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## Bible Thought For Today

IF:—If my people, which are called by my name, shall humble themselves and pray, and seek my face, and turn from their wicked ways:

THEN:—Then will I hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin, and will heal their land.—II, Chronicle 7:14.

## Popular vs. Classical

All parties concerned attached a great deal of interest to the Virginia Rea concert last evening because it was a decided experiment in meeting the wants of the music-loving public of La Grande. This city, in years gone by, has heard many artists, and at all times previous to last evening their programs have been primarily composed of what the public pleases to term "classical stuff". Both the Neighborhood Club and the Ad Club committees in change were agreed that the experiment should be tried—the experimnet of a program predominently "popular." The artist fulfilled her part of the contract but the public didn't respond in sufficient numbers to meet guarantees and expenses. Is it because the program was too "popular?" Do the people who patronize concerts prefer the "heavier" programs? There were so many obstacles to a bigger audience last evening that it is doubtful if the one instance may be taken as positive proof that the citizens will not attend a "popular" concert. Among other obstacles was the one of an overcrowded week of social and entertainment attractions. At any rate, the experiment was tried and the public didn't respond in material numbers.

The one other direct guidepost to go by is: Didn't those who patronized the concert enjoy the singer and the program? The Observer is of the opinion that even if the door receipts were limited, that for the average community the "popular" program is best; more patrons get the most of it, and the old-time favorites give ample opportunity for the artist to display culture and musical gifts. While that attitude is our attitude, it must be that the bulk of the concert patrons of La Grande think otherwise.

## Submarines

One of the most unexpected features of the arms conference has been the British attitude toward submarines. Along with her prompt acquiescence in the American "capital ship" proposal, with its great sacrifice of present battleships and its provision for future British and American naval equality, Great Britain would like to go much farther than the United States in submarine reduction.

Her preference is for the complet abolition of submarines. In lieu of this which she puts forward rather as an ideal than as a definite demand, Britain wants to abolish the total tonnage of smaller submarines to 60,000 or 65,000 tons instead of the 90,000 tons proposed by this country.

These suggestions enlist the natural sympathy of Americans, who have never become reconciled to the underwater craft, with its assassin character and ugly war record. If it were considered practicable, nothing would give our people greater pleasure than to wipe out this sea-murder once for all. Such a consummation is, in the minds of many, one of the things for which the war was fought. Most Americans, however, and most nations do not consider it possible to take such action unless it is made binding on all nations; and the present conference, limited and informal as it is, has no authority to bind the world. That is a task for some future body representing all the powers, big and little.

The other two British proposals see mopen to no such objections. It is surely desirable to outlaw the submarine battleships which are primarily weapons of offense, to be used at a great distance. And with the cruising submarines outlawed, America and the other powers would hardly need so many of the smaller submarines for self-defense.

## IN THE OLD HOME TOWN

THE NIGHT WATCHMAN TODAY TOLD DON HICKS HOW HE CRAWLED FIFTY YARDS THROUGH THE WET GRASS WHEN HE THOUGHT HE SAW CHICKEN THIEVES AT WORK IN DONS HEN COOP LAST NIGHT

## The Real World Problem

It is reported that many farmers in northern Ohio are going out of business because their efforts have been unprofitable. Twelve public sales in one district have been held already this fall, and more are forecast. This is but one of many such symptoms, in many states.

There is something wrong. The district in question, is rarely adapted to fruit farming. It is close to market and tansportation centers. What is the trouble?

Have those farmers been raising the wrong kind of produce? Have they concentrated too much on fruits and neglected other possibilities? Have high freight rates put them out of business? Or the low price offered for the produce at the farm? Would better co-operative methods of purchase and sale have solved their problem?

It is all part of the great economic tangle in which the world is involved. There is need for every ounce of food which every farmer can raise. Farmers should be going into farming, not out of it. How is the sound connection to be made between the farmer and the world's table? That is the real problem of today.

Suggestion for a new slogan: "Too sane to fight."

The cotton crop is reported to be 1,000,000 bales larger than the estimated forecasts. The estimater must have been boll-ed up.

It is said that an understanding, rather than a treaty, is sought in connection with Far Eastern problems. That would be a celestial platform.

# HILGARD COUPLE IS MARRIED

(Special to The Observer)

HILGARD, Dec. 10.—J. S. Rose arrived on No. 24 Wednesday from Gibbon, near which place he has a ranch. After spending the day in Hilgard, he left Thursday morning by team for Starkey where he will spend a week or two visiting with his family before returning to Gibbon.

Mr. McMillan, construction superintendent for the Heislit Bridge Company was here on Tuesday of this week and visited the works at Glover, four miles west of Hilgard. The severe weather has caused little trouble on the work here and elsewhere, and almost as much progress made as in favorable weather.

John Dixon, Mr. and Mrs. George Baldrzar, Mrs. Stairett and Mrs. Dan Cable spent Saturday in La Grande.

Several workmen have been laid off from the railway section at this place and are seeking jobs elsewhere. This leaves just the few Italians who have been employed here for a number of years.

Miss Myrtle Hayter and Mr. Dave Cantrell were married in La Grande Monday. Mr. Cantrell is from California, this being his first visit to Oregon. The brides parents have lived in this vicinity for a number of years and the family have made many friends. Everyone wishes the newly weds much success and happiness.

After the return of the wedding party Monday evening a very pleasant party was enjoyed at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Wallace Hayter, and games and dancing occupied the time until a late hour. Mr. and Mrs. Cantrell will take their departure for California after a few days.

Mrs. P. Y. Young, Mrs. Tom Belding, Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Scott spent Wednesday in La Grande.

A number of friends visited at the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Scott over Saturday and Sunday of this week. The guests were Donna Scott, Hugh Hulse, Owen Scott, Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Harnden and children Elmer and Ethel, and Miss Flora Crulkshank.

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Condit, of several miles up the river from Hilgard, have moved to La Grande to spend the winter months. As their daughter Marjorie is in school there, they expect to enjoy the present arrangement very much.

Wm. Coudit was in Hilgard Wednesday on business.

The game of draughts is known to have existed long before the time of the Ancient Egyptians.

## THE OFFICE CAT

—By JUNIUS—

EF YOU DON'T WATCH OUT

Three Fingered Jack, the Evangelist,
has come to town to stay,
And hunt up all the badness that is
leadin' folks astray.
And look into the scandals and
help to squelch them too,
And make the sinners feel real
small, and that means me and
you.
So, if you have a secret within your
basement hid,
Just take it out and bury it, now do
as you are bid.
For someone is a huntin' and a
pokin' all about.
And Three-Fingered Jack will get
you
Ef you
Don't
Watch
Out.

So, if you are a man who's sneakin'
booze round in a grip,
An' if you run a private still and in
the front pew sit,
An' if you are a married man an'
feel so very gay,
An' take out other girlies while
dear wife home can stay,
An' if you spend the hard earned
cash on crap or poker game,
Or dance the wiggly-woggle' til the
night begins to wane,
You'd better be real careful for I
know without a doubt
That Three Fingered Jack will get
you,
Ef you
Don't
Watch
Out.

An' if you are an officer, that is,
called one you know,
An' take it out on "Bolshevik's" who
haven't any dough,
An' if you are a hypocrite and
with smiles are not slack,
An' if you turn around an' hit a
fellow in the back,
An' if you are a gossip an' tell all
you know an' more,
An' keep things in a turmoil an' keep
people feelin' sore,
I hope you'll watch your step an'
it will do no good to pout.
For Three Fingered Jack will get
you,
Ef you
Don't
Watch
Out.
—JUNIUS.

### A Problem in Algebra

If it costs $5.00 to pronounce your own name correctly what will the village cleanup cost?

Answer—Minus Two Jitneys.

### Another Firm Out of Business

Owing perhaps to the high cost of living or to housing conditions we fear that the business of Mr. Stork is also destined to take a slump. Our reasom for thinking so is the following "AD" which appears quite frequently of late:

"For sale—cheap—Reed baby buggy."

### NOT SO BAD

A returned vacationist tells us that he was fishing in a pond one day when a country boy who had been watching him from a distance approached him and asked, "How many fish yer got, mister?"

"None yet," he was told.

"Well, yer ain't doin' so bad," said the youngster. "I know a feller what fished two weeks an' he didn't get any more than you got in half an hour."

### WILLING, ANYWAY

"See here, young man," stormed the irate father, descending the stairs at 1 a. m., "do you think you can stay in the parlor with my daughter all night?"

"I'll try sir," replied the imperturable youth modestly, "but I'm afraid I'll have to be leaving about 5 o'clock."

### IN FOR IT

An Irish contractor had the misfortune to run his car over an old man who had a bottle of bluing inside his coat. Jumping from his car and seeing the fluid gathering in a pool on the street, he cried to his friend, "Finnegan, it'll go hard with us. We've killed one of them blue-bloods."

### WELL, OF COURSE—

Sweet Young Thing (to Cavalry Sergeant)—"Is it true that when you are learning to ride it gives you a headache?"

Sarge—"Oh, no, miss, quite the opposite."

### WHO'S WHO?

The child, the pride of the neighborhood because of his keen intelligence, was left to play at the home of a neighbor. There was something different about this home that seemed to attract the child more than any other. Here he was amused by an elderly man, who read, played the piano, slept and did nothing to mark him as the head of the household. His wife on the other hand carried on a successful department store where she spent 12 to 24 hours.

This condition seemed quite contrary to the child's conception of domestic life. To him the duty of the head of the house was to leave after breakfast for business and return at night to dinner, while the wife was to stay at home and attend to the household duties. The child's mother returned and noticed that the child looked puzzled, but could not put his query into words. Finally he asked: "Mother, is she a he?"—New York Sun.

Will Cressy, actor and sketch writer, blossoms forth in the Oakland Enquirer with a humorous arraignment of California conditions as follows:

You wake in the morning to the music of a Connecticut alarm clock. You button your Boston garters into your Paris socks, your Baltimore suspenders onto your Duluth overalls—put on your Lynn shoes, and your Danbury hat, and you are up for the day.

You sit down to your Grand Rapids table and eat your Hawaiian pineapple, your Quaker oats and your Aunt Jemima flapjacks swimming in New Orleans molasses.

Then you go out and put your Concord, N. H., harness onto your Missouri mule, hitch it to a Moline, Ill., plow and plow up a couple of acres of land covered with Ohio mortgages.

At noon you live on Cincinnati ham, cooked in Chicago lard, on a Detroit stove, burning Wyoming coal.

And then as the twilight falls you fill up your Pride of Detroit with Mexican gasoline and dash out to the beach, and while sitting in a Greek restaurant, smoking a Boston-made cigar, you watch a New York girl dance the Memphis shimmy to the music of a New Orleans jazz band.

And then you go home, eat a Mexican tamale, smoke a Turkish cigarette, read a chapter of a Bible printed in London, England, say a prayer written in Jerusalem, put on your China silk pajamas, crawl in between your Fall River sheets and fight all night with fleas—the only home-grown product on your whole darned ranch.

### POME

There was a fair rooter named Grace,
Who rooted at games ev'ry place;
She uttered loud cheers,
And wept salty tears,
Which washed all the rouge from
her face.

Another Damli—Once upon a time there was a workman who believed that the Boss knew as much as he did.

Remains of a Sun Temple at Avebury, England, are said to be older than Stonehenge itself.

### Origin of Wedding Cake.

The wedding cake dates back to the laws of Romulus and the early days of Rome. Instead of elaborate marriage festivals Romulus instituted the confarreatio. The union of the man and woman was solemnized simply and quickly by the eating of a loaf of barley bread together. This marriage ceremony was in force for some generations among the Romans. Then, as civilization developed, the barley bread became a cake.

### The Burden of a Name.

"Few great men's sons ever amount to much," said a man at the club the other evening. "I think the most striking reason for this I ever read," he continued, "was that given by the second duke of Wellington. Someone remarked to him: 'I cannot understand how it is that you, with your great interest in and knowledge of public affairs, have taken so little part in them.' 'Ah,' replied the duke, 'if you had sat so long under the shadow of a great tree, you would have been as colorless as I.'"

### UNCALLE DFOR LETTERS.

List of letters remaining uncalled for in this office for the week ending December 9th, 1921.

Gentlemen—Master Arthur Allen, Guy Bauchman, Jayce Gipson, Bert Hug, T. G. Johnson, Thos. F. Keene, Robert McMillan, William H. Mason, A. J. Murphy, G. M. Nifong, Alphia Selic, Lee Stine, N. C. Shaw, Axel Swanson, Harold Tunker, Nell Unger, Herman Walter, Dave Wechsler.

Ladies—Miss Anna Bosworth, Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Berckel, Mrs. Chas. Benham, Miss Lenora Dorothy, Miss Mabel Farmer, Mrs. Alice Foust, Mrs. H. A. Hale, Mrs. R. Richard, Mrs. M. L. Secton, Nellie Unger, Mrs. J. R. Whitworth, Miss Ethel Walker.

These letters will be sent to the Dead Letter Office on December 23rd, 1921, if not called for. In calling for the above pelase say "Advertised," giving date of list.

E. E. BRAGG, P. M.


D. M. C. Embroidery Cottons For All Gifts

N. K. West & Co. THE QUALITY STORE

12 More Days to Shop! Shop by Mail!

# This Is a Store of the Unusual in Gift Suggestions

Sparkling with the spirit of Christmas our holiday display is indeed unusual. Here you will find gathered, gifts from every part of the country—gifts that are practical for every member of the family—gifts that make shopping at this store a pleasure. Choose your gifts from specially prepared stocks—and don't delay—choose now.

## GIFTS FOR MEN

—The things a man wants—and the things he would buy, are sure to be found in a man's store. They should be of known quality of course. Here we list a few helpful suggestions that bear trade marks and names that, as a gift, will be a credit to your judgement and a gratification to any man.

HART SCHAFFNER & MARX
SUITS AND OVERCOATS
INTERWOVEN
SOCKS
EDWIN CLAPP AND FLORSHEIM
SHOES
STETSON, BORSALINO AND GORDON
HATS
BATES-STREET
SHIRTS
VAN HUESEN AND HANDCRAFT
COLLARS
COOPERS AND MUNSING
UNDERWEAR
OREGON CITY
WOOL SHIRTS AND MACKINAWS
PENDLETON AND OREGON CITY
BATH ROBES
OREGON CITY
INDIAN ROBES

—and a host of articles that a man always appreciates. Our stocks of traveling bags, suit cases, trunks, silk mufflers, handkerchiefs, ties, silk pongee pajamas, shirts, slippers, smoking jackets, sweaters, etc., are complete for the holiday trade.
—Make selections now—there are just 12 days to shop.
—Ladies, we welcome you to this man's store—let us help you.

## Comfy Slippers and Boudoir Slippers

### For the Entire Family

—Mother will want the heavy felt comfys or perhaps one with a leather sole and a slight heel, or even an old leather slipper might be most acceptable.
—For father, a leather or felt slipper that is easy and comfortable for him to slip on early in the morning.
—For sister there are pretty satin quilted boudoir slippers in blue and rose felts in all shades, black and brown kid boudoir slippers and Jap slippers to match the kimonas.
—For brother there are all kinds of leather and felt—comfys and cuff slippers in dark colors.
—Prices are from $2.00 to $4.00 for men's and women's; children's are from $1.25 to $2.00.

## Why Not Blankets?

—Home furnishings of dependable quality comprise gifts you should have on your Christmas list. Why not blankets? Nothing for the home could be more pleasing as a gift than a pretty pair of blankets. "Oregon City" and "Wearwell" qualities are well represented here. Prices of our blankets are considerably lower—in some instances half—and less than half of last year's prices. They start at $2.25 and range upward to $15.00.

—Special gray army wool blankets at $4.50.

## Handbags

### For Little Misses

—Made of black and brown leather, patent or colored cloth in a variety of styles. All have mirrors inside, and places for coins. There are quite a number to select from and all are priced at 75c and $1.25.

## "PATSY ROMPERS" and "FAIRY FROCKS"

—These two names are quite familiar to those who have visited our ready-to-wear department, or who have noted the various displays during the autumn months. We have new Fairy Frocks added to this lot now—a very attractive and practical gift for infants and small children. Sizes up to 5 years—at various prices, $1.59 up.

### WATERPROOF

## Bib Aprons

### For Little Tots

These were so very popular, when we received our first supply, they lasted only three days. They are of waterproof material, in different styles, colors and have different designs, stamped or printed on them. Inexpensive and a very useful and attractive gift for the little tots.

### Beautiful New

## Boudoir Caps

—And such a lot of good looking ones. We want the most critical of gift seekers to see these. They are such attractive and practical gifts and quite inexpensive too. The various shades of blue, lavendar, apricot, pink and flesh are well represented.

### Women—Here's An Opportunity to "Stock Up" on

## Silk Hose

### Pure Silk, Full Fashioned

### $1.00 Pair

You'll probably say "They can't be much"—but here's the facts—and you must see the hose. They're fancy, pure silk hose of the finest quality—silk tops and feet, full fashioned. Most women will want to dye them. Some have light tops and brown feet, and stripes, etc. Easily dyed black or brown, they are easily worth three times this price. The quantity is limited, but there are all sizes—choice at $1.00 pair.