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The Headlight is for the people, and they are invited to write for its columns. We believe in free exercise of opinion, and wish to encourage independence of thought and action. Local topics are preferred. Our name stands at the head of this column, and everything not otherwise signed, we stand responsible for. If you write, don't be afraid to father your own opinions, but sign your name for publication, it is cowardly to do otherwise, and articles with fictitious names have little weight. We adhere to this condition, except as to local correspondents who send news items pure and simple. In such cases we do not publish the name of the writer.  
But if you wish to express an opinion or criticize somebody, you must sign your name for publication. And in all cases we must know the name of the writer. Don't throw out petty personal slings, or deal in coarse abuse regarding your neighbors. Would rather you'd abuse the editor of this paper. Such letters would be more apt to be published. In fact, people who hold opinions different from ours are urged to write them for publication. We'll answer you fairly and courteously if your opinions are worth answering. We are anxious to have parties of different faiths express their opinion in this paper. We pride ourselves on granting everybody to think and act according to his conscience, regardless of our own beliefs.  
The public doesn't care about "somebody going to see his girl," "new fence," "had colds," "building of hen-coop," etc. Write about something interesting or not at all. Write as plainly as possible. If you can't spell correctly, or use good grammar, never mind that. Don't let a good news item spoil on that account. We furnish printed instructions that will be of help to those who wish to write for papers. The space in this paper is yours. Make use of it if you like.

It looks as if there would be more campers on the coast this year than ever before.

If we don't have fire protection soon we will not need it. There will be nothing left to protect.

The wells in the streets are useless unless we have a pump. Can't even find out if the wells have enough water to do any good.

The following states will vote for state officers in November: Iowa, Kentucky, Maryland, Massachusetts, Mississippi, New Jersey, New York, Ohio, Pennsylvania and Virginia.

Some kind of fire protection should be obtained here at once. The way the town is built up, so solidly together, it will take some good apparatus to save it in case a fire should get started.

Hillsboro, like any other towns, has a coffee club which provides hot coffee for the fire boys when they return tired and exhausted from their work. This is not intended as a gentle hint to the gentler sex in Tillamook.

Remember this paper gives everyone a chance to express his opinion, the only limit being the length of the columns. Of course libelous or slanderous language is excluded, as the editor is liable to prosecution, even if the writer does sign his name for publication.

These hard times a newspaper must be run like a post-office, on a cash basis. You can't buy stamps on time, and you can't get the Oregonian or other city papers on time. A newspaper can't be run on wind. The editor can't pay for paper and feed his family on "promises to pay," and type setters can't afford to work unless they get enough to pay their board at least.

The fire insurance men have come to a place where they can no longer agree. For almost a score of years, the insurance companies doing business on the Pacific coast have worked as a trust. They did not use that harsh term themselves but it was a trust just the same. Now rates are 50 per cent. lower than they were a month ago, and the companies are actually paying back 50 per cent. of the premiums exacted within the past six months. If the companies can do business at the present tariff

the people will know to what extent they are being mulcted later on, when an attempt will be made to restore rates. Above, it is said that insurance men did not call their "combine" a trust. They talked smoother, and got away with us by enacting "board" rate. —Hillsboro Independent.

When the breezy, blooming bloomers are universally the go, how will tailors press the creases in them, I should like to know? When the baby's head is nodding and it wants to take a nap, how can mamma lull her darling in a bifurcated lap? How can Bridget shoo the chickens with no skirt to flop and fling, when the creatures go grubbing in the garden in the spring? But the question most annoying that our speculations hatch: Can she vie with men in action when she goes to strike a match?—X.

There is good prospect that the proposed Astoria railroad will be built at once, as practically all the subsidy has been assured. Mr. Hammond has bought the Seaside road, and will extend it to the Nehalem river to tap the coal deposits as soon as possible. There are rich deposits of coal on Coal creek, and on A. L. Alderman's place at the mouth of the river. Mr. Hammond has the money up to buy the Oregon Pacific, and intends to extend it to connect with the line at Nehalem via Tillamook. Next year will witness active work on this road.

**RELIGIOUS REFORM.**

(Continued from last week.)  
(Written by J. E. Hosmer.)

in their dear pastor's crown in that beautiful city beyond the skies.

Believing false doctrine may make some men better, but it is not true and it is not necessary for men of this age to be kept in ignorance. Surely no harm can come from knowing the truth and I think there has been but very little good done by believing that part of orthodoxy which we are pleased to call superstition. Christian friends, just think what a mighty wrong you are imposing upon the world provided it is a mistake. Think of the hypocrites you are making; think of the waste of time and energy that could be used in the cause of truth and right or in teaching the laws of nature. Just ask yourself honestly, does it do men any good to believe that one man or being could pay the debt or suffer for another's sins, or that all must be punished on account of the first man's sin, and that sin, think of it, was taking the advice of his darling wife who advised him to eat some fruit which God had temptingly placed in their reach.

Does it do any good to believe the story of the flood, the confusion of tongues, the sun standing still, the casting out devils, or bringing the dead to life? Should people waste their time any longer in trying to believe these stories? Is the bible the word of God? Why must we believe it when after careful investigation we can see no logical reason for believing that it's not the work of men? Would a kind and loving father place any of his children in such a predicament? Think of it carefully and honestly. Isn't it the work of men who have had an object in view?

Are we obliged to believe that a man is inspired just because his followers say so? Are we to suffer throughout eternity because we think if any prophecy ever came that it was made to come true by interested parties or that the guesser made a good guess? O, my friends let us withdraw our support from these errors and support institutions of modern thought. Let us teach the children something more elevating than the fear of a vindictive God who will send bears to destroy those who are naughty, and the older children some better motive for doing right than the fear of an awful hell or the promise of great reward.

Dr. Cooper says: "If the people do not keep the clergy under control they will bring the people into abject slavery. In every nation upon earth they have done so; what should change their character here?"  
There are but few compared with the many who believe this superstitious religion and if disbelievers would withdraw their support the old rotten structure would fall of its own weight, but thousands of dollars are given for effect. Many are slaves to fashion others give for praise some through fear and others because they go to church and think it no more than right to pay for their entertainment; so the church at home is supported and the poor heathen way over in the dark continent is taught to believe or be damned, but if the poor heathen believes all the contradictory doctrines taught by contending churches he is certainly a fool whether he is damned or not.  
Liberty is what we want and as one of America's greatest orators says, "The most important thing in this world is liberty: More important than food or clothes, more important than gold or houses or lands, more important than art or science, more important than all religions, is the liberty of man. Without it there comes suffocation degradation and death. Liberty is the condition of progress. Without liberty there remains only barbarism. Without liberty there can be no civilization.  
Without liberty of thought, no human being has the right to form a judgement. It is impossible that there should be such a thing as real religion, without liberty. Without liberty there can be no such thing as conscience, no such word as justice. All human actions—all good, all bad—have for a foundation, the idea of human liberty, and without liberty there can be no vice and there can be no virtue. Without liberty there can be no worship, no blasphemy—no love, no hatred, no justice, no progress. Take the word liberty from human speech and all the other words would become poor, withered, meaningless sounds—but with that word realized—with that word understood the world becomes a paradise."  
Take courage friends of liberty, although every man who has dared to oppose this slavery of the mind has had his reputation blackened and his efforts ridiculed yet there are many coming to the front ready if need be to sacrifice all for the love of truth. For ages we have been taught to stop our ears to everything tending to rob the priest or preacher of his revenue or power. We have been taught to shun the works of such men as Thomas Paine and I dare say that out side of the clergy that nineteenth of his enemies never read his works or know of his patriotic devotion to his country and to the cause of truth.  
In speaking of this noble hero a preacher, a short time since, thundered from his pulpit words to this effect, "his carcass was not fit to be buried in a christian land and so his rotten, stinking bones were dropped into the sea," but I say unto you that Thos. Paine's noble words and works will live and be loved and respected long after the rotten, stinking theology of certain preachers has been buried deep in the sea of oblivion.  
Kind reader do not misunderstand me. I condemn no one for his mistakes and I have none but the kindest of feelings toward all men. We all make mistakes and in my judgement there is no greater mistake than vindictive condemnation, be it found in man or in the gods. What we need is more love for all mankind and to this end let us investigate, and fear not to give our honest opinions on these questions which affect us all and we may be sure that the dark clouds of error will disappear, the bright, beautiful sun of truth will finally shed its life giving rays over the whole earth and we will be free from the deadly hate which comes from stupid superstition and ignorance.

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