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Experience is nothing but a chain of mistakes. We go through life paying bitterly for experience. Other men in former generations have sought the same truths, paid the same price. Most of our mistakes could be avoided by using our public libraries, which contain all the warnings for every activity of life, culled from the combined experiences of history's greatest minds. In our most populous states, however, books taken out from public libraries average only two a year for each resident. And usually the two are fiction—a form of mental opium.

Most of our South African towns reflect small credit on their rude forefathers, who were innocent of the arts of the town-planner, a product of recent days; and we have to make the best of what they bequeath us, says the Natal Advertiser. In a land so rightly famed for its sunshine as South Africa, we should, however, when building for the future, realize that not only convenience and comfort, but the very future of the race are bound up with the observance of the "law of light."

People suffering from that new foot disease caused by holding the foot too long on the accelerator pedal will get no sympathy from the people who don't like the roar that such a position causes.

Now the undertakers have held a style show, exhibiting on living models the latest fashions in burial robes. That stunt alone is enough to prove that there are a good many crazy people in this country.

The scientist who says that all the heat the stars provide the earth is less than a millionth of a degree is not taking into account the hot air generated by the stars' press agents.

A new-born babe said a few words directly after its birth the other day. The child's sex is evident at once.

CHURCH NEWS

Notes of Interest to All Local Denominations

Next Sunday morning at the Methodist church at eleven o'clock, a field representative of Willamette University at Salem, Oregon, will act as the preacher. He will also speak in the evening at the Union service in the Presbyterian church. No special offering will be taken nor solicitation for funds made at either service. It is desired that the visitor be greeted with a good audience that his message may thus receive a large hearing.

The young people's society will hold its regular meeting in the Presbyterian church next Sunday evening, considering the subject, "Better Speaking." The meeting will be led by Darold Belshe and Glenn Schultz.

At the Presbyterian church next Sunday morning the pastor will speak on "Religion for Children." Parents and teachers should find this message of special value.

The midweek service next Wednesday at the Methodist church will be led by Robert J. Gian on the subject "The Prayer Life of Jesus."

The topic for next Sunday morning meeting of the Christian Science Society will be "God the Only Cause and Creator."

Due undoubtedly to the car shortage, production of the 143 mills reporting to the West Coast Lumbermen association for the week ending November 11 fell 2 per cent below normal. New business was 5 per cent below production and shipments were 7 per cent below new business. In 45 weeks production has been 3,802,556,279 feet; new business, 3,598,272,274 feet; shipments, 3,535,130,795 feet.

Approximately 137,000 pounds of English walnuts have been received at the warehouses of the Oregon Growers' Co-operative association of Salem this year, according to a report prepared by the officials of the association. There also have been received 3000 pounds of filberts. The growers have been offered approximately 20 cents a pound for their product, and will receive an average of \$36,000.

As he perches on the marble Pallas in Poe's poem with his dolorous reputation of "nevermore" the raven is a "thing of evil." In the legend of the Red-beard raven await the time when the raven shall come to life and appear on the battlefield. It is in his intention to fly three around the mountain when the proper moment arrives.

BROADHURST DRAMA PICTURIZED

Agnes Ayres and Jack Holt Play in "Bought and Paid For"

Agnes Ayres and Jack Holt, prominent stars, have the featured roles in William de Mille's picture, "Bought and Paid For," which will be shown Saturday at the Moro theater.

The picture is based on George Broadhurst's famous play and in its pictorialization none of the drama of the original has been lost.

Miss Ayres and Mr. Holt, in the featured roles respectively of Virginia and Robert Stafford, her husband, were at their best, both roles being splendidly portrayed. The comedy parts of James Gilley and Fanny Blaine, the husband and wife who suffer for material comforts when Virginia separates from Stafford, are played by Walter Hiers, famous portly comedian, and Leah Wyatt.

The picture is one of exceptional dramatic strength and is well worth seeing. As a high class production it is unsurpassed.

General News of the State

The so-called Jefferson section of the Pacific highway, which has been undergoing improvement for two months, has been opened to traffic. The improvement provides a continuous stretch of pavement from Portland to Wallula.

The Wallula cut-off, proposed to branch off from the Columbia river-alleyway and run direct to Walla, Walla via Wallula, eliminating the route via Pendleton, has been placed on the Oregon road map by the state highway commission.

In an endeavor to bring all the loganberry acreage in the state under co-operative control and raise the industry to an independent plane, which in effect will be a price-fixing independence, a meeting will be held at Salem on December 7.

Walter M. Pierce, democrat, defeated Ben W. Olcott, republican, for governor at the recent general election by a majority of 34,237 votes. This was announced by the secretary of state after complete official returns on state offices had been received from every county in Oregon. Mr. Pierce carried 29 of the 36 counties in the state.

The annual meeting of the Western Forestry and Conservation association, which will bring together prominent-forestry officials and experts from Oregon, Washington, Idaho, Montana, Utah and northern California, will be held in Portland Friday and Saturday.

Representative McArthur has announced the appointment of Lynn M. Reed and Clarence S. Howe, both of Portland, as cadets from the third Oregon district to the United States military academy in lieu of Carter B. Magruder and George C. Margens, both of Portland, who are to be graduated in June, 1923.

There were two fatalities in Oregon due to industrial accidents during the week ending November 16, according to a report prepared by the state industrial accident commission. The victims were Robert Hillstad, choker setter, Deer Island, and William Brubaker, mechanic, Salem. A total of 694 accidents were reported.

John C. Kendall, president of the Marshfield chamber of commerce, has presented to the Roseburg chamber of commerce plans for a big celebration to be held at Coos Bay during the latter part of July of next year, to dedicate the Roseburg-Coos Bay highway and to stimulate interest in the development of the western part of Oregon.

That it pays to maintain a traffic officer in Lane county is shown by the amount of fines collected during the past seven months from violators of the highway laws. Sheriff Stickels, reporting to the county budget committee, said \$2322.70 in fines collected from drivers of automobiles and trucks in that time had been turned over to the county treasurer.

Discouraged by failure to get fair returns on their investments, or to dispose of either grain, hay or livestock at a profit, no less than six prominent and formerly prosperous ranchers in the Halms section of the Powder River valley have held public auctions of their stock and farm equipment and abandoned what they term a futile effort longer to succeed at ranching.

The construction of a \$5,000,000 hydro-electric plant at Reclamation power site on the Deschutes river, was forecast at Portland by Guy W. Talbot, president of the Pacific Power & Light company, in a statement announcing the corporation's plans for a new link in the electrical energy chain of the northwest. The site of the project is 15 miles south of the confluence of the Deschutes and Columbia rivers and the company has filed application for the use of the site and the development of 10,000 horsepower. Preliminary surveys and tests already have been made.

Receipts on the Columbia river interstate bridge during the last ten months amount to \$234,000, according to a statement prepared for the bridge commissioners. This is \$23,000 less than for the same period in 1921. The Pacific highway north of Vancouver, Wash., was closed last summer and traffic used the ferries at Kalama and Kelp. The receipts for October amounted to \$28,028, which equals the previous record for this year. Clarke county's share of the bridge income since January 1 is \$80,007, while Multnomah county received \$126,010. The operating expenses in the ten-month period amounted to \$23,964.

APPETITE FOR BEST IN SOUL SECRET OF JOYOUS RELIGION

Local Theologian States Laws Which Govern Ways of Living

"Hunger is the best sauce." The proverb just quoted came into being long before the present plenty of pies and pastries, and the multitudinous concoctions in vogue for the whetting of the appetite of man. In the "good old days" the average man had but the staples to eat, and even sauce was often a luxury. Perhaps their sauce was not a regular side-dish, but an invention to make other foods palatable. In the poor man's home there were no questions asked as to the kind of food set before him. He was to eat, asking no questions. And many a child, when finding fault with the menu was simply told that he was not hungry. If he were only hungry everything would taste well. No sauce or relish was needed, only an appetite. Or, using the saying, "Hunger is the best sauce."

But this saying which originated at the poor man's table expresses a truth we can afford to heed in many places other than the dining room. As the best of food may be passed up because the eater is not hungry, so many of the best things of life are scorned by people because the appetite for that particular article has not been created. The people who have articles to sell have been spending their time concocting various kinds of sauces which shall make the article attractive to the consumer. Attractiveness has its place and purpose, but the big secret is in creating the appetite for the article in question.

There is a large element of our reading public which spends its time and money on literary slush. This slush may be highly spiced with appeals to the curiosity, to the morbid and sensual in man. Why will people not read that which is better? Their tastes have been perverted by the lower types of seasoning and they have never acquired an appetite for good reading.

The world is flooded with cheap music, and the phonograph records of this race ever time we pass a music store. People's tastes have been depraved by jazz and ragtime, until they will not listen to anything better. Their salvation is in the development of an ear for music, and a desire for the restful uplifting melodies of the great master pieces. No amount of advertising of good music will do much, until the ear can be taught to recognize the beauty and the grandeur of real harmonies.

You ask a boy why the same subject appears so different under various teachers, and the answer is: "So-and-so makes it interesting."

An appetite has been created. A man may find a multiplication table a complex affair, but when he has been offered 42 cents a pound for his 1400 bale woolclip, multiplication at once assumes a surprisingly interesting aspect. The history of the development of a smutless kind of wheat may seem dry and tedious to the average man, but when his last crop was destroyed by smut, and there is no promise of a remedy, he will devour the account most eagerly. His appetite for history has been whetted, not by a new kind of seasoning, but by a direct interest in his business life.

There is no doubt that some types of goodness might have been made more attractive than they have been in the past. But there is also a possibility that all this talk about Puritanical unattractiveness of the spiritual has been vastly overdone. We have today gone to the other extreme

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and have developed so much sugar coated religion that many people will never take the real article excepting under some sort of camouflage. The real trouble is that many people have a misconception of the meaning and reality of religion.

There are many who think of religion as an unnecessary part of life, which is optional with the receiver. For such no matter how attractive religion is made, it will be swallowed only in small and intermittent doses, depending on taste and pocketbook, and the absence of competitive interests.

But religion is not a luxury. It is a necessity. It is a part of the very make-up of a real man. The need is not for more seasoning in our religious life, but for a vision of the ethical and spiritual make-up of the soul, a vision of its starved out condition, a vision of its failure to function in the problems of human activity, and its fundamental place in the development of a personality, that shall be both rounded out and beautiful, practical and attractive, sinless and strong, purposive and eternal.

An appetite for the best in a man's soul is the secret of joyous religion. A vision of God, a vision of perfection, a vision of the world's need, and a vision of a world redeemed, are the great secrets of making religion interesting. The hunger for these are the secrets of true living.

(BY REV. H. G. HANSON, MORO, ORE.)

A San Francisco woman, who died several years ago, left \$5,000 each to ten of her nephews, on condition that her tombstone was to be replaced every two years with a new one on which such nephew in turn should put an inscription in verse setting forth his love and affection.

Force of gravity varies according to height above sea level and distance from the equator. As the force of gravity is 32.1612 feet a second in New York, 32.1528 feet a second in San Francisco and 32.1184 in Key West, an object would weigh most in New York and least in Florida.

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