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OUR SUPREME COURT.

The Portland Oregonian has announced its interpretation and construction of the constitution of the state in reference to the increase of the members of the supreme court.

But who is to judge? Shall it be the journalist or the judge? Constitutional interpretation is a science (legal) by itself concerning which the "literati" or the philosopher may be ignorant.

The literal interpretation of the constitution of this state means that the supreme court shall consist of three judges, except to those minds distorted by legal haggling or legal construction.

The state would have had a constitutional amendment permitting five judges at the last election had it not been for the Oregonian and a "political nincompoop" with ambition to sit on that bench.

A shallower, cheaper or more unreasonable argument could not have been made. But all things have their effect—as did this. The legislature passed a law increasing the bench, though the amendment failed.

What is the remedy? Shall it be a literal constitutional interpretation against the language of the instrument, or shall common sense outweigh technicality?

REFORM DEFEATED.

The defeat of reform forces in New York and San Francisco is another victory for organized graft and greed, not unexpected, but not less humiliating to decency.

In New York the tremendous patronage insured by the expenditure of hundreds of millions, police vote-buying of criminals in return for political support, and the scientific corruption of voters have again triumphed over the folly of a divided opposition.

In San Francisco the old Ruef gang, in alliance with the United Railroads and the Southern Pacific machine, are again restored to power, and the prosecution of the grafters is at an end.

But because organized corruption has been able by the lavish use of money to win an election is no cause for discouragement or for abandonment of the cause of reform. "Eternal vigilance is the price of liberty," and popular government means a never-ending battle with graft.

Contest For Browniekar

Attracting a Deal of Attention From Old as Well as Young.

On account of the press of business the coupons could not be counted until Tuesday afternoon. We regret to state that a great many of the boys and girls who are collecting coupons have not turned in their names.

There is a lot of holding back of coupons, too—which is all right, if you wish to do that, but when we offer extra inducements like last week you should work for those extra inducements.

paid real money for collecting, so that all are being paid for the work they are doing for this store. The contest is just beginning—every boy or girl who will work stands a good show to secure the automobile, and if you don't get the auto you do get paid for your work.

Below is printed the list of contestants to date and how they stand. Francis Kurth stands at the head and will receive an extra 1000 on her total at the finish, but this is no reason to say that she will be first, for we have given out about 20,000 coupons since the start, and only about 10 per cent have come in.

Table listing names and coupon counts: Francis Kurth 320, Neil Harris 317, Myrtle Davis 232, Roy Reynolds 204, Paul Russell 97, Harry Wortman 80, Myrl Garnett 74, Elsa Snyder 30, Leora Davis 23, Browning Pardin 25, Mable Ednaeds 25.

Mr. and Mrs. Miles Cantrall of Applegate were shopping in Medford Tuesday.

THE BASIS OF CHRISTIAN SCIENCE

Judge Septimus J. Hanna Addresses Large Audience and Splendidly Treats of Christian Science—The Doctrine of the Bible.

A large and appreciative audience gathered in the Medford opera house Tuesday evening to hear the lecture on Christian Science by Judge Septimus J. Hanna of Colorado Springs, who is a member of the Christian Science board of lecturership of the First Church of Christ, Scientist, of Boston, Mass.

Judge Hanna proved a very able and capable speaker, holding his hearers throughout. He was introduced by Porter J. Neff with a few well chosen words. He said in part:

The subject of my lecture indicates fairly well its scope and purpose, "Christian Science, the Religion of the Bible." We do not mean by this that Christian Science is the only religion which claims biblical authority, but are aware that it is one thing to claim scriptural authority in a general way and another thing to prove such authority from the scriptures.

What It Is.

Before proceeding to this branch of my remarks, however, and acting upon an assumption which I am in the habit of acting, namely, that there are more or less present who are not of our faith—some, maybe, who are investigating, but not thoroughly convinced, some who are skeptical as to whether Christian Science is what it purports to be, yet others who have come for the first time to hear the subject publicly presented, I will say that Christian Science has a text book. It is a treatise on healing through the power of God or the divine mind. Or, as we claim, it is a thorough exegesis of the scriptural method of healing all manner of diseases, and of curing all manner of sin through the understanding of God as all-present, all-powerful, all-wise. In short, it is a spiritual interpretation of the Bible.

The author of a book of note and of value is a person of whom people desire to know, therefore I shall refer briefly to the life and character of Mrs. Eddy. It may not be amiss for me to say that for nearly ten years, as former first reader in the mother church in Boston and editor of the official periodicals, I have had opportunities which enable me to speak intelligently of her life and character as well as of her labors and literary attainments.

Mrs. Eddy.

Speaking from this vantage ground I can truthfully say that, intellectually, she is one of the most alert persons I have ever known; that she labors incessantly and unselfishly for the cause to which she has devoted her life, and that, notwithstanding her years, she performs an amount of labor each day which, if known, would seem incredible, even if done by one yet in the adolescence of life. As to her religious character, I speak my profoundest conviction when I say I believe it to be in accord with the highest standard of Christian living. Yet, notwithstanding her highly spiritual nature, she is withal an intensely practical person. She keeps close watch of current affairs and acquaints herself with the world's doings. She is, moreover, a patriotic citizen. Mrs. Eddy, like all great religious and moral reformers, has been the target for misrepresentations and sometimes malicious attacks. The animus of these attacks is so apparent that they have fallen harmless.

We believe in a God who possesses the power to forgive and who does forgive all the iniquities of his children, a God who possesses the power to heal and who does deal all the diseases of his children, who redeemeth their life from destruction, who crowneth them eternally with loving kindness and tender mercies. Have we been generally taught of such a God? On the contrary, have we not been too generally taught of a God who so far from forgiving all the iniquities of his children, has provided a means and place of eternal punishment for such of them as fail to live up to a prescribed course of conduct? A God who so far from healing all the diseases of his children, sends disease upon them in order to chasten and make them better? This manifestly was not David's conception of God.

I now call your attention to a part of the New Testament record which

we consider as fundamental Christian doctrine teaching. I refer to the great commandment given by Jesus to his disciples, called by some Bible commentators his great commission to the twelve. If it is true that this part of the Bible is fundamental Christian doctrine or teaching then surely those who desire to live Christian lives cannot too much study nor too well understand it. For present purposes I quote the account contained in Matthew 10th:

"Go not into the way of the Gentiles, and into any city of the Samaritans enter ye not; but go rather to the lost sheep of the house of Israel. And as ye go preach, saying the kingdom of heaven is at hand.

"Heal the sick, cleanse the lepers, raise the dead, cast out devils; freely ye have received, freely give.

"Provide neither gold nor silver, nor brass in your purses. Nor scrip for your journey, neither two coats, neither shoes, nor yet staves; for the workman is worthy of his meat." Or of his hire, or wages, as it is elsewhere rendered.

One Commandment.

This commandment is a unit. It is not two commandments. There is in this language no authority to separate or subdivide it. No more authority to do this than there is to reject it as a whole. The words relating to healing sickness and doing the works there mentioned are not part of the general commandment, but of part the very sentence in which occur the words relating to preaching. Yet we have been taught to believe that while a part of this commandment was intended for all times and all peoples, another part was intended only for a particular time and a particular people. In other words, that the part relating to preaching the gospel was to be handed down to all the nations of the world, until the heathen nations should be converted to the Christian religion. But that the part relating to healing the sick and doing the other works mentioned was intended only for the time of Jesus and his disciples. Or, in yet other words, the theoretical part was to be perpetual, but the practical part, the doing of the work, was to be relegated to the dead ages of the past, left away back beside the sea of Galilee. Christian Scientists cannot agree to this attempt to cut out or make obsolete this part of the great commandment. Had they no other authority than this which I have quoted, they would feel compelled to maintain that this commandment has not been fully complied with, and shall not be fully complied with until the sick are healed and the other works mentioned therein accomplished, in accordance with the teachings and methods of the founder of the Christian religion.

In thus endeavoring to obey the teachings of Christ Jesus in all their fullness and to establish upon earth his complete gospel, are Mrs. Eddy and her adherents doing rightly or wrongly? Are they or are they not entitled to the good will and the good fellowship of all who desire a full reign of Christ's gospel in the earth—a complete redemption of humanity from all its sins, its sorrows, its

WHAT PAPERS HAVE TO SAY OF CONSOLIDATION

(Salem Journal.)

George Putnam, president of the State Press association, has consolidated the Medford Mail, the Southern Oregonian, the Jacksonville Times and the Medford Tribune all under one name—the Mail Tribune, and will publish the same as a large evening newspaper for that section of the state. Mr. Putnam is a born newspaper man, a booster and promoter to beat the band, and his success means great things for Southern Oregon in general and Medford in particular.

(Eugene Guard.)

The morning and evening papers of Medford have consolidated and only the evening Tribune will be issued in the future. Newspaper men in most places lack the business judgment to do a sensible thing like that.

(Roseburg Review.)

Formal announcement has been received of the consolidation of the Daily Medford Mail and the Daily Tribune. After a year and a half of effort and heavy expense this is the outcome of trying to maintain two modern daily papers in a town of that size. The Dalles had a similar experience some years ago, and La Grande likewise. A like experiment is being tried in Marshfield, but the final result is inevitable. While the conditions at Medford may have been different, there is rarely any excuse for more than one daily being published in a town of less than 10,000 inhabitants, and where a second one is started it is usually an attempt to gratify some personal or political ambition (or personal spite) and not because there is any public demand for it. Representing no public interest, the more or less brief career of such organs are limited to the time when the special interest backing them gets tired of paying the bills.

griefs, its woes, its sicknesses and its deaths?

May we not fairly ask our friends of all Christian churches: If it is right to do or undertake to do a part of the works, which Jesus said must be done by those who believe on him, is it not right in a greater measure to do, or undertake to do all of such works? If, on the other hand, it is wrong to do or undertake to do all of those works, it is wrong in relative degree to do or undertake to do a part of those works. How, then, can anyone claiming to be a follower of the Christ consistently disavow or denounce the teachings of Christian Science and the glorious results hereof?

Christian Scientists do not claim to be able at this period to do all the works that Jesus and some of his disciples did, but they do sincerely claim to be making an honest and united effort in that direction.

And even thus far their labors have been crowned with such wondrous and gratifying success that they may well be encouraged to go on and on in the Christ way, with the full hope and expectation and knowledge that if they are true to their sacred trust, sooner or later there shall be accomplished here upon this earth all of the great works that Jesus did and taught his disciples to do, and which he commanded them to hand down to all the nations of the world, as we have clearly shown. Not only so, but the greater works of which he prophesied shall also be accomplished.

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Good 4-room house and large lot; a small payment down; balance at 6 per cent \$1000

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One acre, 9-room house, barn, chicken house, city water, only 500 feet from Riverside avenue \$3400

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Nine-room modern house, Bungalow addition, lot 50x160, corner 4th and Orange, near Oakdale ave. \$3050

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