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Bible Thought For Today

DO GOOD TO ALL MEN:—Let us not be weary in well doing: for in due season we shall reap, if we faint not.

As we have therefore opportunity, let us do good unto all men, especially unto them who are of the household of faith.—Galatians 6:9, 10.

Time To Take Stock

The resolution passed by the senate yesterday providing for an audit of all branches of the state government, including state institutions and schools, has struck a sympathetic note in the state's press. Under the heading "Time To Take Stock," the Oregonian sets forth the great need for such an audit in an editorial. The editorial follows:

There is timeliness in the resolution presented to the legislature by Senator Dennis, particularly in that portion which calls for a financial survey of the state. Oregon has been going ahead with a good deal of rapidity in the lending of its credit. Some of the obligations are similar to those incurred by the city of Portland wherein it stands guarantor for improvement bonds. The city must apparently make good in large sums of money. Is the state on safer ground?

The state of Oregon guarantees the interest on approved irrigation district bonds for a period of years; it has established a rural credit system, issuing bonds from the proceeds of which it lends money on farm mortgages; it has bonded itself for large sums for the construction of permanent highways, the principal and interest of which, it is assumed, will be amply provided by motor vehicle licenses; it has also authorized the issuance of \$20,000,000 in bonds for state aid to veterans of the world war, an enterprise hardly under way.

The state is engaged in other financial undertakings through the lending of the common school fund on farm land security and of the other permanent educational funds; and it is an investor in other securities incident to the workings of the industrial insurance law.

A financial survey carries no implication of wastage, wrong-doing or careless administration. State business is the public's business and the public by right should have knowledge periodically of how it stands financially. Failure of irrigation enterprises, or impairment of farm land credits, due to business depression or over-optimism, incorrect calculations on motor vehicle licenses, unwise investments of the industrial accidents fund—any of these would increase the obligations of the general taxpayer. A combination of them would cause financial hardship.

It is well to know just how far we can go with safety in the lending of the state's credit and whether that limit, under conservative estimate of resources and careful audit of assets, has been approached.

The French Naval Game

What is France aiming at in her disquieting demand for a big navy, just when the other powers have committed themselves to little navies? Can it be, as many British and American critics have insisted lately, that France today is in the control of a militarist class, and is turning to the old dream of Napoleonic imperialism? Can it be, as a famous English writer recently declared, that France is aiming against Great Britain?

This new move, indeed, is in line with the warlike speech Premier Briand made at Washington, although he was understood at the time as content merely with a strong army. Evidently Briand wants strong armament on sea as well as on land. And against whom could France expect to use a powerful navy, if not against the one great European sea-power?

Or is there a more subtle plan, which uses the threat of naval supremacy merely as a bluff? The French government must know that if France undertakes to build a big navy, she cannot pay her war debts to Great Britain and the United States. She must know, too, that if she had on such folly, Britain and America will insist on her paying those war debts. Does France want to be bought off by the offer of debt cancellation, on the part of Britain and America, on condition that she shall forego the building of a competitive navy?

IN THE OLD HOME TOWN



Waiting For a Change

The country today is full of business men "waiting for things to change." And this is the principal thing wrong with the country.

As a shrewd writer remarks, things don't change of themselves. Things "have to be changed." The people who are passively waiting for conditions to improve are simply shrinking and throwing the burden of business revival on others.

There are many who are taking up that burden cheerfully and energetically. They are the more enterprising sort of business men, who, because they are constructive by nature rather than passive, never lose hope, and know that the dawn is sure to follow the dark, and make ready betimes for the new day. They are busy now planning for the good times to come, overhauling their plants or stores, making extensions, ordering materials or goods and doing the advertising that lays the foundation for future patronage.

These people have been prompt to defate and take their losses and adjust their business to the new order, and they are now busy making that new order, and will be the first to profit by it when it comes. But their task is made unnecessarily and unfairly hard by the great number who are holding back.

Amy Lowell is said to be considerably put out because the Society for Arts and Sciences billed her as a "poetess" instead of "poet." Doesn't Miss Lowell know when she is well off? Some critics don't apply either term to her.

A senatorial critic of the armament conference complains that so far it has "paid no attention to the weapons with which the next war will be fought." That can be attended to after the conference has arranged that there won't be any next war.

THE OFFICE CAT

By JUNIOR



GREETINGS!

Nuth' I do until Christmas!

BEFORE AND AFTER TAKING

Qualifications of a good lover:

He must be handsome.

He must be a good dancer.

He must be very attentive.

He must be thoughtful.

He must be rich.

Qualifications of a good husband:

He must have plenty of money.

He must be willing to hand it over.

Jones got a new outfit of teeth one day. The next day he went back to the dentist and informed him in unusually plain English that those store teeth didn't satisfy him.

"What's the matter? Can't you show your teeth with them?"

"Well, I haven't tried that yet, but—"

Watch This Syrup Sale

Farmer, boarding houses, anyone using syrup, we will give this sale until Jan. 1, 1922. 50% cane sugar, 50% Vermont Maple, per gal. \$2.25. 65% cane sugar, 35% Vermont Maple, per gal. \$2.00. 80% cane sugar, 20% Vermont Maple, per gal. \$1.60. And all came clear syrup, 10 lb. cans, \$1.00. Full gallon cane sugar syrup at \$1.20. If you bring your can or jug you save 10c to 20c. 111 Depot Street. PERILLIUS SYRUP CO.

"Do they vibrate when you sing?" interrupted the dentist.

"No," interposed Jones. "I simply can't hold my pipe with the darned things."

NEAT LITTLE ONE

The fellow whom you used to know. And thought was such a beggar. Now's rated as a millionaire. He sure is some boot-legger.

Never give up. The lowly flivver is frequently rattled but it keeps forging ahead in spite of ups and downs.

AT THE LAUNDRY

Laundryman—"I'm sorry, but one of your shirts is lost."

Customer—"But I paid for having it laundered."

Laundryman—"That's all right. We did it up before we lost it."

A man of note, named Dr. Hardlicka, says the American man is superior to the American woman. Must have been drinking some American Hardlicka.

POEM

The hunter dragged a weary foot. Thru miles of Skagit mire; And never saw a thing to shoot; It surely roused his ire.

"I won't give up," the hunter cried. And as he reached his flat, The cuckoo crowed the hour, then died—

He took a shot at that!

YEA, HO!

She was a pretty and ambitious girl and had studied the matrimonial problem to a nicety.

"Yes, I suppose I shall wed eventually," she said. "But the only kind of masculine nuisance that will suit me must be tall and dark, with classical features. He must be brave, yet gentle. Withal he must be strong—a lion among men, but a knight among ladies."

That evening a bowlegged, lath-framed youth, wearing checked trousers and smoking a cigarette that smelt worse than a burning boot, rattled on the back door and the girl knocked over tumbler and a cut-glass fruit dish off the sideboard in her haste to get to him.

"Here's my bill!" said the surgeon. "What you would pay down \$100, and then \$25 per week."

"Sounds like buying an automobile," said the patient.

"I am," said the surgeon.

JUNK PAYS RENT IN ENGLAND.

LONDON, Dec. 23.—One of the odd customs for which England is famous was seen the other day when two bundles of fagsots, a hatchet, a billhook, six horseshoes and "sixty and one" horseshoe nails were given to an agent of King George V as "rent in kind" for a small plot of land in the Strand, where a forge originally stood and another piece of land in Shropshire. The king's remembrancer received the rent on behalf of the crown.

In the year 1215, a tournament was being held in a field where the Law Courts now stand and during the tournament a knight's armor gave

way. A smith repaired it so well that the king gave him the right to erect a forge on the field, stipulating that the annual rent should be six horseshoes and sixty and one nails. The rent has been paid every year down to the present one.

DAMAGES GRANTED

(By Associated Press)

SEDALIA, Mo., Dec. 23.—Mrs. Sophia Jirge was given \$500 damages by a jury in circuit court here Wednesday from Otto Pohl and Frederick Kueck, whom she alleged sold intoxicating liquor to her husband in violation of the prohibition law.

BOOTLEGGER FINED

MEDFORD, Ore., Dec. 23.—W. E. Hardy, registered at a local hotel as a traveling man from Portland, was fined \$500 in justice court late yesterday when he pleaded guilty to having a trunk in his possession containing 38 quarts of bonded whiskey. The trunk, according to A. S. Snodder, state prohibition officer, who made the arrest, was virtually a portable bar. The bottles

were carefully wrapped in towels taken from Portland hotels and fitted into separate compartments. A truckman was at Hardy's door ready to deliver a consignment when the arrest was made.

DEBATERS TAKE HOLIDAY

(By Associated Press)

DUBLIN, Dec. 23.—The Dail Eireann adjourned until January 4 yesterday.

ONE DEAD

CANYONVILLE, Dec. 23.—Fred Williams was killed and members of his family injured when an automobile went over a 100-foot embankment from the icy road yesterday morning.

Difficulty is experienced in procuring suitable horses for artillery, so experiments are being made with motor tractors.

The Treasure House of Christmas Gifts

Buy your last minute gifts at THE CHRISTMAS STORE—where shopping is made easy for you by twenty-four departments, each aiding in the display of gifts for the Christmas shopper who has put off until now his buying. Buy quality gifts, by all means—and buy them at "The Quality Store," a treasure house of Christmas gifts.



A Wonderful Assortment OF HANDKERCHIEFS
Second To None In Variety, Quality and Prices

—Kerchiefs, by the box or separate—thousands of them for you to select from—colored, white, hemstitched, embroidered, hand-made and at almost any price you may wish to pay.
—In boxes of three neatly packed with designs all showing, they are 50c, 75c, \$1.25, \$1.50 and \$1.75.
—Pure linen embroidered—some hand-made, are from 50c to \$2.00 each.
—Initialed linen are 50c.
—Fancy colored, silk and embroidered linen kerchiefs are 25c to 75c.

TABLE LINENS

Finest Quality
\$3.00 yd.

—Several different patterns of the very best in table linens are priced at \$3.00 and \$3.25—and there are napkins to match at \$5.00 dozen.
—A very pleasing gift for her, cloth and half dozen napkins will cost you \$8.00, already to be hemmed. Large variety of other linens at various prices.

STORE CLOSING

AT
8:30
CHRISTMAS
EVE

WOULD YOU LIKE TO BUY HER THE NEWEST IN Footwear?

—Perhaps you have thought of giving her shoes, pumps or oxfords, but were uncertain about the size, color or style. We can solve all these difficulties for you. Call at our shoe department and we'll help you. We'll arrange everything. And incidentally, we might say that we have just received two new pumps and an oxford, that are in advance of the season—almost two months early. What could be better for a gift? Call and see them. A patent and a kid, both black, with straps. Also a brown Scotch grain oxford, ARMSTRONG MAKE with low heel, square toe, brass eyelets, and punched-in brogue effect. A very new and snappy oxford, full of pep, for sports wear, street wear and golf. Price \$3.50.



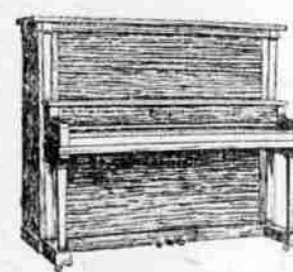
"OREGON CITY"

Indian Blankets
\$7.50

The name "Oregon City" on the blanket or robe you give, insures its quality—all wool and genuinely Indian in design and coloring. We are showing at present a wonderful assortment of these blankets at this price—\$7.50—each one fully guaranteed.
Others are \$5.50, \$9.00, \$10.00 and up to \$14.00. If he is an "Elk" or "Shiner," we have blankets with the emblems and colors.



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Bargains

Slightly used Pianos

\$500.00 our price		\$325.00
500.00 our price		320.00
450.00 our price		295.00
650.00 our price		280.00
750.00 player piano		475.00
Baldwin and Gubbransen Pianos at reasonable prices and easy payments.		
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Columbia Phonograph \$85.00, our price,		\$75.00

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