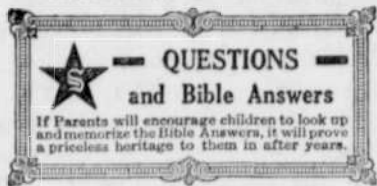


Eastern Clackamas News
 Entered at the postoffice in Estacada, Oregon, as second-class mail.
 Published every Thursday at Estacada, Oregon
 UPTON H. GIBBS
 Editor and Manager.
 SUBSCRIPTION RATES
 One year \$1.50
 Six months .75

Thursday, MARCH 22, 1923.

BIBLE QUESTIONS



What things are better than gold and silver? —Prov. 16:16
 What is the Hebrew benediction? —Numbers 6:24,26
 What is said of one who is slow to anger? —Prov. 16:32

THE ETHICS OF ATONEMENT

Good Friday, which comes this year on March 30th, commemorates an event which constitutes the heart of the gospel, namely that "Christ died for our sins." Now this is either a profound truth or else a great absurdity. Those who believe in and trust to it as the hope of their salvation, should consider whether they are being deluded or not. This vicarious atonement is scouted by some as irrational, and denounced as immoral by others. Let it be put to the test of human experience. If the principles are examined which govern the condonation and pardon of offenses in ordinary life, it will be seen that the vicarious atonement of Jesus Christ follows strictly in accordance therewith:

To get some understanding of this deep mystery, let us begin with offenses within our comprehension. I use the word offense to cover a wide range, beginning with the mere idea of injury done to another, without involving any moral guilt or shame.

Simple Atonement.

For instance, I am on very intimate terms with my neighbor, but one day, in his home I accidentally break a most valuable vase. The damage causes him an injury. No doubt, he may make light of it, but it is a source of embarrassment and sorrow to me. I shall not feel right, until I have made good the damage as far as possible. This I may be able to do, and thus make atonement for the injury. So the matter is speedily and easily settled, by an act of satisfaction, involving apology and restitution. If moreover, the breakage was due to gross carelessness on my part, the atonement will not be complete without a sort of repentance and conversion, i.e., a determination to be more careful in the future so as not to repeat the offense.

Moral Atonement.

But if it should involve a moral aspect, the offense is more serious, and the atonement must correspond in character. If I should become incensed at my neighbor and wilfully and maliciously damage him, my atonement must include moral as well as material restitution. I must not only repair the material damage, but confess and abandon my evil disposition towards him, otherwise he will feel it is useless to forgive.

In these two instances, no one will question the necessity or reasonableness of such atonement in order to restore the broken friendly relationship. It is justly due from the offender to the one offended. But how about vicarious atonement, how can one do this for another? Let us see:

Vicarious Atonement.

If your child broke a window in your neighbor's house, you would pay the bill. You would say, "I am responsible for the act of my child," so you vicariously atone for his offense. If he is old enough to understand, you may demand that he should apologize for and acknowledge his action to your neighbor. If he is too young then you apologize for him. What you do for him, is what he is not able to do for himself. But when the offense involves a moral feature, what then?

A young man defrauds his employer, and cannot make good his shortage. He stands not only to lose his position, but is threatened with prosecution. His father comes to his rescue, pays the shortage, intercedes for him, and promises to be surety for him, if he be forgiven. For his father's sake and restitution the case is not pressed, but whatever confidence he hereafter may enjoy until he has thoroughly proved his repentance, will be due to the suretyship of his father. It will be his father's honesty which will be accepted for his former dishonesty. Nor is the propriety of such a vicarious atonement on the part of a father, questioned, unless another question arises, whether such atonement can rightly be accepted without injury to higher interests such as the safety of society.

Atonement According to Offense.

Thus we see, in daily experience, atonement or satisfaction is required for offenses before they can be justly forgiven or condoned, involving these elements, restitution to the one injured, with confession, repentance and conversion on the part of the offender. This atonement will be in accordance with the scope and nature of the offense, and if the offender is unable to do it himself, it must be done for him, by one who can properly act for him.

Now let us see in regard to sins, i.e., acts of disobedience against God. Here we enter the universal sphere. Offenses against Him are of ever so much greater magnitude than against one another. Here we walk by faith, but the same principles hold good, only they must be universally extended to cover the case. For we are dealing now, not simply with the offenses

50 GOOD CIGARETTES 10¢



GENUINE "BULL" DURHAM TOBACCO

of an individual, but of the whole human race. The atonement which Christ made, was not only for my sins but for the sins of the whole world. The magnitude of the offenses is perceived, when this fact is recognized. As the gigantic dimensions of the mammoth redwood are contained in embryo in its tiny seed, so in the apparently trivial act of disobedience of the progenitors of the human race were involved all the subsequent acts of disobedience of their descendants. The offense for which the atonement is required, is beyond the power of any individual to make, for it is a universal atonement or restitution that is necessary.

Atonement Representative.

But the one who delivers the human race must at the same time be one with it and in such relationship that he can act representatively for the whole of it. Now he who alone can thus act, is the universal head of the race if such there be. He can make an atonement, render a suitable satisfaction by a perfect repentance, which involves dying to the old life of wrong, acknowledgment and obedience, which would have universal effect. In order to do this, he must be tempted to the utmost and successfully resist all along the line. And as he is acting for a race under condemnation of death, he must act under that condition, his obedience being tested under suffering and death, not merely to the scaffold, but on the scaffold. Only thus as the old philosopher, Plato, perceived, could be proved his absolute righteousness.

Who Can Make It?

Who then is sufficient for this? The Gospel answers Jesus Christ the Son of God, who for us men and our salvation was made man, the new head of the human race, and was tempted in all points like as we are, yet without sin, being obedient unto death. Thus the initial act of reparation was rendered completed when Christ gave up His life on the cross. "It is finished," He cried, the atonement has been made, adequate and sufficient for all the sins of the whole world, past, present and future, for those who will accept and qualify themselves so that its benefits may rightly and justly be extended to them.

Mrs. Poindexter is continuing her revelations of political Washington (D. C.) society. The picture is far from edifying. If what she says is true, the National Capital is the paradise of bootleggers, "the red" bringing \$8.00 a quart and the demand unlimited. But we prefer the letters of a senator's wife which are running in the Good House-keeping magazine as to the real condition in official society. We are reminded of the retort made by Lady Nancy Astor to an unmannerly Englishman who had just returned to England from a visit to this country, where he had been handsomely entertained. The man was at a luncheon at which Lady Astor was present, and began casting slurs and making fun of American manners and customs. Lady Astor calmly looked him in the eye and remarked, "What extraordinary letters of introduction you must have had!" The same might be said of Mrs. Poindexter.

Attorney-General Daugherty is evidently laying the lines for the renomination of President Harding in 1924. In view of the extreme criticism that the attorney-general has encountered both within and without the republican party, his choice as Harding's campaign manager

may not be to the latter's advantage.

Big Newspaper Meet

The fifth annual Oregon Newspaper Conference meets this week at the U. of Oregon, at Eugene, beginning tomorrow and lasting two days. On Saturday the new home of the School of Journalism will be dedicated. This building takes the place of the one burned down last summer, and is up to date in every particular. A very interesting program has been prepared, and the attendance promises to be a large one. Unfortunately we are unable to attend, but expect to reap benefit from it later on, from the reports and the papers which will appear in the *Oregon Exchanges*, the publication of the School of Journalism.

OREGON NEWS NOTES OF GENERAL INTEREST

(Continued from first page)

Astoria's extensive building program, which promises to assume big proportions within the coming few months, is already well under way and will gain headway rapidly as the pleasant weather of spring approaches. The erection of temporary wooden structures to house business during the reconstruction period has come to an end and attention is now being given to the construction of permanent buildings.

C. E. Spence of Oregon City, master of the Oregon State Grange, was appointed state market agent under a law created at the recent session of the legislature, by Governor Pierce Mr. Spence will assume the duties of the office April 1, and will receive a salary of \$250 a month.

Investigation by the Marion county grand jury of alleged "planting" of liquor in the state penitentiary wood camp by persons who would discredit the present administration has been demanded by Johnson Smith, warden of the institution, in a letter sent to District Attorney Carson.

Development of water power on the Walla Walla river in Oregon to supply energy to the cities of Walla Walla, Milton, Freewater and eastern Oregon cities, is proposed by K. G. Harlan, whose application was approved by the state engineer. It is proposed to develop 3375 horsepower.

Because of the unsatisfactory financial condition of the Oregon Electric and the possibility of the corporation being placed in the hands of a receiver, action may be started by Salem merchants to boycott the automobile truck lines running out of the city in favor of the railroad.

The Curry county court has adopted a resolution pledging \$32,500 from the county funds to be used in co-operation with the state highway commission in building roads in the county. The state intends to spend \$150,000 this year, and this, with the sum voted by the court, gives a total of \$182,500 to be spent on Curry county roads.

With the arrest in Portland of Frank Cole, alias Bossieu, secret service officials announce that they have caught the last remaining member of the gang of counterfeiters who have been flooding the Pacific coast with spurious \$20 bills. Paul Dimm, Portlander, now under arrest at Seattle, is said to have been the maker of the bogus currency.

A check for \$25, the amount of money overpaid to Mrs. Erma M. Bentley, stenographer for Representative L. M. Blowers of Hood River during the recent session of the legislature has been returned to the state treasurer. The amount of money paid to Mrs. Bentley at the close of the session had the sanction of the per diem committee of the house, it was said.

There were three fatalities in Oregon due to industrial accidents during the week ending March 15, according to a report prepared by the state industrial accident commission. The

SEEDS

SEE our seeds before you buy. We sure have the quality, and we think that is the most important.

IF you have a garden the next thing is something to make it grow quick.—WE HAVE IT.

ALL KINDS OF FEEDS

BARTHOLOMEW and LAWRENCE

at the four places where portions of it were washed out during the recent flood at the same time the pavement between Eugene and Goshen is repaired and widened. Bids for the work between Eugene and Goshen will be opened March 27. Bids will also be opened on that date for the paving of the two approaches to the overhead crossing at McVeigh point, three miles south of Eugene.

The state highway department announces that an agreement has been reached with relation to the construction of an undergrade crossing under the tracks of the Southern Pacific company on the route of the new Pacific highway in Oregon City. Under the terms of the agreement the crossing will be constructed by the railroad company and will cost approximately \$135,000. Of this amount \$30,000 will be contributed by the Hawley Paper company, \$10,000 by the Crown-Willamette Pulp & Paper company, \$35,000 by the Portland, Railway, Light & Power company and \$40,000 by the state.

Subscribe for your home paper the EASTERN CLACKAMAS NEWS.

THE SANITARY BARBER SHOP
 On Broadway, opposite Gem Theatre, Estacada.
 Agent for Crystal Laundry
 JACK NORTON, Prop.

CITY LAUNDRY
 UNDER NEW MANAGEMENT
 ROUGH-DRY---14lb \$1.00
 Work finished at Portland prices—Special attention to all family trade.
 DRY CLEANING-PRESSING-DYEING
 Lace Curtains a Specialty--PHONE



Grow With Your BANK

IT IS our privilege to serve a large and growing list of the substantial and successful residents of this community. If you are not already a depositor it will give us much pleasure to add your account to our list.

4% INTEREST ON TIME AND SAVINGS DEPOSITS.

ESTACADA STATE BANK

"Safety and Service."



Announcement

We have been appointed the Exide Service Station for this locality. In addition to selling

Exide BATTERIES

the right battery for your car, our service includes skilful repair work on every make of battery. You can rely on responsible advice and reasonable prices here.

We look forward to a call from you.

CASCADE GARAGE

Estacada, Oregon. WILCOX BROS., Props.



THE ESTACADA MEAT CO.

H. C. GOHRING Prop.

Beef, Mutton, Veal and Hogs Bought

Open from 7 a. m. to 6 p. m.—Saturdays, open to 8 p. m.

Estacada

Oregon