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Bible Thought for Today

A MORNING PRAYER:—Create in me a clean heart, O God; and renew a right spirit within me.—Psalm 51:10.

The Farmers' "Burden"

The decreasing number of farmers compared with the city population is not so bad as it is sometimes made to appear.

A typical example of wrong perspective in this matter is seen in a recent cartoon in the Chicago Tribune. The rural population 100 years ago is represented by a big farmer carrying on his back a small city man. The situation today is indicated by a small farmer bent under the load of a city man grown to gigantic proportions.

The city man really supports the farmer as surely as the farmer supports him.

It is true enough that 100 years ago the farmers were two-thirds of the population, and that today they are less than half the population. But that does not necessarily mean that the farmer is worse off, or that the farm population carries a heavier burden.

If the growth of urban population means anything, it means bigger markets for the farmer, with better prices for his products and better facilities for selling them. True, as the proportion of farmers decreases, they must produce more per man. But that is taken care of by the improvement and increased use of labor-saving machinery and better methods on the farm. The average farmer today probably produces two or three times as much as the farmer of half a century ago, with the same amount of effort. In many cases, one man produces a dozen times as much as grandfathers did, in the same line. Thus, the percentage of agriculturists required to provide food for the nation steadily decreases.

It is not at all likely that the typical farmer today works harder than the farmer of 50 or 100 years ago did, and he usually has more to show for his work in the real satisfactions of life.

The "back to the farm" movement is valuable chiefly for the sake of the city people. It would do most of them good to get back to the country, in contact with the soil and the sun again, whether they devoted all their time or only part of it to agricultural pursuits. Getting back to the land is more a privilege than a duty. As far as insuring the necessary food for the nation is concerned, the good old economic law of supply and demand will probably take care of that.

Nothing of Importance

A traveler tells of a curious little town in northern Persia, where the people wash themselves with sand instead of soap, and eat all their food raw, and use bricks for pillows. Perhaps the most curious thing about the place is that the rich people live in the slums and the poor live in the suburbs.

Why the rich citizens should endure the crowded quarters and bad smells, while the poor enjoy the space, light and air around the pleasant edges of the town, is explained in this way. Originally the town was subject to marauding expeditions, and families with property placed themselves, for their own protection, in the center of the settlement, leaving their less fortunate friends to serve as a wall of protection around them. The need of such protection has long passed, and a family may dwell anywhere in the neighborhood with impunity; still the old custom persists.

This fact is nothing of importance. Still, it is an illuminating example of the inertia of habit and custom. We laugh at those queer Persians, and do many things just as queer. We build fences around our homes, for instance, in spite of the fact that not one American home in a hundred needs any such protection. And men wear coats in hot weather. And in both of these respects, our own poor are likely to enjoy the same sort of unintentional benefit as those absurd Persians. The poor don't have to be bothered with fences and coats.

"English Toffee" is what we all know about and are seldom able to buy in America—because it is not always found in this country. At the Palace Confectionery you can buy "English Toffee." The genuine article at the eastern price—name as New York prices. Why not drop in and ask Al Cain for a sample of this wonderful "English Toffee."

IN THE OLD HOME TOWN



ED WURGLE, WHO DELIVERS WASHINGS FOR HIS WIFE, AFTER EXTENSIVE INVESTIGATION HAS GIVEN UP THE IDEA OF MAKING WINE THIS FALL.

STILL MORE ROOMS NEEDED

All Club Appeals for Additional Quarters to House Teachers Next Week.

Eighty-eight double and three single beds is the sum total of room accommodations listed to date for entertainment of the tri-county institute, visitors here commencing next Sunday evening and lasting until Thursday morning—for Wallawa county teachers—and until Wednesday evening for the others. More than again as many are needed.

Superintendent Hampton and the Ad club checked up today and developed headaches over the situation. It is felt that La Grande must be made to know at once that its duty in this matter has become paramount—that teachers coming to the institute cannot be made to sleep on hotel benches and that unless there is immediate response and a disposition on the part of residents to go to some trouble and inconvenience to do the host function, that serious results alone will attend. The teachers pay for what they get at the rate of \$1.00 per night for single beds and \$1.50 for double beds. La Grande people are not of the disposition to stand on the question of pay for doing an hospitable act when the city is entertaining," said Mr. Hampton today, and we feel sure that it is only a lack of appreciation on the part of housewives that has delayed the listing of ample rooms to care for visitors coming to La Grande next week.

One thing is certain; when England set out to have Ireland, she did not count on twins.—Philadelphia North American.

"THE OLD NEST" IS GREAT SHOW

Typical American Family Pictured in Film at the Sherry Theatre.

It is different from other films—it has no thrillers, no cowboys, no female vamps, no villains, no stage beauties, no sensations and no scandal. It is one of the clean wholesome pictures that people appreciate, for it tells the story of a happy American family and traces the mother, father and children through life. Beginning with the little brood of youngsters it shows true to child like their pranks; then it follows them into school, in the sweetheart stage, off to college and into the wide world of competition where success greets some and near success greets others.

Through it all the mother and father carry the load. It is a picture plainly setting forth the parental slavery of today which is taken on by parents in order that children, who afterwards become thoughtless and careless, may have the best there is.

No one who loves an American family and enjoys family life should miss this picture. It runs tonight and tomorrow night.

Chinese Tongs Make Peace in New York

NEW YORK, Oct. 3.—Members of the Hig Sing Tong and the On Leong tong, rival Chinese merchants' associations, mingled in peace Saturday when the latter celebrated the opening of its new six-story headquarters building in the heart of Chinatown, the scene in past years of murders arising out of tong wars. The On Leongs, congregated from all parts of

the country, began their nine-day reunion by speeches and feasting.

All Chinatown joined in the celebration and the streets, noisy with the twanging Chinese violins and hung with gay lanterns and hundreds of Chinese lanterns, attracted thousands of visitors. The new building is designed along oriental lines, contains dormitories for On song tong members.

The nuisance tax goes but the tax nuisance remains.—Nashville Banner. Love at first sight usually ends with divorce at first sight.—Ashville Times.

Postmaster-General Hays will have done something worth while for the postal service if he can get a special delivery letter to its destination before the regular mail.—Canton News.

NOTICE

Notice of proposed street improvement and hearing on preliminary assessment.

Notice is hereby given to whom it may concern, that the Commission of the city of La Grande, Union County Oregon proposes and intends to improve Improvement District No. 119



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in the city of La Grande, Union County, Oregon, by grading Second street from the north line of O avenue to the north line of the alley in Blocks 76 and 77 of Chaplin's Addition to the Town of La Grande, Oregon and N avenue from the east line of Second street to the east line of First street and by grading the same for a width of thirty feet in the center of said streets and by constructing the necessary catch basins according to the plans and specifications made by the city engineer therefor and adopted and filed September 21st, 1921, and to make such improvement at the expense of the property in said District to be benefited thereby;

That the boundaries of said Improvement District to be benefited and improved as finally adopted by the City Commission are as follows, to-wit:

Commencing at a point upon the center line of O avenue opposite the northwest corner of Lot three, Block 72 of Chaplin's Addition to the Town of La Grande, Union County, Oregon and running thence east along the center-line of O avenue to a point thereon opposite the northwest corner of Lot three in Block 72 of said Chaplin's Addition, thence south along the west lines of Lot three in Block 73 and Block 76 of said Addition to the center-line of the alley line in said Block 76, thence west along the center-line of the alley in said Block 76 and Block 77 to the center-line of First street, thence north along the center-line of the said Block 72, thence east along the center-line of said alley to a point thereon opposite the southwest corner of Lot three in said Block 72 and thence north along the west line of said lot to place of beginning. That the Commission of said city will meet on Wednesday, the 26th day of October, A. D. 1921, at the hour of 7:30 o'clock p. m., at the Commission room in the City Building in La Grande, Oregon, and there hear and determine all objections, remonstrances and claims of grievance against said proposed improvement or the proposed assessment therefor; That the report of the committee on estimates for said proposed improvement is now on file in the office of the Recorder of said city.

Dated at La Grande, Oregon, this October 3rd, 1921.

J. S. STEARNS,
Recorder of the City of La Grande.

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