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Bible Thought For Today

BETTER THAN SILVER AND GOLD.—Godliness with contentment is great gain. For we brought nothing into this world, and it is certain we can carry nothing out.

Welcome, Methodists, Welcome

La Grande has a small army of Methodist preachers as her guests. They are the wives and the jobs. They come from every corner of the La Grande district and each brings good news of increased interest in Christianity and religion.

Headed by Bishop Burns these men form a great power for good. With combined effort their work of uplift, of directing religious thought of Christianizing communities cannot be estimated it is so great.

One thing decidedly noticeable in the individual and in the gathering as a whole is that the work of Christianity has absorbed almost entirely the sectarian feeling of years ago.

A churchman, no matter his church affiliation, is a welcome attendant at the Methodist gatherings. In the addresses delivered one hears from the speakers broad statements of commendation for all churches and general approval of Christian work is given.

La Grande welcomes the Methodist preacher. He is a fellow who can rightly be termed a pioneer for the Methodist church is on the job when a community is started.

Who is the wild man killed at Heppner? Here is a chance for Morrow county to get on the map to stay. Let the county court offer a prize guessing contest on this man who terrorized the people of the hills.

Chicken dinners are taboos while Bishop Burns and his preachers are in town. They have those kind of dinners at home.

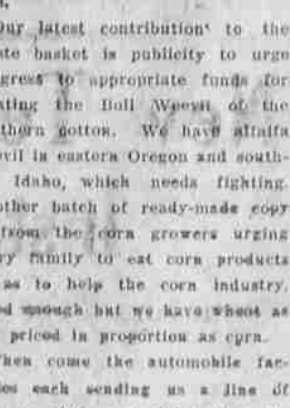
Why not have a few more of those imbibed sixteen cent dinners?

IN THE OLD HOME TOWN



ONE OF THE SCENES IN BOON HIGGINS BOTTOMS ANNUAL SHOW GOT AWAY YESTERDAY AND RAN WILD FOR TWO HOURS. KEEPERS CAUGHT THE ANIMAL IN BUTLERS' BAZAAR.

THE OFFICE CAT



The oily bird gets into the firm. Little drops of wood alcohol, Little grains of dope, Cause the natty floral design, "Come above—we hope."

HIS BEST EXTINGUISHER

Everybody's Magazine: Mr. Budgeter and his wife were continually at variance regarding their individual capabilities of making and keeping a good fire. He contended that she did not know how to make a fire, or how to keep one after it was made.

You have noticed, haven't you, that when a food product declines in price it is always something that you don't like.

FATHER'S TIME

We've Mother's Day and Children's Day And Dogdays too, We've days to loaf and days to work, And days for heroes too.

THE FORUM

APPROVES BIRNEY PLAN.

Mr. Editor: I wish to add a few words in regard to the statement of Roadmaster Birney, confirming his statement on the road matter mentioned in the issue of your paper of January 31.

As I spent several years, prior to my coming to La Grande, in the Yakima Valley, driving the roads continually, I can truthfully say that we never had a hard surface road that would give any service at all until they started the construction of the concrete road under the supervision of Mr. Birney, which is the same plan which he outlined to you at the Cove meeting.

I also wish to make clear to you that the concrete or hard surface was laid the same year that the grading was done, consequently at a great deal less expense.

That is one of the reasons that the state of Washington has so many more miles of hard surface road than we have in Oregon.

Very truly yours, O. H. KINCAID, Eastern Oregon Music Co.

MARRIED IN ALGERIA

CHICAGO, Feb. 1.—Christian Gross, son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles W. Gross of Chicago, and Miss Virginia Randolph Harrison, daughter of Francis Barton Harrison, former governor-general of the Philippines, were married in French Algeria Saturday, according to the telegram received by Mr. Gross parents today.

After a tour of Algeria the couple will reside in Algeria, while the bride soon completes a course in a school there.

Bishop Burns Principal Speaker at Last Night's Meeting in Church Here

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and shepherds, H. G. Wells declares, the times to be "a race between education and catastrophe." Bishop Burns told the ministers and laymen at the district conference last night.

Bishop Burns is accompanied in these meetings by Bishop Charles L. Mead, Denver, Colorado; Rev. Geo. Mecklenburg, Helena, Mont., the Area secretary; Dr. Howard Muser, the "Jungle man" from India; Dr. Gilbert Loveland, of Chicago, of the Board of Sunday Schools; Mrs. H. Olin Cady-Evanston, missionary from India; Dr. J. E. D. Kundert of Rice Lake, Wisconsin, and the District Superintendent of the Helena Area.

He said that the statement of H. G. Wells chiefly referred to religious education.

"Just one hundred years ago Mrs. Shelly wrote 'Frankenstein.' In descriptive hideousness it has never been surpassed. The significant motif is this: That the Man-Machine became greater than the Man-Creator. The monster was greater than the genius that created him," declared Bishop Burns.

"Many think that in the present world tragedy we are suffering from a materialistic system that is greater than the genius that has created it. It is that very materialistic system which has brought a shattered, broken and hybrid world-head and has let loose in the world a monster of hate and fear and conflict in industry, in society, in international relationships that strikes terror to the very heart of the race.

"The how of progress, however, in the world-storm of ruin is the large sense of religion in the world increasing every hour—the spirit that will control the machine and harness it to spiritual constructive and re-constructive tasks.

"The January issues of two great world magazines (Century and Harper's) stress this very hopeful outlook. The one declares that the two major problems of today are industrial and international relationships. Both are subject to the same solution. Religion is the only solvent. The ascetic air of religion must blow over fetid human affairs. The other declares that materialism has made a mess of the business of managing this world and that we need an infusion of spirituality in the management. If there is not enough in Christianity to save our present edifice of civilization—enough wisdom, enough illumination, enough power—then the outlook is far from bright. For other means have been tried repeatedly in past ages and there are only ruins to show for the civilizations they could stand save.

"Methodism today affirms its conviction in the spiritual significance of all history and its belief that in the matter of world-redemption the Nazarene is able. The world program of Methodism is proceeding with no abatement, with greatest concentration and missionary mood as the world need is gradually discovered. Methodism is equal to its share of the New Age responsibility, as other ages in the changing order of the centuries, because it is characterized by the freshness of power which possesses earlier Christianity when it started out a world religion. A World Program alone will meet world conditions. The prophetic mind in the modern mind. Provincial thinking is not only anachronistic but is treasonably trivial toward these expanding times.

"Those 'incapable world relations' of which Mr. Harding speaks are true not only of the nation but of the church. Methodism announcing no salvation by astonishment and no automatic redemption, sets itself steadily and squarely to its task of contributing its share to world rebuilding.

"What are these Kingdom forces reproduced in Methodism's front to the world today? They are Evangelism, not mechanical but the investment of life; and personal commitment to Christ; Social Ministry; a full Gospel, individual and social; Education that is both scientific and spiritual; and a Cosmic Conviction of spiritual responsibility. These are some of the reconstructive forces of the Kingdom that Methodism emphasizes in world rebuilding, saturated with missionary mood, taking vital and sacrificial part in the common concerns of the world, thinking internationally, planning internationally, serving internationally, that a world passion may be generated to make Christ the Invincible King."

Church Publicity Raised. In speaking on church publicity, Rev. Geo. Mecklenburg said:

"It is possible for every average church to be filled with people every evening Sunday morning and Sunday evening service if the proper kind of publicity is given to the service and provided a good average honest service is provided. It is a sin to be uninterested. Nothing should be more popular than a religious service dealing with the greatest themes of earth—human life, human destiny, human

A JUDICIOUS INQUIRY.

A well known traveling man who visits the drug store, says he has often heard druggists ask a customer, who wished to buy a cough medicine, whether it was for a child or an adult and if for a child, they almost invariably recommended Chamberlain's Cough Remedy. The reason for this is that they know there is no danger from it and that it always cures. There is not the least danger in giving it and for colds, croup and whooping cough it is unsurpassed.

Advertisement for N.W. West & Co. featuring 'Missing' Mesh Knit Bloomers for \$1.00 pair and New Pongee Blouses for \$4.50. Includes images of women in clothing and text describing the quality and fit of the garments.

and all the dramatic appeals of history and literature.

"A church should use the daily press and the weekly newspaper more than she is doing. Give the editor of your local paper a good sized paid space ad once in a while. It will make him feel good. It costs money to run a newspaper."

"The time is soon here when the united church will buy space in every newspaper and publish the gospel in bold headlines. We cannot wait for folks to go to church. We must go to their homes and the newspaper is the most convenient way for publishing the gospel to those who will not attend church."

Not Over-Organized. "Our church is not over-organized. It is cheap talk to say that the church has too much organization! Facts do not prove that. We have a lot of non-functioning committees that should either be discontinued or brought to life. Never set up an organization in the church unless you have a definite task for that organization to perform. It is bad psychology to set up a lot of machinery and go off and leave it."

"The spirit of God is crowding about us. There is plenty of power to lift the world to a higher state. The need is a channel through which that power can work for the saving of humanity. The power is here. It is up to us Christian people to produce the organization and the machine."

Better Methods in Work. "The Methodist-Episcopal Church is in the midst of a great forward movement campaign which comprises higher efficiency and better methods in the church work at home and a greatly enlarged work in the foreign fields. The financial test is by no means the complete barometer of the vitality of church life. But it is the most available test that we have of the inter-

est of the people of the church in the work of the church. In the year 1910 the church gave for benevolent purposes only \$2,616,000. It was in 1920 that the church began to take its work seriously through the impetus of the centenary campaign. She gave six times as much as formerly. During the past year, 1921, which was a very hard year financially, there was given by Methodists through centenary subscriptions and through the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society and the Woman's Home Missionary Society \$20,000,000, for missionary work.

The money paid on centenary subscriptions during the past year was divided between various benevolent boards of the church as follows:

Table listing financial contributions to various church boards: Board of Foreign Missions (\$5,789,462.17), Board of Home Missions and Church Extension (5,789,462.17), Board of Education (4,116,066.36), Board of Education for Negroes (725,000.00), Board of Sunday Schools (300,000.00), Board of Temperance, Prohibition and Public Morals (100,000.00), American Bible Society (100,000.00), General Deaconess Board (45,000.00), Board of Epworth League (85,013.00), Other Interests (445,188.28), Total Disbursements (\$14,290,792.88).

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Geo. H. Currey

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