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Bible Thought For Today

A MIGHTY ARM:—Thou hast a mighty arm: strong is thy hand, and high is thy right hand. Justice and judgment are the habitation of thy throne; mercy and truth shall go before thy face.—Psalm 89:13, 14.

Boys Are In Majority

Interesting data is furnished by County Superintendent Ivanhoe from her school census, which has just been completed, for it shows the boys in Union county are in majority. Some of the old-timers who believe in signs and presentiments will at once argue that this is a sign of another war, but while they are arguing for war because of more boys than girls Secretary Hughes has just about put the kibosh on war for another ten years at least in his peace conference at Washington, so the argument for war falls flat.

Anyway, it is very interesting to not that in Union county, between the ages of 4 and 20 years there are 2650 boys and 2582 girls. But La Grande census puts a little different color to the problem, for this city shows the girls in majority. La Grande has, according to the census, 1020 boys and 1045 girls.

Now the person addicted to figuring out the why and wherefore of all things can burn some of Lottridge's midnight electricity determining why the city should show more girls than boys when the county as a whole has more boys than girls. Modes of living, society and everything else can be used in arriving at a result and the Observer will be pleased to print the solutions which the wise ones may give.

Correct Sentiment Shown

At Tuesday's Ad Club luncheon the toastmaster, Dr. Lee Bouvy, very wisely selected as subject for discussion the proposed property tax to support the 1922 exposition. The writer was unable to be present and it was a regret, for this is one subject that the people should become familiar with. It will be noticed in the news report of the meeting that C. D. Huffman and Col. Ed Eckley spoke right to the point. Each took their stand that expenditures were very fine when we can afford them, and each agreed that if Portland wants a fair and can finance it in a sane and sensible manner, all well and good, but for the state to be taxed to hold expositions and shows when tax delinquency now is common among the people is not only the height of folly but it actually reflects on the sanity of the men who are proposing such a measure.

Governor Olcott's action in calling a special session of the legislature to pass on the 1922 fair tax was deeply regretted and the governor suffered considerable criticism at the meeting, just as he is being criticized at every fair side in Union county.

The clash of truck and finney regulation thrown in for consideration to the legislature is fooling no one, as the general impression prevails that sufficient law already exists to regulate trucks if the executive department would insist on law enforcement.

The Ad Club members more fully understood the exact conditions when Mr. Huffman and Col. Eckley finished their arguments.

324 EGGS IN YEAR.
The Associated Press.
SANTA CRUZ, Cal., Dec. 13.—"Lady Dryden," a hen entered by Oregon Agricultural college at the California egg-laying contest here, has laid 324 eggs from December 13, 1920, to December 14, 1921.

IN THE OLD HOME TOWN



ED WURGLER WHO DELIVERS WASHING FOR HIS WIFE HAS BEEN FORCED BY BUSINESS CONDITIONS TO TRADE HIS TWO HUNTING DOGS FOR A WASH TUB.

THE OFFICE CAT

—By JUNIOR—



AN ODE TO A SHIRT.
A soft shirt is a social break.
I like it,
It satisfies no parlor snake.
I like it.

It's soft within, it's soft outside,
It doesn't scratch or tear your hide,
It lets your Adam's Apple slide.
I like it.

RURAL ROMANCE.

We stood at the gate as the sun went down
Behind the hill at the close of day;
Her look was pensive; her eyes were brown,
Her breath was sweet as the new-mown hay.

For out of the West the last sunshine
Fell lightly on her golden hair;
Her tender eyes looked straight in mine,
And a look of perfect trust was there.
I see her enclosed in the sunlight flood,
I see her; peacefully standing now;
Peacefully standing and chewing her cud,
As I rubbed her ears—that Jersey cow.

A Scot may think he can live forever
on canned goods—but canny?

YE ED IS CAREFUL.

Chapman was shot through the stomach and probably wounded.—Denver, (Col.) Post.

Another thing the bride should learn is that the way her husband wants her to press his trousers is not by sitting in his lap.

When he is first married a man is so in love he does not know whether he is eating embryos or sawdust, but after the honeymoon the bride quickly learns how finicky the male brute is about his food.

A REAL ONE.

"Pa, what is an optimist," asked Johnnie.

"It is a person who thinks the Irish question will be settled in a way that will be satisfactory to both England and Ireland, my son," replied his dad.

RETRIBUTION.

Beneath this stone is Ira Zinn, A perfect fiend for "cutting in." Just once too often he transgressed, That's why he now lies here at rest.

The building contractor was short-

of help. One morning he stopped an old tramp and said: "Are you looking for a job?"

"Yes," said the tramp.
"Can you do anything with the shovel?" asked the contractor.

"Yes," replied the tramp, rubbing his eyes, "I can fry bacon on it."

FOLLOWING ORDERS.

The teacher wanted some plums in order to give an object lesson to the class, and calling one of the small boys, she gave him ten cents and sent him to the fruit stand down at the corner.

"Before you buy the plums, Willie," she cautioned, "you had better pinch one or two to make sure they are ripe."

Little Willie flitted away. Soon he came back and smilingly put his hat filled with plums on the teacher's desk.

"Oh, thank you, Willie," said the teacher. "Did you pinch one or two as I told you?"

"Did I? I pinched the whole bunch, and here's your ten cents."

Some people seem to be satisfied if they can keep others from having a good time.

ANNUAL BAZAAR HELD RECENTLY

NORTH POWDER, Dec. 15.—Mrs. Sarah Dull has arrived from Tekoa, Wn., to spend the holidays with her grand-daughter, Mrs. W. Carney. Mr. and Mrs. H. F. White have returned home from a trip to coast points.

Mr. and Mrs. P. J. Powers visited with the L. B. Russell family part of last week.

Friends of A. C. Brace, city recorder, are glad to see him out again, after his recent illness.

The Wm. Traut family moved into town last week in order to have their children closer to school.

Mrs. Kate Carney, who has spent the summer in North Powder and vicinity expects to leave for her home in Standish, Cal., in a few days.

A merry time was had at a dance at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Shaw of Clover creek on Saturday evening. Forty-five friends from the neighborhood and North Powder were present, and had a most enjoyable time dancing. Before leaving for home all were served with a delicious luncheon by the hostess.

Johnnie Nieu was taken to the Baker hospital last week and operated upon for appendicitis. At present he is reported as doing nicely.

The annual bazaar of the Ladies Aid society of the M. E. church, was held in the old Hutchinson-Forstrom store building on Saturday, December 10. Booths for fancy work, aprons and home-made candy were very attractive in their decorations, suited to the season. Lunch was served from 2:00 o'clock till five and altogether a neat sum was realized for the benefit.

Mr. and Mrs. A. L. Cratz and Mr.

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GLOVES

—At no other place in La Grande will you find such excellent, such smart new gloves for Christmas gifts as are here on display in our glove department. Every pair may be fitted—now or after the holidays. There are imported kid gloves, smartly embroidered, either with saunter or plain. Fabric gloves in combinations that are striking, such as gray and silver, tan and brown, black and white, beaver and cream, etc.—So many attractive styles to choose from.

—Prices are from \$1.00 up to \$5.00.

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—One special lot is priced at \$7.50—others range upwards to \$14.00. There are Elks' and Shriners' blankets included.



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—You'll probably give them and most likely receive them—the greater part of them will come from West's. Beautiful and dainty are the hand embroidered, all pure linen handkerchiefs at \$1.00, \$1.50 and \$2.00 each.

—Single ones in linen and silks, colored fancy edged or embroidered in a host of patterns are 25c to 60c each.

AND AT 60c, 75c, \$1.25 AND \$1.50

there are boxes of three, all embroidered in either colored or plain white designs. All are neatly packed, already for giving. On display as you enter.

UMBRELLAS

—Always so welcome because they are an all-year-round gift. Our present stock contains recent arrivals, especially for the holidays. Brown, red, navy, green and black, with ivory or leather strap handles and ivory tips. They're made of fine silks and sell so very reasonable, that we cannot help but suggest them as a gift for any woman.

—Prices are from \$6.00 to \$12.00.

Solve Her
Gift Problem
With A

Blanket Bath Robe

Oregon City Make
\$16.00

—A gift of comfort and of beauty is a gift of one of these handsome robes. Of fine all-wool quality, in blanket designs of various colorings. They are all bound in Skinners satin, insuring genuine wear. Made with silk cord, tassels and trimmings. They are in three sizes—large, medium and small.

—Priced at \$16.00.

—Other bath robes of various qualities are priced from \$6.00 up.

—Children's robes are from \$1.00 up.

—Men's bath robes are from \$6.50 up to \$22.50. They include the "Oregon City" and "Pendleton" blanket robes.

NEVER SUCH A DISPLAY OF COMFY'S AS THIS—



For men, women and children, our slipper displays for the holidays excel all other previous showings. In colors, combined colorings, styles, etc.—and in prices too, they excel.

For women there are felt, comfy, quilted satin boudoir and leather boudoir slippers—also Jap quilted and embroidered slippers to match the kimono.

For children there are red boots, and soft comfy in red and blue; leather soled felt with fur tops.

For men there are soft comfy and leather slippers in dark shades of brown, black and navy.

Prices start as low as \$1.25 and range up to \$4.50.

and Mrs. Jas. Pletcher motored to Baker on Thursday of last week.

Mrs. Hilda Smith of La Grande who has been visiting her mother, Mrs. J. O. Pletcher, left for her home Sunday evening, Mrs. Pletcher accompanying her.

CLASS HAS A DEMONSTRATION

The highly perfected piece of machinery that will shape a casting to within one-eighth of a thousandth part of an inch was explained to the girls of the high school manual training department this week when Prof. McEachron, head of that department, assembled his classes in the R. W. Leighton cylinder-grinding department.

Each class had its own hour at the demonstration in which Mr. Leighton explained the intricate machinery necessary in the grinding of a cylinder to the extremely accurate dimensions needed in every-day grinding of automobile cylinders.

After explanation of the working

principles, actual grinding was done and the classes shown how one one-thousandth of an inch can be split into numerous subdivisions and the measuring device that can measure with one-eighth of one one-thousandth part of an inch. The members of the class and their instructor were much impressed with the demonstration of cylinder-grinding facilities found in La Grande.

READ THE WANT ADS!

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WIFE SACRIFICE DEFENDED.

(By Associated Press)

SALT LAKE CITY, Dec. 15.—Moses Gudmundson, purported leader of a religious cult in the West Tintic colony, told his daughter, Leona, that "the Lord commanded" him to desert his wife for Mrs. May Houtz, according to testimony today by the daughter at Gudmundson's trial at Nephi, Utah, on a charge of adultery.

One of the cardinal principles of Gudmundson's cult is "wife sacrifice," witnesses said. Gudmundson, on account of his teachings, recently was excommunicated from the Mormon church, it was declared.

SENATE TO ADJOURN.

(By Associated Press)

WASHINGTON, Dec. 15.—Adjournment of congress from December 22 to January 3 is proposed in a resolution introduced in the senate Tuesday by Senator Curtis of Kansas, the Republican whip.

Martin Coyle, working on the Portland, Astoria & Pacific railroad, was killed when a tree fell and crashed through a bunkhouse in which he was sleeping.

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