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SOCIAL CENTERS.

Last Friday the Outlook had something to say about the decline of country churches in the state of Ohio, and the report of the investigating commission was probably true—that 10 per cent of the rural places of worship there have been closed, and that nearly all the remainder are losing ground.

By some irony of fate President Wilson spoke at Columbus, Ohio, on December 10th, just about the time the commission was making its report. His address pertained to the rural church and the vitalizing influence of christianity, and advocated the use of the country church as a social center.

Such usage of the little church would help to disarm the opposition in many communities to the use of the schoolhouse for neighborhood gatherings when school is not in session. There are egotists who have got the whole perspective of life wrong, and included among them are those who object to the use of the schoolhouse for anything but school purposes, and who would keep the church doors locked except on Sundays. Such persons conceive themselves as the center of affairs and have not become related to the great forces which dominate the world. It is such persons who are depleting the country churches of their congregations and are making wrecks of their communities.

A hundred years ago this whole country, as then known, was characteristically rural and practically all its strength was drawn from the countryside. That time has passed away in the older settled states, where the big cities have made their influence felt, but on the Pacific slope there is yet some of the old spirit of the country remaining. How much longer will that condition exist, where men, women and children are familiar with each other in long established neighborhoods?

Our rural districts are changing, even here, and are not now just what they used to be, and have partaken in recent years of the fluidity that has characterized our general life. So that we have again and again been called upon from one point of view to another to study the revitalization of the countryside and deplore the change that has taken from it the great charm of rural social life.

SATELLITE CITIES.

Just now, when the Portland Chamber of Commerce is engaged in the task of inducing factories to come to Portland, as outlined by H. L. Idleman at the recent meeting of Pomona grange, the subject is of more than passing interest.

An author, Romeyn Taylor by name, has written a series of articles on what he terms "Satellite Cities." He favors the "outward thrust" of great industrial centers, or a shifting from the congested centers to the adjacent country, where lands are cheaper and where suburban colonies, so to speak, spring up, being thus separate and yet dependent upon the parent city.

This idea voices what the Outlook has said regarding the effort that should be made to have factories located here. The advantages of the open freedom for growth and reduced costs of lands and taxation are apparent, hence the simile of "satellite."

Another object would be the new social problems that accompany such changed conditions. The transference of a large number of workmen bodily from city to suburban localities has civic consequences not at first apparent to one who is not a social student; the meeting of such civic needs becomes a problem. The study as a whole offers new data for our theory of a comprehensive and workable social program, and is accordingly valuable.

All of the happenings that might have caused the grip epidemic no doubt happened and have been happening for some time, and will continue to happen notwithstanding the utmost vigilance of the victims, but even that does not explain the sudden outbreak of the illness or its gradual passing. Clear, isn't it?

GOOD PLACE TO LEAVE.

We hear so much about the "legislative reforms" put in effect in Australia that it is interesting from the pen of a Californian how some of these measures work out. Rev. J. W. Webb, of Fresno, now in Australia, in a letter to the Fresno Republican tells of the sumptuary legislation in effect in New South Wales, which is part of the Australian commonwealth.

Rev. Mr. Webb declares that everywhere you go legislation on every conceivable subject awaits you:

"If you are erecting a building for home or business, its dimensions, material, plumbing, etc., are supervised and controlled by the authorities. If your employer or contractor has any grievance or supposed grouse, he can stop everything while a board of compulsory arbitration investigates and decides—the employer thinks "ten times out of nine"—in favor of the workman. All stores except where provisions are sold (and they must have relays of employes) are by strict law daily closed at 6 p. m. and at 1 p. m. on Saturdays.

"In New South Wales they are regulating the price of commodities; it being a misdemeanor to sell at a higher price than that prescribed. Prices are soaring. My host complained that he had to pay a pound (about \$5) apiece for turkeys. He is a caterer.

"A storekeeper in the country charged the regular price plus freight for some goods. For this he was fined fifty pounds (nearly \$250.) He paid under protest and put his business and property in the hands of a real estate agent for sale, declaring that he would go to some country where he could get justice."

"DANGEROUS ADVICE."

Last Sunday's Oregonian had an editorial with the above caption, disclosing "how a minority might impose their views on a majority as to woman suffrage or prohibition."

The editorial supplements two other articles, one in the Atlantic Monthly, the other in the Omaha Bee, but the closing sentence in the Oregonian's editorial evidently sustains Congressman McArthur's contention that he is in duty bound to oppose national prohibition because his district voted wet, though only by a small majority.

The Oregonian says: "If representatives in congress vote the sentiments of their constituencies on constitutional amendments the danger of minority rule is wholly avoided."

It is true, as stated in the three articles, that the thirty-six smallest states, with 40,000,000 inhabitants, can pass an amendment against the wishes of 50,000,000 people in twelve states, but the same proposition comes up with every presidential election. A minority vote of the people under our system has been known to elect a president; so the phenomena of minority rule is not new. Our system needs changing so that the true principle of democratic rule may prevail, which means a majority vote of the people themselves upon all national propositions.

Up at Oregon City the drinking water doesn't have to be boiled any more, but of course they don't unboil that which was already boiled when the new water supply was finished from the mountains.

In this world the burden of righteousness rests on the sinner, as the burden of taxation rests upon the poor man. And we have many a moral man who doesn't pay his taxes.

No, gentle reader, Searsgomery & Wardbuck are not filling mail orders for booze. The mail order houses for that kind of merchandise will be located in California.

War is said to be helping the science of dentistry. Nothing new in that, for even a fist fight has often given the dentist a job.

They manure the hands of the sausage stuffers in the big packing plants, but they make the sausage out of dead animals.

The movies have been suggested as a finishing school for actors. A good many of them are seeing their finish on the screen.

"The Light that Failed" would be a good motto for Henry Ford to adopt when he gets back to America.

It is not envy that makes us contrast our lot with that of people who have plenty. It's poverty.

It will soon be the time of year to say something about swatting the fly.

Trespassing fatalities seem to be increasing of late; so do the damage suits against the railroads.

The days are growing longer but there is no analogy between days and purses.

An Indiscreet Envoy.

In a "History of the Turks", Chalcoeylas, a Greek, relates how a fleet of crusaders sailing toward Constantinople in the beginning of the thirteenth century was becalmed at the entrance of the Hellespont. At that time there was at the court of Athens an ambassador to the king of France, who set out in a galley to visit the chiefs of the fleet. The admiral confided to him that he had been ordered to take Constantinople by surprise. The ambassador spoke of the difficulties and dangers of this passage as it was between two banks from which ballistae could hurl upon the vessels enormous stones, boiling oil and above all, Greek fire. The admiral revealed to him that the governors of the forts would make little resistance, as they had been bribed. The envoy was so pleased that as soon as he had returned to land he had great trouble to hold his tongue. He was heard to prophesy in mysterious words that the famous passage would soon be forced. As there were spies on all sides, the words of the ambassador were soon carried to Constantinople. When the fleet presented itself in the Hellespont the catapults of the Turks manifested great activity. The bribed captains of the forts had been removed and others were in their places. The indiscreet ambassador was recalled to Paris and executed.

Cromwells Way.

In the days when Oliver Cromwell was lord protector of England, there was no fine discrimination to favor members of an embassy. When such members committed crimes against the law of the land they were held to the same accountability as though they had been natives. So it was that on July 19, 1653, Don Pantaleon Sa, a Portuguese nobleman, brother of the ambassador from that country to England, and a Knight of Malta, was beheaded on Tower hill. He had killed an Englishman, mistaking him for another. The Portuguese took refuge with his brother, the ambassador, who claimed that by the law of nations his house was an inviolable sanctuary for all his countrymen. Cromwell sent a messenger to state that if the criminal was not given up to the civil authorities the soldiers would be withdrawn from guarding the embassy and the mob left to do as it pleased. Every effort was made by the Portuguese and other ambassadors to save Don Pantaleon's life, but without avail. Cromwell made no other reply than, "Blood has been shed and justice must be satisfied."

An eastern mail order house has the American copyright of the Encyclopedia Britannica which will make its eleventh edition this year. It was first published in 1768 and is gaining in usefulness right along. But the strangest thing is that some big publishing house isn't handling it. There will be eight different styles ranging in price from \$68.54 to \$267.50.

List of Letters.

Remaining letters uncalled for in the Gresham postoffice for week ending December 26, 1915: Letters—Mrs. Ben Halsted. Cards—Mr. and Mrs. Harold Hockett.

These letters will be sent to the dead letter office January 9th, 1916, if not delivered before. In calling for the above, please say 'advertised', giving date of list. I. McCOLL, P. M.

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J. A. FRAKES

PHONE 831 GRESHAM

CHERRYVILLE

Alex. Brooks, of Hood River, spent several days last week with Wm. Rugh and family. Mr. Brooks will spend the holidays with his sisters at Tacoma.

Mrs. Jennie Averill spent the week end with her daughter Lillian at Sandy. Miss Lillian's pupils of Sandy school gave a very pleasant entertainment Friday afternoon.

Miss L. Northrop attended the Christmas exercises at Sandy school Friday.

J. T. Friel, Jr., and wife are visiting in Portland this week.

J. T. Friel, Jr., sold to Alex. Brooks last week eight lots near the postoffice.

T. Garlro and Phil Stiller are now employed at the Ritzer shingle mill. F. Sirois and son are clearing land on the Honey place.

Mr. and Mrs. W. G. Webber dined Sunday with F. E. Clark and wife at Cherry Acres.

Mr. and Mrs. R. Murray and Mr. and Mrs. Wm. McIntyre were Sandy visitors Monday.

Quite a number of our young people attended the entertainment at Sandy given by the high school pupils on Saturday evening.

Danger Signal.

If the fire bell should ring would you run and stop it or go and help to put out the fire? It is much the same way with a cough. A cough is a danger signal as much as a fire bell. You should no more try to suppress it than to stop a fire bell when it is ringing, but should cure the disease that causes the coughing. This can nearly always be done by taking Chamberlain's Cough Remedy. Many have used it with the most beneficial results. It is especially valuable for the persistent cough that so often follows a bad cold or an attack of the grip. Mrs. Thomas Beeching, Andrews, Ind., writes: "During the winter my husband takes cold easily and coughs and coughs. Chamberlain's Cough Remedy is the best medicine for breaking up these attacks and you cannot get him to take any other." For sale by Gresham Drug Co.—Adv.

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SMALL POTATOES wanted. T. R. Howitt. Phone 516. tf

FINAL ACCOUNT.

In the County Court of the State of Oregon, in and for Multnomah County.
In the matter of the Estate of Josephine Congdon, Deceased.
No. 11276.

Notice is hereby given that the undersigned as administrator of the estate of Josephine Congdon, deceased, has filed his final account of said estate, in the above entitled court; and that Thursday, the 30th day of December, 1915, at the hour of 9:15 o'clock a. m. of said day, at the courthouse at Portland, in said county and state, has been appointed as the time and place for the hearing of objections to said final account, and the settlement thereof.

All persons having objections to said final account are hereby notified to present the same at such time and place.

W. H. CONGDON, Administrator.
MILO C. KING, Attorney for Administrator.

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