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THE BIBLE IN THE PUBLIC SCHOOLS.

THE CAPITAL JOURNAL has received several communications concerning the teaching of the Bible in the public schools, prompted no doubt, by the announcement made by Superintendent of Public Instruction Churchill of his selection of certain chapters of the Bible to be read in the public schools along with selections from other well-known authors. While the policy of The Capital Journal is to give every one an opportunity to express an opinion on any subject, thus also insisting that the language should be courteous and inoffensive. The communications referred to did not comply with this rule, and hence went into the waste basket.

As a matter of fact, the thing the writers complain of does not exist. It is not proposed by Superintendent Churchill that the Bible shall be taught in the public schools. He made his selection from the Bible, not for any faith or creed, but simply for their literary merit.

His selection are to be commended for they are examples of the most magnificent literature in existence. Laying aside all matters of belief and judging the Bible from its literary side alone, it is beyond all comparison. No one, saint or sinner, Christian or atheist, can lay claim to being well-read if they have not read and enjoyed the Bible. What more magnificent poem than Solomon's Song? What more profound study and expression of human affairs than the monologue of the afflicted Job? What paragraph of modern days has ever approached Solomon? What writer has ever said so much in so few words, and said it one-half so well as those whose writings comprise the Bible? What modern writer has ever told so pathetic a story as that of the Prodigal Son, in so few words? What writer outside of the Bible has ever told so simple, yet so grand a love story as that of Ruth? What perfect love as ever depicted in so few and so entrancing words as that of this old-time maiden? What has ever equalled her declaration, that, "Thy people shall be my people, and thy God, my God," or that culmination, "Where thou diest I will die, and there will I be buried." What story of human affairs, love and hate, jealousy and revenge, betrayed trust, undying friendship, vindictive persecution, supreme tragedy equals the New Testament? Surely to shut out such literature from the public schools would be almost a crime. That any creed should be taught, with our innumerable differences of articles of faith, differences of detail of worship, distinct ideas as to form and ceremonial, would be highly improper; but to shut out the literature of the Bible would be to deprive the student of one of the richest literary sources extant. It would be just as foolish as to refuse to read some of Ingalls' masterpieces of thought and diction because we are not in accord with his beliefs.

THE BOTANICAL FEMALE.

THE EXTREME DELICACY and inordinate modesty of the American people is shown in the hesitancy they have in using the word "leg," when that member of the human anatomy happens to belong to a woman. If it belongs to a child, man or animal, that part of the body used in locomotion is invariably called leg, but when it belongs to a woman, (thanks for the correction, a lady) it becomes taboo, and has to be spoken of, and that not too loudly, as a "limb." It seems to us that following this delicate distinction to its legitimate conclusion, we should make it apply to the sex regardless of age. If grown sister Jane supports, or is supported by "limbs," why shouldn't little sister Mary have her underpinning in the same botanical category, and distinguished as "twigs?"

Why not carry the idea to its legitimate conclusion and in the case of the slender and willowy female call her (in these days) visible means of support, "branches," and the same members belonging to her heavier built and more robust sister, "forks?"

Then, too, there should be some line of demarcation, some definite place, or age, or something, where the average man, especially newspaper men, could without difficulty tell which name to use. It would save much worry as to which term to use in writing up an accident where a leg, twig, branch or fork was broken, and at the same time convey an idea as to the age of the injured. In other words, would it not be well to have the age at which the girl's leg became the woman's limb, branch or whatever class it got itself into, fixed, to know when the leg ceases and the limb takes its place.

THE MAKING OF A GREAT CITY.

THE OREGON JOURNAL calls attention to the city of Glasgow as an evidence of what can be done by dredging. Glasgow is situated on the River Clyde, an inconsiderable stream that in this country would be called a creek, and is 45 miles from its mouth. By dredging, this little creek was made into an immense canal, capable of floating the largest ships even of these days. Forty years ago Glasgow had no shipping in her port for the very good reason that she had no port. Today her shipping amounts to about 200,000,000 tons yearly. This is indeed a wonderful showing, and if it can be duplicated at Portland, the good work should be commenced at once. Conditions are wholly different, and while Glasgow easily controls the waters of the Clyde, it is an entirely different proposition to control the waters of the Columbia. We do not mean to insinuate that this cannot be done, but only call attention to the fact that there might be more difficulty in dredging the Columbia and maintaining a 30 or more foot channel to the sea than there is in controlling the smaller stream.

The tremendous floods of the Columbia, instead of being a benefit, might prove the reverse, and make the maintenance of a channel much more costly than controlling the little Clyde. All Oregonians are interested in having Portland made the greatest port on the coast, and will do all in their power to accomplish this; and if it can be shown that a deep channel across the bar and up the river to Portland can be maintained without prohibitive cost, then all the state will stand in to accomplish this. With a permanent channel of this kind, Portland will eventually be the great port, the greatest city on the coast. She will be the greatest because nature for her, removed the mountain barrier and gave her a water haul from the great Inland Empire. She commands the only route between the Pacific and the east that does not have a mountain

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range, a mile or more high, over which all freight must be lifted. When one estimates the power necessary to lift the millions of tons of freight handled between the east and west, over this mountain range, what it costs to lift not only all this freight a mile or more, but to lift with it the engines and cars necessary to handle it, the figures become appalling. Portland has the one and only route by which this cost can be eliminated and avoided. This alone will make her great, and with a channel to the sea that will float any vessel, she is certain to outstrip all rivals, and become the metropolis of the Pacific coast, the greatest city that borders the Pacific ocean.

A dispatch from Juneau, Alaska, states that the Indians in the vicinity of Gambier Bay, salvaged a large amount of stuff from the wreck of the steamer California, among which was a lot of whiskey. The report says the Indians turned over everything found except the whiskey, on which they had a big time. This shows that the red brother is rapidly acquiring all the elements necessary for citizenship.

At first glance one would not suspect that the auto had anything to do with the high cost of living for people who do not own the bubble wagons, though admittedly they add to the cost of high living, for the owners; but this, it seems, is not the case. It is pointed out that the use of enormous quantities of leather in the finishing of autos has sent the price up and consequently adds to the cost of shoes, harness and all things for which leather is used. Old Mr. Common People gets it in the neck as usual.

CHURCH SERVICES

NOTICE TO PASTORS.

All church announcements, to insure publication, must be in the office by 4 o'clock Friday afternoon.

German Baptist Church.

Corner North Cottage and D streets. G. Schunke, pastor—Sunday services, 10 a. m., Sunday school; 11 a. m., preaching service; 7 p. m., young people's meeting; 7:30 p. m., preaching service; Wednesday, 7:45 p. m., prayer meeting. All German speaking people heartily welcome to all services.

East State Street Lutheran Church.

Rev. P. H. Schmidt, pastor—Sunday school, 9:30 a. m.; sermon, 10 a. m.; English services, 7:30 p. m. every first and third Sunday of month. Everybody invited to attend.

South Salem Friends.

Meeting on the corner of Commercial and Washington streets, Sabbath school 10 a. m. Meeting at 11 a. m. and 8 p. m. Delphina Jenkins, of Oklahoma will bring us the message both morning and evening. A cordial invitation is extended to all our friends and neighbors to be in attendance at these meetings.

W. C. T. U.

Rev. Irvine of the Jason Lee Memorial church will address the W. C. T. U. at their 4 o'clock meeting Sunday.

Reformed Church (German.)

Corner Capitol and Marion Sts. W. G. Lienkaemper, pastor, Sunday school at 9:30 a. m. Morning worship in German at 10:30; subject "Joseph a Servant in the House of Potiphar." Evening service in English at 7:30; subject, "The Sovereignty of God."

I. B. S. A.

The Salem class of the International Bible Students' Association will hold their regular weekly study at 435 Court street, upstairs, Sunday at 2:30 p. m. Undenominational. All Bible students welcome. No collections.

Jason Lee Memorial M. E.

North Winter and Jefferson streets, J. H. Irvine, pastor. 10 a. m., Sunday school; 11, sermon, "Did Jesus Teach That His Church Was to Be a Motley Mixture of Wheat and Tares?" 7:30 p. m., union service of League and church, topic, "Books That Have Helped Me." A head and heart religion. Mid-week prayer meeting Thursday, 8 p. m.

Church of God.

At the Church of God, North Sixth street, Sunday, August 24, 1913, Elder A. Wilson will preach at 11 a. m. His subject will be "The Church of God; of

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interior. As he flashed down the street he stood up in the car steering with one hand and waving the other, and yelling at the top of his voice: "Let her buck." After the crash, Allen, who was unhurt, stepped from the car, still yelling "Let her buck, and have a cigar with me, boys," as the officers seized him.

The body of Miss Fridt, a victim of the California wreck, has been recovered and will be taken to Menmouth for burial.

Medford two years ago shipped in garden truck, now she is shipping it out. This means prosperity.

A special train was run over the Independence-Monmouth Railway to Alsea Tuesday, carrying laborers for work on the grading of the Valley and Siletz Railway.

Mrs. John Shears, an aged woman residing near Newberg, was run down and seriously injured Monday afternoon by a Southern Pacific train. The accident was due to the woman being totally

ly deaf. The accident occurred at a road crossing.

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THE ROUND-UP

Superintendent Alderman of the public schools, has consummated a plan by which when a teacher shows especial merit he or she is sent to California, as a reward. A good thing for California, but tough on Oregon.

Up to this time Lane county has had no forest fires this year.

A justice of the peace at Klamath Falls has sentenced a wife-beater to receive 15 lashes on his back, and threatens to fire the sheriff for refusing to administer the punishment.

A temporarily crazed photographer of Pendleton escaped from the hospital Thursday night, and, jumping into an auto, drove down the street at a 50-mile gait. He steered the machine into the Pendleton Drug Company's store, tearing out the windows on each side of the door and smashing up the whole