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Bible Thought For Today

THE WAY TO FREEDOM—We shall know the truth, and the truth shall make us free.—John 8:32

Friends to be Discovered

The editor of the Observer seems to have a friend down at Turner whom we did not know. He, or she (we do not know which it is), throws spasms after spasms for fear there might be some support for George L. Baker of Portland for governor in the next primaries.

We probably would never have known what the Turner Tribune said about us had it not been for the kindness of Mr. Chapman in reporting it in the Oregon Voter, which goes to show all of us have friends yet to be discovered.

This little Turner Tribune dwells on many little things, including the political ambition of the Observer's editor, all of which is one of those Willamette valley hallucinations which damp days bring on people with small intellect and warped understanding.

The little Turner Tribune is probably delighted and satisfied with the way Oregon public exposure have been mounting; of the near confiscation of property; of the inefficient administration; of the lack of Oregon individuality. It is probably of that small-thinking class that is self-satisfied with present conditions and wants no advancement, for in order for a state to be unstanding it must have officials who are vigorous men.

But it is always refreshing to find a new friend, and such the little Tribune has proven to be, for its lashing to an eastern Oregon man is as harmless as valley fog which breaks and vanishes as it strikes the sturdy mountains which separate us from our Turner neighbor.

Vaudeville and Music

That vaudeville has an important part in musical development is stated editorially in the current Kludge. The writer refers to the fact that 20 years ago vaudeville was known as "variety."

"Horrible caricatures of alien artists upon our stage, objectionable songs, questionable jokes, tawdry acrobats, breakdown dances, and a whole atmosphere of crudeness, rotundity and often broad indecency—made up the program. Formerly the variety show was no odious that it was patronized almost exclusively by those who cared little for their standing in the community. Now a large group of interested celebrate their anniversary at Washington by having three presidents, past and present, Taft, Wilson and Harding, as their guests at the theatre."

"As a part of the new vaudeville scheme it has become one of the great mediums for bringing fine music to the average citizen. Many famous artists have been heard to leave a day by thousands of the night's work and heard them other way. Several Metropolitan stars were actually products of vaudeville. Hundreds of thousands of dollars have been spent for bringing good music to the general public."

All this is interesting, historically if not otherwise. The great point, however, is that we change has come about because the public taste demanded it. "The public really wants to hear the best music by the best artists," is an important vaudeville maxim, "and it pays us to have the best."

There are abuses enough in the dramatic world today; but it is cheering to reflect upon so marked a growth in the matter of bringing beauty into the life of the ordinary citizen, and in his insistence upon beauty as a need of his existence.

It's about decided that the sky is to be the limit for artists.

IN THE OLD HOME TOWN



FRED ANDERSON SHOWED BILL PARSONS HOW HIS FAMOUS HUNTING DOG ATTACKED A SKUNK LAST NIGHT.

THE OFFICE CAT



THIRTY FEELER LIKE PAW

When mother and her brood started for town the weather was threatening, so she did not go unprepared. In due time they stepped off the crowded train.

"Have you got all the umbrellas, Johnny?" was her first question. "I should say I had," said the boy. "I had three when I started and now I've got five."

RAVINGS

She was fair and fat and forty, but he loved his "little Mame." She had curls, but artificial—he said that was in the game. On her nose a pair of glasses; he said she was not to blame. And she limped but ever so slightly; he decided that she was lame. On her upper lip a shadow, still he made her change her name. The she had an awful temper—like a hurricane it came. But in spite of all the defects he was dippy for the dame. She possessed a nifty bankroll—don't you think you'd do the same.

He was tall and thin and sixty, but he loved the poor old jay. He was shifty of teeth, oh very, and his hair was father gray; and his nose a sunset color, where the moonshine blushed lay. He had gout, oh very badly, which caused him to cuss all day, and he wore a bunch of washers that resembled new-mown hay. And he had a disposition that held everyone as bay, but in spite of these mere trifles, she was glad to name the day. He possessed a nifty bankroll—wouldn't you do that very way?

JUNIUS OBSERVER

We heard of a La Grande landlord yesterday who voluntarily reduced the rent on a house ten dollars a month—he couldn't get it rented at the old price.

THE JANITOR'S LAMENT

As the janitor pushes along his mop all over the floor the dust to exp. He pushes it here and pushes it there. And ofttimes you may hear him swear. "Them gum chewers!"

For on the floor he oft finds there a wad of gum and patted hair. Which on one's shoes it sticks for fair. And that's the reason you'll hear him swear. "Them gum chewers!"

The above poem ought to be well-liked pencils on the street corner—it lacks a stanza of feet.

Beer, Maduff, speaks of "chance" when he says "they ought to be in the days—putty up."

"Lay on, Maduff, and slay them who he who that cries hold enough!"

The difference between a high-brow and a low-brow is just a little the cross matter.

The girl of today has more backbone than the girl of yesterday—at least she shows more of it.

Girls who slip across the streets with geloshes unbuttoned are pretty sure to reflect their unbuttoned in the limo, if they ever happen to have one of their own.

Our guess is that what W. W. Benson really has is his nose in a chuckle.

Our Own New Year's resolution—to laugh heartily at all we write, just by way of setting a good example.

These profiteers in shoes ought to be given a good licking.

ORIGINAL RESEARCH

Professor of Anatomy—"How many vertebrae are there in the human spinal column, Mr. [Toddler]?"

Mr. T.—"I've counted seventeen so far. Maybe when the new hall-room struts come out I'll find a few more."

READY WAYS TO PROVIDE WORK

Cities and Towns in United States Find Diversity of Means of Relieving Unemployment.

(By Associated Press)

WASHINGTON, Jan. 17.—Novel means are being employed by various cities and towns throughout the United States to provide work for the jobless, according to reports collected by Colonel Arthur Woods, head of the organization charged with carrying on work started by the recent national conference on unemployment.

Summaries of these reports show means used to be as follows:

Chicago has made a house to house census under the direction of 23 battalion fire chiefs, to compel householders to remove from their premises all combustible material and refuse, as a fire prevention measure. This campaign has created many short time jobs.

Dallas, Texas, took a church census of its population and each household was asked if some special odd job, janitorial, carpentry, gardening, or cleaning, could be furnished the unemployed, and a request was kept of the replies and addresses, with the result that a large number of days of work were secured for the most needy.

In Fort Wayne, Ind., advertisements were published in the newspapers, and the unemployed were asked to fill out and send in blank forms, which were turned over to the local employment agency, and local industries scoured the lists they needed.

Kelley, N. J., has an agent out every afternoon, covering the town, with several helpers, in automobiles. They visit buildings under construction, look over streets being paved, and call at all industrial plants and railroad shops, offering the cooperation of the local employment bureau, and ascertaining exactly what kind of help is needed.

In New York City, 103 social agencies have co-operated in relief work for the unemployed and have established a central bureau of registration to get on a clearing house.

Pittsburg contractors and employers have been urged to keep one or two men in each family on the payroll, and to hire to a large extent those living in the city who have dependents.

Each ward in Rockford, Ill., has a committee with the two aldermen as chairman. These committees in turn have organized precinct committees with a member in charge of each city block. Personal contact like this has resulted in a very successful campaign to provide jobs and relieve distress.

Schenectady, N. Y., has taken care of its own problem by being lenient on its own improvements, and the city officials are enforcing rigidly such ordinances as snow removal, which is done under city supervision, and charges on tax bills of all delinquent property owners.

Atlanta has formed a club of 500 citizens, many of whom have pledged the holding of a dwelling to be rented at a reasonable figure, thus giving employment to many.

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BUSINESS TO BE ETHICAL

(By Associated Press)

ATLANTIC, Jan. 17.—The teachings of Jesus Christ are to be "the ruling principle," said John J. Eagan of this city, his election as president of the American Cast Iron Pipe Company. He expressed surprise on hearing that his election as president of a platform had occasioned any comment.

"The directors of the organization all are church members," he explained. "They have elected an open professing Christian as president, on basis that the teachings of Christ Jesus are to be the ruling principle of the business. I am glad if the action of the directors will cause other professed followers of Christ to live this question their thought."

Christians who did not make Christ's teachings the rule for their business were characterized by Mr. Eagan as "lacking faith in the power of those principles to save the world."

Employers of the company have been enjoying the results of efforts of the officers to practice Christ's teachings for eight years. It was pointed out by Mr. Eagan, first, a large industrial Y. M. C. A. building erected, he said, "with that as a center we have been enlarging constantly the scope of the company's services to its employees."

Now we have a staff including physicians, surgeon, a dentist and a nurse. We have mutual benefit association, operated by company and employees jointly, and recently we established a pension fund for old age or disability."

Mr. Eagan summarized his "platform" briefly in the following: "A reasonable living wage to the lowest paid workman."

"Constant employment for every member of the organization."

"An actual application of the Golden Rule to all relations between employer and employee."

Results to the company from such a course of action, Mr. Eagan believes, will include:

"Service to the public, by manufacturing an honest product."

"Service to employees by the application of the Golden Rule and the payment of at least a comfortable living wage to each."

"Service to the stockholders by earning from them a fair return on their investment."

In proof of this contention that business may be operated successfully on the principles he advocates, Mr. Eagan pointed out that in the last twelve months his company "provided work for all its employees, and this was not exactly an easy matter, and we are paying wages above the market."

Mr. Eagan is known as a philanthropist and prominent layman of the Central Presbyterian church. During the war he was chairman of the commission on training camp activities for the navy, with headquarters at Washington and was a member of the executive and financial committees of the national war work council of the Y. M. C. A. and a chairman of its southeastern division.

Dancer's Daughter Is Now Engaged

(By Associated Press)

MOSCOW, Jan. 17.—Irina Duncan, the 19-year-old and adopted daughter of Isadora Duncan, dancer, has announced her engagement to Ilya Iyitch Sneider, the son of a tailor. Young Sneider by chance met Isadora Duncan and her party on arrival here last summer, at the railway station, volunteered to carry their luggage and has since attached himself as handy man about the house, to do the many errands necessary to the complicated existence of a social life. Miss Irina, who is of German origin, has been with Isadora Duncan since a child. She also is a dancer.

Greeks Shipping Out Armenian Refugees

CONSTANTINOPLE, Jan. 17.—Fifteen thousand Greek and Armenian refugees are being sent from this city to the island of Cyprus in ships provided by the Greek government. Twenty thousand other refugees are awaiting transportation but the French authorities are persuading Christians not to go as they have secured formal guarantees that the Turks will respect their lives and property.

Rummage Sale at Red Cross Thrift Shop all this week. 1-16-22

PRICES NEVER COME DOWN

BERLIN, Jan. 17.—Foreigners returning home have learned that prices never come down. The prices of the goods or fall of the German mark visitors here compelled to live in the first-class hotels, may secure rooms at prices which they consider reasonable compared with home prices, but the situation of "cheapness" soon vanishes.

At least once a month prices are increased, and the usual increase is 100 percent. The notice of increase is sent the day before the new rates are effective. There is no resource but to pay. The only furnished rooms or apartments to be had are in the suburbs, and are impracticable because of the frequent strikes on the transportation lines.

Disadvantages of living in second class hotels, in addition to the absence of modern conveniences, are multiplied by the restlessness of the workers. Hardly a week passes without a strike of electric workers, porters, cooks, maids—in which case the hotels, as well as the office buildings in which the foreigners must work, are dark and without service.

Within the last three months there have been strikes on the underground and surface railways, in the electric power plants, of all the employees in restaurants, the chauffeurs, as well as workmen in such trades as tailoring, printing and other lines. The last strike was called by the tailors of apartment and office buildings which were left without heat during the coldest days of the winter.

And to every bill which the patrons of the hotels and restaurants must pay there is added a diversity of taxes or surcharges for the state, the city, or the help. Also, tips are still expected and received, although hotel and restaurant employees recently consented to abolish the tip when granted a ten per cent commission on all S.S. an increase in wages, and a percentage of the weekly incomes of their employees.

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