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SENATOR BROOKHART'S WOE

THE DEMAGOGIC Senator Brookhart in his campaigning prior to last November told his Iowa constituents that Mr. Hoover was in favor of some kind of bonus scheme as a measure of farm relief. Of course, Mr. Hoover never had said anything publicly or otherwise, so far as the record showed, to justify such a poor opinion of his sound judgment as the Brookhart declaration would indicate, but the Iowa statesman was anxious to tell the corn belt what he thought the corn belt wanted to hear, and so from the hustings he gratuitously cut the Hoover policy to fit the Brookhart political argument. Now Brookhart professes to be shocked at discovering what had been obvious to everybody else all along—that Mr. Hoover not only opposes the equalization fee, but that he also opposes the substitute scheme of subsidy through debentures.

Senator Brookhart campaigned for Hoover because, in a presidential year, he wanted to be in the band wagon. Campaigning for Hoover, he wanted to think and wanted his constituents to think that Hoover stood for all that Brookhart stood for. It was a clear case of the wish being father to the thought. Now he finds himself in the position of having to explain to his constitutents whom he had misled. Instead of blaming himself, he blames Mr. Hoover. It is all very Brookhartesque.

As a political lone wolf, the senator may be expected to howl from now until the next presidential campaign. Then he will try to get in the band wagon again. Could demagogy go further?

If you have a small boy in your home, you will be interested in what Dr. Chevalier Jackson, Philadelphia specialist, has to say about babies swallowing foreign substances. Dr. Jackson's clinic has extracted all kinds of things from the throats of children—safety pins, peanuts, toys, pennies, buttons and even jewelry. And here is what he says: "Safety pins have killed more babies than firearms. Intelligent care taken by the parents or nurses could reduce effectually the dishcartening number of casualties resulting from lodgment of objects in the throats and lungs of children who have been permitted to put such things in their mouths." That bit of advice ought to be pasted up in every home. It doesn't take much trouble to keep little things out of baby's reach—and a little carelessness in that matter may cost the child's life.

POEM FOR THE DAY

By LOUIS ALBERT BANKS

THE ROMANCE OF MODERN EDUCATION

Here is an interesting piece of news close at home:

A real "floating university," on which students may earn credits in such subjects as geography, geology, Pacific coast history, biology and botany will be launched by the University of Oregon this summer, it is announced by Alfred Powers, director of summer sessions. The trip will take about two weeks, and will cover all points of interest between Seattle and Alaska ports, after which the students will return to the campus, where the balance of the session will be spent.

The S. S. Queen of the Admiral Line has been chartered for the voyage, and preparations to take 185 students and 15 professors have been made. Karl W. Onthank, executive secretary of the university, will head the expedition. The ship will stop at Ketchikan, Taku glacier, Juneau, Skagway, Sitka, and other points of interest. The start will be made on August 8 from Seattle.

These modern students are in luck—
There only needs a little pluck;
The hard-wrought past's a treasure store;
Into their lap its riches pour.
All modern science works for them
And brings them many a new found gem.
And now they've dreamed this college ship
To add to learning's pleasant trip.

They show them nature's wonder world
Where mountains to the skies are hurled,
Where glaciers from the heights are thrown,
And rivers leap in might, full grown.
They take them close to nature's heart,
Reveal the great Creator's art.
They light imagination's fire
And wake the dullest to aspire.

In ledges reared in snow white peaks
Geology waits him who seeks.
Geography is shown to eyes—
Beneath those wondrous arctic skies.
And in the moss and alpine flowers
Botanic beauty fairly showers.
And all the while the wonder grows—
Through every sense new learning flows.

I hail with joy these modern youth
With all these avenues of truth,
Congratulate them on their age;
It should high wisdom sure presage
But still, in all this wondrous time,
The heights for him with grit to climb;
And he who seeks his age to serve
Will need an earnest steady nerve.

ROGUE PEAR CROP TO EXCEED YIELD OF 1928, OUTLOOK

(Associated Press Leased Wire)

MEDFORD, Ore., May 4.—A survey by L. P. Wilcox, county agent, indicates that the 1929 Rogue river valley pear crop will exceed that of last year when 2,800 washed out when waters rushed did not suffer from the unseasonable cold weather. Wilcox said and there is little danger from frost now.

The apple crop in this section will be about 60% per cent of last year's, when 600 cars were shipped. The peach, apricot and cherry orchards will yield about half of last year's tonnage, Wilcox estimated, owing to damage from frost.

Myers pump and electric water systems are reliable. They are sold at Wharton Bros.

The Office Cat

The victim had been properly patched up, both broken legs set, six stitches under the chin, plaster cast around the chest, and a small sliver inset in the skull.

"By the way, doc," he whispered, as the weary surgeon gave one last proud look at his handiwork. "I don't know just when I'm going to be able to pay you for all this. I've got a few hundred laid by in the bank, but to tell the truth I'm saving that in case of an emergency."

Some rare bargains may often be found in things you neither need nor want.

Subtraction

Teacher: "Take four out of five, and what do you have, Tommy?"

Tommy: "Pyorrhea, ma'am."

"Why so depressed, Brown?"

"The horrible cost of living, old chap; constant bills for materials, paints and shingling."

"What, house?"

"No, daughters."

A man and a pin are similar—neither is of much use after losing its head.

Strength comes from struggle, weakness from ease.

A young lady entered a stationery store and asked for a pound of floor wax.

"I'm sorry, Miss," replied the clerk, "we sell only sealing wax."

"Don't be silly," she remarked. "Why should anyone want to wax a ceiling?"

Flapper Frances (buying present): "I want a pair of squeaky slippers, size ten."

Salesman (amused): "Must they be squeaky?"

"Oh, yes. They're for father's birthday. I want them to be squeaky so my boy friend can hear him coming down the hall."

If a fellow will not buy-buy, he gets the bye-bye.

The American farmer's faith in politicians grows stronger each time they deceive him.

Susan—What's Bobby crying for?

Harold—He's not crying for anything. He's had it.

Americanism: Training the kids for a higher station in life; feeling injured because they feel superior.

Public opinion always respects the man with courage enough to defy it.

Another good way to hide from the world is to marry a famous woman.

"Does she come of a respectable family?"

"Respectable! Why her great great grandmother swam home from the Mayflower."

Perhaps the easiest way to judge a man is to discover how much he expects to be allowed for his old car.

Astronomy professor: "Can you name me a star with a tail?"

Student: "Sure—Rin-Tin-Tin."

AGRICULTURAL NOTES

(By J. C. Leedy, County Agent)

At the recent turkey meetings conducted in the various parts of the county by the O. A. C. extension service, McKinley Huntington, president of the Douglas Cooperative Turkey Growers and the Douglas Turkey Breeders' association, emphasized the importance of properly caring for the young poults now being hatched, in order that a large percentage of them may be saved, thus reducing the overhead cost of production.

Newly hatched poults should receive no feed for the first 48 to 60 hours, when a ration consisting of a mixture of hard boiled eggs, dry bread crumbs and greens may be supplied with good results, according to Mr Huntington. The bread and eggs are gradually eliminated after a week or ten days, substituting ground wheat, corn and oats and smaller amounts of meat meal, steamed bone meal flour, oyster shell flour, charcoal and salt.

Some skim milk should be kept before the baby turks at all times where possible, as the lactic acid contained in the sour milk acts as a mild antiseptic and assists in keeping bowel trouble at a minimum.

B. Coon, Billard, and H. W. Gould, Myrtle Creek, cooperating with the county agent, have recently completed fertilizer tests on cover crops in prune orchards. Ammonium sulphate, sodium nitrate, and Swift's peery (5-14-4) fertilizer were used in the tests and were effective in the order named.

A 200% application of ammonium sulphate produced an approximate increase of 50 per cent in the growth of the cover crop over that in untreated check plots.

Nitrogenous fertilizers have special value in increasing the size of cover crop growths in backward years like the present when it has been a problem to secure growths of profitable size before plowing time in the orchard.

Douglas county fruit growers will be interested to know that the latest official reports of the frost damage to California fruits estimate the California peach crop to be about 50 per cent of the 1928 production, cherries 50 per cent, pears 75 per cent and prunes 77 per cent. However, estimates of actual damage are somewhat difficult to make at this time. In any case, reports are bullish regarding canned fruits, and more interest is being shown in dried fruits.

NEWS BRIEFS

(Associated Press Leased Wire)

NEW YORK, May 3.—Abby Milton has $11.90 in dimes presented by her great-grandfather, John D. Rockefeller. At her birth a year ago he gave her one hundred dimes. Each time she has visited him since then one has been added to her bank.

CAMBRIDGE, Mass., May 3.—Locks of hair of Daniel Webster and Henry Clay are bequeathed to Mrs. Sarah Neilson by the will of her father, Joseph B. Russell, financier.

WASHINGTON, May 3.—William Butterworth of Moline, Ill., was reelected president of the Chamber of Commerce of the United States today by the directors after the close of the 17th annual meeting of the chamber.

SAN FRANCISCO, May 3.—Dr. Richard G. Broderick, 55, nationally known expert on hospital construction and organization, died last night at Stanford hospital. Dr. Broderick designed hospitals in Portland, Ore., Los Angeles and other Pacific coast cities.

SCARSDALE, N. Y., May 3.—A new bank here is to pay its depositors' bills, saving them the trouble of writing checks. Depositors will send their bills to the bank monthly. They must have ample funds in the bank, of course.

GANNETT CHAIN OF PAPERS BUYS OUT BIG STOCKHOLDER

(Associated Press Leased Wire)

NEW YORK, May 4.—The Brooklyn Eagle announced today that the International Paper & Power company no longer had any financial interest in the Brooklyn Eagle or in any of the Gannett newspapers.

Frank E. Gannett, president of the Gannett newspapers, today delivered to the International Paper & Power company his check on the Chemical National Bank & Trust company for more than $2,700,000 retiring all of the International investments in the Brooklyn Daily Eagle, the Albany Knickerbocker Press, the Albany News, and the Ithaca Journal News, which are among the 17 papers controlled by Gannett.

Testimony of Archibald R. Graustein, president of the International, before the federal trade commission in Washington last Tuesday was that the International held investments in certain newspapers totalling ten million dollars.

Of this approximately $2,700,000 was invested in securities of four of Gannett's newspapers.

MOTOR BARGE FOUNDERS; CREW OF 12 RESCUED

(Associated Press Leased Wire)

SAULTE ST. MARIE, Mich., May 4.—The wreckage sighted yesterday off Thunder bay in Lake Huron by the steamer Benvoyle, was that of the motorized barge C. E. Parks, of Sault St. Marie.

This became known today when the wife of Captain Sam Shields in charge of the essel received a radiogram from him at Thunder bay island, saying the vessel had foundered but that the crew of 12 men and himself had been taken off by the coast guard.

NEXT WEEK'S WEATHER

(Associated Press Leased Wire)

SAN FRANCISCO, May 4.—The weather outlook for the week beginning May 5 was announced here today by the U. S. weather bureau as follows:

"Far western states: The outlook is for generally fair weather and seasonable temperatures except becoming unsettled in the north Pacific states toward the middle of the week, probably with rains west of the Cascade mountains."

DEFUNCT VALE BANK PAYS ITS SECOND DIVIDEND

SALEM, Ore., May 4.—The state banking department distributed checks Friday covering the second dividend in the liquidation of the Farmers' & Stockgrowers' bank of Vale. The dividend was 25 per cent and was the second to be declared. The two dividends total 40 per cent. The bank closed December 5, 1927. Deposits at that time totaled $160,895.42.

DAILY WEATHER REPORT

U. S. Weather Bureau Office, Roseburg, Oregon. Data reported by E. H. Fletcher, Meteorologist in charge.

Barometric pressure (reduced to sea level) 5 a. m.	30.08
Relative humidity 5 p. m. yesterday (per cent)	37
Highest temperature yesterday	62
Lowest temperature last night	46
Average temperature for the day	54
Normal temperature for this date	54
Precip. in Inches and Hundredths:	
Precipitation for 24 hours, ending 5 a. m.	T
Total precip. since 1st month	T
Normal precip. for this month	1.83
Total precip. from Sept. 1, 1928, to date	19.57
Normal precip. from Sept. 1 to date	23.56
Total deficiency since Sept. 1, 1928	3.99
Normal seasonal precip. Sept. 1 to May inclusive	37.16

Forecast for interior southwest Oregon: Unsettled tonight and Sunday; moderate temperature.

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IMPROVEMENTS ARE MADE BY TELEPHONE COMPANY GLENDALE

(News-Review Douglas County Special)

GLENDALE, May 4.—The Glendale Telephone company has just completed the installation of three new terminal fuse boards and a new cable lead-in which connects the outside lines with the switchboards. The work was done by I. H. Smith and E. W. Tatum. Mr. Smith is manager of the company.

In the big fire last July the Glendale Telephone company was a heavy loser. Besides losing 17 commercial phones, the telephone distribution system in the Glendale business district was entirely destroyed. Temporary lines were hurriedly strung so that long distance service was resumed the morning following the fire. Just two months after the big fire the Glendale Telephone company was again the victim of fire, this time losing its home and office. One switchboard was carried out and saved and with this and a lot of temporary lines, telephone service was again established within two days of the fire.

Newly built telephone lines have now replaced the various temporary lines, the new construction being permanent and substantial. The switchboard is installed in the new residence and office building opposite the new city hall. After operating for several months under many difficulties the Glendale Telephone company is in better shape than ever and now has ample facilities to take care of the ever-increasing demands made for telephone service and which is being occasioned by the business expansion this city is experiencing at this time.

SPRAYING RIGHT OF WAY

(News-Review Douglas County Special)

GLENDALE, May 4.—A special Southern Pacific work train has been spraying the railroad right of way in this vicinity this week. The spray used kills weeds and acts as a deterrent to further weed growth while being non-poisonous to cattle or game.

FAMILY REUNION HELD

(News-Review Douglas County Special)

YONCALLA, May 4.—A family reunion was held at the Applegate ranch just north of town over last week-end. It was the birthday of Mrs. Rachel Tulley, oldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Applegate. The entire family was at home, the members being Mr. and Mrs. Paul Applegate, Rex and Paula Joyce Applegate of Scottsburg, Mr. and Mrs. Ted Tulley, Evea and Eva Applegate of Portland, Mr. and Mrs. Vincent Applegate and son of Yoncalla, Mrs. Belle Burt of Eugene and Mrs. Rose Cowan of Yoncalla, sisters of Mrs. Applegate, were also present.

YONCALLA COUPLE HAVE NARROW ESCAPE WHEN CAR LEAVES HIGHWAY

(News-Review Douglas County Special)

YONCALLA, May 4.—Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Puch narrowly escaped a bad smashup Sunday morning. Returning home from church, Mr. Puch got too far to one side of the road, while passing a car driven by Miss Bertha Suttlerlin, and his car plunged down a bank into some brush. No one was injured, but the Puch car was quite badly damaged. Percy Dubell assisted in getting the car back on the road again.

DRINKING FOUNTAINS BROKEN

(News-Review Douglas County Special)

GLENDALE, May 4.—The two drinking fountains on Pacific avenue have at various times in the past been converted into geysers as the result of some careless autoist crashing into them and breaking them off. This past week substantial concrete bases that completely cover all the piping and serve as a support and guard for the fountain bowls have been built, Sigurd Ash doing the work.

YONCALLA NEWS

(News-Review Douglas County Special)

YONCALLA, May 4.—Mrs. Lester Clinton and daughter Jean of Coquille, Ore., is visiting her sister-in-law, Mrs. E. V. Leach, for a few days.

Mr. and Mrs. S. T. Rose of Blue Mountain, near Cottage Grove, visited at the Earl Haskell home Sunday.

Little Raymond Parks, who had been in the hospital at Portland the last three weeks, returned home recently. Mrs. John Potter spent a few days last week visiting Raymond.

Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Burt and son of Albany visited at the Henry Burt home over the week-end.

Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Wilson and family, who have lived in Drain for the last few years, have moved to their ranch just south of town.

Miss Viola Newby spent Thursday visiting in Eugene.

Mrs. Alice Canney returned home Thursday after spending a month visiting friends in Scotts Valley.

Mrs. Coons, Jackawaline Updegraff and Mrs. Huff spent Wednesday in Eugene, looking after some business matters.

Scared Bald

Frightened by a puppy, five-year-old Henry Mates of Washington, D. C., lost all his hair in seven hours. Maryland Medical college experts, puzzled by the strange case, are seeking means to restore his hair.

MEMBER PIONEER YONCALLA FAMILY DIES AT ALBANY

YONCALLA, May 4.—Mary J. (Long) Aldridge, a pioneer resident of Yoncalla, died at Albany May 1 at the age of 71 years. She was born at Yoncalla Aug. 16, 1857, the daughter of John and Minerva Long, pioneer settlers of the valley, and spent her girlhood days on the old farm of her parents. She was married August 23, 1872 to C. Aldridge.

When 18 years of age she united with the Baptist church, and remained a member the remainder of her life. After a few years spent near Yoncalla, they moved to California and later to Tucson, Ariz. After her husband's death, she returned to Oregon, making her home at Albany for the past 20 years. She leaves to mourn her one sister, Mrs. Sarah Westenbeiser, of Yoncalla and one brother, S. G. Long, living at Yakima, Wash., besides several nieces and nephews and a host of friends. She was the mother of two children, both having died while quite young. Funeral services were held in the Community church at Yoncalla Friday afternoon, May 3rd. Rev. White assisted by Rev. Barnard preached the funeral services. Interment at the Yoncalla cemetery.

CANYONVILLE NEWS

(News-Review Douglas County Special)

CANYONVILLE, May 4.—George Blattner left for Portland Tuesday to be gone indefinitely.

Mrs. Ruth Troyer of Deer Park Inn spent a few days in Roseburg returning to her home here Tuesday.

Rev. Shaffer and family leave for Bandon Friday to attend revival meetings at that place.

Kenneth Hopkins was operated on Tuesday morning for appendicitis. He is in Mercy hospital at Roseburg, Dr. B. R. Shoemaker is attending him.

A number of people here attended the Glendale celebration. Some of those who went are L. E. Henninger and wife, Mrs. Grace Peterson, Mrs. R. L. Couglar, Mrs. Frank Sullivan, W. W. Willis and family, John Hamlin and family, Miss Mollie Sullivan, J. M. Gross, Ira Poole and wife, Grace Sawyers and daughter Lorena, L. J. Buroker and family, Mrs. V. J. Buroker and children, Elton Bollenbaugh and wife, C. C. Conkle and family, the Howard Green and M. E. Manley families, Loson Winn and wife, Mrs. V. Reilly and Naomi Winn.

Word was received Thursday that Kenneth Hopkins who was operated on Tuesday is getting along nicely.

Mr. and Mrs. F. M. Hopkins, Jennie Hopkins, spent Friday in Roseburg on business.

Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Malin of Grants Pass are visitors here this week.

H. A. Radtke and Clarence Shaver spent Friday in Gold Hill attending business matters.

GLENGARY NEWS

(News-Review Douglas County Special)

H. C. Eckstrom has moved his family from Glengary to the McDonald farm at Kelley's Korner.

Mr. and Mrs. McDonald left yesterday for Sacramento, and after visiting at that place for a short time will go on to Kansas, where they plan to reside.

T. P. Carnes has returned home after spending the winter with a son in Nevada.

Rev. Randall is holding special revival meetings at Glengary and Green this week.

CRANE GUARDS SHEEP

CARACAS, Venezuela.—In place of dogs, shepherds have the yakamik, a species of crane, guarding their sheep. It is said that no matter how far the yakamik may wander with the flock, it always finds its way home at night, driving the sheep before it.

ARROWHEAD HOSIERY

Advertising ½ Price Sale

The Arrowhead Hosiery Mills have authorized their local agent, Carr's store, to offer a pair of Arrowhead hose at ½ price with each purchase of a pair at the regular price. This applies to any and every style of men's, women's or children's hose. Arrowhead makes a complete line of cotton or rayon or silk hose. Every pair of Arrowhead is guaranteed to give satisfactory wear or a new pair free. This ½ price offer ends May 15th. Carr's.

Tomato plants for sale, large plants; Bonny-Best and Early Anne. Burner's greenhouse, W. Roseburg.

WEEKLY SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON

THE BIBLE IN NATIONAL LIFE

The International Uniform Sunday School Lesson for May 5. The Bible in National Life. 2 Chron. 34:14-16, 29-33.

By WM. E. GILROY, D. D.
Editor of The Congregationalist

The historical situation with which the present lesson deals probably preceded by almost 100 years the time of the two preceding lessons which related to the period of the Babylonian captivity. The defeat of the Kingdom of Judah, and the carrying off of the people to Babylon occurred in 538 B. C., while the present lesson is dated in the eighteenth year of the reign of Josiah, probably about 630 B. C. While these facts are important for historical perspective in the study of this lesson, they do not affect its moral value and its spiritual teaching.

The story is one of reaction after reform, and the abandonment by a religiously indifferent people of the progressive measures and reforms instituted by an enlightened leader. Hezekiah had reformed the worship of Israel, but in the years following his death the Temple had been neglected and forms of worship idolatrous and morally corrupt had become prevalent.

Always a Menace

This influence of surrounding heathen peoples was a constant menace to the purity of the religious life of Israel, and it should always be remembered that the matter was not simply one of placing one religion against another, or of a difference simply of forms and observations. These heathen religions were impregnated with vile and immoral practices, so that the corruption of the religion of the people meant the breakdown of the moral and social sanctions that had been developed through the influence of prophets and heroic leaders.

In ancient times, as today, the influence of the head of the nation had a great effect, and when kings like Manasseh and Amon themselves set an evil example, they led astray the people whom they should have helped.

During these years of decadence there were faithful souls who remembered the work of Hezekiah, and whose hearts were responsive to the teachings of the prophets. Probably a nation never becomes so corrupt that there are not some hearts in which the fire of righteousness and the love of truth and goodness still burn.

Oftentimes this fire in the souls of the righteous is as a latent force awaiting a favorable occasion and circumstances. These now came in the discovery of a writing, now known to us as the book of Deuteronomy, which immediately awoke vital interest and became the occasion of distinctive reform.

Text: 2 Chron. 34:14-16, 29-33

And when they brought out the money that was brought into the house of the Lord, Hilkiah the priest found a book of the law of the Lord given by Moses.

And Hilkiah answered and said to Shaphan the scribe, I have found the book of the law in the house of the Lord. And Hilkiah delivered the book to Shaphan.

And Shaphan carried the book to the king, and brought the king word back again, saying, All that was committed to thy servants, they do it.

Then the king sent and gathered together all the elders of Judah and Jerusalem.

And the king went up into the house of the Lord, and all the men of Judah, and the inhabitants of Jerusalem, and the priests, and the Levites, and all the people, great and small; and he read in their ears all the words of the book of the covenant that was found in the house of the Lord.

And the king stood in his place, and made a covenant before the Lord, to walk after the Lord, and to keep his commandments, and his testimonies, and his statutes, with all his heart, and with all his soul, to perform the words of the covenant whom are written in this book.

And he caused all that were present in Jerusalem and Benjamin to stand to it. And the inhabitants of Jerusalem did according to the covenant of God, the God of their fathers.

And Josiah took away all the abominations out of all the countries that pertained to the children of Israel, and made all that were present in Israel to serve, even to serve the Lord, their God. And all his days they departed not from following the Lord, the God of their fathers.

There was a time when this book was thought of as the work of Moses, but further study now seems to make it plain that the book was written nearer to the time of its discovery. It was the work of a devout soul who had immersed himself in the history of Israel and who had readapted the story of Moses and of his heroic leadership and reforms to the later need of the people. The prophetic writer of the book had died and his valuable manuscript had been neglected and lost through this neglect. Now, however, at a crucial hour in Israel, its discovery came through one of those matters of chance in which the far-seeing can perceive the workings of a deeper providence.

One of the workmen engaged in repairing the Temple found the book in the rubbish which he was clearing away. Apparently he could not read, but he took the book to the high priest Hilkiah, and Hilkiah bringing it to King Josiah, a grandson of Hezekiah and a man of upright character, the book became a new authority in Israel—the book of the law.

One cannot altogether dissociate this story from the way in which the whole Bible has become a power in national life in modern times. One thinks of the Authorized Version with its matchless English prose and its power in spiritual and literary influence, published under the authority of James I of England, and made by that act almost a very part of the constitution of Great Britain. From that historic setting and influence the place and power of the Bible have been maintained in the nations that have grown beyond the seas from British roots.

Not an Irreligious Nation

Here in the United States, we have the formal separation of church and state, but this does not mean that the state is a non-religious or irreligious institution. The power and place of the Bible have been enshrined in our national life from the earliest years. The fact that the president of the United States still takes his oath of office upon the Bible reminds us that if we were to take out of American history and American life all reference to it and all of its influence, a mere skeleton of dead bones would remain.

The Bible is still the vitalizing power of this nation. It is in its principles and teachings that the hope of the nation remains. Our conceptions of many of the ethical and secondary things in connection with it have changed, but the recognition of the greatness of the Bible in its teachings and, above all, in its Great Teacher, is still the strongest, and most pervasive and upbuilding influence in our life.