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Bible Thought For Today

WARNING TO MEDDLERS.—He that passeth by, and meddleth with strife belonging not to him, is like one that taketh a dog by the ears.—Proverbs 26:17.

Mother Swims

The political and business activities of the modern woman have been the subject of much wonder and amazement, but it is her athletic activities which truly mark her off from a former generation.

The Y. W. C. A. in one of the larger cities installed a swimming pool recently. There is not one hour, daytime or evening, of the six week days, when that pool is not in use. Its patrons range in age from nimble little school girls to women in their fifties and sixties.

Gray-haired women by the score are learning to swim and coming out of their middle-aged lethargy to new youthfulness of appearance and move. The gymnasium classes held in the building present the same numbers, diversity of years and common enthusiasm.

Where now is the long-faced dab who used to sob that "woman's work is never done"? Dead, as he deserves to be. Modern household equipment, simplified cookery and a better understanding of what life is for have wrought a change. Woman's work is done, and woman is in the swimming pool, learning the Australian crawl.

Patronize the Home Dealer

Do your Christmas shopping early and do it with the home town merchants. Talk with them, giving them a chance to see in what direction your tastes lie. Talk with them early, so that they can lay in stocks of the things you want, if they haven't done so already.

They have not built up their business by cheating or profiteering. They have done it by honesty and fair dealing with their fellow-townsmen through eleven months of the year. Fair dealing in turn would give them the benefit of the big month's shopping.

In the matter of prices they will be able to do as well or better than dealers who are further away. If anything goes wrong, they are right at hand to remedy matters.

As the local merchants prosper, the community prospers. Patronize the home dealer!

Practical Idealism

The AFM conference shows an odd mingling of idealisms and practicality, of altruism and selfishness. This is true of all the powers represented.

It is indeed a "noble gesture" on the part of the United States to offer to scrap so many good battleships in order to stop naval competition. Back of it, however, is the solid, reassuring fact that it will save this country a great deal of money hereafter, while presumably making us no less safe against aggression, because it limits the potential aggressors as it does us. The same reasoning applies to the other naval powers.

There is the fine British "gesture," too, of going beyond America in the matter of submarines and offering to abolish them altogether. That is certainly magnanimous. It is also regarded by the British as sound policy, for them at least, because they are exposed on all sides and would feel more secure if they knew that no other nation had any submarines.

Efforts to straighten things out in Asia, by some arrangement that would give China back her sovereign rights and protect her from aggression and partition, and at the same time enable Japan to extend legitimately, are also generous beyond the want of diplomatic pretense. They are also soundly sensible, because they recognize that it is better in the long run for all the nations to give each other a square deal in China, and better for the peace of the world to deal squarely with China herself.

There is nothing paradoxical about the matter. Genuine righteousness always has this dual quality of idealism and practicality. Is it not an axiom of business that "honesty is the best policy"? The only trouble is that nations have so seldom had sense enough to apply that truth in their dealings with each other.

What's in a name? That which some call a league by any other name would be just as offensive to the Hitler-Enders.

IN THE OLD HOME TOWN



THE LADIES AID SOCIETY, WHICH RAFFLES OFF A GOULD TODAY, CORNERED STINGY WIGGINS IN MARTHA SHOOK'S BRISK PATCH-UP HE MANAGED TO EVADE THE TICKET-SELLERS FOUR DAYS.

Reindeer Rides for Tourists

It is announced that reindeer will be used this winter to enable tourists to visit and enjoy Rainier National park during the season when the park is ordinarily closed to the public. The reindeer—there are to be eight of them—are already en route from Bering Sea government farms.

The use of reindeer sledges is part of a winter program which national park officials are planning for tourists for the first time in park history. The reindeer trip will follow a particularly attractive route, covering about 22 miles and reaching an altitude of 8,700 feet.

There will also be tobogganing, ski-jumping and other seasonal sports to make winter vacations attractive to hardy tourists.

It is a fine thing thus to open up the snow-bound parks to travelers. Even those who do not care to linger long in such northern playgrounds will derive a good deal of satisfaction from a visit to the winter beauties and grandeur of the park. There is an irresistible fascination about the warmer climates, with their soft winds and lovely skies. But most persons in the temperate zone, whether they admit it or not, have a liking for such glories as are to be found in our winter-bound northwest and northeast.

Germany for benefits for her relief.

About all the world needs at present is somebody with sufficient authority to say: "Thou shalt."

Henry Ford says he will hire a million workers, if he gets Muscle Shoals. Now the government is going to sell him the big power plant. Back up, Hen, back up!

Henry can't write and he can't read but Gosh how he can talk.

POME ENTITLED EARLY WINTER.

Grippe, Ache? Chill? Take Pill. Kicking up the furrows behind a gang plow often gets a man to the end of the rainbow and the proverbial pot of gold quicker than if he were sitting behind the steering wheel of a twin-six racing 40 miles an hour.

Game Is Rapidly Disappearing in Hawaiian Islands

HONOLULU, Dec. 6.—Hunters and poachers gradually are clearing the wider sections of the Hawaiian archipelago of all game, but the charm that guards the life of "Bipi," last of the wildcat resulting from the herds started here by visiting explorers years ago, still is potent, according to the tales told by hunters from the island of Kauai, "Bipi's" stamping ground.

"Bipi" is a white marked bull and is an excellent target, hunters say. Nearly every hunter who has visited Kauai is believed to have taken at least one shot at him, and numerous traps have been set for him, but he has evaded both bullets and galle. "Bipi" is king of the Alakai swamp at the head of the Kalaup valley, where scores of pursuers were held at bay by an armed tiger years ago. He ranges the hills and dales "monarch of all he surveys" despite all efforts to end his life.

Officials of the Hawaiian Fish and Game commission said that "Bipi" is the last known descendant in the territory of the cattle that were placed on the islands of Kauai and Hawaii by Captain Cook, the British navigator, who met his death on his second visit to these islands.

Boys' Unique Punishment.

Three small boys convicted in the Tanqua (Pa.) juvenile court of having entered a hardware store, were sentenced by Judge Pitteway to save enough money to buy a pocket knife for each boy in the local children's home. The court ordered that the knives should be purchased from the store that was entered.

Merry Christmas

Think how much more real meaning Merry Christmas will have if you can be greeted by that in a home of your own. No greater present can be given the entire family than a place they can sing "Home Sweet Home" and not persuade the landlord.

Come in and look our list over as we have a complete line now. Be sure and buy your home early and avoid the Christmas rush.

Stream modern home, big lots, 55x119, good location, house in excellent condition. Price \$2999.99.

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COVE SCHOOLS ARE PROSPERING

COVE, Dec. 6.—(Special.)—The Cove school is doing some splendid work this year. Of the 210 pupils at the school, 55 are enrolled in the high school. This does not include the post graduates that have entered for commerce and various other subjects. Twelve of our boys are interested in dairying. They are studying the Babcock tester. Each boy has a small herd that he is feeding, weighing and measuring scientifically. At the beginning of the year they will test milk and cream for the public.

Fifteen boys are signed up for stock judging. County Agent Harry G. Avery has promised his aid in this matter and the boys expect to do some real work along this line.

The Domestic Science class is now serving hot lunches. The lunches are much appreciated as about sixty pupils avail themselves of the privilege. The cooking class is composed of both eighth grade and high school girls.

The class in sewing has made rapid progress and has made many pieces of very nice work.

Mrs. Minnie C. Letson of Ontario Grand Worthy Matron of the O. E. S. visited Cherry Chapter on Thursday evening.

The Women's Auxiliary will give a chicken supper to the boys of the American Legion Lost 66, on Saturday evening, December 10. This is to be a real "feed" and all the boys are urged to be present.

O. T. Severa is critically ill at the home of his daughter, Mrs. Stout, in Portland.

Mrs. John Dean is still in Portland at the bedside of her father.

Mrs. T. W. Conklin has returned from a short visit in Walla Walla, where she was called, owing to the illness of her uncle, O. P. Jaycox.

Cove has enjoyed three numbers of the Chautauqua Festival. There are still two numbers which promise to be even more enjoyable than those that have gone before.

The truck broke down coming from La Grande last Friday.

Mrs. Chris Bertsch and Mrs. Elvyn Duncan entertained the Ladies' Guild Thursday afternoon at the home of Mrs. Duncan. Mrs. Bertsch gave a very interesting and enjoyable lesson in the art of flower making. Those present were: Mrs. Lloyd Carter, Miss Effie Conley, Mrs. H. O'Neil, Mrs. A. G. Conklin, Mrs. Myrtle Conley, Mrs. Clarence Heryford, Mrs. Ethel Booth and Mrs. Glen Conklin. Delicious refreshments were served.

EDUCATION COST MAY BE PROBED

WASHINGTON, Dec. 6.—Appointment of a commission to conduct an investigation of the cost of education in the United States was announced today by the American Council on Education.

Appropriations totaling \$170,000 have been made for the investigation by the Commonwealth Fund, the Carnegie Corporation, the General Education Board and the Milbank Memorial. The personnel of the commission to be entrusted with the inquiry follows:

Samuel P. Capen, director of the American Council on Education, of Washington, D. C., ex officio; Edward C. Elliott, chancellor of the University of Montana; Elwood P. Cubberley, dean of the school of education, Stanford University; Thomas E. Finck, state superintendent of public instruction of Pennsylvania; Robert M. Haig, associate professor of business organization of Columbia University; Victor Morawetz, attorney, New York City; Henry C. Morrison, professor of education, University of Chicago; George D. Strayer, Teachers' College, Columbia University; and Herbert S. West, superintendent of city schools of Rochester, New York.

Dr. Strayer has been selected chairman of the commission.

"The primary aims of the educational finance inquiry," an announcement by the American Council on Education said, "will be to study in typical states and communities the existing program of public education, the extent to which this program is carried out and the present and prospective costs involved. It is proposed to investigate the relation of educational

expenditures to other necessary governmental expenditures, the methods of raising revenue for the support of education and the possibility of effecting economies."

Electric Refrigeration.
A brine tank in place of ice, which by means of an electrical instrument keeps a mean temperature in the refrigerator, is growing in popularity in suburban and country places where ice is difficult to obtain. Its advantages are that it does away with the ice man, it gives a dry temperature advantageous for the preservation of food, and there is no steam, dirt or drip as with the use of ice. It is arranged to freeze a little ice for table use when that is desired. It is not an expensive luxury, costing about \$400 to install in any refrigerator.

16 Shipping Days Left

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CHRISTMAS SHOPPING IN FULL SWING HERE!

It is hard to believe there are only 16 days more to do your Christmas shopping. Not much time—but time enough if you don't put it off too long. As convenient as it is to shop at this store—with its extensive assortments of merchandise, its wonderful service and home-like atmosphere—it will be much more convenient if you shop early—and EARLY IN THE DAY!

COLORED GIFT TOWELS

—Just in this morning—and all ready for the needle, these are bath towels in pink, blue and yellow. Practical and attractive gifts when embroidered with an initial or with a crocheted edge.

—Priced at 75c and \$1.00.

GLOVE SILK HOSIERY

—Hosiery of glove silk is not common in a ladies' wardrobe—and makes a lovely gift at Christmas time. These are the first we've had and the newest in our stocks. In black and brown—either fancy lace or plain. All sizes.

—Priced \$3-50 pair.

"CUTEX" SETS
Packed For Gifts

\$2.75
\$1.35
50c

—More practical and dainty gifts are not found among the toilet requisites for Christmas giving. There are three sizes of these sets. Each contains all the necessary articles, remedies, etc., for taking care of the nails—packed in very attractive little boxes at \$2.75, \$1.35 and 50c set.

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WOOL JERSEY LEGGINGS
For Children

—In response to many calls we have secured an entire new stock of these black wool Jersey leggings for children from an eastern manufacturer.

Should another snow storm come, have the children prepared for school. Warm, elastic and easy to put on, they are a child's protection. In black only.

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