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Bible Thought. For Today

ALWAYS PROTECTED: —When thou passest through the waters, I will be with thee; and through the rivers, they shall not overflow thee: when thou walkest through the fire, thou shalt not be burned; neither shall the flame kindle upon thee.—Isaiah 43:2.

Bars and Rails

What motive actuated the Wisconsin legislature in enacting the new law for soft-drink emporiums is probably destined to remain a mystery. The most remarkable thing about the law is the provision that the consumer may not stand near enough to a counter—be it remembered that there are no more bars—to set down his glass or to raise a foot or rest an elbow. To an outlander, this surely looks like rubbing it in, especially for Milwaukee and some other Wisconsin communities.

It was bad enough, from the standpoint of the old-fashioned drinker, to have the price in his drink reduced to one-half of one per cent. Still, if the consumer were blest with a strong imagination, he might deceive himself into enjoying some of the fabulous bliss of yore. With a foot on the rail and an elbow on the bar and a glass of near-beer held up to the light, there was enough illusion about it to modify the rigors of the dry regime without breaking the law.

Now what solace is there? What nimbles the imagination, what psychological suggestion, what sentiment and poetry, in draining a glass whose insipid contents are only too well known, while standing rigidly a decorous and legal arm's length from the soft-drink counter?

This is surely a trifle to some thirsty drinkers.

Methuselah's Dollar

The statistics that has computed what a dollar would have amounted to if it had been put at 6 per cent compound interest if Methuselah had deposited it when he was all and let it lie in the bank until his death. Methuselah only lived to be 969, but the little dollar compounding away for that period would have netted the Methuselah heirs several hundred millions of dollars. Few people have or care to live to be as old as the patriarch, but the lesson in unclipped savings is clear.

Even a comparatively small sum deposited in the bank at a child's birth and left to accumulate interest upon interest will mean a good bit of capital when the child reaches college age or is old enough to enter business life. A small sum similarly handled at the time of marriage would mean that many a couple would be saved the hardship and humiliation of penniless old age.

The trouble is that most people are scornful of small savings, or impatient of their slow accumulation. They either do not save at all, or, having saved a little, they invest it in some get-rich-quick investment scheme and lose it.

Lame Soldiers Ride Free

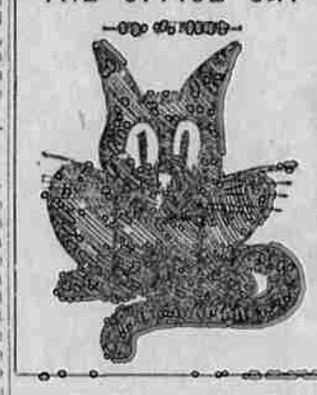
The city council of Liverpool, England, has voted a bit of practical aid to one class of disabled service men. Those who lost a leg in war service, or suffered such injury as resulted in losing the use of a leg, are to ride on the tramcars and motor buses free of charge.

There has been strenuous objection to the plan, and undoubtedly it will permit abuses, but it has the good points near the top. The pill be saddled to stay in their seats the otherwise used, with painfully depriving their energies in the process. Charity will be able to take care of a distance from home, and no employment will be endangered which otherwise might not be forthcoming.

Little deeds of kindness count, be they ever so trivial, and it might be well to hold the permission where the income warrants it. But on the main it is better in any community or country that dread, free rulings devoid of red tape make the path of all disabled service men easier than that any help be withheld from the deserving because in some instances a privilege may be abused.

IN THE OLD HOME TOWN

THE OFFICE CAT



To THE OFFICE CAT

The Office Cat, with its rhythmic brain,
To read and enjoyed be come—
To others its wit is centuries old
With "nothing new under the sun."

But the dear little cat scamed while to pure,
And to sleep while "dull" was in store,
But when he was good, out came its sharp claws,
From their cushion of velvet and gloss.

The sad thing is some while the time went on,
That our life is moving too, too,
And some are a lesson, however so great,
Will be left unheed to and woe.

Too, the biggest and best of our day enough,
Will soon be under the sod,
With his cant "face to face" and his rearrangement due,
At the hands of an all-wise God.

So while some of us jaw till the sun sinks down,
And all through the long night too,
There are others and others who stand for the right
And help all that is good and true.

Had "Three-fingered Jack" come into our town
With the jazz of his life, as of old,
It would matter no whit to our office cat,
If he left here enough of his gold.
The "Book of all books" has point of the way
And all that can read must know.
Though your sins be as scarlet, Repentance can make
The once wicked life white as snow.

So whenever I read the Christ story of old,
How He came to the poor and lost soul,
I am glad He still speaks to the heart of us all,
And can make us "every whit whole."

—N. C.

THE CAT'S REPLY

Oh, Junius, Junius, dear little cat,
Oh, my, what a sweet little name
Bestowed by a Christian with heart full of love
Who questions the depth of your brain.

We do not expect some to enjoy the cat,
No mandate and mandate count finds;
And so [illegible] way old [illegible]
To you and [illegible] kind.

Yes, we'll be up [illegible] 'til the sun sinks down,
And longer perhaps—just a few
The days spent on our neighbors and gossip all day,
And keep all our friends in a stew.

"First from your own eye," Christ said, "remove the beam,
Before seeking the mote from your brother's."
So clean up your own yard, you'll find plenty to do,
Before you "home mission" the others.

The Devil rejoices much more to see
O'er one hypocrite found in his clutch,
Than in ninety and nine, of the simon pure kind,
Real sinners, acknowledged as such.

Yes, we'll stand face to face with an all-wise God,
And some will be filled full of grief,
Don't forget what the Saviour said, nailed to the cross,
To the man at his side, just a thief.

Oh, yes, 'tis a fact, we are moving along,
And we'll all soon be under the sod,
But it will not have to matter to any old hens,
Just have to settle with God.

—Junius Observer.

A new phrase has been coined by our friend
The Office Cat
Anything on it I know you all
Will stand pat.
It's the outcome of the visit from our friend
Three-fingered Jack
Who tried to put the shakes on jazz on the
Old old track,
But back did not over—do what some have
Left undone,
So critics chuckle in their glee
Settled
Lots of fun.
Quite the most of mortals a contented
So
Of [illegible] inches,
And stood the test of [illegible] who
Nailed him
To the stake
Although and tough he may be but
Love him
We all do
And should he preach in Sale La Grande I'll be
In a pew
So come again Jack Godwin I love your
Nerve and grit,
It makes me laugh to hear some folks who would
Have you quit.
You are not the quitting kind though battered
By great odds,
But play your noble part each day trusting
In the Gods

—J. Gilray.

HIGH SCHOOL NOTES

Winona Inman was elected captain of the girls' basketball team in a recent meeting. The team expects to begin playing its regular schedule in interscholastic about the first of next month and is rapidly whipping into mid-season form.

An assembly and pep meeting was held yesterday morning at 10:45. Several talks were heard on the student body's duty of being behind the team and on the necessity of lots of pep and high school spirit. Assembly singing and yells were part of the program.

Discussion of the year's class dues took hold sway for a time, Ted Larson giving a talk on the subject and urging the seniors to endeavor to make a better showing in this century. The freshmen led the singing and attendance at singing assemblies, the seniors have entered the basketball lists and the sophomores have won the dramatic but the juniors have as yet failed to put on a stage play.

Bernice Coe gave a short talk on the education and use of books the home, and then adjourned.

The meeting was a success, considerable pep and enthusiasm being manifested in regards to the boys' end basketball games and the games also should make things hum from now on.

Great is the anxiety and premonition felt among the students at this time. The dread spectre is facing them next week and it simply seems to take the joy out of life. Midnight electricity, instead of gasoline, is now the vogue, and the entire student body is girding up their loins for a terrific battle—with the mid-season exams.

A meeting of the student body executive board was held this morning, presided over by Ted Larson, president of the board and student body. Principal Towler, Superintendent Hampton, Grant Bean and Marjorie O'Brien made up the remainder of the board's personnel. The item for discussion was the financial report for the last three months and it was thoroughly threshed to a frazzle before the meeting adjourned.

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BOY'S CLOTHING

1-2 Price

It started this morning. The boys' clothing section was busy from opening till closing time. It was the opening day of the half price sale. We expected to be busy—and we were. Where have you read of such drastic price slashing as this? Every price item remains on the suit unchanged—selling regularly at $10 to $25. Every suit bears the label of one of America's foremost manufacturers. Every suit is guaranteed all wool.

There are no strings about this sale—it's a genuine half-price affair for the fathers and mothers of boys.

You, who did not act today, why not? The fact that the boy does not need another suit now, should never enter into the matter. Consider that, the highest priced suit we have is $25.00 and not an old suit, or a cotton mixed suit in the stock.

We are taking considerable loss in this sale, but if our objective is gained we won't come plain, we want everyone to share in this.

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Every mother and father who stops to analyze the situation will be here.

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We Are Selling "ARMSTRONG"

Oxfords at $5

An entirely new lot of oxfords have been put on sale at this price. Savings in these average 50% and more.

There are many "Armstrongs" among them as well as other dependable makes.

There are black and brown oxfords in both old and calf leathers, welt soles and all have military or Cuban heels. Values are $8.00, $10.00 and $12.00.

Choice while any remains at $5.00.

MISSES'

Oxfords - Pumps $2.90

Brown strap pumps, black patent pumps, oxfords in brown and gray and other odd low shoes. Make up quite a selection of girls' low shoes at this price.

There are nearly all sizes in the lot, but not in any one shoe. There are values up to $7.50. Your choice now at $2.90.

PURE SILK HOSE

$1.19

Black or Brown

A fine quality, new fashioned hose in either black, brown or gray, with reinforced heels, toes and lisle garter tops. Every pair is perfect, no seconds among them. There are all sizes, priced very special at $1.19 pair.

BLANKETS AND COMFORTS

20% off

Although our test wool blankets have been picked over since the sale opened, there are still many of the best wool mixed and woolnap blankets left as well as the cotton. All are good quality and represent exceptional values at this reduction.

Remember this is the only chance and your last chance to buy this year at reduced prices.

Just Thirty Years Ago in the Grande Ronde Valley

January 16, 1892.

Another petition was circulated a few days ago asking the postmaster-theatrical to move the post office from its present location.

The Bellows theatrical has entered its sixth year and promises to give a nice and useful life under its present management.

The case of S. Hermanson vs. C. Fisher was tried before a jury in Justice Barnhart's court Wednesday. The suit was brought by Hermanson for one of pigs to be had from Fisher, for which he furnished. The jury returned verdict in favor of Fisher for $2.75 and costs.

The matter of entering into a contract with competent hydraulic engineers to lay out plans and superintend the construction of a system of waterworks still hangs fire in the council. It is not many weeks until spring and the public who are people interested in this matter are anxious to see something done as quickly as possible.

The organization of the Welcome Club was effected on Thursday evening of last week. The object of the organization is to promote mutual acquaintance and sociability. Regular meetings of the club will be held from time to time in Stewart's opera house, at which times special programs will be prepared for the entertainment and instruction of its members. The society starts off with a membership of about one hundred and will no doubt grow in numbers.

At the annual meeting of the stockholders of the Farmers' and Traders' National bank held Tuesday the following directors were elected: W. J. Snodgrass, Fred Proebstel, J. H. Reinhart, F. D. McCully, George Ackles, Jos. Palmer, J. B. Thorson, Henry Wesley and D. A. McAllister.

At a meeting of the directors of the bank held last Monday the surplus fund was increased to $1,000. A dividend of over cent was also declared to the stockholders amounting to $1,000. This is considered a very creditable showing for the bank inasmuch as it is a new institution and has been under considerable expense in getting in operation. The meeting of the directors for the election of officers for the ensuing year has not yet been held.

Doings of the Ad. Club

Dr. E. O. Sisemore, President.
A. W. Nelson, Manager.
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Science Class on Harness

Robert Sakin, chairman of the next Tuesday Ad club luncheon, announces a 10-strike in the way of a novelty for the members. Through the co-operation of Superintendent Hampton, of the city schools, Principal E. D. Towler of the high school and Miss Magnuson of the Home Economic department of the high school, the Ad club members will dine at the Harness Science room next Tuesday. Arrangements will be made to provide convenient transportation to the high school for those whose "1922 licenses have not arrived."

Core Petitions Ready.

Enough documents to make a decided impression upon the Federal Forestry department have been accumulated through the instrumentality of leading Cove citizens, and are this week going forward to the proper officials. At least a dozen reasons why the road should be opened are sustained by the endorsements of people and bodies of Union county.

Week-end Bids Out.

The Junior class at Oregon Agricultural college, through its Junior Week-end committee, has extended an invitation to all members of the 4-H club to participate in the big annual Junior Week-end, dated for May 12-16, inclusive. All members who have in mind a trip to Portland about that time are urged to arrange for the campfire function, which will be worth while.

NEW COYOTE LAW IS STRICT

The state law regarding the collection of bounties on wild cats, coyotes, etc., has been amended recently to protect the county from paying bounties on animals killed or secured in other counties of state. The amendment provides that the person claiming a bounty must bring the animal in person and he must also have affidavits from two householders and taxpayers stating that he has complied with all provisions of the law and that he has killed or caught the animal in the county in which he is making application for bounty. The person bringing the animal in must also swear to these provisions.

The old provision was that the owner of the animal could send an agent to secure the bounty and only one householder and taxpayer was required to give affidavit. The reason for the amendment was that people in Malheur and Harney counties have been bringing animals killed in Nevada into said counties and securing bounties on them.

The person violating this law is liable for conviction on a charge of felony, the penalty being not less than thirty days in the county jail nor more than one year in the penitentiary or a fine of not less than $1000 or more than $500 or both.

NOTICE TO ALL MINES.

All Minds and Lady Legionaries are requested to meet at the Hall Monday morning at 9 a. m. to attend the funeral of Sister Hazel Kelly.

8-16-18

WANTED

Information of all facts leading up sale to Union County. A directory of farm lands for sale is being compiled as reference. Look for sought-for farms or acreage in the region. Send your complete description.

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