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Those who take the ground that police methods could be made so terrifying to men and women of criminal tendencies as to prevent all crime are ignoring the fundamentals of human nature and the complexity of social relations. The hangman's noose and the electric chair do not prevent murder. The cure for crime evidently is not punishment. Sociologists are not agreed on methods the state should pursue in dealing with this phase of life, but they do seem agreed that the home must be the stronghold of civic virtue if we are to dwell in greater security from those who would raise their hands against public safety, says the New York Commercial. How essential it is that the home be the center of the state is seen in this, that no matter what has been done to direct the minds and footsteps of our boys and girls in the paths of right, the number of those who have chosen the paths of wrong have given the world its greatest problem.

Marshal Foch attempted to define the meaning of the word "invincible." According to various reports the French marshal said that "invincible" means "one who has not yet been vanquished" rather than "one who cannot be vanquished." This stirred up the intellectuals of Paris. "Invincible" became the talk of salons and boulevards. At length "The Forty Immortals," who make up the membership of the French academy, took the matter in hand. After solemn sessions the immortal forty handed down their decision, which was unanimous. Foch was sustained. "Invincible" means what he said it means. From which it may be inferred that "invincible" is a purely relative term, a point in which it differs little from various other things in this best, or worst, of all possible worlds.

There are differences in doctors as there are in patients, but the purpose of all is identical—the relief of the patient. Yet many patients fail to appreciate the fact and often unwittingly hamper and hinder the doctor in his work. This is particularly true of parents of sick children. Doctors are not magicians who can divine at a glance the cause, nature and treatment of an illness; they must ask questions and make examinations for which the child must be undressed, even in spite of cries and struggles. But these cries are often the direct outcome of the solicitation and fears of the mother or of the impression she has given the child as to what the doctor will do to him.

A lawsuit reveals that the late William Penn Snyder left an estate of \$40,000,000. It starts one thinking about our system, when one man can accumulate and leave that much, yet not one American in a thousand ever heard of him. Did you? He was an iron baron—owned furnaces in the Shenango valley, ore freighters on the Great Lakes and big iron mines in the Lake Superior country, not counting his side lines.

Japan Earthquake Drains Local Lake

Goose lake, noted for the abundance of large trout it contains and the wild life and beautiful scenery surrounding it, in the Columbia national forest reserve, Skamania county, almost became a dry lava bed last week because of cracks and holes in the bottom that have appeared lately. Since the earthquake in Japan it was noticeable that the water was fast disappearing. When the lake became a pond and thousands of fish were about to perish an investigation showed the water rushing through holes in the bottom. Game wardens and forest rangers have now succeeded in stopping the leaks by packing them with dirt and sealing with cement. It is at Goose lake where the footprints of an Indian moccasined feet and hands are embedded in the solid lava rock.

Just who has the right of way in the skies of Brazil? This is a question that is disturbing a good many Brazilians, a question that is made important by the very rapid increase in the use of hydroplanes along the seacoast and the rivers of the country. In a recent issue of the Brazilian American, published in Rio de Janeiro, it is suggested that the Americas unite their legal intelligence to give to the world a code of aerial laws. Here, certainly, is a job for someone, and a job which, to a greater and greater extent every year, needs to be done.

At the Fort Berthold Indian agency, in North Dakota, the red men decide that no Indian in that territory can have more than two dogs, and that these must pay \$1 a head license yearly. Each Indian was trying to keep at least six, and something had to be done. In some white sections you still can tell how poor a man is by the number of dogs he keeps. The person who wastes too much affection on mongrels is apt not to have enough for humans.

We can't see why jazz musicians should be paid \$14 a day. Riverboats, who only get \$10, make almost as much noise and do something useful besides.

When a hay-fever patient leaves for the north he thinks even the locomotive says ker-choo.

In these days of memorials it looks as if a tablet would be appropriate to the man who invented the icebox.

Zero in boasting is the claim of France that her budget is in better shape than any other on the continent.

Unemployment never becomes so prevalent but that there are more people looking for trouble than for work.

In estimating the expense of a vacation it is usually safe to add 50 per cent for the wife's clothes.

What we can't understand is who pays for the ink and paper that goes into the making of a German mark.

So far as the publicity they get is concerned, some sloping girls would make great movie actresses.

After centuries of experimentation, the only thing that has attained to complete tranquillity is a cloud.

So live that you won't have to blush for your grammar when at last your love letters are read in court.

Biographic History Sketch of Rev. J. M. Morrison

The following brief historical sketch of the life of Rev. J. M. Morrison was read by Rev. H. G. Hanson at the morning service at the Presbyterian church last Sunday. It will be transmitted to the Oregon Synod of the Presbyterian church to be included in the permanent church records of the work in Oregon as well as being filed with the records of the church for Moro district.

James McCalmont Morrison was born July 21, 1832, at Coleraine, Lancaster county, Ohio; the son of Alex Wilson and Margaret McCalmont Morrison. He was graduated from Delaware college in 1856 and from Princeton theological seminary in 1861. He was licensed by Bonaugh Presbyterian on June 4, 1861, and ordained by Platte Presbyterian on April 6, 1876. He served Upper Nottingham church for a while, then went into educational work, being principal of Spring Run academy 1864-66, and holding the same position in Female Seminary, Newburg, Pennsylvania, 1866-68. Returned to ministerial labors he preached at Rockford, Massouli 1869-72, organizing a church at that place in 1870. His next charge was Union and Kings City 1877-80, followed by service at College Springs and Blanchard, Iowa, 1880-81. At this stage he decided to cast in his lot in the great and growing west, coming to Oregon in 1884, and remained in this state until his death. His first charge was at Weston 1884-86, and then his last and longest work at Grass Valley, Moro, and Monkland 1886-99. While ministering from the active pastorate at this time, he did not give up preaching but for eight more years did considerable work in vacant churches and filling pulpits on Sundays. He passed away on August 29, 1922, in Portland, Oregon, at the home of his daughter, Mrs. Nannie B. Thomas, with whom he had made his home since his removal to Portland.

On November 8, 1862, he married Miss Nancy Bailey of Barleyville, Pa. His helpmeet passed on four years ago. Surviving him there are in addition to five great-grand children and eighteen grand children, the following sons and daughters: Joseph B. Thomas C. James M. Mrs. Nannie B. Thomas, Mrs. Margaret Bates, and Miss Maude Keenan.

While a man of scholarly tastes, devoting a part of his life to educational service, his work was largely in the smaller places and in pioneer labors. To this he seemed to have been eminently fitted, as revealed by the fact that he organized five churches during his ministry, and others grew out of the work which he was instrumental in starting. In his latter days he said that if he had his life to live over again, he would choose pioneer work. The estimate of his character as revealed by relatives, friends, and ministerial coworkers reveals him as a man of deep spiritual convictions, rich in that inner experience which betokens a close walk with God. He was an ardent prohibitionist, and always willing to cooperate with the various agencies which worked for the overthrow of the liquor traffic. His great reverence for the Sabbath, and faithful observance of it in pioneer fields no doubt wielded a silent influence even among those who had not learned this lesson in their personal lives.

The last years of his life were spent quietly in Portland at the home of his daughter. After a long consistent life of faithful service he has been called to his heavenly home, where the crown of glory is now his reward.

Dad's little red schoolhouse and its methods must go. Dr. J. George Becht, state superintendent of public instruction, sounded this warning in his address at the commencement exercises of Philadelphia Normal school, says the Philadelphia Bulletin. "What was good enough for me is not good enough for my children," said Doctor Becht, in discussing the need for better educational opportunities for everyone. "Not that my children are any better than I, but they have larger problems of life. Life is becoming more complex every day. Never before has there been so much need of sound thinking and sane living as today. The fifty thousand state public school teachers have a greater influence in fashioning the new generation than any other group. It is the job of the teacher to give the individual the largest measure of self-realization so that the individual shall develop his own initiative and know what to do when certain contingencies arise in his or her life. The greatest ministry the school can give is the ministry in search for truth."

When some one leaves this world to go to another, why is it usually said the person "died"? Is it right to say that John Burroughs, for instance, is "dead," when we know very well that he still lives, and that his feet are wandering in fields of asphodel in another country? That which was really John Burroughs could not die, says the Los Angeles Times. The poor, old worn temple that was his body crumbled back to the dust from whence it came. But John Burroughs, himself, is living still. The Christian Scientists say that he has "passed on." The Salvation Army say of their departed comrades that they have been "promoted." Both these phrases are infinitely better than the common usage.

Every Drop Needed. Spilled milk of human kindness is the only kind worth crying over.

Girl Pronounced Dead at Birth Conquers Disease

Superior, Wis.—Pronounced dead by a group of physicians shortly after her birth four years ago and having successfully combated fourteen specific diseases since that time, Beverly Jean Harter has just observed her fourth birthday anniversary as one of Superior's perfect children.

Local physiologists are firm in the belief that but for the fact that the child was of an age when worry is unknown, death would have been inevitable.

Her history follows: Born June 23, 1919. Weight, one pound.

Three months old, operated for abscess on neck.

Four months, stricken with double pneumonia; right lung became affected.

Next three months, compelled to lie on a hot water bottle, kept at body heat.

Pneumonia followed by pleurisy and brain fever with a temperature of 108½ degrees.

Brain fever abated, followed by typhoid of the bowels. Child's body turned black and became rigid.

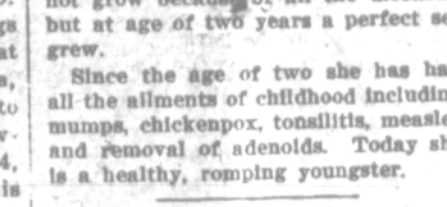
Typhoid combated successfully, and paralysis set in on right side.

At this time she was one year old and weighed eight pounds.

Parents were afraid teeth would not grow because of all the diseases, but at age of two years a perfect set grew.

Since the age of two she has had all the ailments of childhood including mumps, chickenpox, tonsillitis, measles and removal of adenoids. Today she is a healthy, romping youngster.

No, Look Again, They're Not Giant Mushrooms



They are merely Japanese workers in the rice fields where they wear the giant mushroom hats to protect them from the sun. The tiny rice plants are just being cultivated and are barely visible.

Great Sea Monster Infests Inland Lake

Omaha.—An order to a Boston firm for a whale harpoon, line and whaling gun was mailed from the town of Alliance, Neb. With it went the interest of thousands of Nebraskans, whose curiosity for years has been piqued by the mysterious freak of Alkali lake, near the village of Hay Springs, Neb.

For two years reports have been originating from farmers that a huge amphibious monster resembling a prehistoric dinosaur has made the alkali water its habitat, coming out at various intervals to prey upon live stock and in some instances terrorizing swimmers, fishermen and autoists who camped near by.

All doubt in Hay Springs as to the truth of the animal's existence was destroyed two weeks ago, when three tourists appealed to the Hay Springs chamber of commerce to rid the lake of the antediluvian monster, because they had been chased for several yards by the animal.

Two of the tourists were from Texas and the other was a Nebraskan. One of the trio sent in a signed communication to an Omaha paper asking for aid in capturing the freak.

By unanimous vote the Alliance Anziers' club took the first step in ordering weapons. A large posse will be formed, the members announced, and the lake will be searched with the aid of a large drag net. Men with boats will watch the marshy sections with guns and hooks.

Turtles Too Big to Land; They Shoot Them in Texas

Gilmer, Texas.—Out at Mud lake, where they catch sure-enough turtles, sometimes they have to shoot 'em. Four men have returned from a fishing trip near Mud lake on Cypress river and brought back a turtle weighing 125 pounds. They caught the turtle with a hook and when he stretched up his head above the water they realized it would be impossible to land him alive, so they shot him with a rifle and then fastened several other hooks to him and dragged him out.

Church of England Has Deficit. London.—The central board of finance of the Church of England has decided to hold a series of conferences in the autumn to deal with the deficit of £53,000 shown in the financial report of the church for the present year.

A Natural Query. "Aaron A. Piffer has had to sell his dry goods store and move to the city," related the landlord of the tavern at Tomhicken. "He made money in a modern way here, ever since he started twenty years ago. But about six months ago he married a handsome young second wife. Well, she said she preferred death to living in a small town like this."

"But," returned a hypercritical guest, "couldn't she have enjoyed both privileges by remaining here?"

British Royalty Is Too Busy to Unveil Tablets

London.—Members of the British royal family have announced that they will be obliged to decline future invitations to unveil war memorials.

This announcement was made when a reply of the duke of York to an invitation to unveil a war memorial was made public. The duke said that he, in common with other members of the royal family, found it impossible to travel over the country, especially for these ceremonies, when he has so many other pressing and important demands on his time.

Members of the royal family have already unveiled more than 300 war memorials which include many national memorials, to which local ones are but supplementary.

Paris Traffic During 1922. Paris.—During the year 1922, Paris trams and autobusses carried 908,425,496 passengers or 2,448,887 per day.

The number of first class passengers was 178,151,270 and of second class passengers 729,374,225. During the year trams and busses covered 132,178,045 kilometers.

Girl Imprisoned in Cellar Four Years

Blind, dumb, and partly paralyzed after four years of imprisonment in the dark, damp cellar of her home, Mary Alexia, ten years old, of Memphis, Tenn., was rescued by police and taken to a hospital.

Hospital authorities only recently revealed the girl's plight, although she was taken from her dungeon home three years ago when a plumber found her there. The girl had been imprisoned by relatives.

Boy, Seven, Saves Sister. Orlando, Fla.—Frank Eaton, seven years old saved his two-year-old sister from their home, which was on fire. The parents, who were away at the time, arrived in time to witness the rescue. Entrance would have been impossible when they reached the house.

More German Motorcars. Berlin.—The use of motor vehicles in Germany is rapidly increasing. At the end of 1922 there were in use 87,941 motorcycles, against 20,000 a year before; 82,505 private automobiles, against 30,457, and 43,457 motor lorries, against 30,267.

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