

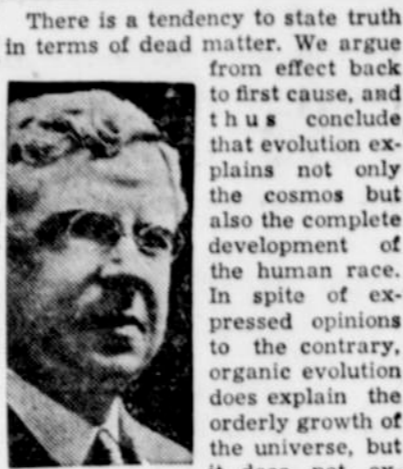
About People You Know!

- Mrs. N. H. Michelson underwent a major operation at the Community hospital here Tuesday.
- Mr. and Mrs. Dick Petersen of Chiloquin visited relatives and friends here this week.
- Clifford Bromley returned Tuesday from Marshfield where he has been visiting with friends and relatives for a week.
- Bob Sears of Grants Pass was a business visitor here Tuesday.
- Cliff Brenniman made a business trip to Roseburg Tuesday.
- Ralph Lamb visited his parents in Butte Falls last week-end.
- Mrs. Ben Tanner left Tuesday for a visit with relatives and friends in Berkeley, Calif.
- Mayor T. S. Wiley returned recently from Kansas City, Mo., where he has been attending a Nazarene church meeting.
- Vic Sander and Kathleen Jay spent Sunday at Crater Lake.
- George R. Dickinson made a business trip to Klamath Falls early in the week.
- Mr. and Mrs. E. A. Webb of Lakeview visited here Sunday at the home of Mrs. Margaret Miller.
- Robert Yeo of Grants Pass visited at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. James Yeo here last week-end.
- Dr. E. G. Everett, physician and surgeon, office 22 Swedenburg building, phone 18-J, residence phone 18-L. (42tf)
- Mrs. Bert Wright visited in Weed over the week-end with her husband, who has assumed the management of the New Broadway theater there.
- Jim McDonough of Dunsmuir visited here Monday.
- Mr. and Mrs. Lee Port sr. and Lee Port jr. of Applegate spent the week-end at the home of Mr. and Mrs. A. H. Peachey.
- The Rev. H. S. Wannamaker returned Sunday from a trip to Portland and Seattle.
- Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Stevens and daughter Lorraine visited friends in Grants Pass Sunday.
- Gordon MacCracken returned recently from a business trip to Salem.

- Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Elliott of Hills visited here at the home of Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Brown recently.
- Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Hale and daughter Darlene of Grants Pass visited here last week-end with Mr. and Mrs. George Goswick.
- Mr. and Mrs. S. H. Short and daughters Charlotte and Margaret spent Sunday at Crater Lake.
- Mr. and Mrs. Virgil Jackson visited relatives in Rogue River Sunday.
- Mrs. Almeida Russell returned recently from Condon, Ore., where she was called by the death of Mrs. May Russell.
- Mr. and Mrs. Herb Moore made a week-end trip to San Francisco over the week-end, returning with a county prisoner Monday evening.
- Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Hamaker, Cora Newhouse and Foster Thompson made a trip to Crescent City Sunday.
- Ray Frisbee, Arch Barksdale and Harold Oakley spent Sunday skiing at Crater Lake.
- William Briggs, who has been spending some time in Chicago and other midwestern points, is expected to return to Ashland today.
- Lee Ryan and Walter Leverette made a business trip to Portland early this week, returning Wednesday.
- Bill O'Brien of Medford visited friends here during the week-end.
- Lucille Chipman of Mount Shasta is visiting here at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Chipman.
- Mr. and Mrs. Leon W. Cullop are the parents of a son, born Monday morning at their home on Iowa street.
- Mr. and Mrs. Neil Murray of Portland visited here Sunday at the home of Dr. and Mrs. R. E. Walker. Mr. and Mrs. Murray, parents of Mrs. Walker, were enroute to New Orleans to spend the winter.
- Robert Young of Medford visited friends here Monday.
- Mrs. George Fox, Mrs. Hiram Hogan and son, Joe of Central Point visited here Sunday at the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Hoagland.
- Everett Acklin made a short business trip to Grants Pass Sunday.
- Carl McCune of Dunsmuir visited Ashland friends recently.
- Mr. and Mrs. Carlos Page of Roseburg visited here last week-end with their daughter, Margaret Page.

Is This a Friendly World?

By
LEONARD A. BARRETT



There is a tendency to state truth in terms of dead matter. We argue from effect back to first cause, and thus conclude that evolution explains not only the cosmos but also the complete development of the human race. In spite of expressed opinions to the contrary, organic evolution does explain the orderly growth of the universe, but it does not explain all that is implied in answer to the question, Is this a friendly world? Another tendency is to state truth in terms of cold reason. Unless we can see clearly our way through a certain truth or experience, we instantly brand it as doubtful or impossible. We instinctively demand the reason for things. Why did this or that happen? If a calamity strikes us unawares, we may become discouraged or rebellious. Without economic or moral reserve, we may reach the point of despair. The world seems then, anything but friendly. The world becomes adamant, cruel. We frequently hear people say that which we too have said: "Not this is no friendly world."

Another factor must enter the equation before we can determine whether or not this is a friendly world. That factor is purpose. Without consideration of the purpose of event we despair of obtaining a satisfactory solution of either a simple or a complex problem of life. There is a popular saying that whatever happens is always for the best. It is difficult to believe this at all times, especially when we look ahead. When we review our past experiences and the effect of one event upon another in the chain of circumstances our life has met, we are usually able to see beneficence for what once seemed a barnacle. To think that this old world has no purpose is thin and even vicious thinking.

In medicine we have many drugs, many of which are poisonous. A physician's prescription may contain one of these poisons. If we extract the poison and take it, we may die. If we take the medicine as given in the prescription, we may recover. So it is in our daily experience. We should not extract a great sorrow, or failure, or disappointment and judge life by that one event.

It takes all of one life's events to reveal the pattern that holds its unbroken thread of gold.

According to our vision of purpose so is our perception of life. It is our use of anesthetics that proves them a curse or a blessing. The savage who knows very little concerning the moral element of purpose sees in poison a drug that kills. He does not know that poison may be made a power for good; that electricity may be controlled for the advancement of civilization; that the darkness of the night need give no cause for fear.

We are far removed from the savage mind and heart. We cannot state truth in terms of destruction only. We know that this is an orderly universe. The element of purpose is in the cosmic process all the way from the tiny blade of grass to the giant oak of the forest. And all things work together for good in the moral and spiritual world.

Oldest Newspaper

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FRANK NEWMAN PENS POSITION ON 'GAMBLING'

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theory that after all is said and done, gambling has always existed and probably will continue to exist irrespective of law and law enforcement officers, and that it is best to let a sleeping dog sleep, and so long as gambling is kept somewhat under cover and control it is wiser to permit it to be carried on in that manner than it is to try to entirely eradicate it, and that this is proven by experience. There is undoubtedly a great deal of merit to such a contention in any locality where the people generally are more or less favorable to, or may I say indifferent toward, gambling, and I am offering no criticism whatsoever toward any municipality or municipalities in our county, nor to any officer or officers thereof, who at the present or in the past may have tried to work this problem out along the lines of least resistance, and at the same time in such a manner as in their judgment would be likely to reduce this evil of gambling to a minimum. From the standpoint of good business and in the interest of peace, such a handling of the problem may be well.

However, as I view it, so long as gambling is made a crime under the laws of this state, such law should be observed by the people generally, and I believe is so observed by far and wide the great majority of our citizens. That the people of this county and throughout the state of Oregon are opposed to gambling is amply proven by the result of the last election and gambling by cards has been a crime under the law of this state since 1876.

All Come Under Law
In view of this condition, should the law be enforced against some forms of gambling and not against other forms, or should certain individuals or business places be permitted to operate gambling games while other individuals and

business interests are not permitted to operate even a punchboard? The law makes no exceptions, and recognizes no distinctions. It is the plain duty of every citizen and every law enforcement officer to see to it that those who fail or refuse to obey the law are brought to justice, and I feel sure that every law enforcement officer in this county, be he an officer of city, county or state, is willing to cooperate to the fullest extent in the enforcement of such law—but these officers can or should act only in the regular and lawful manner provided by the law itself, and are not and should not be required to constitute themselves prosecutors, judge and jury.

There is scarcely a week passes that my office is not visited by, or telephoned by, some wife and mother who complains about the husband and father gambling away his meager wage at some illegal card game, and as a result his bills go unpaid and his family unfed, while a few professional gamblers or card sharks profit immensely through their ill-gotten gains. Are helpless wives and innocent children, to say nothing of the legitimate business and professional men, going to be made to submit longer to this sort of outrage, or are the respectable and law abiding citizens of this county going to get back of the law enforcement officers in an effort to put an end to gambling in our county in case those engaged in the conduct of such illegal gambling refuse to observe the law?

Pinballs All Gone

I am glad to state, however,

that the police officers and law enforcement officers, including this office, have received very good cooperation from those who in the past have operated some of the other gambling devices such as pinball machines, punchboards, etc., and that such operators have willingly and promptly removed all such illegal equipment from their respective places of business and I feel sure none of such games are now operating in this county.

I respectfully ask that like cooperation be given in connection with the operation of gambling by cards, to the end that our gambling laws, like other laws, may be observed or enforced, and thereby peace and harmony may be maintained among our citizens, and that the best interests of the general public may not be made to suffer through the illegal actions of a few greedy individuals who may have no regard for law or law enforcement if such enforcement tends to cause them some monetary loss. I respectfully solicit and confidently believe that the law enforcement officers of this county will receive the full backing and cooperation of the citizens of this county in their effort to rid Jackson county of all forms of gambling, and am writing this open letter for publication in the press in the hope and belief that its publication will bring about the desired result without the necessity of resorting to a more drastic method to accomplish such results.

Very respectfully submitted,
FRANK J. NEWMAN,
District Attorney.

DOG NOTICE

The County Court has set the dog license fee for this year at \$1.00 for males and \$1.50 for females, which is the minimum allowed by law. Get your license before March 1st as the penalty is then added.



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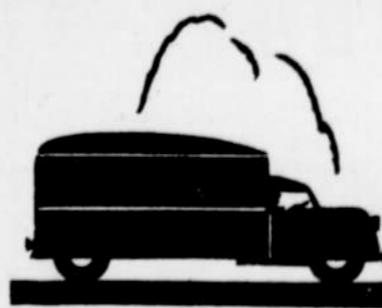
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