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Bible Thought For Today

I SHALL NOT WANT:—The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want. . . . Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life: and I will dwell in the house of the Lord for ever.—Psalm 23: 1, 6.

Organized Farmers

It used to be said of American farmers that they could not work together. It was their great reproach. They are being reproached now because they do work together.

"The "agrarian bloc"—a fancy name for "farm group" — affords representation in Congress for the Farm Bureau Association, the Farmers' Union, with a total membership of about 3,000,000. Because all those farmers know what they want, and are able to co-operate in essentials, they have been able lately to dominate a House and Senate composed mainly of members whose constituents do not know what they want and do not work together. A united minority beat a loose majority.

There are many obections to the "bloc" system of legislation, but here is at least a good example of co-operative efficiency. It is bound, too, to have a good effect on agriculture. If farmers show that they can run the country, people are going to be attracted to farms.

Another United States

When a new nation is born in Europe, the fact it heralded everywhere. A new nation born in America the other day attracted little attention. It is the Central American Federation, a union of Guatemala, Honduras and Salvador under one federal government, after the manner o fthe United States. It makes a country as populous as Ireland, three times Ireland's size. Nicaragua and Costa Rica may yet join, making one country intervening between Mexico and Panama.

There was such a union 80 years ago. It seems the logical thing. There is nearly every essential element of success—similar race, language, religion, culture and political institutions. There is also the common bond of distrust of the United States and a lack of confidence in our Monroe Doctrine.

Uncle Sam will not worry about that. If the new union will do what it has set out to do. It would simplify many things to have one strong, dependable government in Central America. If the Central Americans can make themselves independent of the Monroe Doctrine by taking adequate care of themselves, more power to them!

The Best Known Tune

Some concern is felt in certain quarters lest the familiar songs "We Won't Go Home Until Morning" and "He's a Jolly Good Fellow" will pass forever from a tuneful world. A brief survey of the history of those songs should be reassuring. The music appears to be as old as civilization and practically universal in popularity. The Crusaders brought the tune to Europe with them. They had learned it from the Arabs who sang it with words about a desert chieftain, but who said they had borrowed it long before from the more remote Orient. Words and meaning have varied, but the tune has remained a general favorite. Marie Antoinette, Charlotte Corday and Napoleon sang and whistled it. Beethoven incorporated it in his "Battle Symphony."

It is said that whether it is played or whistled or sung in Turkey or Finland, in an occidental city or in a lamasery of Thibet, there will always be some one among the natives or local inhabitants to join in the chorus.

Perhaps John Barleycorn, with whom this piece has been chiefly associated in these parts in late years is really passing. But no one need worry bout the tune.

Using Up The Fat

American business, for a year or more, has been living on its own fat.

This is made plain in a recent statement by Irenee du Pont, head of many big enterprises. His factories, he says, have been buying only half of the materials and supplies that have gone into their total sales. The rest have been drawn from stocks formerly on hand. The manufacturers went on a buying strike to help force down prices and unload what they had bought at high prices.

This was much the same as the buyers' strike of ultimate consumers. It has prevailed very generally. Thousands of manufacturing and mercantile concerns have been living on their own fat in the same way.

This cannot last forever. The old stocks are nearly exhausted. The ultimate consumer goes on consuming—not so rapidly as usual, but nearly so, because he has to keep on living whether factories run or not. All accounts agree that the fat is pretty nearly all used up now. If that is the case, there is bound to be a reaction, with a period of pronounced and cumulative buying. That reaction appears to have set in lately, and the revival may come faster than most people expect.

IN THE OLD HOME TOWN

FIRST FALL FIRE SCARE—LITTLE JOE STARTS FIRE IN STOVE FILLED WITH OLD RUBBER HEELS AND LEATHER SCRAPS

If a horse made as much noise while getting under way as a flivver does it would be suppressed by the police before it got half a block.

Old King Cotton and Old King Coal are hitting the high places.

A down-town drug store displays this sign: "United States Postage Stamps for sale here."

I suppose they don't sell Chinese stamps.

If you want a little study on relativity, just reflect that Babe Ruth gets more publicity from a strained tendon than you would get if you had your head cut off.

They put a woman's head on money and it's been talking every since.

"Clothes do not make the man," observed the Sage.

"Maybe not," commented the Fool. "But you'll notice how other men dodge you when you are looking seedy."

Now and then you see a woman with a husband that is such a pitiful excuse for a man that he has "this was my last chance" written all over him."

The School of Experience charges most for its night courses.

Who'd make home brew if it wasn't against the law?

This was the conversation heard the other day in a home where a dear old lady of 83 answered the phone: "It this you Liz?" "No," said the lady. Again the phone rang. Again the dear old lady called "Hello." "Is this Lillie?" asked the masculine voice. "No," said the lady, "this is Honeysuckle." And now the family is wondering which one of the granddaughters grandmother was trying to cut out.

THE OFFICE CAT

—By JUNIUS—

SOME NEW ONES

Here lies the body of Bill McPheetie,
He tried to drive and kiss his sweetie.—Utility News.

Stephen Jones died Easter morn,
He drove his car while full of corn.
—Dallas Lions Club.

Here lies a man who worked and toiled
Then drove to town and came back boiled.

Keep on hoping that the 20th ammendment gives us something instead of taking it away.

History teacher—What was the Sherman act?

Bright Pupil—Marching through Georgia.

It doesn't take a key to open a bank account.

Why is it that the colder the audience may be the more probability there is of it melting away.

Probably no member of the family except father, of course, is so studiously neglected as the family budget.

The bashful petty officer was on leave and was having a hard time making conversation.

"I suppose you've been in the navy so long you're accustomed thoroughly to seasickness," she suggested.

"I wasn't looking at 'em at all," he blurted, blushing.

Edison invented the phonograph by accident. And it should be a lesson to him to be more careful in the future.

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Success

Sidney R. Kent is hero of a movie story told behind the screen. He is now general manager of Famous Players-Lasky Corp. Four years ago he started as salesman without salary.

Keeping 'Em Pepped Up

The Navy football players will tell you that much of their dash and speed is imparted by the work of C. D. Conn, the sudden' cheer leader. Here he is in action.

DIK SEZ

Irvin V. Willat has just completed "Fifty Candles," a picturization of Earl Derr Bigger's novel, for Hodkinson. You can't make light of that!

Paul Scardon—husband of the radiantly beautiful Betty Blythe, who recited so triumphantly in Fox's "Queen of Sheba"—has been engaged to direct for Universal.

There's a rumor—but it's *only* a rumor so far—that after a prolonged rest "Doug" and Mary are going to make a picture together. Wow! Come early and avoid the rush!

Benj. B. Hampton has completed "The Mysterious Rider" for Hodkinson. When questioned, the gentleman refused to divulge his identity. Mebbe he's related to one of "The Four Horsemen."

"Exit The Vamp," a Paramount Picture starring Ethel Clayton, was completed just a little while after Theda Bara had announced her retirement from the screen. Which means .....?

Norman Kerry, one of the most popular leading men of the present day, is at work in London upon "Three Live Ghosts," under the direction of George Fitzmaurice. His brother spooks haven't been announced yet.

The title of Anita Stewart's new picture has been changed from "The Price of Happiness" to "Her Mad Bargain." Don't women always go mad when a bargain is involved?

Ward Lascelle's version of "Rip Van Winkle," a forthcoming Hodkinson picture which boasts Thomas Jefferson in the leading role, will have its world premiere in Philadelphia. Can any little boy or any little girl tell me why that particular city was chosen?

Louis D. Mayer has secured the film rights to Hulbert Footner's "Fur Bringers." It will be made by John M. Stahl. Which reminds me of the youngster who when questioned by the teacher as to what animal supplied his mother with furs, answered "Father!"

—7 R. W.

Society

The Woman's Guild will give a Mission Tea at Honan Hall tomorrow at 2:30 p. m. The guest of honor will be Mrs. Edna Biller, field secretary for the Woman's Auxiliary, who will speak on some interesting phases of that work. Mrs. Biller will also address a general meeting at St. Peter's Church tomorrow evening at 7:30.

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Mrs. Sherwood Williams was a most charming hostess to the members and friends of the Young Woman's Educational Auxiliary at her home on Washington avenue last Friday evening. Close to 60 young ladies were in attendance. The outline for the year's work was reviewed by the chairman of the program committee, Miss Bertha Wallsinger, and the committees for the year were appointed. This year's study will be devoted one evening each to American composers, the world's best poets, artists, Shakespeare, and missions. Special social evenings have also been arranged for. After the outline of the study the evening was spent in a social good time. Mrs. Williams had arranged special stunts for the evening and there wasn't an idle moment on the program. The home was profusely decorated with autumn leaves. Among the musical numbers there were some exceptionally good piano selections by Miss Quigley, a new addition to La Grande musical circles. After the service of appropriate refreshments, lights were dimmed and the ghosts stalked into the home, bringing in the usual spooky atmosphere and laughter. The first study evening will be held Monday, the 7th of November, at the home of Mrs. H. S. Brownton, 604 O avenue. American composers will be the topic.

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A day of amusement and real service has been arranged for next Monday by the Women of Mooseheart Legion. Their program calls for efforts to raise funds for the La Grande children who are in Mooseheart, the famous Moose orphan home near Chicago. The women are working hard to make it a success. They will serve lunch at noon Monday at Eagles' hall to which the public is invited; they invite women to patronize their bazaar during the afternoon at the same place, and for the evening they are inviting in the public in to a dance which will be made as enjoyable and free from mercenary features as possible by serving apples, cider and other Hallowe'en goodies. It should be a very successful day for the ladies.

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Chapter I of P. E. O. will go to Elgin Friday October 28, for an allday meeting.

Friday night a hallowe'en dance will be given at the Country Club. It will be strictly for members only, all of whom are invited.

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Dr. and Mrs. Richard K. Landis returned yesterday noon from Portland, where they were called by the illness of a relative.

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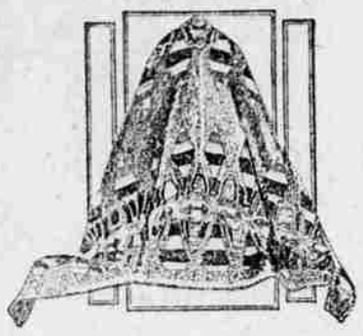

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