

## END OF A RELIGIOUS COMMUNITY.

Another religious communistic society seems to be about to pass out of existence. The Society of Harmonists has sold all its property to the Sewickley Valley, Pa., including the village of Economy, for \$2,500,000, and it is assumed that its affairs will be wound up. The society was founded about the close of the eighteenth century by Geo. Rapp in Wurtemberg, and the members, suffering persecution, came to Pennsylvania in 1803 and 1804. They removed in 1817 to Posey County, Ind., and founded what is now New Harmony. They sold this estate to Robert Owen for his community in 1825, and established themselves at Economy, near Beaver, Pa., where they have remained ever since. They were a sober, industrious, and religious people, and their village and estate became a model of neatness and thrift to all the region around. Their creed was the Bible, they believed firmly in regeneration through Christ and in the millennium, and held some other doctrines that were peculiar, including those of community of goods and celibacy. Their fundamental principle of the entire surrender of their property and prospective earnings by those who became members has been attacked several times in lawsuits, but was always sustained by the courts, the last decision in their favor having been rendered by the Supreme Court of the United States in October last, when they numbered only eight members. The closing of the community is a surrender to the inevitable, for their few members are mostly very old, and they have no accessions. Of the many flourishing communal organizations that attracted attention from thirty to fifty years ago the Shakers and the Inspirationists, at Amana, Ia., are the only important ones that will be left.

## THE WORLD KNOWS.

The world has very clearly defined convictions as to what sort of lives Christians ought to live, and only when its ideals are at least measurably aimed at and realized by the professed followers of Christ, will it accord these the character of being other than hypocrites. The "society" Christian's dances and card parties the world will patronize, but it laughs at its religion. The "narrow" Christian's consistency "the world" may smile at as "too conscientious," but in its heart of hearts it honors and applauds him.—*Chris. Guardian.*

It is said that there is a band of Mexican Indians, nominally Christian, who crucify one of their number on Good Friday of each year. The matter is kept as secret as possible.

The cause of the backwardness of the South is easily explained. Oregon spends for the education of children \$12 a year per capita; Colorado, \$11; Illinois, \$11; and California, \$16; while Kentucky expends only \$3.32; South Carolina, \$1.39; Mississippi, \$2.06. The Northern States, on the average, expend nearly five times as much for education, without counting the universities, as the Southern States, which accounts for the difference in the people.

## DEEP WELLS IN SOUTH DAKOTA

According to a recent list of well-borings in South Dakota over 400 feet deep, published in the Water Supply and Irrigation papers of the United States Geological Survey, out of 350 borings 65 are over 1,000 feet deep, and two reach a depth of 2,500 feet, or nearly half a mile. The majority of these wells have strong artesian flows, with sufficient head to raise the water in open pipes from 100 to 500 feet above the surface. This great pressure is used to furnish power for a variety of purposes. At Aberdeen the sewerage is pumped away by power derived from an artesian well; and elsewhere in the State electricity is generated for light and power purposes. The power from the wells can be easily controlled, and greatly adds to their value; its use does not interfere with subsequent use of the water for other purposes.

The game of basket-ball, which some people look upon with contempt as being an effeminate amusement, is becoming in various quarters the occasion of a great deal of rough and dangerous play on the part of girls who appear ambitious of emulating the rowdyish and brutal practices of many football players. The daily papers contain the records of some disgraceful contests in which girls belonging to basket-ball clubs have lately engaged. For girls to play basket-ball at all before promiscuous town audiences is unladylike, according to the ideas of those who still approve and admire the old-fashioned girl.

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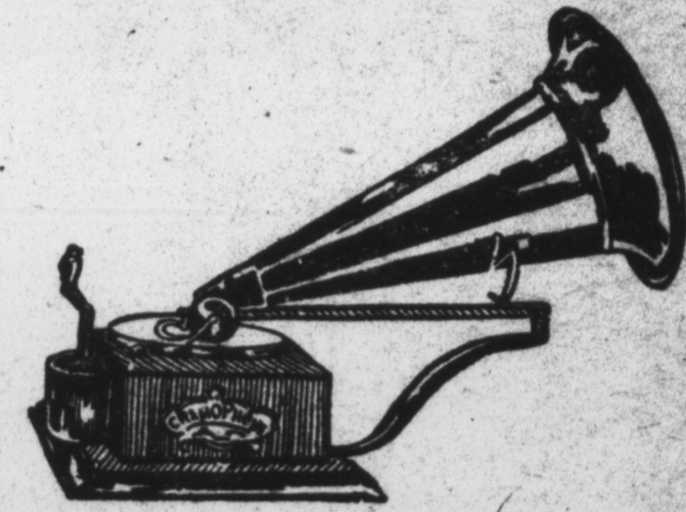
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## AN AGNOSTIC.

The Buffalo Courier tells this story: The Rev. Washington Gladden, after a lecture at Harvard, discussed with a number of students the Christian religion. The students, as is sometimes the way with young men, manifested a lack of faith. They were not ashamed of this lack, either. They seemed, on the contrary, to be proud of it.

"I," said a lad of eighteen years, a freshman, "am an agnostic." He spoke pompously, his hands in his pockets. He regarded narrowly the effect on Mr. Gladden of his bold words.

"You are an agnostic?" said the clergyman.

"I am an agnostic." "What is an agnostic?" Mr. Gladden asked. "Tell me, won't you, just what meaning you attribute to that word." The lad swaggered about the room. He still kept his hands in his pockets. "An agnostic," he said, frowning, "why an agnostic is—ah—a fellow who isn't sure of anything." "How does it happen, then," asked the clergyman, "that you're sure you're an agnostic?"

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