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BUGABOOS

The constitution of the United States wisely forbids federal religious legislation. It provides for that religious liberty which the pilgrim fathers sought and which their successors, the puritans, destroyed and banished as long as they held sway. The pilgrims, about 100 in number, came from Holland in the Mayflower in 1620, and settled on Plymouth bay. A decade afterwards, the puritans, a thousand of them, came from England and settled at Boston. The two colonies were always antagonistic and the Boston bigots used every effort to prevent Roger Williams and the pilgrims from building, at Plymouth, the first Baptist church in America. When the puritans caught Mr. Holmes, who had organized the church, they tied him to the Boston whipping post and he was "whipped by a strong man with thirty strokes so that for weeks he could only get rest upon his knees and elbows."

The pilgrims maintained that the civil authorities had no right to make religious or Sunday laws. Church and state are divorced in the United States, as far as the central government is concerned, and every effort to have the decree set aside has thus far failed.

There are laws in restraint of religious liberty in some of the states. The constitution of New Hampshire prohibits Roman Catholics from holding office, unless it has been amended in recent years. Washington prohibits the reading of the Bible in the public schools. Some states prohibit ordinary work on Sunday, which amounts to religious persecution of the Jew or the Saturday-observing Christian or the Friday-observing Mohammedan, by compelling them to remain idle two days a week while competing with Sunday-observer in their secular callings.

Years ago there was an organized "God-in-the-constitution" movement, but it failed. Yet an organization has now been formed in New York to fight the constitutionality of the law which bars the Bible from the schools of the state of Washington. The people of Washington, like those of the Philippines, are deemed incapable of self-government, and government there must, if these meddlers can have their way, have some powers that are not "derived from the consent of the governed."

Oregon has repealed her Sunday laws, so the bugaboo of non-observance of church rules on Sunday is scaring the self-appointed assistants of the Almighty as it did puritan witch burners hundreds of years ago.

to evil doers who commit crimes under its disguise and in its name. Its supreme "kleagle" declares that all crimes committed are the work of unauthorized imitators, yet in one instance at least the charter of a subordinate klan was taken away for violation of law, as announced by the central authority of the organization.

Take away the spectacular joy of parading in nightshirts and pillowslips and there will not be much left to attract members. The kleagles and wizards andimps and other official hobgoblins who absorb the fees will probably stay on the job as long as impressionable dupes can be found who will punge up \$10 for the privilege of wearing the sheet and pillowcase and \$6 or \$7 for the 90c worth of muslin they are made of, and that may be a considerable time, for it is said that "there is a new fool born every minute," but the ghostly klans will be suppressed if they constantly violate the law. If they do not break the law they will do no harm to outsiders, nor any good to anybody.

GAMBLERS DESPERATE

The graindealers' combination, which spent a quarter of a million dollars trying to defeat the recent legislation for the relief of the farmers of the country, now proposes to organize for "self-protection" at Washington, which means to prevent further legislation to curb the raiding of the country by forcing farmers to sell their crops at ridiculously low prices at harvest time so that the "respectable" speculators and gamblers may continue to roll in wealth.

The failure of the federal reserve banks to finance farmers who wish to hold crops till the market is favorable, and the cheerful loaning of bank funds to grain dealers so they can buy those crops and hold them for the rise, led to co-operative financing by the Farm Bureau and to federal legislation that it is hoped may remove some of the handicaps under which the food of the country is produced, hence the rage of the gamblers.

Portland banks loaned \$1,000,000 to the Oregon Graingrowers' Co-Operative association to finance its 10,000 members in holding and marketing their crop.

INTOLERANCE REBUKED

William de Mille writes to Rev. G. A. Breiglet of Los Angeles: "As a student of the Bible, I deny your right to forcibly interpret the scripture to me and prevent my practicing my own understanding of it."

He follows his rebuke of those who arrogate to themselves the authority to dictate how others shall interpret the Bible with the following sarcasm:

One of your supporters said recently: "The motion picture men have taken away our Sunday without our consent or approval." Are we so strong, then, that in a few short years all the doctrine you gentlemen have been at such pains to impart can be swept aside by the simple desire to see a motion picture? If so you gentlemen have done your work very badly.

There were medical experts who examined Brumfield and pronounced him undoubtedly insane, and others, quite as well attested experts, who were equally positive that he was sane. They all belong to the highly ethical medical organization which will furnish swift witnesses for the defense if one of their members is sued for malpractice or for the prosecution if anybody else is. There are just as black sheep in that profession as there are among ministers or editors.

Senator Stanfield has just bought \$1,000,000 worth of sheep. Swift & Co. loaned him the money. Mr. Stanfield was not an enthusiastic supporter of the bill to investigate and regulate the packers' combine,

When Karl Hapsburg, once an emperor but now a man without a country, made his futile attempt to seize the Hungarian throne last spring, he was given refuge in Switzerland on his express promise not to leave without permission. Under the delusion that he is still a monarch and that "divine right" gives kings impunity for being liars or otherwise immoral, he broke his word last week and escaped in an airplane. He was greeted by an army of 10,000 men who had been prepared for the

The Curse of Dictation
(Oregon Manufacturer)

Since last May the typographical union has been backing a nation-wide strike favoring a 44-hour week. A tax of 10 per cent is levied on the weekly pay of every union printer to maintain strike benefits.

In a town of 20,000 population where the scale is \$42.50 a week each union member sends in \$4.25 per week to the national strike fund, or about \$17.00 per month.

In addition to the above dues, each member has to pay his monthly and international union dues, amounting to about a dollar a week on top of strike assessments, making a total of about \$5.25 a week that each workman puts up for maintaining a gigantic organization which at the present time is fighting chiefly to reduce output on the theory of creating more jobs.

The opposite result has taken place. The cost of printing has been driven so high that it is only done where absolutely necessary.

The original program of labor unions to get better working, living and wage conditions for their members was good. The present curse of the union is its propaganda to constantly limit production, increase wages and shorten hours beyond reason.

In the case above cited the printer's wage is really \$36.25 a week, instead of \$42.50. The public is taxed the difference of \$6.25 a week to maintain an organization which would deny any man the right to work at the printing trade unless he held a card in the organization.

It is no wonder that all lines of industry are repudiating the closed-shop idea with its growing dictation, power and expense which it saddles onto employer, employee and the public.

Shedd Shots

Harry Koonsman is down from eastern Oregon for a few days' visit with his brother-in-law, W. Y. Shearer.

The infant son of Ray Duncan and wife, who has been suffering from infantile paralysis, was taken to Albany Sunday to undergo an operation for obstruction of the bowels.

Mrs. Argile Kendall has been sick under the doctor's care for several days.

George A. Dannen is a proud boy these days. He took his Durham heifer to the Albany fair and got a twenty-dollar check as first money.

Mrs. J. W. Sprenger had her tonsils removed, and at last reports she was not doing so well.

SMALL HOMES FOR MANSIONS

Many New England Pretentious Dwellings Are Being Divided Into Modern Houses.

Pittsfield, Mass.—Some of New England's fine old mansions are being sawed apart to make modern homes. One bit of cross-cut saw handwork here was the successful division of a twenty-room house into two apartment dwellings. One of the sections was moved to a new site. The old Whitehead mansion of 27 rooms is to be torn down and made into many small houses. Its three huge chimneys alone are said to contain brick enough to build two modest homes.

Thousands of mansions like this were built in New England years ago when materials and labor were inexpensive. Increasing cost of maintenance has caused many to be sold.

Bushy Tail Enriches Caddie. Brockville—Leslie Reynolds, a caddie of the Carleton Place Golf club, a few days ago, while searching for lost balls, saw a squirrel enter a hollow log. He investigated and discovered that the animal had secreted 41 balls in the log. Search of other hiding places in the locality resulted in the location of more than 50 balls.

Pair of Pliers Routs Holdup Man

Philadelphia.—One attempted holdup foiled with a pair of pliers, another holdup in which the robber found his victim without money and a third that resulted in a highwayman obtaining \$64 summed up one night's banditry.

When J. M. Sloane, a for-hire driver, stopped to repair his car two men attempted to hold him up. Sloane pointed a pair of pliers at the bandits, who fled. Their flight is believed to have been hastened by the fact that Sloane had his coat off and a driver's badge worn on his vest was plainly visible.

Brownsville Briefs

The first Calapooia Valley fair, held this year, netted \$115 profit, which will be carried over as a nest egg for next year's exhibition.

Justice of the Peace A. S. Hamill, the first man to hold that office for several years, has resigned. Game wardens arrested a man in the city without a warrant, which officials claim they had no right to do. The prisoner confessed violating the game law and was released on promising to pay a \$25 fine to the justice. Afterwards he repented and Hamill quit in disgust.

Rev. J. W. Craig is 77 years old, but has the contract to carry the mails between the postoffice and the depot and is the city recorder. He has been a Methodist preacher for 59 years.

The Times was fuller of local news last week than usual. It announces, too, four special editions to come in the next few weeks, the first to feature this week's anniversary celebration at the Brownsville Presbyterian church. And it is lustily pushing the community building project toward success.

The community building plans were endorsed last week by the chamber of commerce and by a mass meeting Friday night at which Revs. McClain and Woodworth voiced their opposition. It is reported that the latter nearly had a collision with Jesse Hinman of the Times and the American Legion on the subject. The Pollyanna club of young matrons who want a gymnasium for their children reaffirmed their contribution of \$200 to the cause, half of which was paid down.

(Correspondence)

In a private letter J. L. Bowman, president of the Brownsville Woolen Mill company, writes one of our citizens that mill machinery suitable to install in the local mill buildings, "after some new buildings have been added," is under investigation and may be secured in a short time. Two Brownsville-ites while in the Brownsville Woolen Mill store in Portland a few days ago were assured that the mills at Brownsville will be operated soon. Let us hope these predictions will be verified.

Serle Dougherty, son of Mr. and Mrs. R. P. Dougherty, Halsey, returned to Brownsville Wednesday after spending the summer in eastern and northern Oregon. Serle hopes to land a job for the winter in this vicinity.

Three Brownsville pastors drive cars. The car is certainly a great aid to them in getting around among their parishioners. While the car no doubt takes some away from the regular Sunday services it is not altogether an unmixed evil.

In anticipation of the anniversary celebration held Tuesday the ladies of the Presbyterian congregation met and thoroughly cleaned the church building and put everything in apple-pie order.

W. C. Templeton lost one of his work horses from some unknown trouble. The animal was sick but a short time.

On the site of the large barn burned some weeks ago in North Brownsville Mr. Cruick is building a new barn, not so large as the first one, yet quite commodious.

Edwin Sawyer, accompanied by his mother and the nurse who had charge of his case in the Corvallis hospital, Miss Bodine, was brought home a few days ago. It was a hard fight to save his arm, and at one time it seemed scarcely possible to save his life, but he seems to be getting along nicely now and will probably soon recover.

Oren Stratton opened a fruit house in the Hume building, South Brownsville, last week to dispose of his surplus apples and pears after shipping three cars of apples to better markets.

Mr. and Mrs. Knuth, Plainview, visited Friday with William Washburn and wife. The ladies are sisters.

Dr. and Mrs. O. H. Kent and H. A. Wilson autoed to Albany Thursday. A sister of Mrs. Kent had just arrived from California to visit her mother and sister, who live in Albany.

By appointment of the council Henry Blakely is filling the office of marshal and street superintendent, his duties being to keep the populace and streets in order.

Agitation of a better high school for Brownsville by uniting several districts adjacent to town has been started and the chamber of com

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