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Bible Thought For Today

THE TEN COMMANDMENTS

THE SECOND COMMANDMENT:—Thou shalt not make unto thee any graven image or any likeness of anything that is in heaven above, or that is in the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth; thou shalt not bow down thyself to them, nor serve them; for I the Lord thy God am a jealous God, visiting the iniquity of the fathers upon the children unto the third and fourth generation of them that hate me; and showing mercy unto thousands of them that love me, and keep my commandments. —Exodus 20:4-6.

Commissioner McKennon's Statement

In last evening's issue of the Observer appeared a letter from City Commissioner J. D. McKennon in which he gives comparative figures which he obtained from city records, and the figures are another chapter in the tremendous increase in public expense.

To read these figures draws but one answer, namely there must be retrenchment in city expense. By this we do not mean that clerks and workers who are now only receiving a fair wage should immediately have salaries cut, neither do we mean that this city should become pennywise in its business, but the increase in the past two years is far too great and cannot be continued.

La Grande has only a limited resource to draw its tax-money from, and the city official who feels that we can launch undertakings without contemplating the cost of such a mistake.

Unless there is a decided decrease the people of La Grande will arise, just as they are doing other places, and make demands for economy. The time for cutting down expenses in public affairs is not some day in the future; it is right now.

Cake's Hat in Ring?

With Judge William Cake contemplating entering the race for governor it would seem that all the fun of a political campaign has not been lost to this old war horse of years ago. The Judge is a fine fellow and should he decide to stick his hat in the ring he will make quite a noise before the primary election is over.

That East Wind

La Grande people are barking with cold and many point to the prevailing east wind as the cause. But that is mostly imaginary, for in some localities in the Grande Ronde valley the wind twists and changes its course. Perhaps the busy person does not realize which way the wind is blowing.

From Far Off Philadelphia

A lady in Philadelphia read one of the N. K. West & Co. ads in the Observer recently and noticed some dress goods advertised that she wanted. With the usual freedom of the American woman she immediately sent an order to West & Company of La Grande, Oregon, for the goods and the order was filled.

Nothing more need be said, for it is very plain that the Observer's advertising is far reaching.

Ireland Again.

Just when the world was contemplating itself that one trouble-some question—the Irish problem—had been settled, came the disturbing news that certain Irish churchmen had recently returned to

IN THE OLD HOME TOWN



ARMER TUTHILL LOST HIS BEARD WHILE WATCHING A STRANGER DEMONSTRATE A WONDERFUL INVENTION.

The sale of sweater-kraut increases as war enthusiasm wanes, say the dealers. The prejudice may be weaker, but something tells us the kraut is just as strong.

Last year was the heatiest on record in England and Wales. It just goes to show what hard times do to harden people.

A news item says that farming and stock raising are the leading industries of Ireland. Judging by the past few hundred years, some folks have thought the specialty was raising something quite different.

When that "Big Five" commission gets together to make rules for the control of warfairs, why not begin by ruling it out entirely, and then forget the rest?

It is admitted by De Valera's associates at the meeting that the league is committed to obtain "absolute independence for Ireland." Mr. De Valera says darkly: "You may say the resolution means literally what it says."

It is not surprising, but a good many thoughtful people, Irish included, will wish that, for a time at least, well enough could be let alone. Why not wait until it is proved that the present arrangement interferes with the full development of the Irish people? To prove this or the contrary will be a slow process, but it might be given a fair trial.

Here is read these for that much abused mortal who doesn't know much about modern art theories but who possesses a little true appreciation of an occasional fine picture or book or statue. The independents, representing all dissenters from normal art and sponsors of the modern schools in many violent varieties, have just held their thirty-third salon at Paris. There were 4,000 canvases on exhibition. The art critics and the public went to the exhibit. They looked. They came away and pronounced the whole thing "mediocre."

Four pictures only were looked upon as true works of art of lasting value. The rest merely tried to present something new or to escape from what has already been done. They failed in everything except in showing forth the absence of ideas and skill on the part of their creators.

Those who realized all along that something was wrong with the independents are grateful to the hottest Paris critics.

Any newspaper reader must have remarked the fact that there has been an unusual series of earthquakes this winter. The latest, though apparently harmless in its effects because its area of greatest disturbance was remote from populated cities, must have been of terrific force. It caused the greatest tremors ever recorded on American seismographs. And it marked the climax, so far, of a chain of disturbances in and around the Pacific ocean.

Clearly the bed and the mountainous rim of the Pacific are uneasy. Deep rock strata, strained perhaps by the cooling of the earth, are shifting and settling. Unusual movements are going on in the earth's crust. And how far will those movements extend? Many people would give much to know.

There is a sort of prophecy that is around that the North Atlantic region, long free from earth shocks, may soon experience similar disturbances. Whether there is any scientific basis for the belief is not clear. Certain it is, however, that various Americans given to "occult" study are convinced that the United States is in danger. There are hints of a quake or a tidal wave there somewhere near the time of the approaching spring equinox. The warning sounds ghastly, but gains in interest with every succeeding earthquake report.

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POLAND NOW SUPPORTS SELF

(By Associated Press) WARSAW, Feb. 7.—Poland is gradually making her place in the world as a self-supporting nation, according to recent reports of allied experts in economics.

Within the last few months the new republic has made rapid strides toward straightening many difficulties. In the opinion of the principal factors assisting in a balance in Poland's favor being liquidation of the Upper Silesian matter which had been hanging fire for nearly three years, the settlement giving the Poles their own coal and from 10,000,000 to 13,000,000 tons annually for export.

The population of Poland is approximately 30,000,000. While the American Relief Administration continues to feed some 500,000 children in the devastated areas and some of the crowded industrial centers, it is planned to abandon this work altogether in the spring, as "very good crops another season, the experts believe the government and the people will be able to get along with out outside help.

The necessity of buying foreign exchange for foodstuffs, a situation which Poland faced from the beginning, has almost passed and agriculturalists estimate that, with few exceptions, the country's own products will meet the requirements. This is expected to relieve the constant drain upon the government treasury which bought flour and other necessities from America and elsewhere and sold them at a loss to the people.

To assist in meeting current expenses an emergency tax legislation has been enacted by the Diet, from which a return of something like \$6,000,000,000 marks is expected. The regular tax assessment has been re-adjusted with the aim of bringing in a return which will offset the present depreciated value of the Polish mark and the increased cost of government.

Lodz, the largest industrial center of the young republic, the cotton mills are operating at about 50 per cent of pre-war capacity and the woolen mills at about 25 per cent. Some of the Lodz textiles are exported to Russia over the Ukrainian frontier. Raw cotton for the Lodz spindles is one of the principal commodities which the Poles are compelled to buy from the outside, this necessitating purchase of foreign exchange with Polish marks as low as 4,000 to the dollar.

FORUM

EGGS.

Editor Observer: May we suggest that some who talk the loudest about using "Made in La Grande" products are not practicing what they preach. Grande Ronde valley eggs are being crooked out of La Grande markets to quite an extent by foreign eggs. Many dealers buy their eggs at the creameries and the creameries get a large supply of their stock from Portland, Idaho and but few from this valley.

The eggs shipped in from the outside places cannot possibly be fresh eggs. Some of them are storage eggs. Some are very likely eggs that have never been tested out of incubators after they have been in the heat for several days and found to be infertile. Many of them are undersized or "julliet" eggs and should sell for less than the market price. One poultry raiser says he approached a dealer about the matter and was told that the dealer bought all his eggs from Portland because he could buy them cheaper.

If the consumer will insist on fresh eggs and have them weighed, noting that a dozen eggs should weigh at least 34 ounces the egg producers of the valley will be able to market their product at home.

Use more eggs and not so much heavy meat. The yolk of the egg is rich in iron along with other valuable substances, and is the best spring tonic you can get. Whip from one to three raw eggs in a pint of milk with a little sugar and flavoring and drink this instead of eating one meal for a while. Eggs for this, as for all other purposes, should be fresh and clean for an egg is very porous and will absorb foul odors when produced in unsanitary surroundings.

Here's for a better egg market in La Grande for Grande Ronde poultry products. Member of Eastern Oregon Poultry Association.

CLAIM IT IS NOT SCAB MUSIC.

Editor Observer: Regarding some criticism heard regarding our music at the Eagle dances we wish to say that the head of our orchestra is a union man and carries cards from three different crafts. He has never refused to join the musicians' union. Our crowds are increasing at our old time dances each week and we are conforming strictly to the law in running these dances. No whiskey of any kind or in any form is permitted, and decency is the main feature of our dances. We believe in a square deal and are giving the public value received for what the public pays for the dances. We are not handling scab music and have no objection or desire to do so.

WALTER AUSTIN, SAM CAMPBELL, HENRY ALLEN, Managers.

February 10th, last day to pay water rent without a penalty. 2-7-22

Nemo West & Co.
THE QUALITY STORE

Special Selling of
CORSETS AND CIRCLETS

A special selling event now under way by every merchant who handles "Nemo" corsets is to be well represented here in La Grande. This store is the exclusive agency in La Grande for these famous corsets and brassieres, and a greater part of our business is done in these.

Here we are listing two very new numbers which have been received during the past month and on which we received special price concessions to introduce them.

No. 44 NEMO CORSET \$4.00
A self-reducing corset in pink or white of fine Nemo quality. It fits you snugly and comfortably, holding and moulding your figure into firm flat lines. Ask to see it. Very special at \$4.00.

NEMO CIRCLET \$1.00
Miss Sixteen wears a circlet because it gives her just the bit of firmness she needs—with all the comfort anyone could wish. Here is one that is inexpensive and appropriate for all. It is specially priced at \$1.00. Ask about it.

Many Women Have Inquired About this Oxford!

Brown Kid 'Armstrong'

A pattern almost identical to the one we had late in the fall. Dark brown and of very fine quality kid, with a welt sole and medium low heel. A slight square toe gives it a distinctive appearance and very dressy. All sizes now, 2 1/2 to 8 and AAA to D widths. Price, \$10.00. Other new low shoes are shown for men, women and growing girls, in twenty-three different styles. See window.

RESOLUTIONS WERE PASSED

The La Grande district conference of the M. E. church held here last week passed the following resolutions in appreciation of the hospitality shown the delegates by the church and other organizations:

Resolved, that we express our heartfelt gratitude to the Pastor, G. H. Quinley and his wife, for their gracious and untiring efforts to provide for our conference and comfort to the trustees and membership of this church for the use of the church edifice and the hospitable entertainment in their homes; to the Ad club for the fellowship and noon-day luncheon provided for us; to the La Grande Evening Observer for the space and encouragement accorded us; further be it

Resolved, that we express our deep appreciation to our beloved Bishop Charles Wesley Burns and the other members of the efficient Area Team who have brought to us the inspiration and enlarged vision so necessary to the accomplishment

Don't miss "Thunderclap," Starts Friday at the Star. 2-7-22

My Telephone

Do I want to call a neighbor? Just to ask her for a loan, With clarity I hasten To my trusty telephone.

Does a guest come in for luncheon And the larder's clean and bare, A call upon my telephone Insures the needful fare.

Am I tired, bored and lonely? And a friend would cheer the hour My telephone will bring her; With its wondrous magic power.

If a dinner I am giving And for some am sorely depressed, I rely upon my telephone To summon all the guests.

In the darkest of night's shadows It fulfills its greatest mission, When to a suffering one it brings The family physician.

In short, the things it does for us Would take much space to mention; There's not a word of praise too great For this marvelous invention.

—Suzanne McKeever.

Home Independent Telephone Co.

A JUDICIOUS INQUIRY
A well known traveling man who visits the drug trade, says he has often heard druggists ask a customer who wished to buy a cough medicine, whether it was for a child or a 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.

Choose Your Stationery
To suit your individuality. We have all styles, sizes and prices.
All our fancy large box stationery we are selling at **ONE FOURTH OFF** Come in and see the complete line. We have a few boxes in the window.

L. & L. DRUG CO.
Try the Drug Store First

For Sale

2-room modern bungalow, 2 lots, garage. This is a good buy for some service man that wants to use his State Loan. Price \$2800.

New 4-room house, just completed. Here is a chance to buy a home that no one has ever lived in and the price is right, \$150 cash will handle this. Price \$1400.

5-room modern home, just off paved street. This is a good place and the location is good. Price \$2600.

5-room modern bungalow, paved street, garage, full basement with wash trays.

4-room house furnished, big lot 60x110. The party that owns this place wants to move away and will sell now for \$1700.

I have money to loan on 1000 class farm security.

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