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FRIDAY, JUNE 21, 1912.

The republican national committee is setting a poor example for a safe and sane Fourth in the United States.

VIEWS OF SOME MINISTERS ON CAPITAL PUNISHMENT.

Seven out of eleven ministers declared themselves in favor of capital punishment in a discussion of that subject the other day at one of their weekly meetings in Portland. R. H. Hughes, editor of the Pacific Christian Advocate, who is opposed to capital punishment, but does not favor the granting the power of parole to the governor, said:

"I believe the state has no more right to take the life of a man than the individual has such a right. Neither do I believe that the power of parole should be granted to one man. Instead I think there should be a board of parole with power to act in such cases."

The speaker added that before he would abolish capital punishment he would favor hanging all the technical lawyers who through their warping and twisting of the law brought about the miscarriage of justice.

Revs. Young, Cudlipp, Cline, Fry Kerr, and McCullough lined up in favor of capital punishment, Mr. Young citing the experience of Maine, which in 1830 abolished capital punishment, and for years held a reputation as the "murder state."

Mr. Cline declared that a man who would fly into a fit and kill another was as dangerous as a rattlesnake.

"You wouldn't put a rattlesnake into a box, feed him and coddle him and leave several holes in the box for him to crawl out of, would you?" he queried. "If a man is at war with society, society has a right to protect itself."

Rev. Douglass, with Revs. Rarick

and Hawkins, brushed aside the old Mosaic law and declared that we are now living under a Christian dispensation that admitted that vengeance should belong to the Lord. Mr. Douglass asserted that the death penalty did not tend to decrease crime, and advised the regeneration of the courts for the uplift of society.

Rev. Rarick also took a whack at the courts, declaring that they were largely a farce, and that laws were administered so as to permit the men engaged to get the most out of them.

THE SLAB CREEK SAGE SAYS

When there's a women in the case the unexpected is sure to happen.

Why are children willing to work for the neighbors and not at home?

By being done some of us learn to do others.

An amateur Long Island aviator fell into his back yard and his fall wasn't even broken by a clothesline.

If they must have a dark horse at the Chicago convention, what's the matter with Booker Washington? Hasn't he a shade the best of it.

Speaking of "pivotal states" how about matrimony.

If silence is golden, why shouldn't speech be free?

That Scranton man who cut off his wife's hair with an axe must shave with a scythe.

Some men are so lucky that when anybody wants to borrow from them they haven't a cent.

Some people make a lot of money pretending to show others how to make it.

Sinful Curiosity.

The goose had been carved, and everybody had tasted it. It was excellent. The negro minister, who was the guest of honor, could not restrain his enthusiasm.

"Dat's as fine a goose as I evah see, Bruddah Williams," he said to his host. "Whar did you get such a fine goose?"

"Well, now, pahson," replied the carver, exhibiting great dignity and reticence, "when you preaches a speshul good sermon, I never axes you where you got it. I hopes you will show me the same consideration."

He's One in a Million.

There's a man whom I don't know by name,

Who belongs to the fans hall of fame,

When his office boy said

That his grandma was dead,

He cried: "Sure! Go ahead to the game."

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"That's a durned fine lookin' car o' yourn, mister," said the old man with the chin whisker as he inspected Dubbleigh's motor standing in front of the Eagle House at Fogus.

"You bet it is," said Dubbleigh. "I came over here from Watkins Corners this morning in just fifty-five minutes. Going some, eh?"

"Ya-as," said the old gentleman, stroking his whisker thoughtfully. "Kin ye prove it?"

"I have five witnesses in my guests," said Dubbleigh.

"Waal, I'll take yer word for it," said the stranger. "Jest fork over twenty-five, and we'll call it square. I'm jestice o' the peace raound here, and it'll save time to settle this here violation right now."—Harper's Weekly.

The Sign.

A famous craniologist while strolling leisurely through a churchyard found a gravedigger tossing up the earth in which there were two or three skulls. The craniologist took them up and, after considering one a little time, said, "Ah, this is the skull of a philosopher!"

"Very likely, your honor," replied the solemn gravedigger. "Sure, I noticed it was somewhat cracked."—London Telegraph.

Didn't Convince Him.

"Keep out of debt, young man," said the philosopher. "People will think better of you for it."

"Perhaps," was the thoughtful reply, "and yet I've noticed that the more I owe people the gladder they always seem to see me."

Deserved Some.

Bibsan Frocks—This cake is awful nice, mamma. (Silence.) This cake is awful nice, mamma.

"Well, what of it?"

"Oh, nothing; only when the minister says it you always ask him to have more."—St. Louis Globe-Democrat.

It Reminded Him.

"The dew is falling," she said. "Let us go in before it settles."

"Yes," he answered, but a worried look stole into his face. Little did she dream that with him many dues were falling and that he was utterly unable to settle.—Judge.

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