by a dress reformist. There ought to be no great amount of trouble involved in picking out the married ones that wear the trousers—and those who don't are so meek that they are easily discernible.

Coughs that are tight, or tickling, not quick and certain help from Dr. Sheep's cough remedy. On this account druggists everywhere are favoring Dr. Sheep's Cough Remedy. The tender leaves of a harmless lung-healing mountainous shrub give to Dr. Sheep's Cough Remedy its curative properties. These leaves have the power to calm the most distressing cough, and to soothe and heal the most sensitive bronchial membrane. Mothers should, for safety's sake, always demand Dr. Sheep's. It can with perfect freedom be given to the youngest babes. Test it once yourself and see. Sold by all dealers.

First Things First

"How's your wheat?"
"First rate."
"Pigs doin' well?"
"Fine."
"That puny colt come 'round all right?"
"He sure did."
"Glad to hear things is so likely Bill. How's your wife?"

PEOPLE'S PULPIT...



Sermon by
CHARLES T.
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Tabernacle.

CHRISTMAS JOYS.

"The Angel Said Unto Them, Fear Not; For, Behold, I Bring You Good Tidings of Great Joy, Which Shall Be to All People; For Unto You is Born This Day, in the City of David, a Son, Which is Christ the Lord" (Luke ii, 10, 11).

Richmond, Va., Dec. 26.—Pastor Russell of the Brooklyn Tabernacle preached here today to a large and attentive audience from the above text. He said:

There is an appropriateness in the general joy of the Christmas season, even though some of it is not wisely expressed. The happy custom of giving tokens of love and friendship prevails everywhere the story of Jesus has gone. Even the slave houses and prisons make special provision that the day which celebrates the Savior's birth may, so far as possible, be a happy one, a joyous one, to all mankind. The poorest of our citizens and the unfortunate of slender means are often kindly remembered by their more highly favored relatives and neighbors. Surely this is as it ought to be. Some may have been injured by receiving bounties, but few, if any, have ever been other than blessed in the giving of them. Herein we see corroborated the Savior's own words, "It is more blessed to give than to receive." It is Godlike to give.

Our text tells us of God's great gift; and although it is evident that our Lord Jesus was born about October 1st, instead of December 25th, this makes no material difference, for it is the great fact that we commemorate, and not the particular day of its occurrence. Let us consider today, the great gift of God's love which the Apostle refers to as "the unspeakable gift" (II Corinthians ix, 15). As we discern something of its length and breadth and height and depth, our amazement is the more, our joy increases, and we have the more desire to be likewise generous with all with whom we have to do, especially with all who are less fortunately situated than ourselves, either in temporal or spiritual matters.

All men realize, to some extent at least, their imperfection—that all have sinned and come short of the glory of God. Men's thoughts toward God seem to run along the lines of fear; unworthy of Divine favor, they fear Divine wrath. So it was with the shepherds as related in our context. When the angel of the Lord appeared to them to announce Messiah's birth, they feared. For what purpose would an angel or messenger come to them, except to render some denunciation or to foretell some catastrophe? It was, therefore, that the first words of the messenger were, "Fear not." So in approaching mankind in general with God's message to sinners it is appropriate that we begin by saying, Fear not! The God we preach unto you is not a demon seeking your injury and your torment. He is a God of Wisdom and Justice and Love with all Power to carry to successful conclusion His wise, just and loving Program respecting our race, "which he purposed in himself from before the foundation of the world" (Ephesians i, 9, 10).

Satan has used this human tendency of fear as a lash wherewith to drive man away from God, and from the Bible, his Revelation. We are not, therefore, to discredit to our forefathers the viciousness of character which seems to be implied in the words of the "dark ones" handed down to us: "better we are to drink these vicious representations of our Heavenly Father than the great 'Father of Lies'." He it is who in the dark of the past planned the souls of the dark ones to be "doomed of devils" (I Timothy iv, 1). We thank the Lord that generally we are getting our eyes of understanding opened to recognize the true character of God and Jesus Christ whom we have seen, and who is his express image.

Mark to the Father's message through the prophet Isaiah, "Behold, I am sending my messenger before my face, and he shall prepare the way before me; and our announcement by the adversary, he tells us in so many words, their fear toward me is not of me, but is taught by the precepts of men—as inspired by our adversary, the devil (Isaiah xlii, 13).

God's Christmas Gift.

Intending from the first not to abandon his fallen human creatures to utter destruction, the Father purposed in himself, in advance, the great Plan of Salvation now in progress. From before the foundation of the world he purposed that Jesus should be the Lamb of God to take away the sin of the world and eventually to bring all the willing and obedient back to harmony with himself, so that only the wilfully wicked would experience the wages of sin, death—"Second Death." But God has a due time for every feature of his great Plan. Four thousand years sped by before it became "due time" to send the Only Begotten Son to the world to redeem it. "In the fulness of time God sent forth his Son, born of a woman" (Galatians iv, 4). "In due time Christ died for the ungodly"—forty-one hundred and sixty years after sin had entered (Romans v, 6). At first we are amazed at such a delay. Nor can the matter be satisfactorily understood until we learn two things—

(1) That man's experience with sin

and death is a part of the great lesson which God designs all to have—learning the exceeding sinfulness of sin. Later when the second great lesson shall be given to mankind—the desirableness and prebiousness of righteousness—the schooling as a whole, will be the more effectively accomplished.

(2) We must also learn that our dear friends and neighbors who go down into death are as if only asleep, and have no consciousness in either joy or sorrow, waiting for the Millennium morning, the Resurrection morning. Their death would have been absolute, as in the case of the brute beast, had not God with his great love provided for their redemption and resurrection (Romans vi, 9; John xi, 14; 11: 25; Acts ii, 34). In view of this provision the whole world is said to sleep in Jesus—in the sense that their hope rests in the great work which Jesus accomplished when he gave himself a "ransom for all to be justified in due time" (I Timothy ii, 6). There is a difference, therefore, between the world sleeping in Jesus and the Church who fall asleep in Christ. The Church is composed of those begotten of the Holy Spirit during this Gospel Age, who maintain their relationship to Christ, the Head, as "members" in his Body, and whom God has promised, that as they share with Christ in his sacrificial death, they shall also share with him in his glorious resurrection to honor and immortality (Philippians ii, 8-11).

The Scriptures make very plain the fact that while Jesus was born of a woman, this was not the beginning of his existence, for "He was with the Father before the world was." He was the very "beginning of the Creation of God" (Revelation iii, 14). As St. John declares, "In the beginning was the Word (Logos) and the Logos was with the God and the Logos was a God." If he were all things made that were made and without him was not one thing made. He was "made flesh and dwelt amongst us," "he came into his own and his own received him not, but to as many as received him, to them gave he privilege to become sons of God" (John i, 1-14).

The Scriptures make clear to us that the Father did not compel the Son to be our Redeemer—on the contrary, he invited him to do so, and set before him the great reward:

(1) The privilege of proving his loyalty to the Father (Hebrews x, 7; Psalm xi, 8).

(2) The privilege of serving the fallen race, as their Redeemer and Restorer (Matthew xx, 28).

(3) The honor of high exaltation to even greater dignities than he had before he left the Father—to honor, glory and immortality, far above angels and principalities and powers and every name that is named. St. Paul, in referring to the matter, tells us that our Lord, "for the joy that was set before him, endured the cross, despising the shame"—and now, in consequence, is set down on the right hand of the Father on high (Hebrews xii, 2).

While the Savior was the Christ—man's gift to us in one sense of the word, yet the gift was more from another standpoint—although it was all contained in that primary gift. Our Lord, by obedience to the Divine Law, demonstrated his right to eternal life, and at the same time, by his obedience to death, he laid down the life he was privileged to have. Nor did he "go back" to the Father, as some have said, on the third day, but he remained in the Father's arms, as a spirit, being (I Corinthians xv, 45). He did indeed appear to the apostles during the subsequent forty days, but not as before, although, after his resurrection, he appeared in the flesh, he was not flesh. He had taken the body of flesh for the suffering of death, and not to keep eternally. When he had finished sacrificing, the flesh had served his purpose. His high exaltation is on the spirit plane, far above angels. His appearances during the forty days were very brief and few, after the manner in which angels had previously appeared in the flesh. They were for the purpose of convincing the disciples that he was no longer dead, and to convince them also that he was no longer limited to earthly powers, as before his death. He was "put to death in the flesh, but quickened in spirit" (I Peter iii, 18).

"The Body of Christ."

Notice how God's gift expands, carrying blessings with each change. The purified Jesus, when he ascended up on high, had to his credit, so to speak, the human, earthly rights which he had sacrificed. Those rights were sufficient for the whole world, because all had been condemned through one man, all could be justified, atoned for, by the sacrifice of one perfect man—"the man Christ Jesus, who gave himself a ransom for all" (I Timothy ii, 6).

But the ascended Savior, although he came into the world to be the Savior of the world, did not apply the merit of his sacrifice for the world. But, as the Scriptures show, he applied it for his Church and the entire household of faith. Unbelievers are not covered by that application of

Christ's merit. In order to get under the merit of Christ now they must believe, renounce sin and make a consecration of themselves to walk in the Redeemer's footsteps as living sacrifices. Under this provision the Gospel call has been going forth for now eighteen centuries. The object of this, the Scriptures tell us, is to select primarily the Church of Christ, a "little flock," "the Bride, the Lamb's wife," and join her with him in his Millennial Kingdom, which is to bless the world.

Throughout this Gospel Age a faithful "little flock" has gradually been gathered. Their test is their willingness to lay down their lives in the Lord's service—in the service of the Truth and in the service of the brethren. In doing this they are sacrificing with Jesus; as the Apostle suggests, "I beseech you, therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that ye present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable unto God, which is your reasonable service" (Romans xii, 1). This sacrifice of Christ's "members" is counted in as part and parcel of the sacrifice of Christ. While this sacrificing shall be finished it will mean that the most of Christ's sacrifice at Calvary appropriated to the Church will have been laid down again—returned to the credit of the Redeemer. Then, at the conclusion of this Age, when the last "member of the Body" has sacrificed with him and been glorified, the great High Priest will apply the blood atonement—not again for the members, but for the world, as the type clearly shows.

"The Riches of His Grace."

Glance backward now, and see the unfoldings of the Divine Plan: The Babe of Bethlehem; the Man of Sorrows; the High Priest; the Ascended High Priest and Advocate; the appropriation of his merit to the Church; the joy of forgiveness of sins and reconciliation to God experienced by all believers; their instruction in the School of Christ; their testing and proving by trials and difficulties; and finally, their glorification with their Lord in the Millennial Kingdom. In turn, the glorious Prophet, Priest, Mediator, King, Head and "members" complete, will institute the Millennial Kingdom reign of righteousness for the blessing of the world. Applying his merit for the world and using it also to seal the New Covenant, he opens up the way whereby all then living may become reconciled to God—may be blessed with restitution to full perfection of mind and morals and physique—and have back again the Paradise, lost by sin but redeemed at Calvary.

The Savior purposes, in harmony with the Divine Program, that not merely the members of the race living at the time of his Second Coming and the establishment of his Kingdom shall be blessed by God's great Christmas Gift, but additionally, every member of Adam's race. Hence the arrangement is, as the Master tells us, "All that are in their graves shall hear the voice of the Son of man and come forth."

The "resurrection" of this time of evil, having passed their trial, will come forth, perfected, in life—the Church on the Spirit plane, being the "first fruits." The remainder of mankind, unapproved of God, shall come forth unto a resurrection of creature, judgment, testing. They will come forth that it may be testified to them in that, their due time—that Christ died for their sins and that redemption through his blood has been provided for them and for all of Adam's race. During that thousand years of trial they must either accept God's grace and co-operate in their advance to perfection or be destroyed in the Second Death as unworthy of any further Divine favor and blessing.

"Great Joy Unto All People."

Truly, dear friends, we are beginning to understand the message sent us through the angel when our Savior was born. The message is not, "Fear greatly, I bring you bad tidings of eternal torment and misery for all people. It is the very reverse of this, namely, "Fear not; I bring you good tidings of great joy which shall be unto all people." The joy has not been to all people as yet. Even the knowledge of the Lord has reached only about one in ten of earth's population thus far. And what did reach them was generally a very unsatisfactory, unencompassing message of damnation and great misery. As we have just seen, however, the great Plan of the Ages is rolling onward towards completion, and its progress at every stage makes for better blessings and fresh revelations of the glorious things which God purposed in himself from before the foundation of the world. Truly the Scriptures say, As the heavens are higher than the earth, so are God's ways higher than man's ways and his thoughts higher than man's thoughts (Isaiah lv, 6).

Thankful and faithful we should be, for the further knowledge of God's great Plan, which now is streaming forth from his Word for the blessing of all whose eyes of understanding are not closed by faith are open. We are truly thankful that our friends and neighbors are not in everlasting torture, but, on the contrary, are waiting for the glorious Millennium morning and its blood-bought opportunity of restitution (Acts iii, 19-21). We are thankful, too, that in God's providence we have been called to be "members" of the Body of Christ, to share in his sufferings and in his glorious reign and work of the future. It is possible for those who thus see the real value of Christmas Day to be a thousand-fold more happy and more grateful to God than others could be. In turn they should seek to distribute the blessing and to glorify our Father in heaven, who has called us out of darkness into his marvelous light.