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THOUGHTS ON LIFE

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There are three questions which press for answer on a thinking person. The first is, "whence came I?" the second "why am I here?" the third, "whither am I going?"

As to the first, he knows that he comes from a line of ancestry more or less remote. In thought, at least, he can conceivably trace it back to the first progenitors of the human race. There he is forced to a standstill, for a time at least. But he cannot remain content to stay there. The first progenitors were no more self originated than himself, if they were, then there would be no reason why other instances of self originating species should not have occurred in subsequent years. The theory of spontaneous generation is exploded and discarded, and the maxim that there is no life without antecedent life is accepted. So he is forced to the conclusion that no matter how insignificant he may be, he is the heir of the ages with a line of ancestry stretching back to the source of all life. As he is conscious of his own personality, this source must be a personal one, and the fatherhood of the immediate author of his being, is derived from an original fatherhood of which it is a reflection. Thus what is termed the fatherhood of God, universal in scope, is necessitated to account for human fatherhood, and human sonship is a type of the relation, in which all human beings stand towards God. It is poetical but at the same time profoundly true, to speak of the new born child as coming directly from God.

The answer to the second question, "why am I here?" depends on that to the first, and also to that of the third one, "whither am I going?" The man knows that he is not here of his own will or action, but through the will and action of his parents. This volition and action may be traced also, all along the line of his ancestry, and as that reaches to God, primarily he is here in this world through the will and action of God. Thus also the obedience he owes to his immediate father testifies to the obedience he owes to God. The matter has been well summed up by one who had a large experience in life and a reputation of being wiser than all his fellows, namely, "Fear God and keep His commandments for this is the duty of all men."

But God's will for man is conditioned by the destiny of man; is he but as the beasts which perish, or is he in his final destiny as far beyond them, as he is in his personal being? Whatever that destiny is, a man is here to prepare for it, and the commands of God will be seen to be directed toward this end. A man must ask himself, whither am I going? in order to solve the problem of his present existence.

The question is one with which man has been wrestling throughout all the centuries, and is a perennial one, for every one has to solve it for himself. And in so doing he will be wise to be guided by the conclusions of the best, wisest and noblest of his fellow men, and there is no mistaking what these are, and while differently expressed, their verdict is, that human life is inex-

pliable and meaningless unless immortality is its crown and its goal eternal life.

To prepare us for the duties, the responsibilities and privileges of eternal life is the fundamental purpose of our present time existence.

Judge Stephen A. Lowell of Pendleton has announced that he will not be a candidate for governor of Oregon, on the ground that he is convinced that the coming election will be determined by the "age-old conflict of race and religion." Unfortunately there are many indications to confirm the correctness of his surmise. Periodically religious and racial prejudices are bitterly injected into a political campaign, in fact they are never entirely absent, but every so often they become acute. The reason is not far to seek, but when a wave of hostility against any denomination or race group sweeps over the land, it creates a worse condition than that it desires to cure. For the appeal which is made is to passion and prejudice and when these are aroused reason is dethroned and riot results.

O. P. Hoff, state treasurer, who is, we believe going to run again, has issued a report of the cash activities of the state treasurer of 1921, in which he shows that they have within the last three years trebled in volume. He also defends his policy of maintaining low cash balances and maximum investments and deposits out of all funds under his control. As we are but a layman in matters financial, we cannot pronounce an opinion on his report. Probably it will be picked to pieces by his opponents, but nevertheless it seems to us that he has made out a good case for himself.

Lord Northcliffe, editor of the London Times, in his recent interview with a representative of the New York World, shows that when President Wilson uttered his now celebrated self determination phrase, he started something of which he then had no idea. To it is due in a large measure the unrest in India and in the Orient. The next thing will be, that every boy in his teens when differing with his parents as to his mode of con-

The Story of Our States

By JONATHAN BRACE
XXV.—ARKANSAS



ARKANSAS was named after the river which flows diagonally through this state and is one of the chief tributaries of the Mississippi. It is said that the early settlers found in this territory, an Indian tribe named Arkansas, but the actual meaning of the word is not known. It probably has some relation to the word Kansas. There has been much confusion as to the correct pronunciation of Arkansas. To remove this as far as possible a resolution was passed by the state senate in 1881 which specified that the true pronunciation was "Ar-knn-saw."

Originally Arkansas was a part of the Louisiana Purchase. Its first settlement was made by the French about 1685. Except for the few years during which by secret treaty it was ceded to Spain, it remained under French rule, until purchased by the United States in 1803. For nearly ten years after this, it was a part of Louisiana territory. With the admission of the State of Louisiana in 1812 this northern section was formed into the Missouri territory. In 1819 there was another partition and Arkansas territory was created, which included the present state and what later was called Indian territory.

Due to the reports of an early explorer named Pike, who visited this region in 1806, the incorrect idea was generally accepted that most of the expanse of plains east of the Rockies was a vast desert. This idea persisted to such an extent that as late as 1850 the western plains were called in the school geographies "The Great American Desert." Adventurous settlers, especially from the South, found conditions in Arkansas quite otherwise, however, and by 1838 Arkansas was admitted as the twenty-fifth state of the Union with an area of 53,335 square miles.

The natural resources of the state are considerable. There are the mineral springs of medicinal value, which have been placed under governmental control at Hot Springs.

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duct, will insist on his inalienable right to self determination. To which the proper answer will be, self determination involves self support, that "he who pays the piper calls the tune."

The Producers Call which was published at Oregon City, has

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Election Counting Boards

A total of 77 of the 83 voting precincts in Clackamas county will be provided with counting boards, provision for which is made under the new election laws. Outside of Lane county, Clackamas has the largest number of precincts in the state. The figures are taken from a report submitted by County Clerk Fred A. Miller to the secretary of state. The so-called counting board will consist of two judges and three clerks and may be appointed by the county court for service in any voting precinct in which were cast 100 or more votes at the last general election, or in which the county court believes that many ballots will be cast at the next general election.

Public Meeting Called

A special meeting is called for Friday night to consider the proposal of the Standard Oil Co. to install two tanks, one for gasoline 16,000 gal. capacity, and the other for coal oil of 10,000 gal. capacity. These are to be put up on lots southwest of the packing company's building, near the R. R. spur. The meeting is called to hear any objections to the proposed project. It is the intention of the company to supply this vicinity with oil from these tanks. The meeting is called for 7:30.

Chix Brooder

The News office has just turned out a descriptive pamphlet of a chix brooder, designed by W. M. Sanders of Broadmoor Farm, Eagle Creek. It is very simple in construction and can be easily made by any one from the directions furnished. Those interested should write to him for particulars.

Dr. W. W. Rhodes, osteopathic physician, located at Hotel Estacada, on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays, from 8:30 to 4 p. m. 9-Stf

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

NOTICE is hereby given that the undersigned has been duly appointed executor of the estate of William W. Davis, deceased, and any and all persons having claims against the said estate are hereby required to present said claims, duly verified as by law required, at the office of my attorneys, Schuebel & Beattie, Oregon City, Oregon, within six months from the date of this notice.

Dated March 11, 1922.
Date of first publication March 16, 1922.
Date of last publication April 13, 1922.
ELMER T. DAVIS,
Executor of the estate of William W. Davis, deceased.
Schuebel & Beattie, Oregon City, Oregon, attorneys for executor.

EXECUTOR'S NOTICE

NOTICE is hereby given that the undersigned, executor of the last will and testament of David Clossner, deceased, has filed his final account herein with the County Clerk of Clackamas County, Oregon, and the County Judge has set Monday, March 27th, 1922, at the hour of 10:30 o'clock a. m., at the County Court Room in Oregon City, Clackamas

County, Oregon, as the time and place for hearing objections to said final account and for the final settlement of said estate.

EDWARD CLOSSNER,
O. D. EBY,
Attorney for Executor.
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NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION

Department of the Interior, U. S. Land Office at Portland, Oregon, March 12th, 1922.

NOTICE is hereby given that Leo Lehfield, of Cherryville, Oregon, who, on August 13th, 1918, mid: Homestead Entry, No. 06105, for N4 NE1/4 Section 11, Township 3 S., Range 15 E., Willamette Meridian, has filed intention to make three-year Proof, to establish claim to the land above described, before the Register and Receiver of the U. S. Land Office, at Portland, Oregon, on the 28th day of April, 1922.

Claimant names as witnesses: Elizabeth Green, of Cherryville, Oregon; Charles Harris, of Cherryville, Oregon; Harry Dodson, of Sandy, Oregon; Mary Corron, of Cherryville, Oregon.

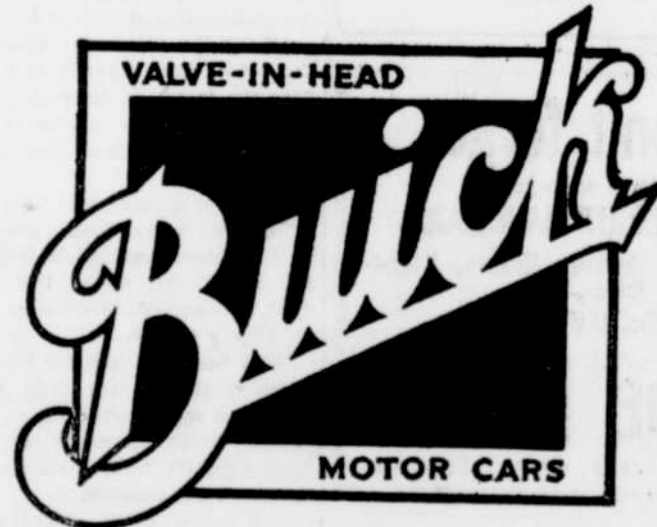
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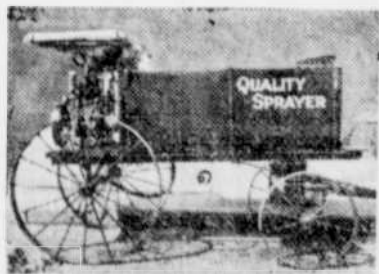
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