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Bigotry, Religious and Otherwise

THAT premature announcement of his demise which so aroused Mark Twain's amusement, must be an old story to Old Man Religious Bigotry.

This hydra-headed monster has been killed off,—pronounced dead and buried,—at least a thousand times during the Christian era, and then at the most unexpected times and unexpected places, up it bobs again,—to enjoy a brief authority until it goes down once more to await ANOTHER resurrection.

Are we poor suffering people in for another inexplicable spasm of hatred, fear, stupidity and intolerance? We doubt it. But according to the Bigot's Almanac something of the sort is about due.

A COUPLE of decades ago, Oregon suffered severely from such an outbreak. Klan nightgowns sold like hotcakes at ten dollars per; and the people of the state, fell so strongly for the subversive propaganda, that they actually voted for an anti-Catholic school bill,—the destructive and deplorable effects of which, were only prevented by the timely action of the U. S. Supreme Court.

There may be something to the theory that every quarter century or so, human nature demands a moral and spiritual purge, and this is induced by a brief period of emotional insanity the reaction from which is to cleanse the body politic. Old Homo Sapiens gets so full of accumulated hates, prejudices and passions, a cleaning out is demanded so he can, for a much LONGER period, be placed on what might be termed an even intellectual and spiritual keel.

This is the explanation of that school of thought which regards such things as wars, depressions and boils, as not evils in themselves but as nature's method of economic, financial and physical purification.

This school may be right, but we have never liked the doctrine, and to date have refused to accept it. We regard such theorists as either hopeless reactionaries, or spineless defeatists.

HOWEVER that may be, the occasion for these few remarks, was the news dispatch from Portland that the liberal "Unitarian church of Our Father," in that city, was forced to withdraw from the Council of Churches, because of the opposition that developed among the more orthodox members.

The application was withdrawn, explained Rev. Richard M. Steiner, because there was grave danger of wrecking the council, if admission were insisted upon.

We quote from the Oregonian: "We were aware that this application would probably not be accepted without some opposition, but we underestimated the strength of that opposition, and as the time for consideration drew near, it became evident that whether the application were accepted or rejected, there was grave danger of wrecking the council."

"It was the feeling of our board that we did not wish to be party to the destruction or disintegration of such a force for good, and the board voted to withdraw the application until such time as a greater understanding, and a greater sense of Christian brotherhood should imbue the hearts of those who would exclude us."

Dr. Steiner said he hoped the day was near when the church might make application without fear of rancor, and urged to that end that the churches increase their powers of understanding and "restore the sense of Christian brotherhood."

"Thoughts of ill will, of resentment, of anger, of scorn must be taken from us," he concluded. "We must put in their place that sense of comradeship, of brotherliness, which rises above mere differences of opinion."

Entirely true,—and one might add, entirely ELEMENTAL. To anyone at all familiar with the condition this old ball of dirt is really in at the present time,—the growth of atheism and paganism, the increase of skepticism and general cynicism, the crying need for the practical application of the essential principles of the Christian religion, regardless of all differences of creed or dogma,—it does seem INCREDIBLE, that such a situation could arise, in a day like this, in a state like Oregon, and in a city as generally enlightened and sane as Portland.

Yet there is the evidence to make the unthinking laugh and the judicious mourn!

Imagine trying to exclude from a CHURCH council, the denomination, that produced four of our presidents, Taft, Fillmore, John Adams and John Quincy Adams,—educators like the late President Eliot of Harvard, ministers like David Swing of Chicago or Dr. Caruthers of Cambridge,—BUT WHAT'S THE USE!—the whole business is absurd, childish and from every standpoint of reason, common sense and adult behaviour simply INEXPLICABLE.

And yet there it is. And if that petty little puff of smoke can occur in Portland, how much smoke and flame can be produced in the rest of the country!

A GREAT deal of course. However, we don't expect any revival of religious bigotry at this time. In fact we doubt if this incident really has any particular significance, as far as our church system is concerned.

But we believe it probable it has some significance in revealing the temper of the country at the present time.

We may be wrong, but this little puff of smoke in Portland may prove to be the sign of another "violent cycle" approaching,—an advance warning of what is to come. Not a revival of religious bigotry and intolerance, but more likely a revival of what might be termed POLITICAL bigotry and intolerance,—i.e.: a popular uprising in the direction of Fascism,—but not recognized as such at first, and masquerading under another name.

Yes we may be wrong,—certainly hope we are. But our advice to those interested in the subject, is to keep their eyes and ears open, during the next few months—there may be more signs from time to time, so that liberal and sane opposition may be better prepared.

Personal Health Service

By William Brady, M.D. Signed letters pertaining to personal health and hygiene, not to disease diagnosis or treatment, will be answered by Dr. Brady if a stamped, self-addressed envelope is enclosed. Letters should be brief and written in ink. Owing to the large number of letters received only a few can be answered. No reply can be made to queries not conforming to instructions. Address Dr. William Brady, 265 El Camino, Beverly, Calif.

HOW FAST YOU EAT AND GROW OLD (continued from page two)

I am more and more impressed with the part played by overeating in inducing arterio-sclerosis. There are many cases in which there is no other factor. George Cheyne's advice was never more needed than by the present generation. The foregoing paragraph is quoted from "The Doctor's Bible," Practice of Medicine, October, 1905. Cheyne's advice to which Dr. O'Neil refers, was given in essay on health and long life written in first years of the seventh century by a man who at thirty, thru excessive eating and drinking, had brought his weight up to 448 pounds and had become very short breasted, lethargic and listless. Then Cheyne began to follow a kind of regenerative regimen, diet of milk and vegetables, systematic exercise, and reduced his weight to 130 pounds. He recovered considerable of his lost vitality, lived to the age (hoary for those days) of 72 years, and left his famous essay, in which he said:

"Every wise man, after fifty, ought to begin to lessen at least the quantity of his aliment, and if he would continue free of great and dangerous distempers and preserve his senses and faculties clear to the last he ought every seven years go on abating gradually and sensibly, and at last speedily, until he has reduced it into it, even onto the child's diet; that is, a diet in which milk is the chief food."

In subsequent talks we'll revert to the regeneration regimen and endeavor to explain how it reverses the degeneration that is going on in the tissues of the individual in the incipient stage of cardiovascular degeneration. Now we must consider overeating.

First let us define overeating. It means eating more than is required to maintain the body weight within normal limits. Several factors conspire to make millions overeat. Hasty eating is perhaps the most important factor, the quick lunch habit or affection, of food. Neglected decay of teeth or loss of teeth from the mouth of the tramp-like or delinquent individual—and today it is a fair intelligence test to note how many teeth are decayed and unrepaired or missing and not replaced by efficient dentures.

Refinement of food makes it ready to wolf and encourages hasty eating. Modern methods of refinement and preparation, as well as methods of cooking and preservation or storage of food rob food of most of the vitamins and minerals natural food contains. It is rational to conceive that excessive hunger and tolerance for food, which seems to keep many eating too much, may be a kind of instinctive effort to get more mineral and vitamins to satisfy the demand of the body. At any rate in actual practice it is the general experience of overweight adults that, when they do supplement their ordinary diet with suitable rations of minerals and vitamins they soon notice that their craving, hunger or appetite is satisfied with far less food than they formerly wanted.

Social amenities, serving food on all sorts of occasions, to persons who do not want it, must be held responsible for a good deal of overeating. Finally, habit of custom has much to do with it—for instance three meals a day where two would as well or better suffice.

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS Heredity Abandoned girl baby adopted by childless couple. She proved to be abnormal, but private teaching enabled her to read and write fairly well, though reasoning was beyond her. Short time ago she was taken with "nervous spell," presently became violent and had to be sent to an institution. She is now 22 years old. Would this have happened if she had been sterilized at the proper age? (Mrs. M.E.H.)

Answer—We do not understand why she should have been so abnormal in any case, that would not have prevented the deficiency from manifesting itself. The child evidently inherited a taint or deficiency from one or both parents who were feeble-minded, insane, alcoholic or otherwise defective. Anyone who proposes to adopt a child should have the opinion and advice of the physician in reference to the child's inheritance.

Fistula What is fistula? What causes it? How does it differ from abscess? Must it be operated on or can it be cured by treatment? (M.S.)

Answer—An abnormal passage or tube leading from a hollow organ to the surface or from one organ to another. Usually it is rectal fistula, remaining after surface discharge of abscess. Old fistulas usually require operation. Recent fistulas may be healed by treatment.

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NEW YORK Daily by Day by O.O. McIntyre

NEW YORK, May 17.—Diary: A patter of rain as day broke. So early up and notes from Joe Cook, Zoe Beckley and Dorothy Hall. And a hamper sent from Fruit Dick Berlin sent from Florida. Then setting out to drop in on Faith Baldwin in Connecticut. In the afternoon Gene Crawley, a prudent and a foreseeing fellow, sat awhile. And came a switching lady to me up with fair speech about a radio broadcast engagement. But I had the good reasoning to say nay and stick to my last.

To a tasty dinner with Will and Jessie Hays at L'Aperitif and heard first hand of their meeting the Pope and Mussolini in Italy. And the way home put in at Trans-Lux and listened so uproariously at Donald Duck as an Alpine climber that many seemed annoyed. So home, feeling foggy and such, to bed.

Ahmed Abdullah is the only writer of swashbucklers I know who suggests his fictional romances. He is military looking and, with monocle clapped in eye and hat rakishly just so, seems eager and ready for adventure. And he has been in the midst of many excitements both in Europe and in the Orient. He was born in Paris, educated in England and is married to the popular literary agent, Jean Wilk. Most romantic fictioners are shy, bald and squint-eyed, who would look at home on a bookkeeper's stool.

They still talk along the Rialto about the showmanship of James Barton that night this winter when Maud O'Dell, the amorous Sister Beale of "Tobacco Road," expired between curtains after the first act. Her role was a prominent one and yet Barton, by an amazing touch of lightning, did honor to Emmett, who had been sent to W. G. Lantieri of Angels Camp from the ranch of the late Will Rogers at Oologah.

Kilowatt, entered by Frank Hartnett, Angels Camp, won second place with a jump of 12 feet, one inch. Combustion, owned by George O'Connor, Buffalo, N. Y., was third.

Fewer Spring Lambs WASHINGTON, May 17.—(AP)—Government livestock experts said today marketings of spring lambs in May and June will be smaller than in recent years. The agriculture department reported condition of the early lamb crop on May 1 reflected varied weather conditions during April in the important producing areas.

Civilization note: A hundred years ago if one missed the stage coach for Philadelphia, there would be another along in three days. But today if we miss one panel of a revolving door, we are upset the rest of the day.

Established capitalist who will permit no Jews for

WPA OFFICE HERE IS HEADQUARTERS FOR BIG DISTRICT

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Without question, however, the bulk of these earnings have gone to pay for every-day living expenses such as food, clothing and shelter. These local expenditures in the various communities have unquestionably stimulated the normal channels of trade and assisted many other persons in tiding over the periods of business stagnation. In this connection it will be of interest to note that approximately \$225,000.00 has been paid in District No. 4 to WPA workers on local projects for wages.

This does not include the sums expended for wages to others of this same group of workers by such federal agencies as the forest service, blaster rust control and river fluke control, whose programs are cooperatively conducted under the Work Program.

Safety Watched A determined effort is made to insure that all project work be conducted as safely as possible for the workers employed. The recognition of every facility for accident prevention has resulted in the surprisingly small number of cases wherein injuries have been sustained on WPA projects. The safety department, an administrative unit which maintains a regular contact with each operating project in the interest of the safety of the workers and the public.

It is also required that first aid supplies be available on each project in charge of some person qualified in their use. Much valuable work in this connection has been accomplished by the Red Cross, which has been particularly helpful to the Works Progress Administration by making instruction in accident prevention and first aid treatment available to WPA workers and their supervisors.

Cases of injuries resulting from WPA employment are recognized by the U. S. Employees Compensation Commission and come under the jurisdiction of that body in matters of compensation. The administrative personnel of this district office includes a field representative of the U. S. Employees Compensation Commission.

The present day problems of our young people have been fully recognized by our present administration. This has been reflected in the work and objectives of the National Youth Administration. This program is intended to serve the most pressing and immediate needs of those unemployed young people who have been most severely affected by economic conditions during the last several years.

This assistance has taken the form of part time employment for needy students in our schools and in employment for others on work projects.

While the National Youth Administration in its inception is distinct from the Works Progress Administration, its functional divisions of administration are quite parallel. Thus the related departments in the WPA district office assist in matters of employment, unemployment, etc. The workers on NYA projects are members of the families of WPA workers, as well as of those families who are receiving some form of public assistance, and range in ages from eighteen to twenty-five.

The monthly individual earnings of these young people is approximately one-third that amount earned by a worker on the WPA program, while the hours of work are approximately one-half.

NYA projects are proposed and undertaken in exactly the same manner as are WPA projects and in every instance represent the request of some local agency of government. In many instances local volunteer advisory committees have assisted in proposing NYA work projects of type most adaptable to their community. The student aid phase of this program is administered through the cooperation of the various schools and colleges and is intended to furnish part time employment for young people who cannot continue to attend school within their own means.

This part time employment is devised and supervised by the school authorities who assume the responsibility for the selection of those so aided and in seeing that the work performed is of real value and not such as to displace any regular employees.

120 Projects Completed Since the inception of the program of the Works Progress Administration in district No. 4, 145 work projects have been completed. Of this number 120 have been brought to either satisfactory completion or completion of certain useful units of the original project. The remaining 45 are being

their honor. They had met and defeated the most powerful military machine in the world. Our boys—John, Frank, Henry—the Prussian guard had been unable to stand against them. They had won victory and peace, security for our country. We strewed flowers in the path of the homecoming feet.

But there were some who did not come home. There were blank files in the marching ranks. Familiar faces were missing. The victory had been bought at a price. They, the missing ones, had paid the price. Yet there had been places where every yard of advance cost a man's life, a life given gallantly by one of our boys.

The returning ranks rolled on out of uniform, into civilian life. The bands quit playing and the flags came down. The wounded, pale and weak, came straggling home from the hospitals. The poppies were blooming again in France and the larks were singing with no roar of guns to drown their song. But the crosses still were there, row on row, where rested our boys who were not coming home—not ever.

The sod thickened above the graves. Summer sun glistened on

Flight 'o Time

Medford and Jackson County history from the files of the Mail Tribune 10 and 20 years ago.

TEN YEARS AGO TODAY May 17, 1927 (It was Tuesday) Three Medford homes are burglarized and little of value taken.

Three policemen finally land citizen full of moonshine in city jail. Imbiber put up stiff battle.

Bonds for new city hall voted, with only 241 registered against plan. 1391 vote for bonds.

High wind does damage in Portland with trees and home wrecked. Klamath Falls also visited by high wind.

Man claiming to have saved De Autremont brothers in Sitkyou tunnel gives self up and is held at Reno.

Orchardists told to apply codling moth spray now.

TWENTY YEARS AGO TODAY May 17, 1917 (It was Thursday) Allies win in drives on both eastern and western fronts; no defense against U-boat attacks yet discovered.

Income tax on great wealth boosted 25 per cent.

Dr. Glancy returns from Portland, where he took the examination to enter the army medical reserve corps.

Editorial describes "mixing the Rogue river fish bill with Good Roads program."

Patriotic parade, led by Governor Withycombe is largest event of its kind ever held here, with every section of Jackson county represented.

Tri-state good roads convention convenes here.

News Behind The News

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culture Secretary Wallace has openly been playing prophet for such a development. Furthermore, very reliable information indicates Mr. R.'s counselors are split sharply into two camps. One wants him to go trust-busting in a sincere way and thus reach the price problem. The other wants him to revise the social structure of the country with some sort of fascist-like "economic council."

Consequently, newsmen cupped their ears when the question was asked of the president. His eyes twinkled and he replied:

"No news on that—yet."

The well informed betting headquarters is running about 2 to 1 that Mr. R. will avoid the economic council idea and go trust-busting.

The basic fact behind the helium controversy will be found in the yet unpublished testimony of the house military affairs committee, taken just four days before the Hindenburg explosion. On the stand was James T. Howington of the Gilder Corporation of Louisville. He put in the record a statement reading in part:

"During the last two years there has been a considerable interest in and a demand for helium for foreign countries. France was definitely in the market for at least 10,000,000 cubic feet. Japan would have made a purchase from (MY) company of substantial quantities."

The government of Holland has been interested in helium-filled airships for service to the East Indies. The German government, operating the Zeppelins between Europe and South America, has been continuously interested in a source of supply of this non-inflammable gas. This German demand undoubtedly would be measured in terms of millions of cubic feet.

"The Helium company has been denied the right to sell helium for export."

"That is the story. All nations want helium and the U. S. has the supply. They want it for ostensible commercial purposes, but it would be a tremendous advantage in time of war. If the U. S. sold more to France or to Germany, diplomatic complications would necessarily ensue."

The only answer to the problem was given by Representative Latham of Texas in the same unpublished testimony:

"Since we have this valuable agent, since these countries can not get it here commercially and are willing to pay a high price for it, I think this God-given agency of defense ought to be kept in this country."

"Such a policy may lead to absurd intimations that the United States is thus responsible for every hydrogen lighter-than-air ship which falls, out certainly not even a disappointed foreign country will seriously consider it so."

Unless the United States wants to get entangled in all the politics of Europe and Asia, it will keep its helium for its own use. It cannot sell to all without weakening itself. It cannot sell to one without offending another.

Note—It was Mr. Latham who thought he heard Mr. Howington say the Hitler government definitely asked for helium even at a high price. The record does not always show everything that happens in committee. Chairman Lister Hill of Alabama does not recall it. Mr. Latham may or may not be mistaken, but an amendment should be made to the line carried in this column several days ago stating the unpublished testimony would show such a rejected inquiry.

WASHINGTON, May 17.—(AP)—The treasury announced today award of postoffice construction contracts, including: St. Anthony, Idaho—\$1,800,000; Salem, Ore.—\$48,889.

OOLOGAH FROG IS CALAVARAS KING

ANGELS CAMP, Cal., May 17.—(AP)—Frog-jumping, sport miners started here during the gold rush, had a new world champion today in Emmett Dalton, a web-footed, thick-thighed little cistern dweller from Oologah, Okla.

Emmett hopped three times yesterday, and his total footage bettered by one inch the previous world record of 19 feet, four inches, for such a contest.

Twenty-five thousand persons gathered here at the ninth annual Calaveras county jumping frog jubilee, did honor to Emmett, who had been sent to W. G. Lantieri of Angels Camp from the ranch of the late Will Rogers at Oologah.

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Editorial Comment

Twenty Years Have Passed. This is an editorial taken from the National News written by the president of the American Legion auxiliary, Mrs. Oscar W. Hahn:

"Twenty years have passed since we called here to the colors. They responded in the full vigor of their young manhood. Remember? How proud we were of them—and how thankful that our country had such men to stand between it and the enemy. Remember the ceremonies with which we saw them go—the bands, the flags, the speeches of encouragement and praise?"

"When they came back we were proud beyond words. Again they had hands and flags and crests in