

# WEEKLY SERMON

## THE TWO-FOLD DUTY OF A GOOD CITIZEN

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"Then saith he unto them, Render unto Caesar the things which are Caesar's; and unto God the things that are God's."—Matt. 22:21.

In the context we are told how the Pharisees and Herodians tried to entangle Jesus in his talk. It was the purpose of these enemies of the Master to make it appear that Jesus was acting and teaching in a way that was opposed to the Roman power. They desired the death of Jesus; but were powerless to bring it about except through the Roman government.

Caesar was the one person to whom all good Romans paid homage. But Jesus belonged to a people who looked upon rulers as those who ruled under God. The Herodians tried to get him to uphold the Jewish teaching in a way that would seem to conflict with the Roman teaching. But to the mind of Jesus there was no conflict. The Roman law represented civil authority; and the Jewish law represented Divine rule. "Thus Jesus recognized the two authorities as distinct in their sphere."

One of the great lessons the world of today needs to learn from Jesus is obedience to existing civil authority. He taught obedience to civil law; but by precept and by example. When "the devil taketh him up into an exceeding high mountain, and sheweth him all the kingdoms of the world, and the glory of them," then Jesus saith unto him, "Get thee hence, Satan," thus refusing to yield to the temptation to become a world conqueror. And "when Jesus therefore perceived that they (the Galileans) would come and take him by force, to make him king, he departed again into a mountain himself alone."

His example of unassuming modesty is refreshing indeed in a time when multitudes of our best citizens are seeking places of civil authority. No matter how small the office may be, the number of aspirants for the place increases from year to year. This thought suggests that there must be something wrong with our government; or there must be a wrong conception of our government in the minds of many of those who seek places of civil authority. The question of whether or not a man is fitted for the place he seeks to occupy is very often considered very lightly, if at all. Political influence often counts more in the selection of a candidate for office than the ability of the candidate to conduct the business of the office properly if he should be elected.

Jesus looked upon such places as places of temptation; and such they have proved to be to many men of our time. Only the best men are fit to receive our support for places of trust. The increase in the number of independent voters shows that the spirit of our time is to vote for the able support; and, in like manner, let us give to God the things that belong to Him.

One great mistake that many are making today is to think that when they have rendered their due support to the nation their duty as citizens is fully discharged. They forget that there is One who not only raises up nations, but He also brings them low, at His will; and that the Word of God tells us, "Blessed is the nation whose God is the Lord." History teaches that civilization, and high standards of life, have never risen higher than the national conception of God. To this conception we usually apply the term "religion." The statement that there are nations or tribes which possess no religion rests either on inaccurate observation or on a confusion of ideas. No tribe or nation has yet been met with destitute of belief in any higher beings, and travelers who asserted their existence have been afterwards refuted by facts. It is legitimate, therefore, to call religion, in its more general sense, an universal phenomenon of humanity.—Prof. Tiele.

The religious sense of humanity culminates in Jesus of Nazareth. He man and not for the party. Party loyalty must hold a lower place in our thought than national patriotism. Loyalty to Caesar was a patriotic support of the Roman government; and this Caesar demanded of all his subjects. Jesus did not rebel against Caesar; neither did he disobey the existing laws of that time. But rather when a question of taxes was raised, he instructed his disciples to pay the amount demanded. We may not consider our present system

of taxation as the best possible system; but as long as it is the law, every man should "render to Caesar the things which are Caesar's," by paying his honest taxes. Those who would dodge the tax collector find no example for their practice in the action and teaching of Jesus. Caesar demanded patriotism and financial support; shall Christians do less for their government? Let us render to the government our loyal and honor-taught by example and by precept, that we should yield obedience to His Father, and ours. "He was obedient unto death." God asks and expects loving obedience from us as individuals and as a nation.

Jesus urged obedience to the laws of the state. He taught that there is another kingdom, also, and that men must obey its laws. "Jesus kept his kingdom aloof from the state. His apostle endeavored to do the same." In the establishment of his kingdom, Jesus did not appeal to force or to violence of any kind. Violence, war, and bloodshed are all foreign to the kingdom of God on earth. World peace is one of the ideals of Christ and his kingdom. Universal peace is but one of the elements of the kingdom which Jesus came to establish. The principle that underlies everything that he said and did is love. This thought was expressed by Napoleon when he said: "Alexander, Caesar, Charlemagne, and myself founded great empires, but upon what did the creation of our genius depend? Upon force. Jesus alone founded his empire on love, and to this very day millions would die for him." There is another difference between Jesus and these other great characters. While each of them founded an empire for himself; Jesus founded his for His Father, and for the good of all men. Theirs were for men only; but Jesus included God as well as men. He gave as the law for his kingdom: "Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind. This is the first and great commandment. And the second is like unto it: Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself. On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets." The law of love must have back of it the spirit of love which is above all law, "in its voluntariness." "It is just this distinction between the law that will not take the place of religion. The founders of our republic were men of deep religious conviction. They recognized the teachings of the Word of God in many ways. Washington, in his Farewell Address, said: "Of all the dispositions and habits which lead to political prosperity, religion and morality are indispensable supports. In vain would that man claim the tribute of patriotism who should labor to subvert these pillars of human happiness, these firmest props of the duties of men and citizens. The mere politician, equally with the pious man, ought to respect and cherish them. A volume could not trace all their connections with private and public felicity. Let it simply be asked, Where is the security for property, for reputation, for life, if the sense of religious obligation desert the oaths which are the instruments of investigation in courts of justice? And let us with caution indulge the supposition that morality can be maintained without religion. Whatever may be conceded to the influence of refined education on minds of peculiar structure, reason and experience both forbid us to expect that national morality can prevail in exclusion of religious principle." These words of profound wisdom ought to have a people of love and the Godlike liberty of love which distinguishes the dispensation of the law from the dispensation of the Gospel."

There are many men today who recognize that they owe something to the state, but will not admit that they owe anything to God. Therefore they fall short of rendering "to God the things that are God's." We need in the church a spirit of liberality that recognizes that men owe all they have and are to God. We have recently read of the liberality of men who believe in great political principles. What the members of the church need is to feel that their cause will succeed, or fail, in a measure equal to the liberality and enthusiasm. More liberal giving, and more earnest support of the work at home, and in the foreign field, would be some evidence that we are rendering "to God the things that are God's." As a nation we may be justly proud of our history. But our great achievements in war and invincible meaning to us today, when our courts of justice are being so severely criticised. Perhaps the lack of the religious sense on the part of the police officers and witnesses is as much, if not more, responsible for the miscarriage of justice than the judges who preside over our courts. The time has come for every good citizen to think of God's part in our welfare. Every one who would injure the cause of religion is an enemy of our national life. "Render therefore unto Caesar the things which are Caesar's; and unto God the things that are God's."

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### LEONARD AND RABBES HEARD BULLETS HUM

Charged with shooting at H. Rabbes, W. A. Leonard and L. W. Brown, L. A. Davidson was arrested by Sheriff Barnes last Thursday. The offense, it is alleged, was committed last Tuesday, and the specific charge is assault with a dangerous weapon. Davidson is a well known rancher residing near Midland. He heard that there was a warrant for his arrest, and came to town that afternoon noon, accompanied by his wife and daughter.

According to the story told by Mr. Davidson, he had warned Rabbes, Brown, and Leonard not to hunt on his property, but they refused to obey his warning.

The complaint charges that Davidson shot with a rifle and at a time when the complainants were within range.

Mr. Rabbes was the first witness. It was during his examination that the name of Governor West was brought into the case. The witness said that he with several other men, including Dr. Leonard and Mr. Brown, were hunting on what is known as the Mareho ranch.

"About 4 o'clock in the afternoon I saw a man approaching," said the witness. "I am not sure, but it seemed to me that he had a gun in his hand. I called to Dr. Leonard and told him we had better move away in order to avoid trouble. We started, and had gone but a short distance when a shot was fired. This was followed by a second and a third. One bullet struck within a foot of me."

The witness said that after they had reached the fence they stopped and the defendant approached. A conversation ensued. One member of the party, in answer to the defendant's statement that he did not allow hunting on his place, stated that Governor West had said that a hunter could not be kept from hunting on ground unless notices were posted on all four sides of the place.

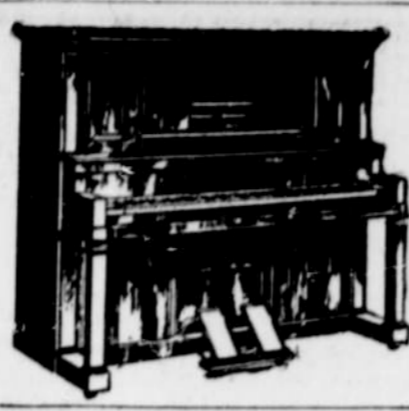
Dr. Leonard was the next witness. He testified substantially as had Mr. Rabbes. On cross-examination there was considerable amusement when Attorney Rutenic asked:

"Doctor, when you are hunting, do you wear a hat?"  
"Sometimes," was the reply.  
"On this occasion did you have on a hat?"  
"No, sir."  
"Well, do you suppose that there is any possibility of your having been taken for anything but a human being because you did not have on a hat?"  
"How's that?" The doctor bristled up.  
"We object, your honor," said Mr. Manning.  
"I withdraw the question," promptly responded Mr. Rutenic.

### GIVES ADVICE TO THE STUDENTS

Prof. W. E. Faught gave the high school students a practical little talk last Friday about the ins and outs of a student. His talk was direct and to the point, and left no doubt in any of the students' minds as to what he meant. He told the students that if they expected to make a go in life they must be possessed of "stick-to-it-iveness." He added that a vacillating, "wobbly" student would be a "wobbly" person in life. He advised the students to stick to their courses and get a "bulldog grip" on things, and then go on with it through life.

Miss Brannon, the well known nurse, is seriously ill at the county hospital. Miss Della Malome is attending her.



# POOR TURKEY

HAS OUR SYMPATHY. BUT SHOW ME THE MAN WHO REFUSES TO BUY HIS WIFE A PIANO OR PLAYER-PIANO. DOES HE GET SYMPATHY? NO! HE GETS THIS HINT FROM SHEPHERD & SONS TO CALL AT RESIDENCE 506, 8TH ST., CORNER OF BUSH.

## SHEPHERD PIANO DEPOT

E. T. SHEPHERD, Manager. KLAMATH FALLS, OREGON

### GOV. WEST NOT WELL QUOTED

A few days ago Governor West gave a portion of a letter addressed to city and county officials here. Copies of this letter were only received here today.

A copy follows. The portion printed in black was not given publicly by the governor:

Gentlemen—This office has made a careful investigation as to the moral conditions and alleged lack of law enforcement in the city of Klamath Falls, and begs leave to offer the following suggestions:

We find that past conditions have been such as to give the good people of that city just cause for complaint. To air these conditions at this time, however, would serve no useful purpose, as far as the work of this office is concerned, and might lead the city of Klamath Falls receiving much undesired, unpleasant notoriety. We will, therefore, let the past take care of itself and devote our attention to the present and future.

This office is, as you are no doubt aware, charged with the enforcement of the law. It is advised that the laws of this state covering gambling, bawdy houses and the sale of liquor have been and are now being violated unless there has been some great change within this last week or ten days, and that this fact has been known to the officers charged with the enforcement of the law.

We are advised that certain of said officers justify their action in not enforcing the law by saying that public opinion favored their existence. I wish to say in this connection that it is the duty of such public officials to interpret and enforce the laws, not to interpret and enforce public opinion. We have in this state statutes which would suppress cattle rustlers and box rustlers. It is, therefore, the duty of public officers charged with the law to bring about their apprehension and conviction. These officers have no right to send to the prison the horse thief and leave at home the pimp, simply because some of their political supporters or patrons favor the latter and not the former. My contention is that the cattle rustler is a gentleman of a high order as compared with the box rustler, and wherever there might be an occasion for a discrimination this office would feel more justified in deciding in favor of the former.

In view of the foregoing, I hereby request that you, as an officer of the law, take prompt steps to bring about a strict enforcement of the law as to the matters complained of. Otherwise, this office will feel that it is its duty to take such action as will bring about the desired results.

Your attention is particularly called to the road house known as the "Altamont Tavern." This resort is a menace to the community. It is charged with selling liquor without a county license, and with being maintained as a house of prostitution. These charges appear to be well-founded.

The above are all matters which should, and can, be properly taken care of by the local officers without interference on the part of this office, and it will be for the best interests of all concerned and save the city and county the unpleasant notoriety which usually accompanies an investigation from the outside, if taken care of by the local officers.

In conclusion I wish to say that in my investigation of these matters I have been extended every courtesy by the public officials and by the good people of Klamath Falls. I earnestly hope that the matters will be promptly and quietly taken care of without any further interference on the part of this office. Yours very truly,

OSWALD WEST.

### FAMOUS CASE IS FINALLY SETTLED

Attorney C. F. Stone received word Saturday that Judge Calkins has sustained the demurrer to the complaint in the case of Bessie Rosecrans and Della Hillman against Walter Dixon and Grace Dixon. This suit involves 640 acres of land near Fort Klamath, and this is the second suit between the same parties involving this land that has been disposed of by demurrer, Judge Benson having made a similar ruling against the same plaintiffs about six months ago.

H. H. Goor of Worden brought in three coyote hides, for which he received \$1.50 each.

### MOVEMENT TO CREATE NEW COUNTY OFFICE

A movement has been started by members of the bar and the county clerk's office for the creation of the office of clerk of the circuit court for Klamath county. At the present time the county clerk is ex-officio clerk of the circuit court, and the work is performed by himself or by some of the deputies in his office.

When court is in session there is a mass of work for this department, and where a portion of the records are kept in the circuit court and the balance in the county clerk's office, it causes a great inconvenience to the attorneys as well as the clerk, and it is very easy for errors to occur.

Since January 1st, there has been 51 law cases filed and 83 equity cases, and there are now 69 law cases pending and 69 equity cases, besides the criminal cases and naturalization matters. All of these cases have to be docketed and the papers and orders filed as they are presented by the attorneys and the court. Unless extreme care is taken it is easy for mistakes to be made in the entries and filing of the papers. This is particularly true should the papers be filed with one of the deputies unfamiliar with the work, during the session of court.

Executions are issued and sometimes not entered in the execution docket by deputies not having that work in charge, and thereby causes considerable annoyance to the attorney. When cases are filed by a deputy that is not used to the circuit court work they very often are not indexed properly, if at all, which causes confusion in looking up suits pending.

Clerk De Lap is very much in favor of the creation of the new office, as he believes this work can be better handled by one man, who gives his entire time to it, than by deputies from his office. If the office should be created by the next legislature it is probable that it would be filled by appointment by the governor until the next election. At the present time George Chastain, deputy clerk, handles most of the circuit court work, and undoubtedly he would be considered as the most competent man for the appointment.

### YOUTH GIVES OFFICERS SLIP

With officers of the law searching for him in all parts of the county, Noble Weatherman, an 18-year-old boy, suspected of being implicated in the robbery of a gun store in this city Thursday night, has dropped completely out of sight.

Deputy Sheriffs Pierson and C. C. Low returned home Saturday afternoon after a trip to Dorris, where they believed they would intercept the youth, but they were unsuccessful in their search.

### Wilson Leaves

NEW YORK, Nov. 16.—Woodrow Wilson and his family sailed this afternoon for Bermuda. There were many spectators who cheered them as the ship sailed.

### LORIMER GOES UNDER KNIFE

CHICAGO, Nov. 16.—Senator Lorimer was operated on at the Presbyterian Hospital today. It was stated by physicians at the conclusion of the operation that it had been successful.

tary McVeagh announced that Carmel Thompson would become secretary of the treasury Tuesday.

### SEED TESTING AT LAND SHOW

NEW YORK, Nov. 16.—Police Commissioner Dougherty, on the stand at the trial of the four gunmen charged with the killing of Herman Rosenthal, testified that the gunmen had told him stories differing from those they told on the stand.

Bridgie Webber was called. He denied that he had shot Rosenthal. He admitted that he had been a gambler and opium joint keeper for years.

### United Press Service

SAN FRANCISCO, Nov. 16.—John Hyland, a real estate dealer, was shot to death while breaking into William Cox's house. Cox is held on a charge of murder.

### ROSEBURG MAYOR ASKED TO RESIGN

GOVERNOR WEST TAKES A HAND IN MUNICIPAL AFFAIRS IN DOUGLAS COUNTY CITY—THE MAYOR IS THREATENED

SALEM, Nov. 13.—Governor West has issued an ultimatum to Mayor Micelli of Roseburg. Micelli must resign and make way for some one who will enforce the liquor laws, or the governor will see that the suits to put the Roseburg Brewery and Ice company, of which Mayor Micelli is one of the leading stockholders, out of business are vigorously prosecuted.

"Unless Mayor Micelli resigns I have instructed District Attorney Brown to bring an injunction suit against the Roseburg Brewery and Ice company and also proceed to revoke the company's charter," declared the governor. "If Mayor Micelli gets out of office and lets some one in who will enforce the laws, there may not be need to prosecute these civil suits."

For some time District Attorney Brown has had the officials of the brewery company in court on a charge of violating the local option law. The brewery was supposed to be manufacturing nothing but near-beer, but the charge was made that real beer was being manufactured and sold there. The jury which tried the case first hung, six to six. Then in the election the brewery people made a vigorous fight against the re-election of Brown, who made a campaign issue out of his determination to fight the brewery to a finish. After Brown's re-election five directors of the brewery company went into court and pleaded guilty to violating the local option law, and paid fines aggregating over \$2,000.

If you have any wheat or barley for sale submit samples to J. I. Johnson, Hall hotel. 16-1f

### CHANGES ARE MADE IN LINE-UP OF TOWN TEAM

Important changes have been made in the line-up of the town football team. According to the latest line-up Crosby, Hopkins, Smith and French will play back of the line, Everett will probably play center, Murphy and Arnold guards, Arnold and Lavenek tackles, and Lytle and Chilton ends. Taken together they are a fast aggregation, and the high school boys will have to put up a good fight in order to hold the line. Straight football will be played, and it is not expected that trick plays will work successfully on account of the fastness of both teams.

Under the agreement with the high school boys the town team will weigh in at 155 pounds, and this average will be easily made.

The boys of the high school were presented with two new footballs by W. P. Johnson.

### FEUDISTS MUST GO ON GALLOWES

CORVALLIS, Nov. 18.—The government seed testing laboratory, with all its apparatus and the expert in charge, have been moved to Portland for the week, in order that visitors may see how seeds are tested for purity and germinating power. The amount of dodder in different alfalfa seed samples and other impurities will be measured, that one may see what is actually bought with commercial seed, often.

Exhibits of crops showing results of experiments in the application of scientific methods on the varied conditions at the different experiment branch stations in Harney, Sherman, Crook and Moro counties, as well as at the home station, give an unusual opportunity to get a birdseye view of the experiment station work. An especially fine potato exhibit is shown as a part of the Crook county farm exhibit, and the home station shows the largest and finest corn exhibit ever shown in the state.

This corn exhibit contains 300 or 400 selected ears of the finest college bred variety of corn, the result of five years of breeding tests. It is hoped to make it the beginning of an annual corn and field crop show for the state, in which contests will be conducted in the development of corn, potatoes, wheat, barley, oats and seed crops.

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