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Bible Thought For Today

*** ABUNDANTLY SATISFIED!**—How
excellent is thy lovingkindness, O
God! therefore the children of men
put their trust under the shadow of
thy wings. They shall be abundantly
satisfied with the fatness of thy
house and thou shalt make them
drink of the river of thy pleasures.
—Psalm 36:7, 8.

Diplomatic Christmas Gifts

Austen Chamberlain, government
leader in the House of Commons, ex-
presses the conviction that before
Christmas peace and good will are to
be established between the parent races
of the British commonwealth. "It
must be admitted that there is far
better chance of such a consummation
than most people have imagined pos-
sible. The British and Irish seem on
the verge of genuine reconciliation,
after centuries of enmity and hatred."

Word comes from Washington that
the arms conference is pushing ahead
toward real achievement, not only
with naval disarmament but with Far
East problems. The Irish settlement,
if events of the next few days in
Ulster bear out the fine promise of
the London treaty, will give new im-
petus to these other enterprises. They
are not unrelated in spirit. And surely
if so difficult a task as the adjust-
ment of Britain and Ireland to a new
mode of friendly co-operation is ac-
complished, it would be a daring pre-
sident who pronounced the co-opera-
tive aims of the Washington conference
impossible. Definite announce-
ment of assured success may be made
by Christmas time.

If good will is established in the
British Isles and made the ruling prin-
ciple of nations in their armament and
their oriental struggles, it will be a
great Christmas time for the human
race.

Employment Gains

The monthly reports of the Labor
Department at Washington show a
steady if slow increase in employment
and corresponding decrease in unem-
ployment figures.

This is the more encouraging be-
cause the increase noted is largely in
the industrial centers and does not
take into account the numbers dis-
persed to farms and elsewhere as did
earlier estimates on unemployment.

Some industries which were wholly
idle have resumed full or part time.
Some which were running part time
are running whole time. The number
of employees has been increased ac-
cordingly.

The figures denoting employment
are still far too low to spell anything
like prosperity, but they add their bit
of cheer to brighten the declining
days of a year which has not been
conspicuous for its merriment.

Evolution of Language

The Anglo-Saxon reader is flabber-
gasted by some of the signatures ap-
pended to the treaty between Great
Britain and Ireland establishing the
Irish Free State. He reads such as-
tounding names as "Aert of Grolah-
tha," "Michael Sileain," "Richard Bar-
ton," and most horrible of all, "Seor-
ta Ghabgain Uí Dubhthaigh."

And who may these men be? The
mystery clears and the reader heaves
a sigh of relief when he finds that
they are no other than the familiar
Sinn Féin leaders, Arthur Griffith,
Michael Collins, Robert Barton and
George Gavin Duffy.

These negotiators had a perfect
right to sign their names in Gaelic if
they wanted to. There is really a fine
patriotic pride in that "gesture." Pride
of race and pride of ancestral
language are not to be scoffed at in
this day of self determination.

Nevertheless do not these same
Gaelic names, when ranged alongside
of their simple English equivalents
suggest the absurdity of any serious
systematic attempt to go back to the
old language?
The Gaelic League has done excel-
lent work, as has many a similar or-
ganization in other lands, in saving
from oblivion the language of an old-
er day. Yet it is doubtful whether
such effort has any but antiquarian
and cultural value. It is not practical
the law of survival of the fittest ap-
plies to languages as to animals and
plants. The very fact that a language
has become "dead" suggests that the
language superseding it was better
fitted for the struggle. Many small
saves have endeavored to make an ob-
solete language a living force again,
and it is not on record that any of
them have succeeded.

IN THE OLD HOME TOWN



NOAH BAXTERS CAT HAD KITTENS THE OTHER DAY.

The Supreme Court has ruled that
picketing which is done "in an inof-
fensive way with a view to influencing
others" is all right. This should give
added popularity to the old front gate.

The tax on soft drinks is to be lifted
on January 1. An early return of
the swallows is predicted.

When the ornithologist begs the
public to feed the birds, he does not
refer to midnight suppers for the
chickens.

It's hard on the Irish to be at peace
with the English, but when they can
always fight with one another.

Speaking of disarmament, is the
Senate really disarmed, or only rest-
ing on its arms?

England and Ireland may not have
buried the shillelagh entirely, but at
least it looks as if they were going to
club together.

Now is the time when mother sews
for the church bazaar, and father
blows for it.

THE OFFICE CAT

—By JUNIOR—



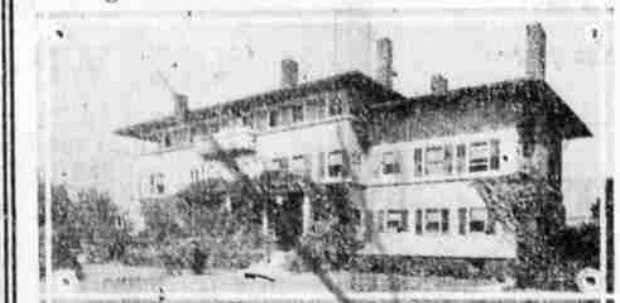
RECOLLECT?
The years flit by—
We've almost forgot.
The old-time guy
With a red cravat.

There is something wrong with the
fellow whose heart doesn't beat a lit-
tle faster about this time of year.

THE ETERNAL FEMINE.
Some folks are fat and some are
skinny, some are short and some are
tall; some have long waists and short
legs; some have short waists and long
legs; some have broad shoulders and
broad waists; some have plenty of
sense, while the brains of others jellied
shortly after birth, leaving them in-
competent to combat the problems of
life, but—as we started out to say,
they will cast an appraising glance at
their figure when passing a plate
glass window.

AN EASY ONE.
"Tell me a fitting epitaph, Ned,
For a man who was killed
While speeding."
My friends replied, "The Quick
And the Dead."
Would seem to be all that's need-
ing."

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SCHOOL HOUSE BURNED DOWN

(Special to The Observer.)
ELGIN, Dec. 12.—John E. Crymes
of the American Sunday School Union
was in Elgin the first of the week in
the interest of his work among rural
Sunday schools.

Mrs. C. C. Cates went to La Grande
Tuesday evening. She spent Wednes-
day visiting her sister, Mrs. Frank
Owsley and returned to Elgin Thurs-
day morning.

School district No. 67 suffered a se-
vere loss Monday night when the
school house burned. It is believed
to have caught from the stove as a
good fire was left when school was
dismissed.

Garret Ruysdam of Cricket Flat
spent the past week with his parents,
Mr. and Mrs. Ary Ruysdam in Elgin.

Coyotes have begun to come down
from the hills. Joe and Arthur Hall-
garth have killed five of them near
town in the past ten days.

Miss Baker, who is the teacher in
District No. 67, is staying at the home
of her uncle, Al McIntire.

The Epworth League holiday party
held Friday night at the Methodist
church was quite well attended and
greatly enjoyed.

Mr. and Mrs. J. K. Wright of La
Grande are visiting with their daugh-
ter, Mrs. E. E. Vehrs.

Rev. W. A. Winters was compelled
to take a business trip to La Grande
Thursday night. He returned Friday
morning. The trip was rather a dif-
ficult one for Rev. Winters, due to
his having to walk about while his
broken knee is not yet fully healed.

On Friday night Blue Mountain
Chapter Number 52, Order of the
Eastern Star, held its annual election
of officers. For the year 1922 these
officials were chosen: Lottie Kelfer,
Worthy Matron; J. F. Bator, Worthy
Patron; Ida Hallgarth, Associate Mat-
ron; L. Denham, secretary; Leonard
Adams, treasurer; Hazel Lyons, con-
ductress; Ethel Vehrs, associate con-
ductress.

Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Hug of La
Grande are spending a week visiting
friends and relatives in Elgin. The
Hugs made their home in Elgin until
about two years ago.

The Elgin Post of American Legion
nominated their officers for next year
on last Sunday: Post Commander
Guy Patten; Adjutant, L. E. Hill, and
Finance Officer, Dr. W. D. Butler.

The hard times party given by the
Pythian Sisters on Wednesday night
was a success socially and financially.
A short program consisting of selec-
tions by the Elgin Orchestra, recita-
tions by Dorothy and Derril Gettings,
reading by Miss Winnifred Zweifel,
and a humorous monologue by Dr. W.
D. Butler. A dance followed and the
evening closed with delicious refresh-
ments. A sum of \$38.35 was realized
for the benefit of the lodge.

Mr. and Mrs. James Wickens from
Cricket Flat spent Friday night in El-
gin to transact business and attend
the revival meetings at the Christian
church.

The Methodist Bazaar held on Sat-
urday had a splendid sale of Christ-
mas gifts and the chicken pie supper
was well patronized. The total amount
of money realized for the day was
\$131.40.

R. D. Zweifel has been employed in
the L. E. Hill hardware store for the
past week.

The cooked food sale conducted by
the ladies of the Christian church
brought in more than sixty dollars
last Saturday.

Mrs. E. C. Gettings spent Saturday
night with her parents in La Grande,
returning on the train Sunday morn-
ing.

Night and day crews are working on
the Caves highway in Josephine coun-
ty in order that it may be turned over
to the state January 1.

College Crest, a section in the south-
western portion of Eugene, containing
about 200 population, is making plans
to incorporate as a separate city.

Construction of guard rails on the
highway from Pendleton to Pilot Rock
Pendleton to Dead Man's Pass and
Pendleton to Milton is continuing de-
spite the bad weather and is the only
highway work now under way in Uma-
tilla county.

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