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**LABOR IS GOD'S FIRST LAW.**

THE Bible tells us that when the world was made God labored six days, and resting saw that His work was good and blessed it. Here we have the statement that labor was the first thing of which any record is made. Certain of those on whom Fortune has "smiled" look with ily concealed contempt on the man who labors with his hands, and yet since God, the supreme mechanic, labored with hand and brain, is it beneath Humanity? "God moves in a mysterious way His wonders to perform," and the thought has often come to us that knowing the weaknesses and contrariety of man that He had purposely forbidden him "to eat of the fruit of the tree of knowledge" foreseeing that he would disobey, and that in this way He would give to man the last and greatest blessing, the gift of labor.

Man may have been put out of the Garden of Eden for disobedience, but when Adam, defying death, reached forth his hand and plucked and ate the fruit of the tree of knowledge, he carried out the will of God and obtaining the gift of knowledge, became Godlike. The power to create is the gift that lifts him above the brute and places him that much nearer God. Is the mechanic not a creator? As under his hands grow the delicate works of the watch, the ponderous engines that drive the magnificent steamships across the ocean, or the complicated machinery, children that his brain "labored and brought forth," with which he tears apart the continents and joins the oceans is he not indeed a creator? Is he not a creator who levels the hills, spans the streams, and with hands of steel unites that which is far apart and annihilates space? Is he not a creator who hews out the forest, wakes the sleeping earth and makes it labor for man's sustenance? Is he not God-like who controls the earth, who makes it yield up its billowing fields of grain that turn to gold and furnish bread for all the world? Who makes the rock-ribbed hills blossom with orchards and fills the air with perfume, the divine fragrance that God himself first made in Paradise? Painter and mechanic, poet and farmer, labor skilled or unskilled, all are creators, all part of the great machine God uses to carry out His designs, all God's tools and instruments to carry man on to that great end for which he has destined him.

Labor, employment for hand and brain, is God's greatest and best gift to man, and it is supremely fitting that we should each year, as we do today lay aside our usual occupations, and refraining from labor emphasize its importance and do honor to its grandeur. Without the divine gift of labor, the ability to create, the desire to advance and to learn still more of that "tree of knowledge," the fruits of which were so grandly taken despite the fear of death, just as God intended they should be taken, we should be companions of the brutes, and the world would be if not as at first "without form," at least, void.

**THIS MAYOR WANTS MORE INFORMATION.**

MAYOR JONES, of Oregon City, is a man of a methodical turn of mind, and one who is anxious to be certain that he is right before taking action. Recently the matter of forbidding the wearing of "X-Ray" gowns on the streets was suggested to him, and he modestly asserted that he was not well enough informed on the subject to act intelligently. He expressed a willingness to be shown, but intimated that he would have to be fully informed and shown all the evils of the dress, if there were such, before he would interfere. He admits that the skirts that he has seen, or to be exact, has seen through, have so far disclosed nothing objectionable, and that so far as he can see, while they may not indicate a fine taste on the part of the wearers, there is nothing in them at which any one can take offense.

We have made this statement on the authority of the Enterprise, which is generally correct, and it advances the idea that the mayor is determined to view the subject from every angle and to become thoroughly informed on the subject before reaching a final conclusion. According to the truthful and careful Enterprise, the mayor is rather favorably impressed with what he has seen of the gowns, but admits that there might be cases where the wearer might make them appear undesirable. Anyway the mayor's action is careful and considerate, and his determination to understand the subject in all its aspects before condemning it is highly commendable.

**THE HAPPY MAN.**

THE HAPPIEST MAN in the world is the common, every-day chap, who makes his own living, pays his own bills and has the respect of his neighbors. He does not try to get a corner on the local output and he is not a slave to ambition or society. He never expects to wear out his trousers in the seat, and when he glides out of bed in the morning he never wastes any time trying to pick out the right kind of socks, suspenders and necktie that will blend with the general effect.

He only wears a high collar when he feels like it. He never has to sit up at night to poltice his conscience. He believes in the doctrine of live and let live. When he encounters one of the needy he doesn't stutter with the pocket book. The plain plug of a man is happy because he is satisfied, and he doesn't spend half of his time yearning for something his salary will not permit him to buy. Give us more plain men and the world will be better.—Woodburn Tribune.

**ABOUT COMMERCIALIZED VICE.**

THE SUBJECT of commercialized vice is not a two-sided question and it is nothing to quibble about. Commercialized vice is an abominable thing and those who try to break it up are right. It is a cancer and if allowed to go unchecked it will in time destroy the social body. This is the view of sound-minded people who dominate the affairs of this nation and of this state. This view is reflected in the United States law against white slavery and in our state laws against bawdy houses and the use of buildings for bawdy house purposes. In striving to enforce those laws here and

elsewhere in the state the governor of Oregon is complying with his oath of office. Doing so he needs no apologists or defenders. If there are people who do not like our laws on the subject of bawdy houses and who believe the laws should permit and not prohibit organized prostitution and degradation they should go before the next legislature with a bill of their own proclaiming that virtue is a mistake and that vice is what is wanted.—East Oregonian.

That meeting Friday night to discuss the flax proposition was not so well attended as it should have been, but it made up in enthusiasm for what it lacked in numbers. It is time that those in Salem who derive the greatest benefits from the growth of the city take a hand in assisting in this growth. If they do not care to put money into any of these propositions, they should at least attend the meetings and keep posted on what is going on. Salem has a number of good citizens who have retired from business. These should remember they have only retired from business and that they are not retired from the world. They are not yet either dead or buried, and should still take an interest in the city where they have accumulated their wealth, and where they expect to live so long as they do live.

Health Commissioner Dr. G. B. Young, of Chicago, says kissing is not dangerous. This may be true from the Doctor's viewpoint, the medical side, but the average layman knows better. Kissing is the most dangerous occupation in the world. John the Baptist lost his head over a dancing bout, but kissing has changed the maps of the world time and time again.

Some women are surely slow to anger. Sixteen years ago a husband slapped his wife's face. Did she get mad? Well, not in a hurry. She just took time to weigh the act deliberately, and after mature consideration and sixteen years, she felt real angry and brought suit for divorce.

Colonel Miller has found a lot of fossil shells that he is not able to classify, they being different from any before discovered. Maybe they are the prehistoric remains of that old Oregon "mosback" of whom we have all heard so much.

The Oregonian is a great newspaper, but with all its greatness, it will never be able to make the news of the day fit its editorial columns. Many newspapers have tried this, but none has succeeded. The converse is true, that the editorial must conform to the news facts to carry weight.

We have the Oregonian's statement for it that Europe is laughing up its sleeve at Wilson's diplomacy. Our big contemporary seems to be joining in the European hilarity.

**"ON TO PALESTINE" IS CRY AT BIG MEETING**

Practicals Are in Control of Congress and Their Views Differ Widely from Those of Radicals.

[UNITED PRESS LEASED WIRE] Vienna, Sept. 1.—"On to Palestine" was the keynote of the world's Zionist congress which convened here today. Professor Warburg of the University of Berlin presided. About 500 delegates, representing twenty-five countries, are in attendance. The United States and Canada are represented by more than fifty delegates.

It was expected that the old fight between the two factions in the Zionist movement—the practical and the political Zionists—would break out again upon the adoption of the report of the actions' committee, as the executive committee is known. The dream of the practicals, who are in control of the congress, is the colonization of Palestine by the Jews as a nucleus for the ultimate formation and organization of an autonomous if not an independent Jewish state. The practicals believe they are thus carrying out the promise and prophecy of Holy Writ. The politicals, on the other hand, headed by Dr. Max Nordau of Paris, oppose this idea as visionary and fantastic and stand rather for the unified and concerted action on the part of Zionists to secure safeguards and equal privileges and opportunities for the Jews in countries where they are still more or less oppressed.

The report of the actions committee on the Palestine movement, together with the fact that the majority of the delegates are from Russia and Roumania, who see little hope of anything being achieved in those countries by the politicals, it was believed will further strengthen the hold of the practicals on the congress.

The Jewish Colonial Trust company, the financial instrument of the Zionist movement, with headquarters in London, has a capital of \$100,000,000, of which \$1,350,000 has been paid in. There are 110,000 shareholders all over the world. A second financial organization is the Jewish national fund, started nine years ago, to collect money for the purchase of land in Palestine. Up to the present \$850,000, mostly in small sums from pennies to dimes, has been collected. It is hoped that a new record will be established this year by the collection of \$250,000 for this fund. America last year subscribed \$18,000 in cash.

Aside from these two funds and a

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number of smaller organizations working toward the same goal, there are colonization organizations, formed by Baron Rothschild and Baron Hirsch of Paris, whose holdings in Palestine are said to be valued at many millions of dollars.

**THE ROUND-UP.**

Mayor Albee, of Portland, has found his job so strenuous that he is already compelled to take a few days off at the beach.

The Broadway and Harriman bridges across the Willamette at Portland will be opened for traffic Tuesday.

Mrs. Ellen Deering Grangrow was divorced at Oregon City Friday from Grant Nicholas Grangrow. They are both Indians, and Mrs. Grangrow is now some widow. Grangrow was her ninth prize in the matrimonial lottery. She is five times a sad widow and four times a widow of the grass variety, having buried five husbands and divorced four.

Paul Ackerman, of Shedd, who shot M. E. Nicewood, of Tangent, in the face with a 22-calibre rifle last December, pleaded guilty in the circuit court at Albany Friday to an assault with a dangerous weapon.

Marion Evans, 16-year-old son of John Evans, Friday bled to death at the farm of his uncle, E. O. Palmer, 17 miles from Eugene. The cause was the flying from its handle of a double-bitted ax, which struck young Evans, severing the femoral artery. He died half an hour after the accident.

Charles Garroe and Irving Oliver, boys, were arrested at Medford Friday, suspected of having stolen an automobile from Dr. H. L. Anderson, of Portland.

Pendleton Round Up from September 10 to 13, inclusive. It will be great.

Cook county's circuit court docket for September contains 204 cases, 24 of which are divorce cases.

Manager C. L. Gano, of the Eugene Coffee club, reports that in seven days he has placed 150 men in position about town and in the surrounding country.

As one result of the Corvallis business men's picnic in Avery's grove there was started, on the spot, a movement to induce purchase of the tract by the city for a public park.

The Cottage Grove Leader man has sampled the loganberry juice of commerce and says it "has grape juice beaten a mile." He believes it is "a wholesome soft drink that has come to stay."

Dallas Observer: Street paving in Dallas for the present at least, is completed. We have just received a taste now of what real city streets should be, and surely it has created only an appetite for more.

Eugene Register: Spike day at Monroe next Wednesday is an important event. It marks the opening of a new territory that has long been without adequate transportation facilities, and means the further extension of Eugene's trade zone.

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critics as one of the greatest line plungers and best punters in football history of the Northwest, is to be assistant coach of his alma mater, Oregon Agricultural College this season.

More than 30 Jackson county pioneers attended the big reunion at Ashland Thursday.

A break in the levee on the south side of the Stayton ditch Sunday a week ago, put everything on Water street out of commission for two days, says the Stayton Mail.

**SUFFRAGETTES ON CAMPAIGN.**

[UNITED PRESS LEASED WIRE] Des Moines, Iowa, Sept. 1.—Following up their victory in the last legislature when a votes-for-women resolution amending the state constitution was adopted, the suffragettes of Iowa today started a statewide campaign when they left the home of Governor George W. Clarke at Adel for a tour of the commonwealth. Every town and city of importance will be visited. Today's move was the start of the fight to have the next legislature vote favorable when the bill comes up for a second ballot, which will submit the matter to the people.

**MOTOR RACES AT PITTSBURGH.**

[UNITED PRESS LEASED WIRE] Pittsburgh, Sept. 1.—Many of the country's best known motorcycle racers, both professional and amateur, today participated in the thirty-mile endurance race at Konywood park. Following the long grind there will be a program of field and track events.

**COLONEL MARSH RETIRES.**

[UNITED PRESS LEASED WIRE] Washington, Sept. 1.—After more than forty years in the service, Col.

Frederick Marsh, artillery corps, today voluntarily retired from the active list, with the permission of the President. Colonel Marsh is a native of Missouri and was graduated from West Point in 1877. His most recent command was the Boston artillery district.

**ELLIOTT SUCCEEDS MELLEN.** [UNITED PRESS LEASED WIRE.] New York, Sept. 1.—Howard Elliot,

Mrs. M. Earl, of Portland, today assumed the office of president of the New York, New Haven and Hartford line, vice Charles Melles, who had resigned, presented to the board of directors several weeks ago, with today.

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