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Bible Thought. For Today

SEEK ETERNAL THINGS.—We look not at the things which are seen, but at the things which are not seen; for the things which are seen are temporal; but the things which are not seen are eternal.—2 Corinthians 4:18.

La Grande's Triplets

When Portland thinks it can score over La Grande it is badly off. Not long ago triplets were born in Portland and the newspapers had column after column of publicity, even telling how the father of the newcomers had to go out and rent a larger house.

Here in La Grande triplets were born and the father did not have to hunt another, for he already had one of his own that was just right for the babies. When people get hysterical about triplets, the mother of the three little La Grande girls urges them to be calm, that the babies are doing fine. That mother loves all three with the best and purest thing in the world—mother's love.

Here's hoping Providence will give the little girls health and strong bodies and strong minds, and that the public will not be as inquisitive here as it was in Portland, for the La Grande home is happy with the little ones.

A Fearful Waste

As we appealed to Sam Kozer, secretary of state, about the new license plates for a Franklin car, we thought of the fearful waste entailed in putting plates on every car in Oregon, and, to go a step farther, think of the waste throughout the nation.

Sam Kozer will receive letters first, then applications will be returned which he mails out; his office force will then enter the remittance, record the registration, tie up the two plates, which have been made at a heavy cost and shipped to the state capital at another heavy cost, place the necessary postage on the package and the mails will deliver it to the car owner.

He will then have plates put on and throw away his old plates, which have no further value. Think of it—waste, waste, nothing but waste. In New York it takes a solid train to carry the plates from the factory to the state capital. In Oregon think what a stock several hundred thousand plates would make, and then think of the tying and recording, addressing and mailing.

It is up to some fellow with some brains to figure out a better and a cheaper way to register cars. The present cost is like throwing money away.

Fifty Cents A Day

The tourist camp ground representatives at Spokane met and resolved that a charge of fifty cents a day be made on all automobiles using camp grounds. Sixty-two cities and towns were represented and the vote to make such a charge is said to have been unanimous.

Now comes the serious question: Is the northwest, by this small charge, nullifying the great welcome spirit which tourists all over the country felt existed here? We have it from good authority that California has been criticized severely for the manner it treats its tourists, while Oregon and Washington have been praised because of their camp grounds and free service to strangers within their gates.

Certainly, it is a problem. On one side stands the desire to have people come by the thousands and enjoy the

IN THE OLD HOME TOWN



OTIEY WALKER, THE MARSHAL - IS PRETTY TOUGHY SINCE A PRISONER WALKED AWAY WHILE OTIEY WAS UNBUTTONING HIS COAT TO GET THE JAIL KEYS

THE OFFICE CAT



It seems as if our Junius has done a grievous wrong. He shouldn't let the people go "a jaxzing right along." He should pat folks on the shoulder and hand them blarney too.

And run and tell his friends and neighbors what they ought to do. But Junius, you see is just a plain old Yankee cat. Clear to the backbone, solid Yankee, plum full of pep and scrap.

His ancestors, they tell me, sneaked in the Mayflower hold. And landed in New England on a winter's day so cold. So do not let it worry you, oh, not a single bit.

For Junius, the Office Cat, is a good old Yankee "cat." He hasn't time to think, because, you'll think it very queer, he's busy writing scoundals that the dear saints like to hear.

And Junius does not pretend to be "just what he nigt." He thinks it quite too painful to become a blessed saint. He isn't gibbering enough, he isn't fond of tea.

He doesn't like the talk that starts "And she told this to me." Hell is not the only place with good intentions paved. The world is full of people who, mean well, who think they're saved.

But just so long as hypocrites will rant and rave, I say, That we'll all go jaxzing right along, in the same old sinful way. Junius Observer.

SOME SIGNS

Placed at a moving picture show—"Young children must have parents."

In a barber's window—"During alterations, patrons will be shaved in back."

Sign in Broadway store—"Empty boxes—Suitable for holiday gifts."

The young people were enjoying a motor ride and had just entered a country road. "May I kiss your hand?" he asked a little confusedly.

She removed her motor veil. "No," she replied, "I have my gloves on."

FANT?

Bob—"You look sweet enough to eat." Gert—"I dot. Where shall we go?" Lips that touch liquor shall never be allowed in my cellar.—New York Mail.

Fatty stopped in front of a haberdashery's display window. I asked him if he was thinking of buying a shirt or pajamas or something, and he sighed when he said:

"Gosh, no! The only thing that fits me ready made is a handkerchief."

La Grande, Ore., Jan. 7, 1922. Dear Office Cat:—I cannot form my thoughts into beautiful poetry like you do but will you please put the following in your returns and oblige.

Mrs. D. C. F. Dear Office Cat:—I will only see the funny side of your poetry entitled "We'll still go jaxzing right along." For I do not believe you were trying to tear down Christ's cause and the Christian spirit Jack is helping to build you up. I believe you to be too loyal to your flag and true to the laws of your country (taking it for granted you are an American citizen) to do that.

But your poetry made me wonder if you ever stopped to think that there are some people who could but will not be good. And that if Christ should stand before the people today and rebuke them for their sins, there are some that would go "jaxzing right along in their good old sinful way," as they did 2,000 years ago. E. F.

Joe the Plodder says it doesn't pay

The Fourteen Tried and True

What's the use of heaving slunder at the fourteen tried and true, Just because you classify it as a grudge. They were true to their convictions, it was all that they could do, And all other concessions were to them but slush and fudge.

Have you ever felt your kopecks slipping from your eager clasp, With your taxes and expenses over-crowded? That's the time, my friends, that any sober-minded man will grasp. Something that will help to pull the country through.

So, they bear toward you no malice, but they feel for you a pride, And they'll always stand behind you through the worst. So, when home industry weakens and the farms have almost died, Then it's time to back our own existence first.

Yes, it seems we need a few more men like these, who have at heart Human welfare, not the glamour of a show. When the lean years have departed, then we'll make a newer start, And we'll have a different friendship than the present one, we know.

—SEPTIMUS.

Taxes Collected Are Lower By Millions

(By Associated Press) HONOLULU, T. H., Jan. 10.—The tremendous effect of the depression of 1921, especially as regards the world's sugar bowl, was exemplified here by the announcement of Colonel Howard Hathaway, collector of internal revenue, that Hawaii's tax for the calendar year 1921, will total between \$2,000,000 and \$3,000,000, as compared with the total internal revenue here of \$25,000,000 in the calendar year 1920. The sensational decline in the price of sugar is responsible mainly for the vast difference in revenue. Colonel Hathaway said, as nine-tenths of the income and profits taxes in Hawaii are derived from the sugar industry.

GERMANS EMPLOYED

(By Associated Press) PARIS, Jan. 10.—Inhabitants of several devastated villages along the Chemin des Dames have demanded the employment of German material and labor in their reconstruction. They asked the minister of liberated regions to organize a referendum of parishes affected to take a vote on the question.

They asserted that their villages had been neglected by the government for three years.

"The Peeling of the Belies"



President Hoagkins of the George Washington University suppressed "The Ghost," college paper, which published a dramatic made by Miss Winifred Joyce, the late Dr. Johnson. She called it "The Peeling of the Belies."

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to be crooked. Even the corkscrew is out of a job.

After having his family tree locked up many a man feels he has a right to look down on his ancestors.

A real optimist is a person who pays his Christmas bills as cheerfully as he did his Christmas shopping.

The Get Together Club met on Thursday, December 29th, at the home of Mrs. E. T. Peebler. This is the first time Mrs. Peebler has been able to entertain the club for some time on account of Miss Helen's illness.

Rev. William Johnson and wife celebrated their sixty-fifth wedding anniversary at Ashland last week. Yesterday Rev. Johnson was associated with the noted Moody and Sankey evangelistic work.

Three bridges in Marion county which were washed out as a result of the heavy rains a few weeks ago, are to be replaced immediately. The cost will aggregate \$10,000.

Elers of the Mormon church will hold a meeting at the school house Sunday.

Three pupils of Ladd Canyon will take the state examinations next week. Mrs. Altie Winburn was out to see her father, Mr. Banton, at Hot Lake sanatorium.

R. A. Titus went to Union Sunday. Mrs. Sherrell Ewin has returned from a trip to Portland where she spent Christmas with her parents and relatives. Mr. Ewin was unable to accompany her as he could not leave his work on the ranch.

Guy Miller came up from Haines Christmas Day, returning on Monday. Mr. and Mrs. R. A. Titus, and the Misses Amy Miller and Faye Milligan drove over with him.

H. W. Peeblers spent Christmas at the Fred Synhorst home in town, and the man went down there Mr. and Mrs. C. Lofland spent New Year's Day in town with their daughters at the Terry home.

Mrs. Adolph Peebler, assisted by the Messames Couch, Hawley, Herford and Miss Etta Banton, will give a party for the club members and their friends January 18 in Peebler's Hall.

Domie Matott went to Enterprise Saturday.

D. W. Miller made a business trip to Haines and Baker Tuesday of last week.

Wm. Banton is having a serious time with his arm, which he hurt some time ago at the sawmill. Dr. Phy operated on his arm again last Thursday and it is reported that, while he

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