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## "THE SIN AGAINST THE HOLY SPIRIT" BY REV. FAGAN

Continued from issue Jan. 30th.

"There are some who teach that this sin is confined to the time Jesus was here in the flesh, and cannot be committed today. But let us remember that John, who wrote long after the death of Christ says, 'There is a sin unto death.' 1 John 5:16. Then there are those who think this sin is some dreadful act like murder, or theft, or adultery. But we need to remember that John says, 'If we walk in the light as he is in the light we have fellowship one with another and the blood of Jesus, His Son, cleanseth us from all sin.' 1 John 1:7.

"This sin can be committed today. Both by the man deep in sin, and also the good moral man. It is not confined to the licentious, degraded person, but may be committed by anyone who rejects the message of the Holy Spirit concerning the Christ. In order that we may clearly understand how this message is rejected, we must first notice how the Holy Spirit work through dreams, or visions, or mysterious feelings. But according to the scriptures he reveals his testimony through words. Notice carefully these passages:—1 Sam. 23:2, 'The spirit of Jehovah spake by me, and His word was upon my tongue'; Mat. 10:19, 20, 'But when they deliver you up, be not anxious how or what ye shall speak; for it shall be given you in that hour what ye shall speak. For it is not ye that speak, but the spirit of your Father that speaketh in you'; 1 Cor. 2:13, 'Which things also we speak, not in words which man's wisdom teacheth; combining spiritual things with spiritual words.' Now, these passages plainly teach that the Holy Spirit reveals his message by means of words. On Pentecost day, in the city of Jerusalem, the Holy Spirit revealed to the Jews through the words of the apostle Peter the fact that Jesus is the Christ. They accepted his message, and through faith, repentance and baptism, became Christians. On the other hand, in the seventh chapter of Acts, certain Jews rejected the message of the Holy Spirit as revealed through the words of Stephen, the first Christian martyr, and he said, 'Ye stiff-necked and uncircumcised in heart and ears, ye do always resist the Holy Spirit; as your fathers did so do ye. Now, what was it they rejected? The message of the Holy Spirit concerning Jesus as the Christ, and delivered through Stephen. Thus, in rejecting that message they were sinning against the Holy Spirit.

"Let us turn for a moment to the Old Testament. In Gen. 6:3, we read, 'And Jehovah said, My Spirit shall not strive with man forever, for that he also is flesh; yet shall his days be a hundred and twenty years.' How did God's spirit strive with men in those days? Through the words of Noah, the preacher of righteousness. Again, in Isaiah 63:10, we read, 'But they rebelled and grieved his Holy Spirit; therefore he was turned to their enemy, and himself fought against them.' How did they grieve the Holy Spirit? By rejecting the Spirit's message as delivered through Isaiah, the messenger of God.

"In the New Testament the method is the same. Heb. 3: 7, 8, reads, 'Wherefore, even as he Holy Spirit saith, today if ye shall hear his voice, harden not your hearts, as in the provocation, like as in the day of trial in the wilderness.' Now, when the gospel is preached unto you, which gospel is the message of the Holy Spirit, and you reject that message, you are sinning against the Holy Spirit. By your disobedience to the gospel you are deliberately tearing out your own spiritual eyes, and deafening your own spiritual ears. (Mat. 13:15). If you are not careful you may harden your heart so long, that the Holy Spirit's message may fail to make itself known to your consciousness.

"You are in danger of resisting the truth so long that you will seal your own conscience as with a hot iron. (1 Tim. 4:2). I do not teach that Christ cannot or will not save you if you will obey his gospel, but that you will resist the Spirit's message so long that you will lose all desire to accept the Christ, and the strongest message will absolutely fail to make any impression on you.

"The backslider is also in danger of reaching this condition. In Hebrews 6:4-6, we read, 'For as touching those who were once enlightened and tasted of the heavenly gift, and were

made partakers of the Holy Spirit, and tasted the good word of God, and the powers of the age to come, and then fell away, it is impossible to renew them again unto repentance, seeing (or while) they crucify to themselves the Son of God afresh, and put him to an open shame.' The writer here teaches that the backslider may continue in his backslidings so long that he will become an apostate one who counts the blood of the covenant wherewith he was sanctified an unholy thing, who treads under foot the Son of God, and who does despite unto the spirit of grace. (Heb. 10:29). Take care, then, my backsliding friends, lest you continue to drift away from Christ until you reach this unholy state. Cease putting him to an open shame and turn to him now, while the call to repentance comes to your hearts through this message.

"I have read somewhere that in a certain part of Scotland there are men who make heir living gathering the eggs of birds that are laid among the rocks on the sides of great cliffs. On one occasion a man fastened a rope around his body, then tying the other end securely to a tree he let himself down over the edge of the precipice and swung himself on to the ledge of rock where the eggs were to be found. While he was gathering the eggs he discovered to his horror that the rope had come untied from his body. It was swinging back and forth, but with each swing it was farther from him. He realized that if he was ever to save himself from his perilous position he must spring and catch the rope as it swung toward him the next time. It was his last and only chance. He sprang for the rope, caught it and pulled himself to mercy is swinging out toward you tonight. Are you going to lay hold of it and save yourselves? I wonder if in this revival which closes tonight God is giving some of you the last call you will ever hear. Then through faith, repentance and obedience to the gospel come while the opportunity is yours."

### Wool Car Here Feb. 24

Dates are now at hand for the Wool Car of the United States Department of Agriculture, which will soon spend a month through the wool and sheep centers of the state demonstrating improved methods in these industries to the Oregon Woolgrowers. The demonstration will be conducted by V. O. McWorter of the Department of Agriculture. Prof. O. M. Nelson, sheep specialist of the O. A. C. will accompany the car. The car will be in Arlington Feb. 23, Heppner, Feb. 24, Condon, Feb. 26, and at other points in the state until March 3. Local sheepmen are very enthusiastic regarding the visit of this exhibit and urge all interested in the industry in this community to see it while it is in Heppner.

### New Cashier Arrives

W. P. Mahoney, of Bonner's Ferry, Idaho, who has been elected to succeed his brother T. J. Mahoney, as cashier of the First National Bank of Heppner is now at his desk in the bank and has taken active charge. Mr. Mahoney is an experienced banker, having been located in that business in Idaho for many years. He will move his family to Heppner soon and occupy the residence heretofore occupied by his brother, T. J. Mahoney, the retiring cashier will go to Portland about the first of the month where he has been elected to a position with the Swift financial interests at the North Portland stock yards. The Mahoney family leave this week for their new home and Mr. Mahoney will join them by the first of the month.

The O. W. R. R. & N. Co. filed a report recently for the fiscal year ending June 30, showing total operating revenues \$17,447,345.65, as against operating expenses of \$11,136,806.71. However, the net income of the road for the period was only \$2,025,57, after paying of interest on the funded and unfunded debt and of rentals. No dividends were paid by the company.

It is estimated that four-fifths of the water available for irrigation and domestic use in the state of Oregon comes from the timber clad slopes of the national forests. The average acre of national forest land in the state sends to the streams sixteen times as much water as does the average acre of land outside the forest boundaries.

## PRIZES OFFERED MORROW STUDENTS FOR BEST ESSAYS ON HYGIENE

For the purpose of increasing interest in hygiene and giving drill in composition, an essay contest has been arranged.

As the state school law requires that hygiene, with special reference to the effects of stimulants and narcotics, must be taught in all schools, the contest is open to children of all grades.

The children in grades below the seventh may write upon any hygienic subject. The essays in these grades should be short and show definite and practical knowledge.

The Prize is \$5.00

In the seventh and eighth grades and in the high school the essays may be written upon any topic bearing upon the effects of stimulants or narcotics upon the body, the mind, or upon the efficiency of the individual, and his relation to society.

These essays should be based on scientific facts and show originality and study. The maximum number of words is fifteen hundred.

The state grade prize is \$10 and the National \$25.

The state high school prize is \$15 and the National \$50.

Some of these essays may be read in school or at a Parents meeting and the best essay in each of the three contests sent to Mrs. G. L. Buland, 606 Maple St., Portland, Oregon, by May 1.

If you desire reference material on these subjects you can get it from the State Library, Salem Oregon. They are sending out, upon application, Loan Libraries to assist the schools in this essay contest.

The essays sent to Mrs. Buland will be examined by judges selected by State Superintendent Churchill, the State Board of Health and the Oregon W. C. T. U., by the latter of whom the prizes will be awarded.

Now I would suggest that the principal or teacher of each school select three persons in the district, to judge these essays. The judges to select the best

three essays in each grade, (that is, three from below the seventh grade, three from seventh and eighth grades, and three from the high school).

These may be sent to the Co. Supt., where they will be submitted to three judges, who will decide which is the best, and their selection will be sent to Mrs. Buland, Portland.

They should however, be sent to this office about April first, so as to give the judges ample time to look them over carefully.

This plan would make the contest more uniform.

In addition to the prizes offered above, the Heppner Herald has offered to give \$5.00 to the one writing the best essay, in either Heppner, Lexington, or Ione, and \$5.00 for the best essay from the other schools in the county. The Herald and Gazette Times will publish in their papers, the two best essays from the above named schools, and the best two from the other schools of the county.

I hope the pupils of the Morrow County Schools will earnestly enter into this contest.

Very truly yours,  
Lena Snell Shurte,  
Co. School Supt.

### Teachers Notice

Heppner, Oregon.

Feb 6 1917.

To the Teachers of Morrow County:

The Department of Education has decided to return to the old plan of examination and not permit the book to be used in the eighth grade examinations, either in history or in civics next May or next June. Teachers of the eighth grade please notify your pupils.

Yours very truly,  
Lena Snell Shurte,  
Co. Supt.

Mat Halvorson of Ione transacted business in Heppner Saturday.

## PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION WILL GIVE DECISION ON PHONE SITUATION

Through S. E. Van Vactor, as attorney, Heppner business men filed a complaint against the local office and service of the Pacific States Telephone & Telegraph Company with the Oregon State Public Service Commission last week. This action was mentioned briefly in last week's edition of the Herald but, owing to the complaint having been filed so close to press time it was impossible to cover it in any detail.

The complaint was signed by The First National Bank, Minor & Co., Gilliam & Bisbee, Phil Cohn and Patterson & Son. It alleges that: the telephone service now maintained and furnished to the Heppner public by the Pacific States Telephone & Telegraph Co is inadequate, unfair, unequal and discriminatory, and that subscribers thereof and the public at large do not receive that to which they are entitled and for which they pay.

It states that the central office is located in a drug store, the dimensions and arrangement of which make it impossible for the public and patrons of the phone company to enjoy the use of the line in privacy, for the reason that the booth is in immediate proximity to any one who may be in the drug store, and that the conversations are audible to anyone in the store.

Complaint was also made of the alleged oft-time inconveniences in going from the operators station to the booth in the rear, a distance of about 55 feet. Attention is called to the fact that no benches or seats are provided for the convenience and accommodation of patrons who are compelled to stand during long waits.

The complaint describes the switchboard now in use in Heppner as being a relic of the past, antiquated and worn out and thereby rendering good service impossible. The complaint states that it is due to the antiquated switch board that in a large degree makes for a higher charge on long distant calls.

Further the complaint alleges that the operators are discourteous, unaccommodating and at times insulting. The commission was asked to give the matter a thorough hearing and order regulations to be made to establish a better service in Heppner.

Representatives of the phone company came to Heppner the latter part of the week, investigated conditions and conferred with the complainants. During their visit the officials were presented with a petition with the following statement: We, the undersigned, subscribers of the Pacific States Telephone & Telegraph Company's service in Heppner, Morrow County, Oregon, desiring to refute certain statements appearing in the Oregonian, to the effect that the service rendered by the said company in Heppner, Oregon is bad and that the operators of said company are insulting, state that we use the said service daily as such subscribers of said company; that the service given by the agent and operators of the said company is prompt and efficient, and further that the operators are courteous and attentive to their duty.

This petition was signed by more than ninety per cent. of the phone subscribers of the local office.

time to a certain extent seems to be out of place. The charges reflect to a certain extent on the treatment extended the public by the agent, T. J. Humphreys. All the changes which are asked for had already been asked for by Mr. Humphreys, and most of the improvements had been arranged for. The claim that the equipment is inadequate is correct. But Mr. Humphreys had been arranging for this and had received the promise of the Pacific States officials this, two weeks before the filing of the complaint. As agent for a long time for the phone company in Heppner, Mr. Humphreys has been a good and faithful public servant. He has continuously worked for the betterment of the service. His treatment to patrons has been courteous always, and he has been ever ready to accommodate them.

It is alleged in the complaint that the operators in the office are at times insulting. It is doubtful if ninety per cent of the phone subscribers would have signed the petition if they had been insulted by the company central office.

The business men of Heppner are right in insisting that Heppner and vicinity be furnished with better phone equipment, but it seems untimely that a complaint of this nature should be made just at the time Mr. Humphreys had succeeded in securing it, after working for it for several years, with no organized backing from the business men of Heppner.

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### Ladies' Day Popular

Thursday of each week has been set aside by Manager Curran of the Ten Pinnet Bowling Parlor, as Ladies Day. Last Thursday Mr. Curran invited all the ladies of Heppner, who enjoyed his excellent pastime, to be guests of the Parlor, allowing them the free use of the alleys.

Many of the ladies took advantage of this offer and spent the afternoon bowling. Several of the ladies proved to be very proficient and hung up scores that will be hard for the men to beat. Each Thursday afternoon hereafter will be Ladies Day and, although the men are not barred, the ladies will hold sway at the alleys.

### Dr. McMurdo Reports

Dr. McMurdo was called out to Frank Anderson's one day last week to attend Mrs. Anderson, who is quite ill. The Doctor reports several well known people improving, among them are Mrs. R.W. Turner, who is confined to her bed with La Grippe, and Geo. Perry, who has had the La Grippe, and Mrs. Ball. Miss Norma Fredrick is confined to her home in North Heppner with a severe attack of tonselitis. Herbert Hynd who has been quite sick, was compelled to leave school for several days while he recuperates at his home. Mrs. Joe Craig of near Ione was operated on by Dr. McMurdo last week for appendicitis and was able to return home last Monday.

J. W. Stevenson returned to his home in Pilot Rock last week after making an extended visit here with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Stevenson,

BR'ER FOX.



—Donnell in St. Louis Globe-Democrat.