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### Bible Thought For Today

A STRENGTH AND REFUGE:—O Lord, thou art my God; I will exalt thee, I will praise thy name; for thou has done wonderful things. . . . Thou hast been a strength to the poor, a strength to the needy in his distress, a refuge from the storm, a shadow from the heat.—Isaiah 25: 1, 4.

### Encouragement for Fires

A fire insurance man of 30 years experience, and his wife, an editorial writer, took part after their kind in the fire prevention observance of their home town. The man addressed a meeting of his fellow-citizens on the relation of fire hazards to cost of insurance. His wife wrote articles dealing with the danger of fire and all the approved methods for preventing it.

Then they went cheerily back to their house and the husband stacked a lot of kindling, boxes and excelsior under the cellar stairs where the draft was heavy and the danger of a dropped match considerable. His wife went right on throwing greasy papers and burnt matches (supposed to be out) into the same old kitchen waste basket. A two-gallon can of kerosene stood within six feet of the lighted furnace, and the oil floor mops and dust cloths rested always against the woodwork, as if spontaneous combustion were something to quench fire instead of an ever-present fire menace.

It is just these small, practical, every-day details that fire prevention falls short in the average household. One day devoted to correcting such evils is a good thing, but it takes 365 days of keeping them corrected to make fire prevention amount to anything.

### Lost Wages

Congress is having a nightmarish time trying to work out a taxation system for taking \$4,000,000,000 a year out of the pockets of the American people, without fatal reaction, business or political. Congress knows that whoever has to pay the taxes will resent it, and that in any probability the whole nation will resent it, because everybody will be hit in some way or other. And no wonder. Four billions is a lot of money. The loss of it hurts.

But here's something worth thinking about. There are about 5,000,000 idle workers in this country. They have an earning power of \$3,000,000,000 a year. All of this federal taxation about which there is so much fuss and agony could be paid more than twice out of what these workers are now losing through forced idleness.

War is not the biggest of economic evils. We pay more for bad industrial management. Civilized nations think they are interested in the problem of unemployment, but they only play with it, even in so serious a time as this. Some day we may tackle it as seriously as we fight wars, and really do something about it.

Having turned the corner, business finds there are three more to turn before it gets back to where it was before.

Europe used to point the finger of scorn at Mexico, and Mexico, looking at Europe now, is mildly amused.

If the taxpayers had no votes, Congress would find that tax law a very simple matter.

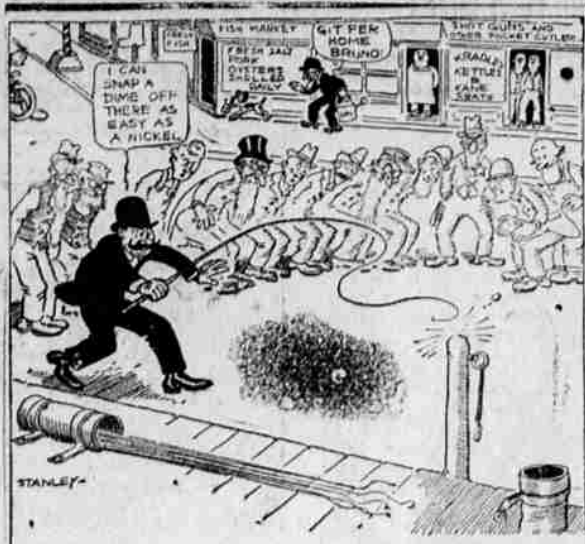
One way for the man out of a job to spend his time is in figuring out what he would do to prevent unemployment.

The Treasury Department says the average American family has \$1,000 saved up. It isn't right to let out the secret. Somebody'll be getting hold of that thousand and lending it back to the average family at 10 per cent interest plus 15 per cent bonus to build a garage.

Scientists say men have been on earth at least 500,000 years, and yet they haven't learned how to get along with each other.

Why is it that every civilized nation seems to think it is a mark of righteousness patriotism to do to other nations things that any civilized individual would be ashamed to do to another individual?

### IN THE OLD HOME TOWN



THE BUGGY WHIP SALESMAN WHO CAME IN TOWN YESTERDAY ENTERTAINED THE BOYS IN FRONT OF THE HARNES SHOP WITH SOME CLEVER TRICKS.

### THE OFFICE CAT



—By JUNIOR—  
Greetings! Have you started the furnace yet?

A wife should help her husband in everything except driving the family car.

Married men are said to live longer, but single men say it only seems longer.

No matter how profitable a business deal, it never equals the thrill of finding a \$5 bill in an old suit.

One La Grande man says if a woman would sacrifice as much for her husband as he does for her figure, all married men would have bank accounts.

"The customers are complaining," said the boss barber. "Claim you shave 'em too close."

"That's the result of helping my father in the grocery. Been used to shaving clipped beef and cheese."

Did you notice that Doc Payne is a high official in the Indiana Dental Association?

POPE.  
The roads I ride with thee,  
Dear heart,  
Are but a bunch of bumps to me,  
I count them over, every foot apart,  
Through long eternity.

Each foot a bump, each yard a jerk,  
I count them over as I must,  
On every road unto the end to find  
A spring has bust.

O awful pikes, O worn-out roads,  
O battered cars that pitch and toss—  
O let us urge the country's riches  
To come across, sweetheart,  
To come across.

Isn't it about time to spring the annual report about the shortage of Thanksgiving turkeys.

A private was shaving himself in the open air when his sergeant came along.

Sergeant—"Do you always shave outside?"

Of course, answered the private. "Did you think I was far lined?"

READY FOR THE NEXT.  
"I met old Deacon Blueboard the other day and asked him off he had got rid of the car in which his wife got killed when she was learning to drive."

"What did he say?"  
"Not by a darn sight, by Heck, any man is liable to marry again."

Teacher—Name two of the world's greatest deserts.  
Pupil—Sahara and the United States.

Physicians say that it is not wise to spank children on empty stomachs—the best way is to turn them over.

Ben—Where'd the black eye, old thing?  
Lee—Oh, I went to a dance last night, and was struck by the beauty of the place.

OBSERVATIONS OF THE OLDEST INHABITANT.  
I kin remember when a man could save on railroad fare by buying his ticket from a scalper.

No man is bigger than the law, but occasionally you find one whose bank roll appears to be.

You might infer from the Volstead situation that the water supply in this country is very bad.

## COAL BOOM IN JORDON VALLEY

Lignite Found There Is said to be Good Substitute for Bituminous Coal.

ONTARIO, Oct. 17.—Jordan Valley, the southernmost community in the Eastern border of Malheur county is enjoying a "coal boom," that is the folks down there see an opportunity for relief from fuel problems, the cutting of Junipers, and "mahogany," and all that sort of timber, with the advent of a coal mine in the Owyhee country.

A vein of the coal which is causing the flurry has been uncovered, and from the strippings some coal has been taken. J. R. Blackaby, who was in Jordan last week brought home a sample with him which is on display at the Argus office. It looks a great deal like the lignite mined in North Dakota which under proper conditions with stoves built for its consumption, is a very good substitute for bituminous coal.

Mortality rate is said to be very high among home-brewers. Only trouble is, they don't take their recipes with them.

### ANNUAL MEETING HELD THIS WEEK

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touch. Miss Lucy H. Dawson, general secretary of the woman's board of home missions, will make the opening remarks at the dinner. She will be followed by Mrs. C. W. Williams, who will make an address on "The Other Girl and You." Miss Helen McDonald will respond to a toast on "What the Daughters Owe the Mothers," and Mrs. O. E. Silverthorne will respond to the mother's toast, "What the Mothers Owe the Daughters."

At eight o'clock Mrs. Fletcher Linn will preside at a session which includes an address by Rev. E. T. Allen on "Crimes, Conditions and Cures in Persia." Other numbers on the program include a solo by Mrs. Paul Pollman of Baker, a solo by Mrs. A. L. Richardson of La Grande and benediction by Rev. James Alkin Smith of this city.

The Thursday morning session opens at 8:30 with an executive committee meeting. During the morning session Mrs. E. P. Mossman of this city will address the meeting on "Why I Am a Missionary Woman." An open forum will be held during the morning at which time a number of the pressing problems the missionary workers meet will be discussed. At 11:45 to 12:15 a quiet hour under Mrs. J. W. McMichael of Portland is on the program.

The Thursday afternoon meeting will be addressed by Miss Lucy H. Dawson. Mrs. Fletcher Linn will sing a solo, "Spirit of God," and following closing remarks by the president, election of officers will be held.

A cafeteria luncheon will be served in the church Thursday at 12:15. The literature exhibit will be in charge of Miss Hattie Short and Miss Helen McDonald. Following the Wednesday afternoon meeting a complimentary auto ride will be given the delegates by the Ad Club.

### PREVENTION STRIKE HOPED BY LEADERS

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normal number of employees. "Since then by a violation of only a part of the working rules of only one class of employees, the carriers have received further benefits, amounting to many millions of dollars."

Government May Act.  
WASHINGTON, Oct. 17.—Federal action in connection with the threatened railroad strike still was confined Sunday to conferences brought about by President Harding between the interstate commerce commission and the public representatives on the railway labor board.

In labor circles, however, the expectation was expressed that the legal branch of the government would be utilized.

"I presume that the next thing will be the injunction," President M. H. Johnston of the International Association of Machinists, remarked. He did not give the basis for his expectation and there was no indication from other sources that government officials were preparing to go to the courts.

In view of the statement of recognized leaders of the railroad union that no special consideration would be shown mail trains, official Washington looked to the postoffice department for the first "defensive" move. It was recalled Sunday that the government had not been called on to meet organized interference with its mail traffic since President Cleveland's administration.

### Would Close Packers.

CHICAGO, Oct. 17.—A railroad strike would have little effect on the average large industry of the middle west but would result in closing all packing plants within three weeks and undoubtedly would force many small factories to close, representatives of some of the chief industries of the region said Sunday night.

Tentative plans were being drawn through which Chicago and the larger cities could be kept supplied with most food commodities, although it was believed meat supplies would run short quickly.

City officials declared that they would take action to conserve the city's food supplies the minute the strike started. Tentative plans, as arranged by local officials, call for mobilization of 2500 trucks in which to bring supplies here.

### Hopeless Says Lee.

CLEVELAND, O., Oct. 17.—With the announcement Sunday that the Big Five railroad transportation chiefs will meet here Tuesday to discuss plans to carry on the nationwide progressive railroad strike set to begin October 30, W. G. Lee, president of the Brotherhood of Railroad Trainmen, declared nothing but a miracle could prevent the strike.

Mr. Lee returned to headquarters from Chicago and began sending out official notices of the strike order to approximately 300 general chairmen of his organization.

"Nothing but a miracle can stop this strike," he said. "Still, there may be a saviour some place, but I am afraid not."

Mr. Lee explained that the strike order was final, no provisions being made for postponement. Only a satisfactory settlement before the date for the strike has been provided for.

Mr. Lee said that the strike is in protest against the 12 per cent wage reduction of the railroad labor board effective last July 1. He explained that when the five railroad organizations' chiefs met with a committee of five railroad managers in Chicago Friday to consider this wage reduction and when informed by the railroad managers that a further 10 per cent wage reduction would be requested, the brotherhood chiefs gave up hope of an amicable settlement and the strike order resulted.

### Much Blood Shed.

CHICAGO, Oct. 17.—The most serious railroad strike this country has ever experienced broke out in 1894 in Chicago. This was the Pullman strike which tied up traffic to the Pacific and to Canada.

The trouble arose in the Pullman plant during a general business depression. The men were asking a wage increase to help them meet the hard times.

A boycott was declared on all Pullman cars. It resulted in tying up all traffic including the mails over a wide area and violence broke out in Chicago. The federal government ordered troops here. They were met by a mob and could not proceed until reinforcements arrived.

### Mob Violence.

Mobs burned cars by the hundreds; more troops were sent in and President Cleveland issued a proclamation calling for order.

Twelve were shot and fatally wounded in Chicago and the vicinity, 575 were arrested by the police, 71 were arrested and indicted under federal statutes.

Loss to the roads in property destroyed and hire of United States deputy marshals was estimated at \$600,000.

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Better be a dog without any home than make it a manger.

he made himself a batch of brew and then he took a drink or two.—Wisconsin News.

POLES FIGHT 46-HOUR LAW.  
WARSAW, Oct. 17.—Polish manufacturers are seeking repeal of the labor law establishing the 46-hour week in all factories. They claim Poland cannot reach its full stride with workers in the saddle.

THE REASON FOR OUR SUBSTANTIAL GROWTH IS OUR SUBSTANTIAL SERVICE

When Sled Dogs Freeze

Half Frozen, and with his dogs dropping in their tracks, overcome by the severe cold, Uncle Sam's mail men in the far North bravely "mush on." Nothing must stop the mails.

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## MUCH LUMBER IS BEING CUT

Four-L Report Shows That Over Half Million Feet Daily Cut in Eastern Oregon.

The following report of lumber conditions in Eastern Oregon and Western Idaho is contained in the monthly news letter of the Loyal Legion of Loggers and Lumbermen issued October 15th.

"Lumber shipments god during the past month, with inquiries and orders increasing. Fifty per cent of the apple crop in this district is being shipped in bulk; hence box shuck business slow. Boise-Payette Lumber company plants at Emmett and Barber, Idaho (with exception of Emmett sawmill); Baker White Pine and Stoddard Lumber company, at Baker, Oregon; Geo. Palmer Lumber Co., La Grande, and Grande Ronde Lumber company at Perry, Oregon, all 4L mills, are operating, employing about 800 men, cutting approximately 500,000 feet in eight hours. A few non-4L plants are running with the 4L scale being generally recognized.

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