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Bible Thought. For Today

ADMIT THE MASTER:—Behold, I stand at the door, and knock; if any man hear my voice, and open the door, will come in to him, and will sup with him, and he with me.

He that hath an ear, let him hear what the Spirit saith.—Rev. 3:20, 22.

Everyone Wants to Feel Good.

If there is anything in forcing business by optimistic feeling of the people, business will improve, for there never was a time when the "smile, smile, smile" habit was so universally worked.

That it has helped to prevent a panic in these days and the year just passed no one dare deny; that the newspapers of the country have done a great part in using judgment when printing notices of bank failures and business failures, all will agree. A Salt Lake bank with over two millions on deposit recently failed and it drew four lines in the Associated Press newspapers. In 1893 that bit of news would have drawn streamer headlines from coast to coast.

But people learn from experience. They know now that publicity is the lever that runs the world, and they know when tragic headlines and sensational slant is given to business failures, soon failing is an epidemic and spreads like the prairie fire.

Recently Rotary clubs over the country bought billboard space for the purpose of publishing trite phrases about being happy, being patriotic, buying up business and a lot more good things. These billboards usually face the railroads as they do in Nampa and other Idaho towns so that passengers can get the spirit also. It works fine, just as the newspaper attitude over the country is working fine, and hard times are having a harder time getting a firm hold now than ever before.

There may be quinine in the biscuits but most business men are eating them and saying they like them.

Breaking the Bloc

President Harding is not a big stick man. When he sought to break the agricultural bloc in congress which has dealt him considerable grief he did so by appointing one of the leaders, Senator Kenyon, to the federal bench. The president probably had the assurance that in Kenyon's place would be sent from Iowa a senator who would be more nearly in accord with the administration. That's one way of accomplishing results — a way that will not make much warfare, a sort of chloroforming process.

Pollman's New Finance Company

William Pollman, of Eastern Oregon, attended the farm delegate conference in Washington which was called by Secretary of Agriculture Wallace. Before he left the national capital he had opportunity to tell the powers the exact condition of the live stock industry in Eastern Oregon. As a result he was asked to form a finance company to co-operate and work with the War Emergency corporation of the government and he was pledged the support of the government in this undertaking. A quarter million dollar company will be organized by Mr. Pollmann upon his return to Oregon, and it will be a great help to the live stock men of this section.

The Observer believes this is one of the most important things that has occurred to give the live stock raiser a ray of light and hope to guide him in these dark times.

That earthquake will have to shimmy harder than it did to make Oregonians get up in the night.

It looks like "Fatty" knows something about handling a jury case in a California court as well as slap-jack comedy.

The Idealism of Hate

The party now in control of France frankly proposes a blood-and-iron policy. It scorns and resents all efforts to modify the terms of the Versailles treaty in so far as they impose penalties on the beaten foe. It stigmatizes all suggestion of closer contact with Germany and Russia as maudlin sentiment or as treachery to France.

Leaders like Premier Poincare seem convinced that any proposal to deal with Europe collectively, as one great, living organism, and that the sickness from which the whole body of Europe suffers comes mainly from them. They seem to imagine they can cure the ills of Europe by either disregarding those particular ailing members, or by throwing a harder burden on them in their weakened state.

If there is anything visionary, it is such a policy as this. French thinking seems to have lost, for the present, its normal clearness. It is overcast by passion. If not militaristic, it is drifting toward militarism, however unconsciously.

There is rampant in Paris an idealism which is today the most dangerous thinking of statesmen and economists by dark passions than by false hopes of a millennium. What Europe and the world need today is co-operation. The nations are all in the same boat, and France is rocking the boat instead of helping to organize a crew to man the oars and hoist the sail.

This is no time to indulge hatred, however natural and pardonable it may be, from the standpoint of weak human nature. Hatred is not going to solve any of the world's bitter problems today. Love would be infinitely more practical, if that were possible. It is the Sermon on the Mount, rather than the roaring of a heathen war-god, that the nations need. But religion or ethics need not be dragged in. Practical considerations alone demand that the nations strive for mutual acomodation of their difficulties. What is needed in Paris today more than anything else is a commonsense recognition of facts as they are, not indulgence in a futile dream of punishment or conquest.

Visiting the Courts

One hundred and seventy-five women members of local clubs in one of the eastern cities have signed up for a tour of the criminal courts and the public offices connected with them. It is an undertaking which might well have imitators, male as well as female.

It is a good thing for any group of intelligent citizens to familiarize themselves with the administration of justice in their community. The people and courts have held aloof from one another too long. This has made it easy for the weak or vicious official to have his way undetected. It has made it difficult for the worthy official to get support for the reforms he has tried to inaugurate.

Justice will be served in any community, crime better controlled and civic safety promoted, by closer co-operation between the agencies which administer justice and the people in whose name it is done.

The president of Dartmouth college says that if colleges are to produce super leaders the student must be chosen for leadership ability more than for high marks. That ought to be easy. Every under-graduate possesses it—and knows it.

American bootleggers have been discovered shipping contraband booze into dry Canadian territory. That's giving Canada a good [illegible]

IN THE OLD HOME TOWN

PROF. HIGGINBOTTOM'S FAMOUS ANIMAL SHOW LEFT TOWN SOME TIME DURING THE NIGHT

THE OFFICE CAT

—By JUNIUS—

THE LOVE NEST

In the gloaming, O my darling,
When the lights are dim and low
You will find the modern maiden
At the moving picture show.

COMING BACK AT HIM

Bystander, London: Pompous Physician (to man plastering defective walls)—The trowel covers up a lot of mistakes—what?

Workman—Yes, gov'nor—and so do the spade.

Dear Sir—Will you kindly tell me in your valuable paper, of which I am a constant reader, what to feed a growing boy who wants to become a congressman?

OLD SUBSCRIBER.

Ans.—Statistics.

The genius who invented motion pictures evidently got the idea from watching the roller towel in a country hotel.

No matter how bashful a young man may be, if the girl has set her heart on him he is going to hear the wedding bells. When it comes to finding a way love has nothing on a girl.

NAMING THE BABY

Watchman and Examiner — "I have decided on a name for baby," said the young mother. "I shall call her Euphrosyne."

Her husband did not care for the suggestion; but being a tactful fellow, he was far too wise to say so.

"Splendid," he said cheerfully. "The first girl I ever loved was called Euphrosyne, and the name has very pleasant memories for me."

There was a brief silence. Then: "We will call her Elizabeth, after my mother," said the young wife firmly.

We don't know much. Ain't supposed to. But we wanta tell you that every woman loves flattery. In fact, the only person that loves flattery more than a woman is a man.

PULL UP THE SHADE

(Overheard in Photograph Gallery

Photographer—"Is there any particular way in which you wish to be taken?"

Mr. Johnson—"Yes, sah, if there's no objection, I'd like to be taken a light cream color."

A POWERFUL POTION

Kansas City Star—"Some of the moonshine liquor in this region is pretty stout stuff, isn't it?" inquired a tourist in the Ozarks.

"Tell you what's a fact," replied a native: "A deaf and dumb feller took a horn of it t'other day, hopped six feet in the air, popped his heels together three times and before he lit, jumped a fence as if it was a straw, and went tearing off through the scenery a-hollerin' 'Glory hallelujah!', like he'd got religion."

POME

By the Stony Brakers

Mary had a little lamb,
Its fleece was black as ink,
It sat upon a pin cushion,
Because it didn't think.

The average American may not know how to act in the presence of royalty, but he doesn't need any coaching when he holds four kings.

SUBURBAN LIFE

"Why don't you return Mrs. Plumdunit's card table?"

"Not until she returns my lawn mower."

"Maybe she's [illegible]

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With the all black gown one invariably finds the smart woman wears an ivory pendant on a black velvet or grosgrain ribbon which extends quite below the waistline. These Novelnute designs are of the type most used, pure white and quite new.

IHGH SCHOOL NOTES

An assembly was held yesterday at 3 o'clock for the purpose of hearing an address by Bishop John Wesley Burns, who is in La Grande attending the District Conference.

The Student Council spent yesterday afternoon searching for lost books and succeeded in recovering the majority of the missing volumes. The Student Council has betn doing considerable extra work of late.

The cafeteria, which is being conducted by the domestic science department, is drawing quite a crowd of lads, lassies and sedate pedagogs at their regular noon-day luncheon during the cold snap. About 85 were fed yesterday and that is a fair average for the past few days. A large number of the students bring their lunches and supplement them with a cup of hot chocolate.

The Glee club failed to lift their voices in song yesterday. The reason was the absence of the coach, Miss Francis Birney, who is indisposed at present.

The pleasant aroma of hydrogen sulphide permeated the atmosphere at the high school building yesterday. Chemistry students, over-zealous in their manufacturings were responsible for the unpleasant aroma.

CASES SET IN CIRCUIT COURT

Yesterday was motion day in Circuit Court. The court calendar was compiled and is a follows: Albee Bros. vs. Wm. Dobbin, dismissed; Edward Crossen vs. Brooks Campbell, dismissed on motion of court; M. J. Goss vs. Inland Motor Co., dismissed; Haines Commercial Co. vs. C. E. Pearson, dismissed; G. P. Higgenbottom vs. Henry T. Hill, dismissed as settled; Inland Motor Co. vs. P. J. Hans, dismissed; L. E. Lyons vs. W. M. Mebarger, dismissed as settled; State Bank of Imbler vs. J. B. McKennon, dismissed on motion of court; Walldow Milling and Grain Co. vs. Jay Conley, default in judgment against defendant.

The following cases have been set for trial: Lucile Stewart vs. Elmer Randell, Monday at 1:30 p. m.; Bush and Lane Piano Co. vs. Earl Zundell, Tuesday, 9:00 a. m.; Edna Comstock vs. City of Cove, Wednesday, February 8, 9:30 a. m.; State of Oregon vs. Frank Stilwell, Thursday, February 16, 9:00 a. m.; W. J. Case vs. J. L. McKinnis, on Monday, February 13, at 9:00 a. m.

FORUM

Editor Observer: I have heard several comments today on an unsigned cartoon that is being exhibited in this city. Having been accused of being its author, I take this opportunity to deny the charge. All cartoons that I make will be found printed from time to time in the Evening Observer, as I am connected with the Observer as its local artist. Whether these cartoons are good, bad or indifferent, you will find my name attached. I have passed the practice stage, get paid for all I do and I do not have a brainstorm every time there is a dog fight in the town. Please remember that all maverick cartoons belong to some one else, and not to me.

CHARLES WRIGHT RUNYAN

Tourists Stranded in Snowy Los Angeles

(By Associated Press)

LOS ANGELES, Cal., Feb. 2.—Although nearly 200 motorists have been rescued from the snows and storms that have blocked the ridge route over the Tehachapi pass since Sunday, 150 more remain at Sandberg. This was the information brought here by employes of the Automobile club of Southern California, who returned from a rescue trip to various points on the ridge.

THEORY TO BE TESTED SOON

(By Associated Press)

BERKELEY, Cal., Feb. 2.—Astronomical observations to test the validity of the Einstein theory of relativity are to be undertaken by an expedition which the University of California here is to send to Australia during the total eclipse of the sun September 21, 1922.

Several astronomers from Lick Observatory, which is conducted by the University at Mount Hamilton, near San Jose, Cal., will make the trip. Dr. W. W. Campbell, director of the observatory, will head the party.

Professor R. J. Trumpler, assistant astronomer at the observatory, will leave here March 21 for Australia. Dr. Campbell and the other members of the expedition will sail July 18. This, it is believed, will be the only American expedition sent to observe the eclipse.

The path of the eclipse will extend from Abyssinia over the Maldive Peninsula, Christmas Islands and over northwestern Australia, along "Ninety Mile Beach." The California expedition will be located on the beach.

A British expedition, representing the Royal Society, the Royal Observatory and the Royal Astronomical Society, will leave early next month for the Christmas Islands to observe the eclipse.

A sthe weather on "Ninety Mile Beach" is expected to be clear in September, highly important scientifi cresults are expected, Dr. Campbell said recently.

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