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## Bible Thought For Today

**THE WAY TO PEACE:**—Acquaint now thyself with him, and be at peace; thereby good shall come unto thee.—Job 22:21.

## Wealth and Work

Some time ago two brothers named Garland received a good deal of publicity because they refused to accept money left them by their father, on the ground that it was not the result of their own labor. Now they have changed their minds and will take their inheritance. A baby which has appeared in one of the families is said to be responsible for the change of attitude.

Their intentions were honest enough, when they refused the money. They believed that people should work in order to live, and are happier when they do work, and in this they were right. But it is in their credit that they have come to see that work and simple living are not inconsistent with a good income. It is only the field of effort which is changed.

In the advantages which they now see wealth can give their children, they can see, if they will, the things which all children should have. They can keep themselves busy and happy and clean-hearted in providing not only for their own but for many other little ones who without the aid of wealth, intelligently administered, must forever carry on an unequal battle for life and education.

## A Business Prophecy

A "substantial increase in business activity" may be expected about April, this is the opinion of the Harvard university committee on economic research.

The deduction is made from the study of a long series of business depressions and crises which reveals that, after each slump such as those of 1905 and 1907, the rise begins from 10 to 12 months after a marked decline in interest rates. In the present instance decline in interest rates began in May, 1921.

It is an interesting report, and encouraging in its way, though only bearing out what has been pointed out many times before, that the all phases of life, the economic trend is in cycles.

The promised relief, it may be remarked, will mean very little to the optimistic individual who sits down and waits for it. But the man who begins now, or has already begun, to set his house in order, who practices industry and thrift and gets just as many points of contact as he can with the rising tide of business, may hope for much.

## Speed and Pleasure at Sea

It is reported that the development of the United States merchant marine is stirring in England an increased demand for speed and luxury in ocean liners. British shipbuilders would like to launch a fleet of merchant vessels far surpassing the transatlantic liners now in existence. They want a ship which will make the crossing from Ambrose Light to Lands End in three days. They also wish their government to give them substantial aid and protection.

The owners of existing vessels like the *Maryland* or the *Olympic* are not anxious to see their fleets rendered "obsolete." Yet in spite of the natural rivalry between shipbuilders, interests and shipping lines, they have likely now to get together on these new demands.

If civilization can produce a vessel which can make the Atlantic crossing in less time than the ever-lauded *Mauretania*, it will do it. The matter has now become a question of fact, not of opinion.

It is interesting to note that the progress of the new ships is being watched with interest by the public. It is a fact that the public interest in the new ship will be less acute when it is known that they are harder to build than the old ones.

## IN THE OLD HOME TOWN



JEFF SACKETT, WHO LOST HIS PET CAT YESTERDAY, FOUND WHAT HE THINKS IS A HOT CLUE TODAY.

## AROUND THE EDGES

By BRUCE DENNIS

Monday, Jan. 16.

Who said trainmen have no interest in whether the company does a good business or a poor business? Boarding No. 18 Sunday night we were told that "the train is well filled and only a few upper berths were left." The Pullman conductor smiled as he said it. The negro porter chimed in, "Yes, boss, I believe do hard times are over for I'm shore a busy boy, and mighty happy about it."

The brakeman and flagman came through the train, both happy and smiling, ready to assist any passenger and pleased over a trainload of people.

The conductor's features relaxed from that sternness known to the "boss of the train," and as he took up the tickets expressed his delight that "business is picking up."

All of which goes to show that better railroad business does not only leave a pleasant impression on Wells Fargo building railroad officials, William Bollens and Joe Keeney, but all the boys clear down to the flagman get bit by the same happy bug when railroad business picks up.

Do you know Governor Davis of Idaho? We never did until today when we met him on the train and visited for several hours. He was on his way to Blackfoot, Idaho, where Rev. Gilliland, formerly of La Grande, and the governor were to address a meeting of Idaho farmers this evening. The governor is a great friend of Dr. Gilliland and vice versa, which goes to show that Governor Davis knows how to select good, loyal friends who are worth while.

Idaho's governor is not pretentious. He is a modest man and dresses as such. There is no egotism in him, and when he speaks of things accomplished by his administration, he speaks of them as "Idaho's accomplishments" or "our state's achievements."

The fact remains, however, that Davis has done in Idaho just what some governor in Oregon should do, namely, he has established a "cabinet" form of state government, and instead of having forty-eight boards and commissions, which were in existence when he took the governor's chair, Idaho now has eight departments. Every department is headed by a man appointed for his ability in a particular line of work, and that head is given final authority to act.

Once each month the cabinet meets and reviews the work of every department.

"The plan is wonderfully satisfying," said Governor Davis, "for now state business is transacted with accuracy and dispatch just the same as any reliable, well organized corporation. It has been a saving financially and Idaho people would never consent to returning to the old bit and miss, uncertain and unbusinesslike system."

We believe every word of commendation the governor uttered is true. For instance, instead of having a horde of commissions, such as dental, optometry, chiropractic, undertakers, etc., Idaho has one department of licenses to which all the organizations and their members must go, take their examinations and be dealt with on their merits.

The day of buying state licenses in any profession is over in Idaho. Can you imagine the joy in Oregon if once there could be elected a governor who has the courage and ability to do for Oregon what Davis has done for Idaho?

This is railroad life. When No. 18 pulled into Pocatello there was a crowd of railroad boys at the station. An ambulance backed up just as an engine and caboose pushed into the station. They were there to meet "Bill," a faithful old engineer who had met with an accident at Burley, on the Twin Falls branch, and was being rushed to a Pocatello hospital, his skull badly crushed and his life almost gone. The fastest eighty miles ever run on the short line is said to have been made by the "Eagle Eye," who had the run of way when he pulled in the caboose that carried old faithful "Bill." It was a race with death. How many travelers ever think away down deep, what the railroad boys undergo in order that people may ride in rolling palaces?

**Dog Saves Life and Prevents Bad Fire**

CHICAGO, Jan. 18.—Nero, a brown mongrel dog, Monday night saved the life of one man and probably prevented the destruction of the Hotel Halstead by fire.

The animal awakened its master, John Curtin, owner of the hotel, and led him to the rear of the building, where Curtin saw flames and smoke coming from the first floor, which is occupied by a clothing company.

After the fire department had been called, the dog refused to leave the building, outdoing to back until George Dickery, a guest, had been found on the third floor, overcome by smoke. Dickery was revived.

The dog remained in the hotel until it was overcome by smoke, after which it was rescued by a fireman.

**Passing of the Passport**

WASHINGTON, Jan. 18.—The passing of the passport is gradually being brought about in response to a growing disposition on the part of the nation to get rid of burdensome wartime regulations of travel. Persons prominent in diplomatic affairs here unhesitatingly predict that as a consequence the time is no far distant when tourists may glide the globe virtually as unhampered as in the days before 1914.

The agitation for a removal of the necessity for consular visas upon passports and letting down of the bars in border regulations had its inception in the strongest backing among the business men of all nations. Restrictions upon travel have rendered upon the commercial life of a nation, nations encouraged to gather large party harvests from the well-to-do tourists of foreign visitors, it was pointed out, and that reaction to the pinch of economic necessity is likely to cause a pendulum of travel restrictions back to its old position.

Belgium was the first to ease the restrictions upon travel imposed at the beginning of the war. Convicted that the necessity for rigid examination of visitors was at an end with the coming of peace, the Brussels government modified its restrictions that persons passing through

**Dog Teeth Used for Necklaces in Berlin**

BERLIN, Jan. 18.—Necklaces of wolves' and dogs' teeth were among the relics of the early stone age reported to have just been discovered by scientific investigators. A stone chest containing stone vessels was unearthed.

**Standard Beds**

WASHINGTON, Jan. 18.—Beds are to lose their individuality under standardization plans of the division of simplified practice of the commerce department. They will no longer appear in smooth and irregular sizes, with trial mattresses or having a proclivity to slide to the floor in the hours of deepest sleep.

Up to this time, the statement said, a half-size bed was anything from a park bench upward, so far as standards were concerned.

The Woman Who Doubts. It's difficult to make a woman who washes, iron, cooks, sweeps, dusts, takes care of children and sees for the family believe the man who has an office job works hard.—Atlanta Constitution.

## THE OFFICE CAT

By JUNIUS



WAL, I'LL BE BURNED.

The postman brought to Farmer Jones, An almanac of Dr. Stones; It told of cures both quick and sure, And flaunted remedies galore. The farmer, feeling rather spry, For sickness always passed him by, Drew up his chair before the churn And started in to read, by durn. He read of plagues that would appear With just an itching of the ear; Of other ills that, in a day, Would nail and carry you away. In one short hour, not more nor less, The farmer was in dire distress; His good wife, Mandy, came and put Ayopign plaster to his foot, And even Lydia Pinkham's pills Had failed to amaze his ills. They poured some Swamp Root on his back, And bathed his ears in Taniae. His daughter brewed some herbal tea That bucced water on the knee. They gave him pills of Dr. Wots, That were a specific for bots. Oh, yes! Old Farmer Jones was down And ready for a harp and crown. They lit a sulphur candle there, Beneath his chin there was a fire; It caught his whiskers, he was off Like sixty for the water trough. When he had finished with the flame, He had forgotten he was lame. And sick and weak with bilious head, And for an hour was almost dead. "Land sakes," his wife spoke up and said, "What happened, you was almost dead?" "Shut up," she he, "Shut up, by heck, And burn that gold darn almanac!" —SEPTIMUS.

## THE POOL

There was a man they called a fool, He hadn't learned a lot at school; And fortune never came his way, For he was shiftless, people say. With face a smile he wandered on 'Thru' life, 'til all his days were gone. The only thing he left behind Was friends, because his heart was kind. He taught them laughter when they fared Their idols scattered on the ground. Thru night and day, and all the while The man they called a fool would smile. With cold, still hands across his breast The fool turned to his last long rest. And folks stood 'round with bowed down head. The while a few soft words were said, And many spoke with eyes a-dim, "The world was happier with him." —SEPTIMUS.

## HARBOR SHOP "WHYS"

Why does a haircut always cost the same no matter how much hair you have?  
Why does a barber always ask you if you shave yourself?  
Why is no barber ever satisfied with the weather?  
Why does a barber ever have a good word for the last fellow that cut your hair?  
Why does a barber always try to persuade you to buy out the shop?  
Why do you always see a barber's eyes a-dim, and his nose overlooking that of your customer?  
Why does your nose always begin to tingle just as you as your hair is being tucked under the towel?  
Why is the foot run so shiny and stand always too small for your feet?  
Why does the shine boy always give vigorous argument, with the other shine boy right in the middle of polishing your shoes?  
AND  
Why is the shine boy always

## girl always working down at the other end of the room?

—G. S. K. In Life.

Years ago the test of skill was the ability to remove an appendix, now the test is to adjust a carburetor.

Another reason why a chicken crosses the street is because she sees a chap over there who may buy her a Coca Cola.

At any rate, modern skirts make for freedom of the high seas.

"A telephone pole never hits an automobile in self-defense," paragraphs the Toledo Blade. Possibly not, but considering the erratic tendencies of some of the drivers you manage to avoid, could you blame them if they did.

There is always one thing that has to wait for a woman. You guessed it right the first time. It is her husband.

Many folks like to poke fun at the man with a No. 11 foot, but most generally he doesn't suffer from corns. After his feet get that big, he gets his shoes large enough. A size or two doesn't make any difference to him.

## LIL' GEE, TH' VAMP, SEZ

There's never a closed season for hoobs.

## GOOD IDEA, SAY WE

Dorothy — "Mother, why can't they make dishes like they do ice cream cones, so that you can eat them when you are through the meat? Then we wouldn't have to wash the dishes."

## WOULDN'T IT

It would be nice if we could buy our summer ice in winter time.

## STUNG AGAIN

"Why don't you arrest that motorist? He was going 60 miles an hour."

"He said his house was afire," replied the village constable.

"Oh, that's different."

"But I didn't recollect till he'd burned 'till his was out of sight that he doesn't live here."

## Very frequently rich parents make poor parents.

## Somepeople seem to get along very well without hands or feet, but we don't understand how so many are able to get along without brains.

## Opposes Reduction of Miners' Wages

(By Associated Press)

GENEVA, Jan. 17.—Attempts to increase the working day from eight to 10 hours are being opposed by government employees. About 25,000 of them took part in a demonstration in Berns against the bill recently introduced in parliament to increase the working hours and to diminish the allowances made on account of the high cost of living.

Special trains brought the demonstrators from all parts of the country and they made an imposing procession as they marched past the parliament buildings. There was no disorder.

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Belgium enroute to other countries, paid and it would be well to make and persons intending to visit Belgium for a period not greater than 90 days might do so without credentials. That move was followed by legislation in Switzerland for similar letting down of the bars, and the recent action of Switzerland in granting permission for visitors to enter the country without passport restrictions is believed to be indicative of the trend of thought in virtually all the other European countries.

The position of the United States is somewhat different from that of its sister nations, it is explained by officials of the State Department. America's restrictions on immigration make it vitally important that the influx be carefully sorted at its points of origin, it is said, and for that reason, all persons intending to enter this country must appear before an American consul and have their passports approved with a visa. By so doing the prospective immigrant is spared a trip to this country and his return home without being allowed to land because the quota of nationals of his particular country allowed to enter America under the new immigration law had been filled before the immigrant's arrival here. The provision for calling immigrants abroad was laid down by Congress in an effort to facilitate operation of the immigration laws, and there is little prospect that the rigid rule requiring passport visas will be rescinded, it is said.

Other nations adopted the custom of requiring visas on passports shortly after the American law went into effect, but their action was rather in the nature of a retaliation for what was believed to be an undue hardship imposed on their subjects by the American regulation, it is said, and sentiment abroad is leaning to the belief that that regulation has not

Notice is hereby given that the undersigned, C. C. Scroggin, as the Administrator of the estate of Leola Scroggin, deceased, has filed his Final Account of the Administration upon said estate in the County Court of Union County, State of Oregon, and said court has appointed the 6th day of March, 1922, at the hour of 10 o'clock in the forenoon of said day at the Court room of said Court, in the Court House at La Grande in said Union County, State of Oregon, as the time and place for the Final hearing of said Final Account and for the final settlement of said estate.

Now therefore all persons interested in said estate are hereby notified and required to be and appear at said time and place so appointed for the hearing of said Final Account and then and there show cause if any exists why said Final Account should not be allowed and approved and said estate forever and finally settled and said administrator discharged and his bondsmen exonerated.

Dated this 18th day of January, 1922.

C. C. SCROGGIN,  
Administrator of said estate.  
Frank W. Fenton,  
Attorney for said estate.  
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