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ing for the consideration of Church nominations, especially the clergy, to Federation was held tuday. The spaclous Brooklyn Academy of Music was crowded with Christian people of all denominations to attend the third nation. They do not claim that it of the series of four meetings called by the Peoples Pulpit Association. Pastor C. T. Russell of the Brooklyn Tabernacle addressed the large it would give them an authority in the audience for an hour and a half. The deep interest feit was evidenced reasonableness to the Federation of by the profound silence, as well as by the eagerness of face. The text was posing as one church in the Federathe same as on the two previous occasions, "Say ye not, A Federation, to all them to whom this people shall say, A Federation; neither fear ye their fear, nor be afraid" (Isaiah vill, 12). The speaker said :--

We meet today to consider what sacrifices would need to be made in the interests of Federation by the three oldest denominations of Christendom. Of these Lutherans have least to surrefder. Their tenacity for the Word of God they may still maintain, even though others of the federated bodies might more and more abandon the Holy Scriptures, under leadership of the Universities, Colleges and Seminaries teaching Higher-Criticism-Infidelity and the Evolution theory. The Federation nevertheless would still permit Lutherans and others to love and reverence the Word of God and yet be in fellowship. Almighty God. the Son of God and the Holy Spirit. firmly believed in by Lutherans, would all be acknowledged with more or less of mental reservation by all the denominations associated in the Federation. Nothing along these lines would need to be abandoned. Even Luther's plea of consubstantiation in the Eucharist may be held without objection. Even the honor of being the first denomination of the Reformation might still be held. We conclude then that Lutherans would not be required to sacrifice anything.

Some Things In Common.

Episcopalians and Catholics have some things in common. They each claim to represent the original apostolle Church. They each claim (through their bishops in the laying on of hands) apostolic authority. Their common claim is that all other denominations of Christians whatsoever are false churches without Divine authority and hence not to be recognized or tolerated. Accordingly no minister of another denomination would be permitted to preach either in a Catholic or an Episcopalian pulpit. And if by mischance such a circumstance should occur it would be considered necessary to purge the sacred spot by a kind of re-consecration. From the standpoint of these denominations all others are heretics; but, they say, not

willingly so, but ignorantly so. Here note the fact that a cleavage

Sunday, Jan. 30 .- The third meet- | would urge Christians of the other deconsider the advantage which would accrue to the Federation by having all Protestant ministers accept their ordiwould make them wiser or better men, nor more efficient teachers, either of truth or error. But they do claim that eyes of the people and give color and many churches with discordant creeds tion arrangement.

The argument is, "The common people, the laity," are disposed more than ever to think for themselves on religious subjects and to study the Bible for themselves. If, therefore, as ministers, you desire to hold the people in check so that they shall not think for themselves you would do well to concede the claim of apostolic succession-that no one is permitted to interpret or teach the Bible except those who have received apostolic benediction. It was disregard of this claim of apostolic benediction which led to freedom of thought on religious subjects and ultimately led to the formation of the various sects. You should now seek to restrict further investigation of the Bible and further interpretation of it by accepting our theory, by permitting us to grant you recognition in some simple form of the rights of apostolic authority through our bishops. If you do not do so you will more and more lose your hold or the people, for we are coming more and more to a time of individual thought on every topic

The Scriptures intimate that this argument will ultimately prevail and great Protestant denominations be thus vitalized and, in co-operation with Catholicism, for a short while Iominate Christendom socially and politically, crushing out individual thought and negativing and black-list ing all religious teachers outside the Federation and its Catholic Ally. From this standpoint the Episconia system will love nothing, but even b a gainer of prestige through the Fed eration

What Catholics Would Surrender. For Catholics to join the Federation | that for a long time our great Adverouid signify the surrender of a great deal, and yet, in the light of the Twen- and superstition. In getting free from from Portland Friday to visit home tieth Century, surely much could be which many bright minds have reacted folks a few days. surrendered without any sacrifice of towards infidelity, because they did manhood-merely with the sacrifice of not see that many of the teachings of a little pride. For the Church at Rome | the past, both Catholic and Procestant, to federate with the Protestant were not only irrational, but most posi-Churches would mean that they cease tively unscriptural teachings of men. ed to protest and that she relinquished | and, as St. Paul declared, "doctrines of her peculiar chaines:

(1) That she alone is the Church of Christ and has authority to instruct; (2) That she is more than a Church or prospective Kingdom-that to her kings and emperors are now abrogathas been committed by God the ruler-

to rule or to coerce the people. More and more the masses demand Congresses, Parliaments, Reichstags and Doumas. And more and more do they demand that these shall reflect the sentiments of the people in civil and religious matters. The day of darkness and ignorance in which the people believed that popes and kings were Divinely appointed to rule them with Divine authority has gone by. General intelligence has taught mankind that it is a mistake to suppose that one God-appointed king and kingdom were Divinely appointed to wipe another Divinely appointed king and kingdom off the face of the earth. Hence

popes and kings now admit that they reign by a popular sufferance, and their appeals for money, for armies obliterate each other, but on the score of self-defense. This claim, however, wholly de-

stroys the argument that we are now or ever in the past have been under Christ's Kingdom, either direct or through the popes. Neither now nor at has there been a reign of righteousness such as the Scriptures declare Christ's Kingdom shall be. May we not, then, with good grace-Catholics and Protestants-admit that neither our Catholic popes, emperors and kings, nor our Protestant kings, emperors and heads the ministry in the house of lords. of Churches are reigning with any judgment? Let us humbly admit the nonsense of the legends on our coins. Catholic and Protestant, to the effect that kings and popes reign by the grace of God-by Divine appointment. Let us rather say that they came into wer through the exercise of brute po force and in a time of common public ignorance. Nor by this do we mean any disrespect to the governments of today-rather we have shown that tothe people are ruling through day their Congresses, Parliaments, Reich-

stags, etc., and that the kings and power, more or less useful and de- race in his college career. pendent upon the good-will of their If it be asked how we shall account for the period of the dark ages and autocratic and devilish misrule, our reply would be to point to the Apostle's

operates through the disobedient- fore. through those not in harmony with God, who constitute the vast majority in Christendom and elsewhere. And we remind you that our Lord Jesus also spoke of Satan as being the Prince of this world or age (John xli, 31), and of himself as the Prince or Ruler of the coming Age, the Millenniai Age (John xviii, 36). Ah, yes! the sooner both Catholics and father. Protestants admit what they and all

the world now see, the better-namely sary held us in a bondage of ignorance

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has been closed the past few months LONDON, Feb. 28 .- The support- and will be opened with new furniers of the Asquith ministry as, ture complete. sume from the attitude of the king ane was here during the week lookand navies, is no longer on the score that the veto bill will be passed, even ing after the subscription list. that they were Divinely instructed to if King Edward is compelled to

swamp the house of lords with new- visting her mother. Mrs. M. R. Rice, ly appointed liberal peers. the past two weeks, returned to her The fate of the cabinet's success home in Portland the first of the through its alliance with nationalists week. and laborites, depends upon the im-

mediate consideration and passage any other time in the world's history of the veto bill. Premier Asquith practically has the king's assurance that if the lords balk at the curtailment of their prerogatives sufficient liberal peers will be appointed by him to carry out the program of

It is understood that the premier Divine authority manifest to human told the king that he would be compelled to resign the premiership unless the king agreed to the plan.

STANFORD TRACK CAPTAIN HITS SOME HARD LUCK

STANFORD UNIVERSITY, Col. Feb. 28 .- Owing to a torn tendon in his left leg, Captain Scott of the Stanford university track team did not participate in the tryout of the team on the track here today. It emperors are mere figure-heads of is feared that Scott has run his last

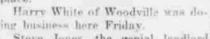
Scott injured his leg while sprint- No job too small, none too ing yesterday afternoon. It is expected he will be kept from training large. Twenty-five years' for at least two weeks as a result. While he may not he able to sprint words. He declares that Satan is the again, it is probable that Scott will god or ruler of this world, who now compete in the pole vault as hereto-

GOLD HILL ITEMS.

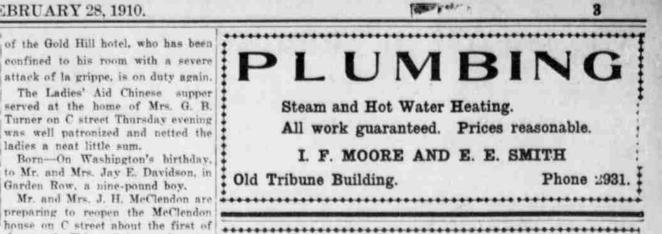
(By Spectator.) M. T. Howard and Rex H. Lampman returned Friday evening from the Meadows district, where they have been visiting Mr. Lampman's

Grant Matthews of Foots Creek was a Gold Hill visitor Friday. Miss Ruby Dangey came down

Mr. and Mrs. F. L. McClellan, former resident of this place, arrived from Portland Friday and will again take up their residence at this place



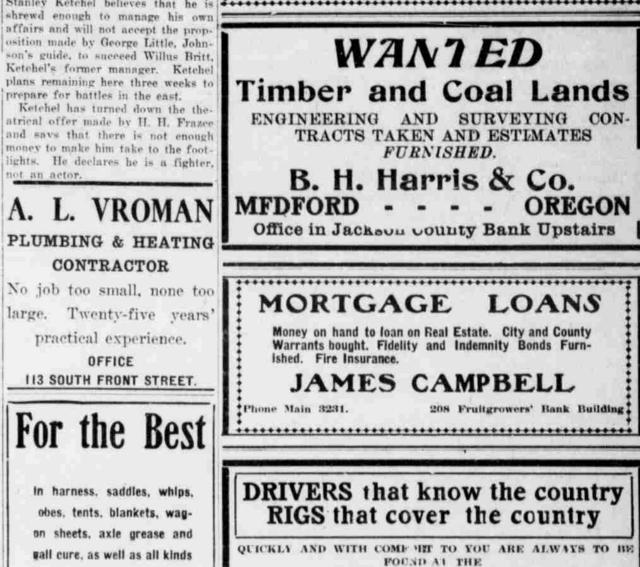
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in process amongst Episcopalians, A minority, termed high-churchmen, are gradually separating Romeward, while she is the reigning Kingdom of God. the majority are sharing the sentiments of other Protestants, to the effect that the matter of "apostolic succession" is probably less important than their forefathers supposed. For the purposes of this discussion we may without offense ignore the high- I that the Pope's reign is de facto the church minority and say that the Scriptures which plainly foretell the perfecting of Church Federation indicate that if will include Episcopalians. but will not include Catholics. Nevertheless the intimation is that while the Federation will be a Protestant one, it will not be anti-Catholic. On the contrary the two great systems. Catholic and Protestant, will fraternize and co-operate along various lines -especially in the manipulation of so-

cial and political influences. The breadth of the Episcopal creed will not call for particular sacrifices in Federation, if only their pride on the subject of apostolic succession can her communion. St. Paul declares, "If be satisfied. They are all prepared to any man have not the Spirit of Christ their numbers had doubled-there-were admit that no particular wisdom or he is none of his." Surely all Chrisholiness has been communicated from tians admit this standard and the corgeneration to generation, from bishop rectness of the Apostle's teaching. to bishop and from hishop to lower Hence the ignoring and setting aside clergy through the laying on of hands. They are willing to admit that there have been men as wise and others as Church of Christ might be possible. foolish outside as inside their Communion. They are willing to admit that no greater light upon the Word tion, or, still better, in favor of Union. of God and its meaning has come down to humanity through its chan- prove that the spostalic succession to nels than through outside channels. They are willing to admit that their , or more grace to their clergy than to clergy have no more of Divine Grace other ministers of the Gospel, might and Truth, Wisdom and Power than not our Catholic friends reasonably have others of God's people, both cler- admit the same? gy and laity, outside their boundaries. Hence they are willing, may, auxious, God's Kingdom, that the Popes reign for Federation, and ask only that their successively as Christ's Vice-geroni "face he saved," by some acknowledg. should not be difficult for Catholics of ment of the long idolized thought that | our day to lay aside. However strong ability to expound the Scriptures and by it was held in the dark pust it is the Grace of God in expounding them surely little appreciated by Catholica could be had only through their change today. No lenger do the Popes dotalnel. They have no desire to prove note the civil rulers of Christendom their claim to superior grace and truth | And no longer do the people consider by measuring swords of the Spirit with it when that they should do so. More other ministers.

Up to the present time Episcopalians | fact that the original kingdom of earth decline to be parties to the Federation | was given to father Adam and that | Millennium God's will shall be "dom unless their special claim be in some manifold as his children are the nat sense or degree recognized. Pride says ural heirs of the inheritance. More it would never do to retract now all and more the people are disposed to that the denomination has stood for consider popes, czars, emperors and which we wait and pray. And how in separation for centuries. They kings as merely figure-heads, without ever good or had other kingdoms, tease

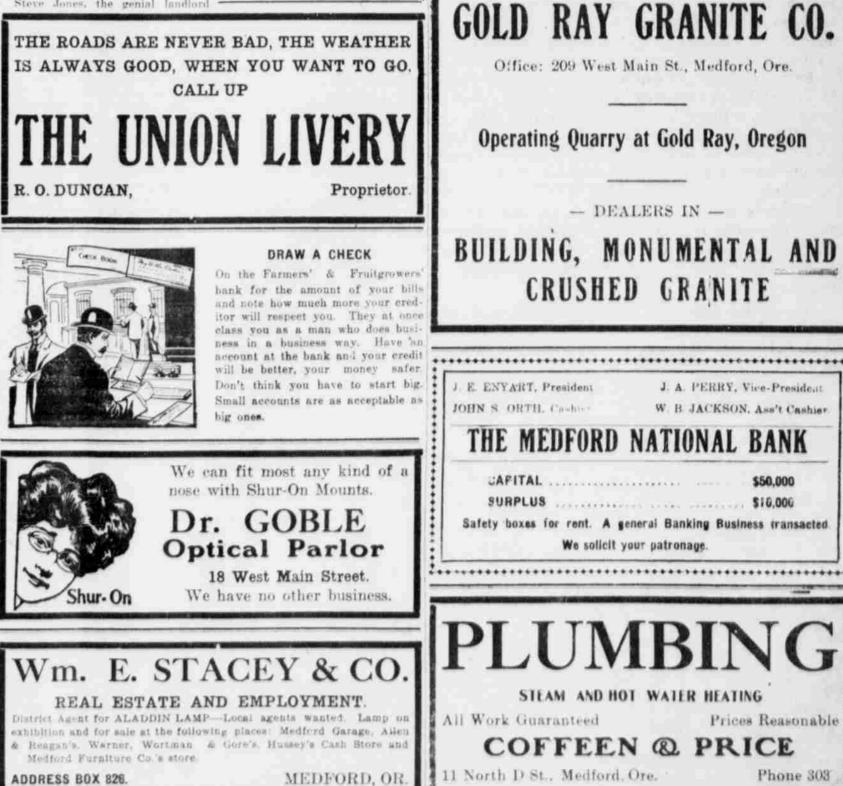
ship of the world in respect to all matrepresentative of Christ, anointed and prophecies of the Scriptures respecting the reign of Christ, his Millennial Kingdom, etc. This claim of Papacy reign of Christ is expressed in the declaration that he is the vice-gerent of Christ-the one reigning instead of Christ

(4) The doctrine of trans-substantiamuted into the actual soul of Christthis flesh and his blood) for sacrifice afresh in each celebration of the Mass. Whatever may have been true in the remote past, assuredly our Catholic

the purity, all the fuithfulness to God. all the sanctity of life amongst believers in Christ are to be found in of all creeds and barriers which have Thus the first Catholic objection might easily be removed in favor of Federa-As our Episcopalian friends fall to ordination gave either greater wisdom The second claim that Papacy is

and more the masses appreciate the

grace to her cause in similarly alirters temporal and spiritual, hence that | gating the claim that the popes reight as representatives of Christ or have (3) That her Pope is the authorized authority so to do. Indeed such claim is more safely denied than held. commissioned of God to fulfill all the for in the light of our day papacy's best friends cannot look into the past and point with pride to any achieve ments as properly representing the reign of the Prince of Peace-Imman-In the light of the present all of uel. God's people, Catholics and Protesants of every shade, should rejoice to join in the Lord's Prayer-"Thy Kingdom come; thy will be done on earth as it i tion-that by the blessing of a priest done in heaven." Surely this is what the ordinary bread and wine are trans- all saints of all denominations should desire and pray for and labor for. Not that we can hope to bring it to pass of ourselves, however. Nearly nineteen centuries of efforts show to the contrary. Even our last century friends can no longer claim that all of great missionary endeavor, Catholic and Protestant, proves this. United States statistics show that in the year 1800 there were six hundred millions of heathens, and that in the year 1900 twelve hundred millions of heathens While continuing our exertions on be half of the heathens abroad and at home, let us tie our faith to the Apos tie's words and "walt for God's Sor heretofore hindered the Unity of the from heaven" (I Thessalonians 1, 10). At the second coming of Christ and the glorification of his Church, "his elect," "his saints," gathered from all denominations, Catholic and Protestant (and some from outside of al. of them)-only then will the giorious reign of Christ and the Church begin. Only then will the spiritual Seed of Abraham be complete and the work of blessing the unregenerate world begin -the Millennial Kingdom work-the overthrow of Satan and his empirethe scattering of darkness, ignorance and superstition which he fosteredthe flooding of the earth with the light of the knowledge of the glory of Go -the restoration of natural Israel to Divine favor-the bringing in of ever lasting righteousness through a men tal, physical and moral uplift. Who ever then shall refuse all these blewings and privileges will be destroyed from amongst the people Thus eventually in the close of it. on earth even as it is done in heaven -as fully, as completely This is the "Kingdom of God's dear Son" for



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