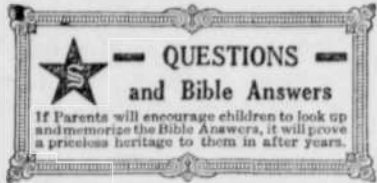


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BIBLE QUESTIONS



How did Jesus begin his great Sermon on the Mount? —Matt. 5:3-11
 What did Jesus say about passing judgment on others? —Matt. 7:1-5
 Why is Jesus called the burden bearer? —Matt. 11:28-30

JUSTICE AND MERCY

The numerous pardons and commutations of sentences granted by acting-governor, Rittner, last fall, has provoked a great deal of adverse criticism. This brings up the perennial question of justice and mercy, "are they contrary to one another?" In theology they have often been treated as being so, that mercy when pleading for pardon or mitigation, is in opposition to justice. But this is a great mistake. Justice and mercy are not opposed, for they meet together in God, Who is both justice and love. They should meet together also in man, for "earthly power doth then show likest God's, When mercy seasons justice."

Justice and mercy are united in the same end of upholding the law, but justice is primarily concerned with healing the breach of law and vindicating its authority, while mercy after the law has been confirmed, keeps the reformation of the offender in mind, so that he will have another chance to make good. Provided that the law suffers no harm or weakening of its force, justice which is never vindictive, cannot object to the efforts of mercy on behalf of the offender. On the other hand mercy cannot in regard to the true welfare of the offender, in any way seek to render the law of none effect by unwise leniency, because law is fundamental to the liberty, peace and happiness of all. Without law society would break in pieces and sheer terrorism prevail.

It is right that there should be executive power of pardon and extending clemency, but this is to be exercised not only in regard to the criminal but also to the welfare of society. If detrimental to the latter, it is a wrong use, for it will undo the very end for which law exists. The Rittner pardons should be judged accordingly, whether or not they were subversive of law, bringing it into contempt, and thus undermining the safety of the social body.

WHY OMIT THE BIBLE?

This week is Religious Book Week at the University of Oregon, and a number of clergymen were requested to send in a suggestive list of books to aid the students. Two prominent divines of Portland complied with the request, but neither of them included the Scriptures in their lists. This recalls a criticism that men will read all about the Bible but fail to read the book itself. Much of the oratorical charm and effect of the late Judge Henry McGinn of Portland, who died last week was due to his knowledge of the scriptures and his copious and apt quotations from them. This was also true of Daniel Webster. Shakespeare owed much to the same source, and it has been estimated that in his plays there

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are three thousand citations of scripture.

A letter has been circulated among the teachers throughout the state signed by a reputed M. D., but whose name cannot be found in the directory, in which the assertion is made that State Superintendent of Public Instruction J. A. Churchill is on the verge of a mental collapse and will enter a private sanitarium for treatment. It is evidently gotten up by his enemies who are after his official scalp. We do not believe there is a word of truth in it. But it is a very despicable way to cast discredit on an official who had so won the confidence of the people that he was reelected at the last election by a large majority, and very little opposition.

President Harding has just completed half of his term of office. He has been conscientious and conservative in his administration and deserves the rest he now can enjoy for a short season. Already there is talk of his running again in 1924, but considerable water will pass under the bridge before that time comes, so the last half of his term will be the determining factor whether he will be willing or wanted to run for renomination.

Our esteemed contemporary, the Producers Call of Portland, thinks there is a conspiracy on foot among the business corporations of the metropolis to get it deprived of mailing privileges. But it assures its subscribers that if it should be subjected to that inconvenience it will still carry on. We hope it is mistaken and are pretty sure it is, for big business is too shrewd to give it such a splendid advertisement, just like a prima donna having her diamonds stolen.

The 67th congress passed into history Sunday noon. It had spent a greater portion of its two year span of life in actual session than any of its predecessors.

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OREGON NEWS NOTES OF GENERAL INTEREST

(Continued from first page)

Under a ruling announced by the state superintendent of schools, the teachers' training course offered through the last year of the standard high school hereafter will be considered equivalent to the 24 weeks' course provided at the state normal school at Monmouth.

Adjutant-General White has returned to Salem from Tillamook, where he inspected the site for the proposed new armory which is to be erected there during the present year. The recent legislature made an appropriation of \$20,000 for this structure. A similar amount will be appropriated by Tillamook county.

The work of repairing the main and lateral sewers at Astoria, the clearing of the streets in the burned district of the city and the making of temporary repairs to the fire alarm system will be undertaken at once and the estimated cost is in the neighborhood of \$15,000.

The forest service will readvertise bids for the purchase of 800,000,000 feet of timber in the Malheur forest in Harney county. No bids were received from the last advertisements. The purchaser would be required to construct about 80 miles of railroad on which to bring the timber out.

The first case to be tried in the state under the law passed at the recent session of the legislature, which gives the state authority to confiscate automobiles used for transportation of liquor, in violation of the prohibition law, will be heard in the Clackamas county circuit court at Oregon City.

Funds for the Scotsburg-Reedsport section of the Roseburg-Reedsport highway will not be available during the coming year if the federal senate concurs in the reduction of the appropriation for forest roads, according to word received from Phillip Dater, district engineer for the forest service.

The housing situation in Monmouth has become a serious problem during the past two years, owing to the rapid growth of the normal school, and the increasing population. It was estimated by Monmouth real estate men that 50 new houses are required to accommodate properly the present population.

Trout fishing in the McKenzie river and its upper tributaries should be above par this season, according to Matt Ryckman, superintendent of state fish hatcheries, who states that approximately 100,000 year-old trout between four to eight inches and about 30,000 larger fish were liberated at the McKenzie hatchery recently by high water.

The lumber shipments by water from the Columbia river during the month of February, while less than for the preceding month, were fairly large, according to statistics compiled by R. D. Lamb, deputy collector of customs at Astoria. Sixty-eight vessels loaded 56,781,996 feet of lumber which left the Columbia river in cargoes during the 28 days.

Final negotiations involving the transfer of the Buchner Lumber company of North Bend to the Stout Lumber company, a concern composed of several big lumbermen, have been completed and the new owners will immediately start the making of improve-

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be milled in the plant at Toledo. Bids on approximately \$800,000 worth of additional highway work, which it is proposed to carry out during the coming season, will be advertised for at once, according to decision of the state highway commission at its regular March meeting. In addition, plans for more than \$550,000 worth of federal forest highway work in which the state will co-operate were approved and bids will be called shortly by the United States bureau of public roads.

Astoria's chance to obtain a loan of \$1,065,000 from the federal government has gone glimmering, according to a dispatch received from Charles W. Halderman, who is representing Astoria at the national capital. The reason given is that the rules committee of the lower house of congress refused to make the proposed bill a special order of business and there is not sufficient time to bring the measure up for action in its regular order at this session.

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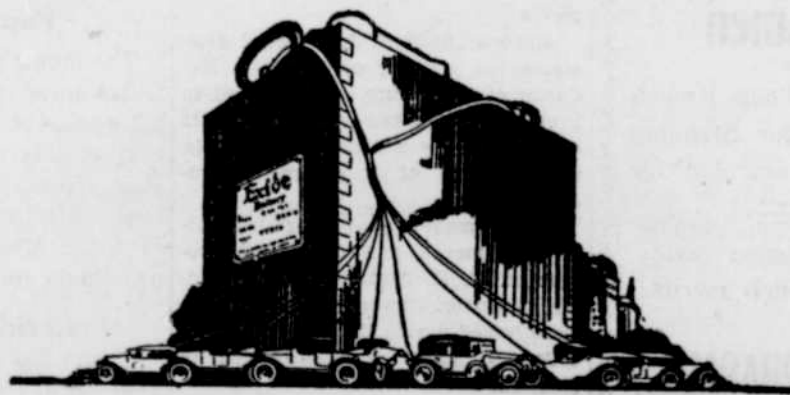
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