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"FIRST IN PEACE—"

We have always known that the United States army was first in war. And of late we are beginning to discover that it can be first in peace, too.

For the regular army, working in conjunction with the national guard and the Red Cross, has borne the brunt of relief work in the Mississippi flood. If it had not been for supplies rushed to the spot by the army many refugees would have starved or died of exposure. If it had not been for the army engineers many of those who escaped would have been swept away by the rushing waters.

All of which brings us to the proposition that the army is a pretty good thing to have around, war or no war.

During the last few years the army seems to have lost many friends. It has been the target for much free and easy sniping by all varieties of radicals and liberals; it has had a hard time getting Congress to vote enough money so that it could maintain its efficiency of equipment and personnel; it has seen its numbers diminished, and has had to contend with wide public indifference whenever it protested.

Situated as we are, that's probably inevitable. We are at peace, and there isn't much prospect that any foreign power is going to invade our territory in the near future. It's hard for us to realize that we need an army at all, sometimes.

But the army is pretty valuable, just the same. It not only helps in our wars with other nations; it helps in our wars with nature. Let a flood, like the present one, or an earthquake or a great fire or a tornado, lay waste cities and countryside, and the khaki-clad soldiers will be moving about among the ruins before the rest of the country realizes what has happened.

And when the flood is all over, and the survivors have all been cared for, let's not forget what the army did. It isn't a very big army, this American army, but it's a mighty good one; and, war or peace, it's always ready to serve us in bang-up fashion.

TAXPAYER STRIKE IS ON.

When taxes were low in proportion to income, it was easier to pay than to fight against discrimination. With taxes taking so large a share of income, discrimination makes the burden intolerable to its victims. Discrimination, actual and threatened, has provoked overburdened taxpayers to strike.

Farmers started it. They felt they were being discriminated against. In one county they struck so hard they obtained a 25 per cent reduction in farm land assessments.

Timber owners hesitated to antagonize local public opinion lest they be punished by confiscatory taxes. Now they are facing tax confiscation anyhow and are going into court to knock out taxes from which they obtain no compensation in the form of benefits.

Industries found themselves competitively handicapped by state income tax. They went to the people and the tax was repealed. Now they are threatened with it again, and again are appealing to the people.

Merchants were indifferent to the tax plight of the railroads and utilities, but when their own toes were stepped on they squawked. The "blue blank" woke them up. They went into court and obtained the right to invoke the referendum on the act under which the blue blank was served.

Now come the bankers, threatening to resist taxes which plainly discriminate against banks in their competition with untaxed moneyed capital.

None of these taxpayer groups is objecting to taxation that is evenly distributed. What they resent is discrimination which places them at a competitive disadvantage. The taxpayer strike against discrimination seems to be on.—Oregon Voter.

Tomorrow will be Mother's Day. Don't forget the flowers. It is the little things that make a mother happy, and she's mighty pleased when she knows that she has a thoughtful son or daughter—or an appreciative husband.

The authoress of one of Broadway's banned plays says that on her first night in jail she gathered material enough for ten plays.

The army is to have a new cook book. You can lead an army cook to a cook book but you can't make him change his stew.

Fish are becoming scarcer, according to the federal fisheries bureau. Probably the Barnum influence still persists.

Girl babies learn to speak before boys, a speech expert reveals. Giving the ladies both words, first and last.

Not every bad lie happens on the links.

ASHLAND DEBATORS WIN WESTERN OREGON TITLE

(Associated Press Local Wire.)
WARRENTON, Ore., May 7.—The high school debating championship of western Oregon was won last night by the Ashland team as the result of its victory over Warrenton high by the narrow margin of three judges. The Ashland debaters are Dorothy and Richard Joy, Helen Smith and Dulcie Lyttell debated for Warrenton.

Ashland will meet the champions of the eastern division of the state for the 1927 Oregon championship.

Clear light globes, 2 for 35c at Powell's Furniture.

Julius Servatius, accompanied by H. C. Shaw of Portland, was in this city last evening, visiting C. D. Talbot, local manager of the Union News company branch business. Mr. Servatius was just recently appointed manager of the Oregon division of the company taking the place of Mr. Shaw, who is going east. Both left for Medford this morning.

PIANO DEAL IS NOW OFFERED LOCAL BUYERS

Out of Town Firm Trying to Place Instruments in This County.

URGE INVESTIGATION

Deals by Other Firms in Past Not Always to Advantage of Purchaser—Price Was High.

During the past few days a large number of Roseburg residents have received letters from an out-of-town music house, each letter being the same and stating that a neighbor of the person to whom the letter is addressed has a piano on which she is unable to make the payments and that the company is willing to make a very fine proposition on the sale of this piano. A blank is provided for an answer to be made showing whether or not the person receiving the letter is interested.

Any proposition by an out-of-town firm, such as this, should be carefully investigated before any action is taken by a person desiring to buy a piano, as in the past there have been deals made by piano concerns that were not to the advantage of the purchaser.

In several instances campaigns have been conducted by out-of-town companies to sell pianos in the county, the plan of operation being much the same in each instance. Prospective purchasers were notified that the company was to take back a piano in the purchaser's immediate vicinity and that a certain amount had already been paid on the instrument and that it could be secured for just what was still owing. It was represented that the instrument was valued at \$500 and that it could be purchased for about \$250. After several people had become interested in the proposition, the company's representatives deliberately mutilated several new pianos at their headquarters in order to make the instruments appear slightly used, and loading several of them on a truck brought them to this county and placed them in the homes of residents for demonstration, representing that they had been taken from the home of some person in the near vicinity. Quite a number of sales have been made in the past on this plan, and in nearly every instance local dealers had the same pianos in stock, brand new and undamaged for considerably less than the purchaser paid for the mutilated instrument. In fact, one firm several months ago, sold quite a few pianos in this county, charging purchasers \$250 when a local dealer had exactly the same instrument on display and regularly priced at \$195.

It is not the intent of this paper to say that the proposition now offered to prospective purchasers in the county is not reliable. Any such proposition, however, should be investigated and the value of an instrument presented for demonstration carefully checked, by an experienced person, against instruments of like make handled by reputable local dealers.

Whenever a solicitor or an out-of-town concern, either through representatives or by letter seeks to sell its goods to local people, full information concerning the solicitors, firm, or the proposition offered, can be secured through the Roseburg Chamber of Commerce. The Chamber of Commerce has a department organized for the very purpose of investigating these campaigns and it has the cooperation of the Portland Chamber of Commerce, the Oregon Merchants and Manufacturers association and the Better Business Bureau. Through these connections a report can quickly be procured regarding the standing of any firm, or individual who may be endeavoring to do business dealings. Any interested person can call the Chamber of Commerce and secure a report which will enable them to act advisedly upon any solicitation proposition. The service is maintained free of charge.

Service Saves Money
Such a service was recently

obtained by a local resident who was desiring to purchase a new piano. He was informed that the piano was a very fine one, and that it could be purchased for a very low price. He was also informed that the piano was a very fine one, and that it could be purchased for a very low price.

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started at Baker, Oregon, and the local Chamber of Commerce. Direct comments upon the work as follows: "The solicitation committee of the Chamber of Commerce is saving the people of Baker hundreds of dollars monthly, according to an analysis made during this month. This past month on several occasions solicitors went on the street against the advice of the committee and after having worked for several days admitted that not a dollar had been obtained. Many of these solicitors are kept from coming to Baker through the wide-spread of the reputation of this body."

"Further proof lies in a review of the books of a certain very successful Baker merchant. During the years from 1922 to 1925 an average of \$11.67 per month was spent through such channels as are now shut off by the solicitation committee. During the latter part of 1926 and the early part of this year the figure has been decidedly different. From January 1 to April 30 the average monthly donation was only \$2.12. This shows a saving of \$9.57 per month, or nearly twice the monthly Chamber dues of this particular firm."

That the work of the Roseburg Chamber of Commerce in this connection is already attracting considerable attention, is shown by the following letter received from George A. Brandenburg, general manager of the Oregon State Motor association. Mr. Brandenburg says:

"Each year there springs up in the state of Oregon, at the beginning of the touring season, one or two parasitic automobile clubs who prey upon the merchants and motor car drivers of the state."

"An invasion of one of these clubs into the city of Roseburg took place in the last ten days and due to the alertness of your Chamber of Commerce, hundreds of dollars were undoubtedly saved to your merchants and citizens."

"This association sent Mr. Ray Conway, of our public relations department, to Roseburg to make an investigation as to the activities of the club that had invaded your city. He reports to us that everything had been done to neutralize the activity of the organized solicitors of this parasitic organization and that the work had been carried on and completed by the Chamber of Commerce, in that everything possible had been done and that the solicitors had left the town."

"Not only did you care for the city of Roseburg in this matter, but Mr. Conway informs me that warnings have been sent to the Chambers of Commerce of all towns west and south so that the citizens of your neighboring towns were warned also."

"I wish to thank you on behalf of the motorists of the state for your interest and activity in this matter. This city of Roseburg should be congratulated upon the alertness of its Chamber of Commerce. Your activity in this was very unusual and the results were exceptional."

Now You Ask One!



The answers to today's list of questions can all be found in the Bible. They can also be found on the back page of this paper, in case your Bible isn't handy.

1—What scene in Biblical history does this sketch portray?
2—Give chapter and verse for this quotation: "And the Lord God placed a garden eastward in Eden; and there he put the man whom he had formed."

3—How old was Adam at his death?
4—Where is the giving of the ten commandments described?
5—How did Elijah reward the widow of Zarephath for the hospitality she gave him?
6—Who was Benhadad?
7—Who were the three friends of Job who came to mourn with him in his affliction?
8—Where did Paul and Barnabas encounter the false prophet Barjesus?
9—Which New Testament chapter is known as the "love chapter"?
10—Give chapter and verse for this quotation: "Now faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen."

Rag rugs, 39c at Powell's Furniture store.

From Eugene—
Mrs. Herbert Bellows, of Eugene, is spending several days in this city visiting with friends and relatives. She formerly made her home in Roseburg.

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RADIO CLUB WILL WAGE ACTIVE WAR ON INTERFERENCE

A great deal of important business was brought up at the meeting of the Roseburg Radio Club at the city hall last night, and those attending enjoyed also a very instructive program. The club by a unanimous vote decided to donate \$10 to the Red Cross for the relief of the sufferers in the Mississippi flood district. Much sympathy was expressed for those who have been deprived of their homes and possessions.

The passage of the radio ordinance recently by the City Council was a source of gratification to the club. The man-made interference in Roseburg and vicinity has long been troublesome and now that the proper laws have been passed, the club is preparing to wage an active campaign against violet-ray machines and other sources of trouble. A committee was appointed to confer with city officials as to the best way of enforcing the ordinance, and the trouble shooting committee was instructed to bring in the worst offenders. It is expected that a number of the interfering machines will be licensed within the next few days, for the club has a portable radio receiving set used to run down such machines.

It was also decided to stage an evening entertainment for the members in the near future, and a committee of seven was named to arrange the details. This will be the first entertainment given by the club and the members anticipate a good time.

The educational program which followed the business meeting was very interesting and beneficial to the radio fans. Mr. H. M. Pierson, who was the speaker for the evening, had selected three topics for discussion—preparation for summer reception, the rumored alternating current tube, and the operation of the new Orange Network of radio stations.

To get the best reception in the summer—that season when static is king—it is necessary to surse every bit of current that comes from the air until it has been transformed to sound. The speaker declared that aerial and ground should receive special attention during the summer in order to be sure that there is good contact at all joints and there are no leaks or resistance to cut down the power. Contacts in the set should also be kept clean and bright if the set owner wished to enjoy programs with a minimum of static. Interference is also frequently neglected in the warm season and suffer from insufficient charging. Mr. Pierson recommended that the storage batteries be charged at regular intervals during the season, whether the set was used or not, to keep the batteries from sulfating and deteriorating. Summer is always a time of some noise, but by using proper care the fan can make his set produce very good programs, although the range of the equipment will be about half as much in winter as in summer.

After answering all queries about

Mother's Day Poems

Mothers — Old-Fashioned And New-Fangled

BY LOUIS ALBERT BANKS

Oh, how well do we remember,
Were it June or cold December,
Boyhood days down on the farm!
Who kept home things like a charm?
It was mother, gentle mother.
Was there ever such another?
With her sweet old-fashioned ways
In the dear old-fashioned days.

On the days when school was going,
And the farmers all were sowing,
And both boys and girls must go—
Who kept all things up to tow?
It was mother, sweetest mother,
Oh, my soul, we dearly love her!
With her kind old-fashioned ways
In the quaint old-fashioned days.

There were times when we were trying,
Finally, mother's patience dying,
Who knew well where grew the switches
That would sting through summer breeches?
It was mother, wisest mother,
Painful then but worth the bother.
Bless her shrewd old-fashioned ways
In those firm old-fashioned days.

Then we come to Sunday morning;
Church would call for much adorning;
Who then washed neglected ears—
All unheeding groans and tears?
It was mother, cleanest mother,
Who could all our quibbles smother
With her clean old-fashioned ways
In those rare old-fashioned days.

When at church at last we're sitting,
When our thoughts with birds were flitting,
Who then caught our wand'ring eye—
Sent it back to preacher dry?
It was mother, rightest mother,
Who could all our faults discover
In her keen old-fashioned ways
In the plain old-fashioned days.

Now we have the gay sweet flapper
Tripping lightly, trim and dapper,
She's much wiser in the books
She's more careful of her looks,
Many folks are now taboos
What this flapper-mother's doing.
I'm believing she's true mother,
A bit wiser than the other,
With her bright new-fangled ways
In these strange new-fangled days.

So, sweet modern flapper-mother—
Just as wise as any other—
In the coming later day
Your dear son, like men today,
Will of you be proudly singing,
And set all the bells ringing
Of your "sweet old-fashioned ways
In the dear old-fashioned days."

Loosen Up, Mother Dear!
BY FLORENCE AIKEN BANKS

You've trials and worries, mother dear,
But mother-trials are always here,
So loosen up!

Take time to do your pretty hair
In a becoming coiffure. There—
Not quite so tight! A little care
Will lend much charm.

Let fly each glossy softening wave
Your husband and your children crave—
Just loosen up!

Of course, the family cares grow,
And there is much that's hard, we know!
—You love those cares; you'd have it so;
They're joys as well.

The girls and boys are not so wild,
And each of us was once a child,
Yet we grew up!

The younger generation's bright—
Now, really, aren't they often right?
Don't draw your pretty mouth lines tight,
But loosen up!

Put on a brightly-colored gown;
Smooth out that growing worry-frown,
And loosen up!

Put dabs of powder on your nose,
Though buttons aren't on all the clothes,
Take time to go to see some shows;
Let troubles pass.

Wee naps will help! And, when you may,
Get out and share the children's play;
'Twill make them glad—not just to-day,
But all their lives.

Suppose your house is not just so—
It's wholesome—that's enough; for oh,
It's YOU that counts!

WEEKLY SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON

Fellowship With the Risen Lord

Text: John 20:1-10; 21:15-17

The first day of the week cometh Mary Magdalene early, when it was dark, unto the sepulchre, and seeth the stone taken away from the sepulchre.

Then she runneth, and cometh to Simon Peter, and to the other disciple, whom Jesus loved, and saith unto them, They have taken away the Lord out of the sepulchre, and we know not where they have laid him.

Peter therefore went forth, and that other disciple, and came to the sepulchre.

So they ran both together; and the other disciple did outrun Peter, and came first to the sepulchre.

And he, stooping down, and looking in, saw the linen clothes lying; yet went he not in.

Then cometh Simon Peter following him, and went into the sepulchre, and seeth the linen clothes lie.

And the napkin, that was about his head, not lying with the linen clothes, but wrapped together in a place by itself.

Then went into also that other disciple, which came first to the sepulchre, and he saw, and believed.

For as yet they knew not the scripture, that he must rise again from the dead.

Then the disciples went away again unto their own home.

So when they had dined Jesus said to Simon Peter, Simon, son of Jonas, lovest thou me more than these? He saith unto him, Yea, Lord; thou knowest that I love thee. He saith unto him, Feed my lambs.

He saith to him again the second time, Simon, son of Jonas, lovest thou me? He saith unto him, Yea, Lord; thou knowest that I love thee. He saith unto him, Feed my sheep.

He saith to him again the third time, Simon, son of Jonas, lovest thou me? Peter was grieved because he said unto him the third time, Lovest thou me? And he said unto him, Lord, thou knowest all things; thou knowest that I love thee. Jesus saith unto him, Feed my sheep.

The International Union Sunday School Lesson for May 8: Fellowship With the Risen Lord—John 20:1-10; 21:15-17.

By WM. E. GILROY, D. D.
The title of our lesson is in itself very striking and instructive. The whole significance of the resurrection of Jesus is found in this matter of fellowship with the risen Lord.



steadfastness. To us, as to Peter, there comes the challenge of this Christ who loved us and died for us and rose again for our justification. "Lovest thou me?"

What this resurrection faith did for Peter is beautifully revealed in this incident. His heartiness has gone, his passion to be first, his assurance that though all others might deny his Lord he is not of ordinary flesh and blood, and he could not be guilty of such cowardice and baseness. It is not only a subdued and penitent Peter, but a Peter who has had brought home to him his crucial weakness.

He knows the penetrative aspect of the question of Jesus, "Simon, son of Jonas, lovest thou me more than these?" His simple reply is, "Lord, thou knowest that I love thee." He has no disposition to compare the quality or quantity of his love with that of others.

This is the evidence of true love, that it establishes true humility of soul. The man who has not learned the meaning of humility has never learned the meaning of love, for humility arises chiefly from the largeness and glory of the ideal by which we test our own lives. The man who is not humble has never known what it means to measure his own life and character by the standard of the fullness of the love of God.

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