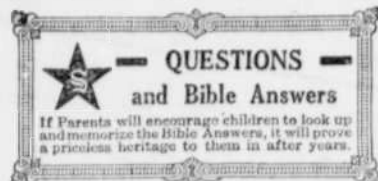


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BIBLE QUESTIONS



Can a man serve two masters? —Matt. 6:24
 How may we get wisdom? —Jas. 1:5
 How should we pray? —Mark 11:24

BOLSHEVIST RELIGIOUS PERSECUTION

At the recent trials of the Polish Roman Catholic Archbishop Zepliak and his Vicar-General Butchkevitch, at Moscow, a correspondent of the New York Herald, managed to be present. Both of these clergymen were condemned to death, though the sentence of the former was later commuted to ten years imprisonment, which owing to his age and infirmity means a death sentence by slow degrees. The Bolsheviks endeavor to make out that they were condemned for treason, but the Herald's correspondent clearly shows that this is absolutely false. Of the documents on which the charge of treason was based, he states that he heard them all read out in court, and that they were perfectly innocuous and that the charge of treason could not be based upon them in any other country in the world. The judges were biased and grinned knowingly at the procurer and he at them throughout the trial.

The Bolshevik law makes it a crime to impart religious teaching to any one under 18 years of age. This would make it a crime for a mother to instruct her children in the beginnings of religious knowledge. These priests were asked if they would continue to teach the catechism, and of course they replied yes. The law forbids the saying of mass, and they were asked if, after the churches had been closed they had disobeyed the law. They acknowledged doing so, using empty halls for the purpose, and that there was always a congregation of about 150 to 200. It is for such reasons that they were condemned.

But there will be a comeback. France during the revolution in the eighteenth century tried the same methods, only to bring disgrace on those responsible and the nation, and the church came back triumphant. The English government during the Elizabethan and the Stuart pretenders period, forbade the saying of mass by Roman Catholic priests, only to find out that this proved to be a ghastly mistake.

The Russian bolsheviks will find out the same. Already the civilized world is protesting, and even the German socialist organ, "Vorwaerts," characterizes the execution as the stupidest blunder.

SUBSIDIES

Those who oppose a subsidy to build up an American merchant marine, so that it can cope with foreign competition on an equal basis, ignore the fact that our protective tariff under which our industries have been built up, is but a form of subsidy. Not only the manufacturer but the farmer whose grain is protected, receives thereby a subsidy so he can compete with foreign competition. The vast continental railroad building when the west was sparsely settled, would not

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have been undertaken if it had not been for a subsidy in land grants and bonuses. The railroads may have been too highly subsidized, but that does not affect the question. We face a condition and not a theory, and the condition is, that American owned vessels which have to operate under American maritime laws cannot compete with the foreign shipping lines. On this account the government cannot get rid of the vast fleet of merchant vessels left over from the war, which it has to keep up at a maintenance cost higher than what the proposed subsidy would amount to. Other nations have found it highly profitable to subsidize their marine shipping so why should that not be the case with us? Until either a subsidy is granted or the present American maritime laws are repealed, or modified, the foreign carriers will continue to get the bulk of the shipping.

THE EDUCATIONAL SYSTEM

The editor of this paper has been accused of repeatedly hitting at the local high school. He denies the impeachment. It is true that he has from time to time treated of educational methods but it was not with the intention of criticising the local institution, but of methods in general. That there is a wide spread discontent with the present educational system, is only too manifest. Anyone who reads the papers or has access to a file of the Literary Digest, can easily find the evidence. An illuminating article on "What is wrong with our education?" appeared in the latter for August 13, 1921. Dean Andrew Fleming West of the graduate school of Princeton University, whose experience as a teacher for forty years covers every grade, puts the whole matter in a nutshell. He states: "Too many American schools furnish educational lunch coun-

ters, in other words, the elective system of study has grown out of all sensible proportion in schools and colleges, until too many of our young people are getting education by dabs."

Only in the last Oregon legislature Senator Eddy of Roseburg vigorously condemned the educational system and an article by him on this subject appeared in last Sunday's Oregonian. He claims that the high school course is overloaded and its purpose thereby defeated. It should be simplified and more stress laid on fundamentals.

In the writer's opinion there are two vital errors in the educational system. If we were alone in this opinion it would not be of any consequence, but it has been confirmed by veteran school teachers. One twenty-five years ago in Minnesota told him there was too much mental mastication done for the pupils which was having a detrimental effect on them. And a few months ago in Portland, an oldtime Oregon teacher made the remark which was to the point, that in former years it was the endeavor to get the book through the pupil, but now it was to get the pupil through the book.

Both these conditions tend to superficial work. The old time system which seems to many now as crude, yet had its merits. Under it the pupil had to work or suffer the consequences. It was Spartan in the treatment of the pupil, but if he had good stuff in him, it made him.

But whenever the editor has written on this subject he has been careful not to put any blame on the teachers. They have to follow the system laid out for them, and as Senator Eddy says in the Oregonian, about the Roseburg school, whose efficiency he was accused of attacking, "it follows the official course of study, and its work necessarily conforms in a general way to that of other schools." The fault lies not with any faculty, but with an educational system which has been made the victim of experiments in fads by faddists.

Our apologies are due our esteemed Garfield correspondent for mislaying her notes so they did not appear last week. The oversight was not discovered until too late to rectify.

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OREGON NEWS NOTES OF GENERAL INTEREST

(Continued from first page)

Value of imports during the year of 1922 jumped to \$7,812,946 as compared with \$4,499,378 in 1921, customs house figures for the Oregon district received from Washington show. Imports entered at Portland amounted to \$7,036,441, and at Astoria, \$776,505.

Hubbard berry growers are to have a cannery of their own. Seventy-five thousand dollars has been raised for the building and purchase of the site, and the cannery will be in operation this season.

The Southern Pacific company will exert every effort to prevent a serious car shortage in the northwest this year, according to a letter received at the offices of the Oregon public service commission.

Odd Fellows from all sections of Oregon and southern Washington are expected to attend the ceremonies incident to the laying of the cornerstone of the new Odd Fellows' temple in Portland, April 25.

Oregon's population on July 1, 1923, will be 823,270, according to a bulletin issued by the census bureau. This is an increase of 39,881 since 1920. Portland's population on July 1 will be 273,621, an increase of 15,333.

Deterioration of Bend's hard surface pavements has become so rapid since they were laid in 1921 that the cost of repair or correction would run from \$30,000 to \$50,000, Robert B. Gould, city engineer, told the city council.

A tax levy of one-half mill for the purpose of creating a fund with which to erect a new courthouse will be recommended to the Douglas county court by a committee representing all of the leading organizations of the county.

Because of the failure of California and Washington to enact similar legislation, a law approved by the Oregon legislature at its last session, providing the eight-hour day in the lumber industry, will not become effective.

President Harding, according to latest plans, may make his Fourth of July address at some point on the Old Oregon Trail near the summit of the Blue mountains in eastern Oregon, instead of at Portland, as tentatively arranged.

A letter from the Kiwanis international headquarters at Chicago is to the effect that the Salem Kiwanis club stands second in the attendance contest in which more than 1000 clubs are participating. The report gave Salem 97.51 per cent.

A verdict of not guilty was returned at Klamath Falls in the second trial of J. W. Siemens, J. W. Siemens Jr., and Marshall Hooper. The Siemens were indicted on nine charges in connection with the failure last year of the First State & Savings bank.

Orders to "demilitarize" the old battleship Oregon have been received at the Puget sound navy yard at Bremerton, Wash. Guns of the famous old ship will be spiked and the Oregon towed to Portland to be turned over to the state of Oregon for preservation as a relic.

Authority has been granted the Pacific Telephone & Telegraph company to purchase the Willamette Telephone company. It was announced by the interstate commerce commission. The Willamette company owns and operates exchanges at Independence, Monmouth, Dallas and Falls City.

Civil service examinations have been announced for May 12 to select postmasters for the following Oregon cities and towns: Athena, Aurora, Banks, Beaverton, Brownsville, Can-

yon City, Fossil, Gervais, John Day, Madras, Mount Angel, Newport, Stanfield, Toledo, Warrenton and Yamhill. Protest against the removal of Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Kuser as superintendent and matron of the boys' training school at Salem was voiced by a delegation from Portland, representing the Rotary club, Parent-Teacher association, the Social Workers association and other organizations, which appeared before the state board of control.

The Oregon public service commission has filed an answer with the interstate commerce commission to the application of the Central Pacific for authority to build the Natron cutoff, in which it called attention to its previous demands that common-user privileges be allowed other roads and that the cutoff be completed and in readiness for traffic by January 1, 1923.

There were four fatalities in Oregon due to industrial accidents during the week ending April 12, according to a report prepared by the state industrial accident commission. The victims were D. Guiseppe, construction foreman, Estacada; Alfred Ras-

mus, logger, Lakeside; Fred Featherstone, right-of-way man and Joseph Jones, right-of-way man, Independence. A total of 626 accidents were reported during the week.

The car of broccoli on which the United States department of agriculture has been making shipping tests, was opened at Roseburg and shown to growers who were able to see exactly the condition of their crop upon its arrival at the market point. A detailed report of the findings will be worked out for the benefit of the growers. The test showed that this year's crop is standing up especially well, with little yellowing or wilting and in good condition.

Flea Evidently Could Stand Heat.
 A Maine woman vouches for the veracity of the following flea story: A friend of hers had a large St. Bernard dog which had a habit of contracting fleas. One day she was making biscuits, the dog lying on the kitchen floor. The biscuits were served, still hot, for dinner and when one was broken open a flea actually dropped out and made a good attempt to get away. However, it was a little stupefied from the heat of the oven and was easily captured and executed.

Keeping Account of It

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