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IN THE OLD HOME TOWN



OLD MAN BENDER, STEPPED OUT TO SEE THE THERMOMETER—FORGETTING THERE WAS A SPRING LOCK ON THE DOOR.

"Because he's done got religion, dat's why," said Aunt Mary, "an we ain't had a chicken on de table for six weeks."

NAUVE VERSE
They're censoring the movies.
We hope they'll have a cure.
And cut out all the wicked traces
Whose limbs are bare.

Education has done wonders for the world. Back in Bible times there was only one sin able to talk.

SHORTITUDE
"Ye Gods!" We put that there for style and nothing more.
Some of these poets make me awful sore.

Their lives so foreign to their line of talk,
At all good things they make 'em sinners balk.
We love to see the face of good—
Yes good.

Not imitation stuff that hides behind the hood
Called goodness. Not the man who dally fights with cheer
Trampling his friends, their calls for help not hear.

Who dares to meet them when their work of day is done,
And bluff a friendship—when there is not one.

Oh, yes, we sinners have a faith in God alone,
Our faith in humans is the faith that's turned to stone.
We do not pity with contempt the fallen foe.

For if we did this we would watch for winks to grow,
We love the man or woman who can do.

The little "oh it's nothing" things such day,
The "done and then forgotten" acts that cheer
And help the sinners on their wicked way.

So if you saints live just exactly as you preach
You'll find by acts, not gab, you'll all the sinners reach.
—Janus, Observer.

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Sible Thought For Today

THE LOVE THAT SAVES:—For God so love the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life.—John 3:16.

Humanity Does not Change

Americans hoped, after the World War, that the world was done with old-fashioned alliances and balances of power. All forward-looking nations hoped so. And here the nations are, lining up again in little groups, for their own ends.

France has an alliance with Poland, and if recent revolutions are trust-worthy, has been fixing up a secret combination with Japan. There are several alliances, formal or informal, entered into by the little nations of Europe since the war. There is talk now of a new alliance between Great Britain and France, primarily as a possible means of helping those two quarreling friends to keep the peace between themselves. Even the four-power treaty for the peace of the Pacific is called an alliance by some, though its objects are obviously good.

Alliances may be intrinsically good or bad, according to their purpose, but if this tendency continues, there is no telling where it will end. The old-fashioned American view was that no alliances at all were thinkable for this country. That idea naturally regarded every alliance as being against somebody else. The new view, held by advocates of world-organization, is that an alliance of all nations is tolerable and proper, because it is against none, being intended only to uphold the law and preserve peace.

There can hardly be any permanent middle ground between two policies. Another World War, if we have one, will probably either destroy civilization or shake it together.

Lack of Parental Guidance—Not Time

The Denver council of Sunday schools and religious education has decided to petition the school board to permit children, upon written request from their parents, to be dismissed from school two hours weekly for religious instruction. The great lack of religious training in the younger generation is urged as a reason. It is said that only one child in three, in Denver, attends Sunday school. How many attend in La Grande?

Such questions are matters for local decision, but with all respect for the claims of religion it hardly seems either necessary or desirable to take time from the child's brief hours in school for his religious training. It leads to complications and difficulties in the school regime and the time in school, as it is, is all too short for the secular education which the child must have if he is to be fairly equipped when he struggles for daily bread.

Out of the 168 hours in every week the average child spends about 70 in sleep. Thirty short hours are taken by his regular school work. This leaves 68 waking hours, some part of which could be devoted to his religious training if the will were there. The neglected Sunday school itself offers one hour a week, dedicated to exactly the thing which is desired—instruction in the Bible and in

the principles of religion and morality. Another hour either entire or made up of brief daily periods should not be hard to find. Then the child's education can go along without interruption as it should, the life celestial and the life terrestrial each being fostered to the advantage of the other, yet without encroachment upon it.

The new dollar is out. It is nothing compared to the old dollar the public is out of.

Britain points to 18 deaths from alcoholism in New York and says that is what the prohibition law does. All wrong! That is what breaking the law does.

Larger Grain Exports

Contrary to the general belief, it develops that the United States exported a good deal more grain last year than the year before. Corn exports, only 18,000,000 bushels in 1920, rose to 129,000,000 bushels in 1921. Wheat exports rose from 218,000,000 to 230,000,000 bushels, rice from 324,000,000 pounds to 600,000,000 pounds, and some minor crops correspondingly. There was even more cotton shipped abroad last year, 6,474,000 bales against 6,155,000 bales in 1920.

But though the volume of exports was greater, the money received for them was much less. Hence the American farmer's discontent. And the situation is not likely to improve much until Europe as a whole can get its money and credit on a sounder basis and revive its industries accordingly and thereby increase its purchasing and consuming power.

Making a Will

Of all the financial processes which were to be encouraged in Thrift Week, the chances are that one of the most important got the least attention. That is making the will. With all the advancement in common sense and understanding as regards property and money matters, the ordinary citizen still falls short in this one thing to a queer degree.

Sometimes it is carelessness, sometimes it is a sentimental inhibition or a superstitious fear. Sometimes the feeling that there is little to leave stays the will-making hand. Whatever the cause, to refrain is a mistake. The leaving of a will makes the settlement of an estate a swifter and simpler process than is possible otherwise. It also insures that whatever property there may be goes where the testator wants it to go.

Any reputable lawyer or banking concern will draw up a will, explaining the wishes of the person making it, and charge little for the service. The testator, if he prefers can make his own, but there is danger in such cases of some legal fault or some impracticality which the more experienced mind would see and avoid.

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Somewhere "la Belle France Peter Allen" doesn't sound quite right.

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FORGIVENESS

Ye Gods, but I love the smiles of my fellow man
I love the woman or the man who thinks they can
I love to see them face the fight each day with cheer
Routing with courage hold the mortal imp of fear
I love to meet them when their work of day is done
In converse sweet of sad reverse and dreams to come
Leaving them in faith and hope in Him whose love is shed on those whose trust is in the Great Above
I love to hear the heart beat of the stole held
Pity with contempt for those who say I can not hold
And then again I like to see him get his fall
Rising with smile on face the master of it all.
—J. GILROY.

WISE DAD

"If you will make the boy wear his hair long, I at least insist on getting him boxing lessons."

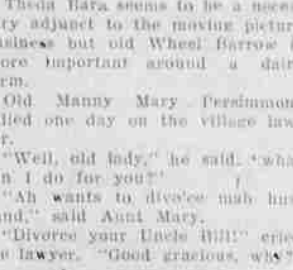
"Why so?"
"A kid with long hair has got to know how to fight."

Some men regard the five-cent cigar an economy. While others deem it a punishment.

Theda Bara seems to be a necessary adjunct to the moving picture business but old Wheel Barrow is more important around a dairy farm.

Old Manny Mary Ferdinands called one day on the village lawyer.

"Well, old lady," he said, "what can I do for you?"
"Ah wants to divorce mah husband," said Aunt Mary.
"Divorce your Uncle Bill!" cried the lawyer. "Good gracious, wis!"



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DETROIT, Mich., Jan. 26.—A new system for control of traffic in the congested part of Detroit that is said to contain a number of features heretofore untried, and that will result in control of traffic over a distance of four miles from a single tower, will be put into operation here about February 1, it is announced by Police Inspector Harry H. Jackson.

The plan is an enlargement of the system now in vogue here. It provides for placing a great master tower at Woodward and Michigan avenue. By means of bells and lights a single officer in this tower will direct traffic from Detroit river to a point four miles from the heart of the business district of Woodward avenue.

All vehicular traffic in the congested district will move or stop in unison upon signal from the master tower. The signals will be repeated automatically in subsidiary towers, two of which are to be placed at each street intersection. Traffic officers will be relieved of giving signals, under this plan, and will be able to devote their attention to seeing that traffic laws are obeyed.

The subsidiary towers will be but 10 feet in height and will mark the corners of safety zones along the car tracks at each car stop and at other places. Lights on the subsidiary towers, it is believed, meet with popular favor because they will be more level with the traffic than at present.

HARDWARE SOARS.

(By Associated Press)
PORTLAND, Jan. 26.—The new normal price of hardware is 20 per cent above the pre-war level the Ore-

gon Retail Hardware convention was told by Orna Dale, Spokane trade journal publisher.

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