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THE "GO TO CHURCH TODAY" MOVEMENT.

HERE is a movement on foot throughout the United States to have a "go to church today" Sunday in the near future, on which occasion special invitations will be sent to everybody to attend. It may be a good movement, and it may be out of place for a layman to make any suggestions on the subject, but it strikes us that it can have no permanent results, and that it will be, at the most, but a spasmodic movement. Far be it from us to criticize the manner in which the churches are conducted, for it is a matter for each and every church to decide for itself. As a layman who hears the church discussed in highways and byways, and discussed in a way that the ministers and church-going people seldom if ever hear, we can say there is running all through church criticism an undercurrent of sentiment that the churches are steadily drifting away from the teachings of religion, and are turning too much attention to purely worldly things. Mind you, this is not our assertion, but a statement of what we hear whenever we hear men talking of the churches. For instance, we heard one man say a few days ago: "In 50 years there will be no Christian religion in America." "How do you make that out?" inquired his companion. "Because it will be a Christian party," was the reply. Another spoke of the practice coming into vogue of using the churches as places for political discussions, and for numerous other things that have no direct connection with the worship of God, and vigorously deprecated the practice. He said: "I have been a church member ever since my early manhood, and am just as much of a Christian now as I have ever been. However, at my church in the past few years, there have been meetings of a purely political character. There was nothing morally wrong in this, but, you can readily see, that political meetings in my church, that took action directly opposite to my political beliefs, did not appeal to me. Had they been in accord with my beliefs, I would hold them inadvised still, for they would tend to make others, who did not believe politically as I do, feel disgruntled, and put them out of touch with the church."

In other words, there is abroad a feeling that the churches should "render unto Caesar the things that are Caesar's, and unto God the things that are God's," and the sentiment is that the two services are getting too much mixed. Personally we feel that the church has a broad field outside of its purely religious elements. It has to do with public morals, with charity, the taking care of the unfortunate and the sick. Every Christian is indeed his brother's keeper, and whatever is done toward the uplift of humanity is within the scope and realm of the church. We have pointed out the criticisms as above, simply to call attention to them, and their suggestions as to what is causing the admitted falling off of church attendance.

The Telegram, in an editorial on this subject Thursday, says: "What is the significance of this one impulsive campaign to secure church attendance under stimulant?"

"According to the most reliable statistical information there are something more than 220,000 churches of all denominations in the country, and omitting a considerable following of non-attached Christian Scientists and the unconfirmed in the Catholic church, the total communicants is in round numbers 36,000,000. The estimated seating capacity of all the church edifices in the United States is 58,000,000. These facts would mean that if the church communicants were loyal in attendance, every church in the country would be nearly three-quarters filled every Sunday. Taking into account the percentage of non-communicants who attend church quite regularly, in such circumstances there would be little call for any special church-going campaign. It would be rather the concern of the church authorities to increase their seating capacity."

"It is not for the layman to say why it is that the church, as a whole, fails to grip the interest of those allied with its membership, but that it is chargeable with such failure is an obvious fact. Can the fact be overcome simply by inviting people to go to church for a single day, or, for that matter, for any number of days?"

A RIGHTEOUS DECISION.

LAST June an Irish farmer brought suit for damages against the White Line company for the loss of his sons by the Titanic disaster. The case went to the King's Bench and was decided in favor of the plaintiff, remarks an exchange. The point raised by the steamship company was

that the plaintiff, in accepting his ticket, signed away all his rights of damages, and, therefore, he had no claim on the company. The English court, at one blow, struck away this refuge of lies so deftly woven by the corporation, and held it no bar to damages.

All the world should approve the decision. It is in line with the general trend of decisions of courts in similar cases. They have almost universally held that a man cannot sign away his legal rights. Often a man purchasing a ticket does not read the conditions printed in fine type in an obscure part of it, and, even if he does read it, when the cases are brought into court it is easy sailing, but it involves the plaintiff in large expenses, which often he may not be able to meet. Without this printed form on the tickets there would not be even the shadow of a ground for a contrary claim.

Uncle Sam's representative in Mexico is somewhat peppery, and has evidently acquired the Mexican habit of shooting anyone who does not agree with him. He has served notice on a Mexican editor, one Diaz Miron, that he will shoot him if the disfavored editor speaks to him. It may be the editor will deserve it, but still we do not know just how unworthy Mr. O'Shaughnessy is. As he poses for his picture in a pair of riding boots, we are led to believe that the editor, if he speaks to him, will deserve to be shot. Nothing short of that would make the punishment fit the crime.

A man 84 years old, living in Los Angeles, fell heir a few days ago to a snug fortune of \$145,000, and at once began to divide it among a lot of his relatives. This shows wisdom on his part, as he will leave nothing for the heirs to quarrel over or the attorneys to fatten on, but still we would suggest to the old man that he keep enough to pay his board and lodging the balance of his days, for if he does not he will go hungry to bed, and have a hard time locating the bed. The most ungrateful persons in the world are relatives one has helped.

In the interest of the reporters, who are always hungry for news, it is hoped a state of war may develop at Cove. It would be a little tough on that beautiful embryo city, situated in the center of a rich valley where the bunch grass bunches, and the billowing wheat billows tumultuously, while the purpling foothills of the Blue Mountains, emblem of royalty, make fitting circle for the topaz jewel of the valley.

The movement for an all-Oregon exhibit at Ashland, during the progress of the San Francisco exposition is steadily gaining ground. It is an excellent plan, if for no other reason than the tendency to unite all sections in a movement for the general upbuilding of the state. In other words there will be a distinct advantage gained when we are all working to the one end of making a greater and better Oregon.

One of the most solemn duties of citizenship is to exercise that citizenship by attending the polls on election day and registering your choice for officers. If you do not do that you deserve to be disfranchised. In order to do this without making yourself a nuisance to your friends it is necessary that you register. See that you do this without waiting for the last day, and then go to the polls and vote.

At present the political situation looks as though the Republican nomination for governor lies between Crawford and Withcombe, and the Democratic choice between Bennett and Manning. Still there are plenty of chances for this guess to go wrong, with some dozens of candidates in the field.

The Oregonian and the Oregon Journal each asserts the other is wrong in its statements about the water situation in the village down the creek, and the amusing thing about it is that each has proved its case.

We suggest that Portland select a site here for its auditorium. Without a doubt a free site could be obtained, and the car service from that village is good.

Japan has a naval scandal—another evidence of the rapid advance of civilization in the Orient.

THE ROUND-UP.

Ray Taylor, aged 24, was struck by a falling limb while working in the timber near Hillsboro Thursday, and died within a few minutes.

Mrs. Almyra Burton Harbin, a pioneer of 1833, died at Prineville February 9, lacking but one day of being 90 years old.

Ashland churches will have a series of sermons or lectures on popular themes such as climate, fruits, highways, etc.

Albany Knights of Pythias met in their new \$40,000 hall for the first time Thursday night, it also being the 50th anniversary of the founding of the order.

It is reported that a large area will be planted to corn near Seio this year. The site is responsible for the movement.

The Powder Valley bank, which closed its doors a few days ago, is being

re-organized and will re-open about March first.

Webster Holmes has announced his candidacy for the judgeship of the thirteenth district, to succeed himself.

At Dallas, Lester Stone, who was on trial for perjury in swearing the girl he wanted to marry was more than 15 years old and so procured a license, is still in duration. The jury failed to agree. Stone eloped with Violet Conkey, from the home of the bride at Mouth, went to Dallas, obtained a certificate and came to Salem, where he was married. The pair was later divorced.

Grant R. Dimick in a speech at Milwaukee urged the people to vote for road bonds in the sum of \$600,000.

Seio will engage an engineer to establish the grades of her streets, and thus be in condition for improvement.

Newport taxpayers want the city to vote a bond issue of \$20,000 to take up outstanding warrants and put a stop to their being discounted. The city has an assessed valuation of \$800,000 and an indebtedness of \$27,000, while her charter limits her warrant indebtedness of \$10,000.

In an appeal from a decision of the county court, Judge Webster Holmes, at Dallas, held the road law of 1913 unconstitutional. This affects all the counties west of the Cascades.

Almost every one of the 13 bidders for the Baker \$98,831 water bonds for the two pipe lines recently authorized by the taxpayers of Baker City offered

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La Grande had a \$6,000 fire Tuesday morning when the cleaning establishment of J. W. Anderson and R. E. Johnson burned.

The democrats of Clackamas county will hold a mass meeting at Oregon City a week from Saturday, for the purpose of organizing for the campaign.

Union county will furnish about 100 payers of federal income tax, in the opinion of the collecting agent, as quoted in the LaGrande Observer.

Corvallis with less than one-third of the taxpayers voting, has turned down a new high school proposition. The proposal was for a \$75,000 bond issue.

Evangelist Putnam has opened revival meetings at the Christian church in Klamath Falls. He is a songster of power and also an accomplished cornetist.

Because Eugene is not to be found in an atlas recently ordered, the Eugene library board has notified the publishers that the book is "held at the company's disposal."

Medford has used in the past year over 5,000 cords of wood brought down by rail from Butte Falls. The Mail-Tribune notes the fact and uses it to point a home industries moral.

GLENN GETS FAT PLUM.

Washington, Feb. 21.—Secretary of State Bryan announced late yesterday the appointment of former Governor Robert B. Glenn of North Carolina, as a member of the Canadian boundary commission. He succeeds ex-United States Senator George D. Turner of Washington, resigned. The appointment is effective March 1.

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FILES ANOTHER SUIT AGAINST REV. MORRISON

[UNITED PRESS LEASED WIRE.] Portland, Or., Feb. 21.—Mrs. A. E. Clark has today filed her fourth suit and eighth complaint against Rev. A. A. Morrison, pastor of the Trinity Episcopal church in the circuit court, alleging slander and asking for damages of \$25,833 and costs. Mrs. Clark alleges that Dr. Morrison willfully, maliciously, falsely slanderously and in a defamatory manner used the statement "you are an obstreperous person and a mischief maker and a nuisance in the parish" toward her before others on June 1, 1913.

The suits grew out of trouble in the church. The other suits have been thrown out of court without trial.

She may find it easier to fool him than to keep him fooled.

McCREERY DECISION DELAYED.

[UNITED PRESS LEASED WIRE.] San Francisco, Feb. 21.—H. H. Pike, guardian for Walter A. McCreery, yesterday petitioned Judge Graham to take the deposition of McCreery's mother, Mrs. Isabella McCreery, now in Italy, before passing finally on the millionaire's ability to manage his own affairs. If the petition is granted it means the court will be unable to render a decision next Tuesday, as expected.

INDOOR MEET AT PITTSBURG.

Pittsburg, Feb. 21.—Short dashes, relays, distance runs and broad and high jumping were features of an indoor athletic carnival held here today by the Pittsburg Young Men's Christian Association. The meet was staged at Duquesne Garden and more than 100 athletes of the association participated.

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