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Bible Thought For Today

DELIVERANCE AMID TRIALS.
—When thou passeth through the waters, I will be with thee; and through the river, they shall not overflow thee; when thou walkest through the fire, thou shalt not be burned; neither shall the flame kindle thee.—Isaiah 43:2.

Virginia Education

Harris Hart, state superintendent of public instruction in Virginia, reports that in the last 10 years there has been a 100 per cent increase in number of high schools and high school attendance and a 200 per cent increase in school expenditures, and in the same decade the number of illiterates has been reduced more than half. More remarkable still, the Virginia illiteracy rate is now lower than that of Massachusetts.

There is this to be said for Massachusetts in any such comparison—that state has been handicapped far more than Virginia by immigration and the influx of ignorant foreigners has lowered a naturally good educational average. Virginia, however, deserves more the less credit for her remarkable accomplishment in view of the handicap she started with. It is the direction in which a state is going that counts most, and Virginia is manifestly headed the right way, with some of the other southeastern states making just about as good a showing. No longer can illiteracy be regarded as a peculiar reproach to the South.

U. S. Employment Service

Secretary of Labor Davis has requested of Congress a special appropriation of \$400,000 for the purpose of extending the federal employment service, which now exists in skeleton form only. When this branch of government work was practically abolished soon after the armistice, there were many protests against such action from persons familiar with the service. These protests became urgent calls for its re-establishment as the unemployment period became more definitely marked.

The public has not paid as much attention to this subject as it should have done in view of the fact that general unemployment affects everybody either directly or indirectly. But it is coming to be widely recognized that the federal employment service could be of incalculable help in a period of business and industrial depression and that it has real work to perform even in normal times.

Movies as Peace-Makers

"More Japanese from their opinion of America from the moving pictures, than from any other single source," writes an American correspondent who has been studying Japan.

Perhaps the first thought arising in the average mind is that the Japs are then getting a pretty poor idea of America. American movies have not been altogether popular in America lately, for reasons which need hardly be stated. But the average mind may be jumping to a rash conclusion. Hear that correspondent further:

"And, however little attention the movies pay to arts and sciences in America, they portray an America of interest to Japan. They are an antidote to hatred. If the affairs of the two countries should come to a real crisis, a commission composed of Charles Chaplin, Douglas and Mary, and Bill Hart might work wonders in Japan."

Say what we may about movie stars from a highbrow viewpoint, they're the real diplomats. Foreigners understand them—so it through them, the rest of us.

American Royalty

Interesting in various ways is the marriage, in Paris, of William B. Leeds, Jr., to the Princess Xenia of Russia. The most interesting part of the matrimonial venture of these two 19-year-old children belongs elsewhere than on the society page.

There is fruit for reflection in the very title of the bride. It had not occurred to most American readers that there were any Russian "princesses" left, or any "grand duchess" mothers to provide the royal background.

IN THE OLD HOME TOWN



DOCTOR SWANTON'S MEDICINE TROUPE OPENED THEIR WEEKS VISIT WITH SOME SNAPPY SONGS AND LIVELY DANCING.

As for young Leeds, apparently a pretty decent young fellow who has had the misfortune of growing up in the atmosphere of a royal court, he affords a peculiarly interesting study. His father was the late American "tin-plate king." His mother married into the Greek royal family—royal one-generation longer than the Leeds family—and is known as the "Princess Anastasia."

Every move in this complicated marriage, which involves three different ceremonies, has had to be "referred for approval to the executors of the Leeds estate in New York." The Leeds estate, of course, is putting up the money for the royal flubdub, just as it financed the restoration of King Constantine in Greece. And all that money comes from tinplate.

Most citizens of middle age remember when tinplate was a pioneer industry in this country, and was encouraged as such by bonus legislation. That was all right. It was good industrial strategy to build up an American tinplate industry. The interesting thing now, however, is the revelation of how the millions made by the infant industry as it rose to monopolistic maturity are being used. Royalties on tinplate go to buy royalty for the tinplate family.

An employer wants his stenographer to take a personal interest in his affairs, and sometimes he wants to take a personal interest in hers.

Postmaster General, Will H. Hays is trying to figure out some method of getting into circulation a billion dollars which he says the people of the country have in their stockings. We've got a good alibi, all right, for our stockings won't hold money.

Hotel rates must be high enough to cover the cost of the towels and soap the guests carry away.

Oysters cannot live in water that contains less than 3 per cent salt, but lobsters can live anywhere without special arrangements—even without work.

Things we love to talk about. Money, ourselves, more money and more about ourselves.

Another fine thing about education is that it keeps the youngsters out of mischief and gives mother a little peace at home.

The Forum

LA GRANDE, Oct. 17.—Editor Evening Observer, Dear sir: Can you grant a little space in our daily paper for the following item concerning a matter that is of world-wide importance, viz., who shall rule the ocean?

The biggest thing in the world is the ocean and the all-absorbing problem of today is who shall rule it.

The biggest thing in the world being the ocean, the currents are its life blood and that nation which first learns to control the currents shall rule the ocean.

Canada contemplates plugging the Straits of Belle Isle to prevent the cold Arctic Current entering the Gulf of St. Lawrence and freezing up that river every winter.

By this undertaking Canada hopes to change the trend of the Gulf Stream bringing the same close in along the coasts of New England, Nova Scotia and into Gulf of St. Lawrence thus raising the temperature of Eastern Canada 5 to 10 degrees, increasing her productive wealth even beyond conception and to such an extent that Uncle Sam wakes up to the fact that Canada has put one over on him by fencing out the Arctic ice and letting in the Gulf Stream.

A little reflection soon convinces Uncle that if Canada can utilize the warm waters of the Gulf Stream, so can he, and what is more he claims a prior right because he lives nearer the source.

And so without consulting Canada he proceeds to convert the Panama Canal into an open channel through which the Gulf Stream flows west in to the Pacific and North along the West Coast to Alaska, changing the climate of that country and making room for millions of immigrants that are looking for a place to make good homes.

In the meantime England is in a state of consternation, facing an enemy against whom armies and navies are of no avail.

When Canada blocks up the Straits of Belle Isle the Arctic cold stream will be switched to the east by the shoulder of Newfoundland and, following the line of least resistance, continues on to the shores of Britain, changing their climate to an unheard-of degree and threatening the navigation of the Thames and the Mersey, which means starvation to England.

To the man who can show England how to fight this foe, she offers a reward that makes John D.'s fortune look like ten cents.

A few notings later Uncle Sam is lying back in his office chair, his heels on the desk and a fragrant Havana between thumb and finger when the phone at his elbow rings loud and long. Hello, Hello, this is the governor of Panama!

"Yes, Governor, what is it?"
"I say, Uncle, England has stolen the Gulf Stream."
"Hell you say?"
Respectfully,
L. GARRICK.

TWENTY HURT IN WRECK.
DALLAS, Texas, Oct. 18.—Twenty were injured and none killed when the eastbound Sunshine Special of the Texas and Pacific railway, was wrecked by a spreading rail last night near Van Horn, Texas.

Royal Canadian Yacht club of Toronto boasts the finest class of yachts in the world.

DAIRY POINTS

RAISE STANDARD OF ANIMALS

Bringing Out Desirable Characteristics by Selective Breeding Receives More Attention.

(Prepared by the United States Department of Agriculture.)

The task of raising the standard of farm animals and poultry and bringing out certain desirable characteristics by selective breeding is receiving more attention as methods of farming for profit become intensified.

The breeding of domestic animals dates back to remote antiquity, when



Interest the Boy in Better Stock.

the most advanced races of the Old World were on the border line between savagery and barbarism. It far antedates any but the simplest mechanical arts. Yet, while our knowledge of the laws of nature as they apply to machines has reached great magnitude and complexity, it has been comparatively a few years since the principles of breeding have been more than a collection of unrelated traditional beliefs.

The same superstitions on which the shepherds of Asia based their practices at least 30 centuries ago are still widely current, while the one sound principle known to the ancients—selection of the best for breeding stock—is still much neglected.

The principles of successful animal breeding, as they have been learned by practical experience in the United States and other countries, and by careful scientific study along definite lines, are outlined in Bulletin 905, recently issued by the United States Department of Agriculture.

This bulletin goes into the first principles of reproduction and follows with the means by which certain characteristics of one or the other parent are transmitted to the offspring, the methods of selection best suited to intensify the desirable characteristics and weed out the undesirable, the characteristics which can with certainty be expected to continue from one generation to another, those which are uncertain and those which cannot be inherited.

Aside from mere increase in numbers, the purposes which the breeder is likely to have in mind fall under two more or less distinct heads, namely, production of a uniform product, and improvement. A uniform product depends on such control over the heredity of the stock that matings can be made with the assurance that the offspring will be of a certain definite type for which there is a demand. Improvement is, of course, closely related to control over heredity, but the methods which give the greatest control are not necessarily those which lead to the most rapid improvement.

In a broad sense the whole subject of practical breeding comes under the head of selection. The most obvious basis for such selection is the performance of the animals themselves. Unfortunately, the merits of most kinds of live stock cannot be measured directly. The study of conformation as an index of useful qualities has accordingly held a high place as a basis for selection of breeding stock. Live stock judging has this for its purpose. An animal of good breeding is a better one to breed than one of equal individual merit but of mixed or common breeding. Pedigree, though often misused, is a valuable aid to selection, apart from following a general policy of mating. The soundest basis of all for selection of breeding stock is the record of past performance as a breeder, provided the record is sufficiently extensive to give a fair test.

MANY COWS NOT PROFITABLE

Ten Million "Boarders" in United States Whose Yield is Less Than Cost of Feed.

Not over a third of the so-called dairy cows of the United States are profitable to their owners. Ten million "boarders" live on milked cows; their yield is worth less than their feed. Their owners seem to keep them for the sole purpose of milking them fourteen times a week, cleaning out after them, and otherwise enjoying their society.

SALT IS HIGHLY IMPORTANT

Cows When Deprived of It Become Emaciated and Finally Suffer Complete Breakdown.

Dr. Babcock, of Wisconsin, found that cows when deprived of salt became emaciated and were of low vitality and finally suffered a complete breakdown. He recommended that they be fed three-fourths of an ounce per day with an additional six-tenths of an ounce for each twenty pounds of milk produced.

Postal receipts at Walla Walla for the first quarter of the current fiscal year amounted to \$15,865.27 as compared with \$18,324.55 for the same quarter last year.

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They are of heavy Crepe de Chine, white and tan with Peter Pan collar and cuffs with sash and black gros grain ribbon bow. They are priced at \$7.00.

New Golf Champ

Miss Marion Collins of West Brook, N. J., carried off the golf bugs by defeating Miss Stirling for the national title in the final round of the tournament held at the Hollywood Club at Deal, N. J.

Harassing the Spaniards

Moorish troops have thrown a ring of steel around Melilla, the last Spanish stronghold in Morocco. Their sharpshooters harass the Spaniards day and night. Here one of them is shown on his high perch, firing at the enemy.

HOMES For Sale

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