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THEORY VS. PRACTICE

Rev. Frank J. Norris a Texas minister, is being tried this week on the charge of murder for the slaying of D. E. Chipps. Rev. Norris' defense is that he acted in self defense, believing his life to be in danger. From a legal standpoint the killing may have been justified, although the evidence tends to show that his life was not in danger. But from a scriptural standpoint his justification would seem to be more difficult. Rev. Norris is a prominent fundamentalist and as such would naturally be expected to adhere very closely to the scriptural teaching on this subject. The law of Moses said "Thou shalt not kill." Christ, both by precept and example, upheld this law. Yet a professed follower of Christ deliberately breaks it. Can that be justified? If he had the faith in the Lord's power to protect him that he professes, should he not have followed Christ's example and allowed the Lord a chance, instead of resorting to carnal weapons? Here is a question for the Bible class: "Is it in harmony with the teaching of Christ to kill a man to save your own life? Doesn't that indicate a lack of faith in God's power to protect?"

SUNDAY LAWS

The first amendment to the U. S. Constitution says: "Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion, or prohibiting the free exercise thereof."

If congress has not this power then of course no inferior legislative body has. The question then is, what is a law respecting an establishment of religion? A fair definition would seem to be, any law seeking to establish by law any religious belief. If this definition be correct, then any so-called Sunday law is unconstitutional, for it is intended to establish by law the belief of some religionists that Sunday is a holy day. This in spite of the fact that there are others who have equal rights under the constitution who do not believe Sunday is a holy day. In New Jersey recently over a hundred persons were arrested, and convicted, on a vice and immorality charge for violating a Sunday law. This charge is of itself conclusive proof that that the law is of a religious nature, for on no other ground could the act of attending a place of amusement on Sunday be considered vicious or immoral. Yet these laws are fostered and upheld by those who claim to be leaders in good government.

ANENT THE BIBLE

Many people have the erroneous belief that the Bible in its present form is the direct word of God, given to various persons in much the same way that a business man dictates to his stenographer. A writer in the Standard Bible Dictionary, Ernest von Dobschutz, professor

of New Testament exegesis, University of Halle, Germany, shows the fallacy of this belief. Under the heading "New Testament Text," he says in part:

The Bible did not fall from heaven as a ready-made book. It was written by men; men also have copied it. God has not been pleased to protect the text miraculously from corruption. The autographs (original copies) inscribed upon perishable papyrus, and not preserved with any special care, soon disappeared. Each copy brought into existence unintentional or intentional changes in the text. Even attempts to correct errors produced new mistakes.

As we must interpret the Bible, i. e., establish its original meaning, through the intelligent use of our understanding, so also should we seek to restore its original text through scientific criticism. The consciousness of this duty has never entirely left the church since the days of the great Alexandrian and Caesarian scholar Origen. The exegeses of the ancient church debated text differences with perfect freedom. Even in the Middle Ages it was well known that for the sake of accuracy correcting was necessary to copying, and various Bible Correctors were actually in use. Only with printing could the idea arise that one text alone could be supreme, and this actually happened in the case of the text following the Erasmus edition of 1516.

But the Englishman John Mill, as early as 1727, shattered the belief in the divine origin and infallibility of this Textus Receptus through the 39,000 variants which he counted in 80 manuscripts.

Samuel Gompers, for many years chief of the American Federation of Labor, has been succeeded by a man who is a student of industrial affairs and who notes the possibility of changing location of many industries because of long distance power transmission. William Green, now head of the federation, has made the following statement which indicates how closely labor is watching development of power:

"Power is one of the few commodities now sold at less than pre-war rates. This reduced rate follows inventions and economies in power production and transmission, central generating stations with interconnections using hydroelectric and steam generated power to supplement each other in carrying the regular as well as the peak loads.

"With the tremendous water power of our western country, we may confidently expect the center of population to shift to the west. Irrigation will make it possible for the West to feed a larger population. Already industries are developing which will make the West self-sustaining. Air and motor transportation, telephone and radio communication will reduce the barriers between East and West. Industries are moving to the smaller towns and farm work is becoming mechanized. These changes are of fundamental importance to the labor movement."

A determined effort is being made to have the Workmen's Compensation law amended so that private companies can handle the business. The motive back of this agitation, of course, is to fix things so the private companies can make a profit out of the business. The state makes no profit and the law is administered at a cost of 8 per cent. Private casualty companies require 40 cents to provide workmen's compensation insurance, thus adding to the cost to the workman. The Workmen's compensation law has been in operation nearly 14 years, and has proven satisfactory, so why not let well enough alone?

Feed by the Month

Good alfalfa hay and running water, on the old Fisher ranch on the Owyhee. Elroy Huffman, d242t

For Sale—Rhode Island Red cockerels. Chas. Bradley, j212t

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Ontario, Oregon



NOT SO BAD

"My nephew's car turned over, threw him out and cut off one of his ears," related Farmer Fumblegate. "The doctor sewed the ear on wrong, and he can't hear much now."

"Too bad!" sympathetically replied Farmer Bentover.

"Oh, I d'know! He's a college student, and thinks he has heard everything, already."

The Only Way

A young man proposed to a girl and was accepted. After their first tender transports were over they fell into serious talk.

"Now that we are engaged," said the girl, "we must begin to economize. Promise me, darling, that you won't do anything you can't afford."

The young man laughed grimly. "If I promised you that," he said, "I'd have to break off our engagement."

The Truth at Last

Address—I have driven five men to the dogs, had six lawsuits for breach of promise, been in auto accidents, and had my pearl necklace stolen twice. I don't know what else I can do to set the world talking.

Manager—Try learning your parts perfectly.

HEAD FOR LUMBER



She—What business are you going into, Jack?
He—Lumber business.
She—You have a fine head for it.

Missing Links

Some golfers merely frivel:
Their ignorance is utter:
They do not drive, they drive!
They do not putt, they putter.

FARMERS!

This is the season of the year to get your harness oiled and repaired ready for the spring work. We do first class work and guarantee satisfaction.

Auto Tops Repaired
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SHAVING, HAIR CUTTING
HOT AND COLD BATHS
Roy Pounds, Prop.

Nyssa Oregon

Band Music in All Schools, Aim

President of Federation of Music Clubs Outlines Plans of Her Organization.

Elkhart, Ind.—A band or orchestra in every public school in the country is the goal of the Federation of Music Clubs, according to information received by the Conn Music Center here.

"Music has too long been considered a mere accomplishment rather than a necessary part of our educational system," said Mrs. Edgar Stillman Kelley, national president of the federation, in outlining the plans of her organization. "Fortunately the delusion is now beginning to give way and the true value of tone in educational work is being more generally acknowledged. The value of teaching instrumental music in all schools can scarcely be overestimated. The Federation of Music Clubs is working enthusiastically for the inclusion of bands and orchestras as well as glee clubs in the schools because the officers of this, the largest musical organization in the world, are convinced of the worth of this procedure.

"The public schools are preparing our business leaders of the future, why not our musical leaders? Welcome will be the day when every school in the land will give credit for executive as well as theoretic music. We will then be training the men and women who will later give America a great music of its own. Not every child so trained will make music their life-work but all of them will be bettered by the training."

MANY STATES HAVE BAND TAX LAWS

Question Put Up to Voters With Provision for Repeal.

Elkhart, Ind.—Only 22 of 48 states in the Union are without laws, allowing taxation for the support of municipal bands. It is shown in a survey by the Conn Music Center. Even in states without such laws the survey shows that a number of cities have of their own volition appropriated funds to provide free band concerts for their citizens.

The 26 states having laws under which municipalities may appropriate funds for music either by action of the common council or after authorization of voters are: Alabama, California, Colorado, Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Kansas, Maryland, Massachusetts, Michigan, Minnesota, Mississippi, Montana, Nebraska, New Hampshire, New Jersey, New York, Pennsylvania, South Dakota, Texas, Utah, Vermont, West Virginia, South Carolina, North Carolina and Wisconsin. Movements for similar legislation are now under way in Arizona, Florida, Idaho, Kentucky and New Mexico.

Iowa was the pioneer state in band legislation, and the laws of many of the states now having such statutes on the books are modeled after the Iowa plan. That law provides that the band tax may be levied only after it has received the sanction of the voters. The question is submitted for vote upon petition of a certain percentage of the qualified voters of the towns and cities. Provision is made for repeal of the tax in the same way.

Mean of Him

Doctor—Mr. Barker is very inconsiderate. After we invited him to a splendid dinner cooked by your own hands he gets a frightful case of indigestion.

Wife—Well?
Doctor—And then he sent for another doctor to cure him.

Romantic

"Their engagement was rather romantic, wasn't it?"
"Yes, quite. They went in bathing, got beyond their depth and were completely carried away with each other."

Sitting Pretty

Bill Clerk—Just one kiss, dear, would keep me happy for a week.
His Best Girl—Wait a minute and I'll fix you up for life.—The Progressive Grocer.

Approaching for a Loan

Blake—My good friend, which is the best way to approach you for a loan?
Drake—In a suit of armor.

Crowded London District

There is only one acre of open space to every 14,000 inhabitants of the Southwark district of London—and there is no chance of remedying the deficiency.

Best Cage for Canaries

Canaries should be kept in wooden cages with only a wire front, according to an expert, who says that the usual ornamental cage is too unprotected against cold and drafts.



AFTER a continuous fall of snow for over forty hours, the small town of Bethel was covered with a pure white mantle on the day before Christmas.

Over the hills the tinkling sound of sleigh bells was music upon the frosty air of the early winter morning as Judge John Wainwright looked out of the chamber window of his farmhouse. As he peered out of the little panes of glass with their tiny draperies of snow he saw Jasper Jones with his two-hitch plow breaking a way through the narrow Main street of the town, while an occasional salute of "Good mornin', Jasper!" came from neighbors as they shoveled paths from their gateposts.

"Reckon we'll have a real Christmas—snow nearly two feet deep—came down pretty heavy!" remarked Jasper.

The words "a real Christmas," with the sound of sleigh bells, rang all day long in the ears of Judge Wainwright, even after he had finished his supper in company with his wife and son Roland. "Rolley" and his wife, Marlon, lived with Judge and Mrs. Wainwright. Marlon, being somewhat ill in her room, was unable to join in the evening meal.

After supper Judge Wainwright climbed the handsomely carved old colonial staircase, and when he had reached the seat on the landing he sat for a moment on the red velvet cushion to glance down at the hall with the tall clock ticking merrily and the log fire snapping happily, its rosy glow painting the white walls and their decorations of greenery—such a picture! And the Christmas joy of the olden days came to him. He had romped on these same stairs with a happy heart, with his sister Lucy at his heels. Yes, Lucy—there was the one shadow on the joys of Christmas Eve. Lucy had married against the wishes of her family, and as a result none of the family were on speaking



Looked Out of the Dormer Window Upon the Night.

terms with her. Lucy, a widow, feeble, but graceful in her age of seventy-five years, lived in the little cottage on the Wainwright estate, cut off with a very slight income by the will of her father, John Wainwright.

Judge Wainwright went up to his study and looked out of the dormer window upon the night. The sky was clear and a large star shone brightly above the distant hill of pine trees and all the other stars seemed to twinkle happily about it. The loveliness of the landscape charmed him, and, relaxing from any other thoughts, he turned the light very low and lay upon a couch near the window.

When a loud knock upon the door startled him he realized he had fallen asleep and the excited voice of Sarah, the colored maid, called to him that "Missus Marlon done took very sick."

It was the midnight hour when Judge Wainwright again stood by his study window and glanced out again into the night. The big star was high and luminous and long beams seemed to stream from it as it hung aloft, over the little town of Bethel. A new joy had come into the judge's heart, for a newborn babe had come into the home. And as he turned from the window he glanced at a pictured motto on the wall, placed there by his own mother. It read: "Blessed Are the Peacemakers, for They Shall Be Called the Children of God." Speedily the bitterness toward poor Lucy which had been in his heart for so many years had departed and the tears came to his eyes. He determined then to make the grandest peace upon the Christmas day. He would call upon Lucy himself, ask for her forgiveness and announce the glad tidings of a son—a most glorious gift bestowed by God in the old Wainwright homestead. It was a day of real Christmas rejoicing, upon which the spirit of the man who said "Peace upon earth" rested and the little town of Bethel had its share in the advent of a new citizen—John Wainwright, III.

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American Santa Claus

The American Santa Claus is a corruption of the Dutch San Nicholas. G. H. McHughes says: "Santa Claus, the name derived from Saint Nicholas through the familiar use of children in Teutonic countries, crossed to America. The direct route followed by him is somewhat open to question. On the way he traded his gray horse for a reindeer and made changes in his appearance."

SUMMONS

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE STATE OF OREGON FOR MALHEUR COUNTY.

Eleanor Park, Plaintiff, vs. Graham Park, Defendant.

To Graham Park, the above named defendant.

In the name of the State of Oregon, you will hereby take notice that you are hereby required to appear and answer the Complaint filed against you in the above entitled suit on or before the expiration of six weeks from the date of the first publication of this Summons, and if you fail to do so, for want thereof plaintiff will apply to the court for the relief prayed for in the Complaint on file herein, to wit: for a judgment and decree of this court dissolving the bonds of matrimony heretofore existing between plaintiff and defendant and for a decree of absolute divorce and for a decree determining that plaintiff shall have the sole and exclusive care, custody and control of the two minor children, Alexander Graham Park and Charles Rankin Park, and that it be further ordered, adjudged and decreed that the plaintiff is the owner in fee simple title of:

N 1/2 of SW 1/4 NW 1/4 SW 1/4, Sec. 9, Twp. 18 South, Range 47, E. W. M.; S 1/2 NE 1/4 SE 1/4 Sec. 8, Twp. 18 South, Range 47, E. W. M.; NE 1/4 NE 1/4 SE 1/4 Sec. 8, Twp. 18 South, Range 47, E. W. M.; NE 1/4 NW 1/4 SW 1/4 Sec. 16, Twp. 18 South, Range 47, E. W. M.

and that defendant has no right, title or interest therein and that said property be set aside to plaintiff as her sole and exclusive property and necessary for the support and care of the minor children, and for such other and further relief as to the Court may seem just and equitable.

This summons is served upon you under and by virtue of an order of the Honorable Dalton Biggs, Circuit Judge, duly made and entered on January 4th, 1927, authorizing and directing service of summons and complaint upon you by publication of summons in the Gate City Journal, a weekly newspaper published at Nyssa, Malheur County, Oregon, and of general circulation in said county and state, for six consecutive weeks and seven publications thereof.

R. W. Swagler, Attorney for Plaintiff, Residing at Ontario, Oregon.

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NOTICE

IN THE COUNTY COURT OF THE STATE OF OREGON FOR THE COUNTY OF MALHEUR

In the Matter of the Estate of Augustus G. Kingman, Deceased.

Notice is hereby given that E. M. Blodgett, the duly appointed, qualified and acting administrator of the estate of Augustus G. Kingman, deceased, has rendered and present his final accounting of his administration of said estate and petition for distribution and for discharge for such administrator; and that Monday, the 24th day of January, 1927, at the hour of 11 o'clock a. m. of said day in the county court room in the courthouse, at Vale, Malheur county, Oregon, has been appointed and fixed by the judge of said county court in an order made and entered by said judge on the 27th day of December, 1926, as the time and place of hearing objections to said account, for settlement thereof, and for hearing on said petition, at which time and place any and all persons interested in said estate may appear and object to said account and contest the same; and all persons concerned therein are further notified to be present and show cause, if any there be, why said account and report should not be approved and allowed, said estate settled and the undersigned discharged as administrator.

E. M. Blodgett, Administrator of the Estate of Augustus G. Kingman, Deceased.
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NOTICE TO CREDITORS

IN THE COUNTY COURT OF THE STATE OF OREGON FOR THE COUNTY OF MALHEUR.

In the Matter of the Estate of Mary A. Closson, Deceased.

The undersigned having been appointed by the judge of the county court of the State of Oregon, County of Malheur, administrator of the estate of Mary A. Closson, deceased, and having qualified, notice is hereby given to the creditors of, and all persons having claims against, the estate of said deceased, to present them, duly verified as provided by law, within six months after publication of this notice to said administrator at the office of E. M. Blodgett, in the Town of Nyssa, Malheur County, Oregon, that being the place hereby designated where said administrator will receive said claims.

George Closson, Administrator of the Estate of Mary A. Closson, Deceased.
E. M. Blodgett, Attorney for Administrator.
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