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SHAKESPEARE

A CHICAGO judge, with that absurd, unfathomable infallibility that eludes the judiciary, has added to the gaiety of nations by gravely deciding that Bacon wrote Shakespeare—a decision most befitting that center of packing-house culture.

Coming on the three hundredth anniversary, observed April 23, of Shakespeare's death, the decision is worthy of passing comment only because it emphasizes the futility of intellectual Lilliputians trying to measure the intellectual Gulliver of all literature—even with the clearer vision of the intervening centuries.

No generation is fit to pass judgment upon its own creations, as it lacks the necessary perspective. Yet there is abundant evidence that Shakespeare was highly appreciated in his own day by the limited few capable of appreciation.

William Shakespeare is the greatest product of English civilization, perhaps the greatest of European civilization. Yet of none of the world's great figures is so little known about the personality of the man.

Shakespearean drama is magnificent—though rough and incoherent. He sounded the depths of human misery and of human exaltation. The vast comprehensiveness of his creative impulse swept through all the emotions humanity can experience.

THROUGH COLORED LENSES

THOSE who view the world through colored glasses find it strangely altered, with the sunlight missing. Similarly those who view it through the distorted vision of corruption see only a corrupt world with the sunlight of honesty eliminated.

Because the Mail Tribune criticized the action of County Clerk Gardner in disfranchising pioneers and citizens against the advice of the county's legal adviser, citizens whose naturalization has been admitted by the United States government, the Ashland Tidings (which only this week proved its public spirit by securing an option on land at the entrance of city park and attempted to force its purchase by the city at an increase in price of \$1000 over the option), unable to find a valid defense of Mr. Gardner, assails the Mail Tribune and attributes a sinister motive for a just criticism of a public official—because only such motives inspire criticism by the Tidings, which asserts:

"The foundation of the Mail Tribune's animus lies in the fact that County Clerk Gardner refused to turn all of the county printing over to the Mail Tribune and its side light, the Medford Printing company, without bids and at whatever price the conscience of the said Mail Tribune chose to dictate. Gardner insisted that he owed more to the taxpayers than to the Mail Tribune, and asked all the printers of the county to bid on the work and then let it to the lowest bidder."

Some such conditions would inspire criticism by the Tidings, if its own printing was involved, but these conditions do not exist. The entire statement is false. By order of the county court, all printing is awarded by the county court to the lowest bidder, and has been for a long time. The county clerk's activity in persistently sending work outside the county by seeking bids from firms that paid no taxes and supported no payrolls in southern Oregon, who proved their Portland spirit by publicly announcing that they would take the work at less than cost to ruin local industry, resulted in an order from the county court in favor of home industry.

If the Mail Tribune shared the grasping propensities of its virtuous contemporary or had been conducted on the grafting order, it would have accepted the Tidings' proposal to charge the legal rate of 5 cents per line for printing county proceedings and exchange the type instead of cutting the rate in two, over the Tidings' protest and forcing it to the reduced rate.

No, the Mail Tribune has no business or personal quarrel with Mr. Gardner, but is merely criticizing his narrowness of vision in the abuse of his power as a public official. He takes himself too seriously.

At the Churches

Zion's Evangelical Lutheran Church, Fourth and Oakdale Avenue, Dr. W. R. Marenzeller, pastor. Sunday school 10 a. m. Easter service (English) 11 a. m. Celebration of the Lord's Supper. All Lutherans are cordially invited.

Seventh Day Adventist Church, North Riverside Avenue. Services every Sabbath (Saturday) Sabbath school 10 a. m. Home mission study, 11 a. m. Young people's meeting Sunday evening 8 p. m. Prayer meeting Wednesday evening 7:30 p. m.

First Church of Christ Scientist, Branch of the Mother church, the

First Church of Christ Scientist in Boston, Mass. Sunday service at 11 o'clock. Subject: "Probation After Death." Wednesday evening meetings at which testimonies of Christian Science healings are given, 8 o'clock. All are cordially invited.

Sunday school at 8:45. All under 20 are welcome. Reading room in church, 212 North Oakdale, open from 10:30 to 4:30 daily, except Sundays and holidays.

Jacksonville Presbyterian Church, Robert A. Hutchinson, pastor. Sunday school 10 a. m. W. G. Caldwell, superintendent. The attendance recently is very encouraging. For the closer work, we want more. "A Helping Hand." We are just in time upon a new lease year. We are planning big staves, who not

identify yourself with us? Ask Miss Edith Hoels about the Girls' Hiking club she is organizing. Dr. H. J. Van Fossen of Ashland, will preach the sermon on Sunday morning at 11 o'clock. You can't afford to miss his message. The pastor will preach at the evening service. There will also be special music at this service. Always a welcome to everybody at the Methodist church, where the gospel, the whole gospel and nothing but the gospel is preached.

Jacksonville Presbyterians. Morning worship with appropriate music and sermon at 11 o'clock. A solo (selected) by Mrs. Robert Hanna. Easter anthem by the full chorus choir.

At the evening service there will be special Easter music and the sermon will be appropriate to the day.

Free Methodist. (Corner Tenth and Ivy.) Sunday school, 10 a. m. Preaching, 11 a. m. An Eastern sermon by Rev. J. W. Sharpe. Preaching, 3 p. m., subject, "The Signs of Apostasy." Preaching, 7:30 p. m., subject, "The Condition and Final Doom of the Lost."

Other services during the week to be announced later. You are invited to these services. They are free to all. There will be preaching at Griffin creek school house in the morning at 11 o'clock.

St. Mark's Episcopal. Morning service—Processional. "Jesus Christ is Risen Today." Organ. Kyrie. Gloria Tibi. Gratias Tibi. Credo. "The Strife is Over." Palestrina Anthem, "Why Seek Ye the Living Among the Dead." Offertory, "Praise God From Whom." Organ. Sursum Corda. Sanctus. Benedictus. Agnus Dei. Gloria in Excelsis. Amen. Nunc Dimittis. Recessional. "Come Ye Faithful." Sullivan.

Oakdale Avenue Methodist. Sunday school at 9:45. Preaching at 11 a. m. Subject: "An Easter Message." Sacrament of the Lord's Supper. Evening at 8 o'clock an Easter program will be rendered as follows: Song, "Awakening Chorus." Song, "The Wonderful Story." Prayer by W. C. Rice. Bible lesson and address, Rev. H. M. Branham. Chorus by the school. Recitation, Adaline Boardman. Exercise, The Easter Lilies. Vocal solo, Miss Eunice Brandon. Recitation, Andria Roberts. Exercise, The Seed Sowers. Song, "In the Garden." Recitation, Burris McClain. Vocal duet, Rose and Ruth Billings. Exercise, The Open Door. Benediction. Prayer meeting Thursday evening. Strangers are always welcome.

Presbyterian Church. Services at 11 a. m., conducted by Dr. Allen Moore, assisted by the regular choir. Mr. Haight at the pipe organ and the quartet consisting of Mrs. Guy Childers, Mrs. Ed Gore, Mr. Gore and George Andrews, Miss Inez Cross, accompanist. Organ voluntary, Mr. Haight. Invocation and Lord's Prayer. Gloria. Hymn, choir and congregation. Responsive reading, selection. Quartet, Jubilant Deo, Dudley Buck. Scripture reading, Dr. Moore. Prayer followed by response by the choir. Solo, "That Sweet Story of Old" (West), Mrs. Gore. Announcements. Cello solo, "The Rosary" (Novine) Frank H. Anderson. Easter song, "As It Began to Dawn" (Chaffin), quartet. Sermon. Theme: "The Place and the Scene of the Resurrection." Dr. Moore. Hymn, "Low in the Grave He Lay," quartet in costume. Singing, choir and congregation, hymn No. 194. Benediction.

First Baptist Church. Frederick W. Carstensen, pastor. "A live church with a cordial welcome." 10:00 a. m. Bible school. Organized classes for all grades. Competent teachers. Good singing. Lesson subject: "The Risen Christ." 11:00 a. m. sermon by the pastor. Subject: "The Resurrection of the

Dead. What the Bible Teaches." 6:30 p. m., Young Peoples' Service. Miss Nora Day, president. These are wide-awake, inspirational services. "The place where young people like to go."

7:30 p. m., sermon by the pastor, subject: "The Resurrection of Our Lord and the Christian Sabbath, or Why Christians Ought Not to Keep the Seventh Day Sabbath." This is a theme which is not often discussed, but in which many, many persons are deeply interested. Special music, orchestra plays at this service. Baptismal service. Come early to get a good seat. House parked every Sunday night.

Catholic Church. South Oakdale Avenue. First mass on Easter at 8 a. m. Second mass at 11 a. m. will be solemn high. Rev. J. Powers, celebrant, Rev. Hugh Gallagher, C. S. C., deacon, and Rev. W. Meagher, sub-deacon. Rev. Hugh Gallagher, C. S. C., will preach at second mass. Easter musical program: The choir will sing La Hache's mass. The processional will be from Gounod. Offertory, Regina Coeli, by Dubois. Solists, Mrs. George Andrews and Miss Geraldine Theiss. Solos during mass, soprano, Mrs. J. Wilkinson; altos, Misses Grace Brier, Patricia and Bertie Mikach. Benediction immediately after mass. During benediction oratorio by Lambillotte. Solists, Mrs. Wilkinson, Mrs. Andrews and Miss Theiss. Violin accompanists during mass and benediction, Miss Irene Sullivan and Miss Ione Flynn. Recessional, organ and violins. The Priest's March, from "Athalie" by Mendelssohn.

First Christian Church. Corner Ninth and Oakdale. We cordially invite all to our Easter services. We aim to make this a great day; a feast of good things. Musical program at each service. A great chorus. Sermon 10:45 a. m. Easter, "First Fruits." Evening 8:00, subject, "Revealing of Sons of God." Baptismal at evening service. Sunday school 9:45. The primary department will give a splendid Easter program at Sunday school hour. Special musical numbers for the

HONG KONG KOLUM

Anything But That! The man of great financial promise had met with an accident. "We'll have to probe," said the doctor. Just at that moment the man recovered consciousness and exclaimed: "If it's a surgical operation go ahead, but if it's another investigation, give an anesthetic."—Missouri Mule.

Toothsome Found—A gold tooth in a pie at the Iowa Union pie social the other from H. B.—Glen Elder Cor. of the Phillipsburg (Kan.) Post.

The Retort Matrimonial Notice—From this date forth I will not be responsible for any debts contracted by my wife.

February 27, 1916. Notice—I can prove that I have never contracted any bills in the name of W. M. Burgham and also that he bought me only one dress in 14 years.

MRS. N. J. BURGHAM. Advs. in the East Palestine (O.) Leader.

A great deal of cloth goes to waste in a fat man's trousers.

The Good Old Stuff. The following written on the back of an envelope was picked up on the ground at a gathering of South Carolinians and is supposed to be the heads of the speech which one of the orators delivered and which he had lofted down beforehand: God knows— The fee women— The best state— The old veterans— Breathes there a man— Familiar faces— Joke— Deep gratitude— Columbia State.

Today's Beltinger Long-Suffering Employer—Good gracious, girl, I sent you to get me 10 post cards nearly an hour ago! What's kept you? New Office Girl (war substitutes)—Well, sir, I had to pick 'em out. I wasn't very sure which you'd like best, so I got half actresses and half comics.—London Opinion.

Says the Girl on the Film A man will pocket his wife, but most women haven't any.

Ground for Hone We are not going to the war in their readers or women those who are sick, we will say those who were sick last week are slightly improved, exceptions, however.

ROGER SULLIVAN TALKS FOR PRESIDENT SPRINGFIELD, Ill., April 22.—One foolish "no" on resolutions endorsing President Wilson and the administration headed by Governor Dwyne, was the only infamously word raised in the democratic state convention here today.

Everything in the convention was of accumulative evidence of the control of the democratic party in the north by Roger Sullivan, democratic national committee man who was elected chairman of the Illinois delegation to the national convention in St. Louis.

Mr. Sullivan in a speech praised the president's course in international affairs and urged his supporters to begin immediately to work for the reelection of Woodrow Wilson.

Nominations and a platform were left to committees which were to make their recommendations to the convention when it meets here September 26.

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