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Bible Thought For Today

THE FOURTH COMMANDMENT: —Remember the sabbath day to keep it holy. Six days shalt thou labour, and do all thy work: but the seventh day is sabbath of the Lord thy God; in it thou shalt not do any work, thou, nor thy son, nor thy daughter, nor thy manservant, nor thy maidservant, nor thy cattle, nor thy stranger that is within thy gates; for in six days the Lord made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that in them is, and rested on the seventh day: wherefore the Lord blessed the sabbath day, and hallowed it. — Exodus 20:8-11.

Progress?

La Grande has a commission-manager form of municipal government. After lumbering along for years with inefficient government under councilmanic form we as a city took the bull by the horns and adopted a new, progressive charter full of the "modern" ideas.

What have we done?

Not much!

All we should have done when we were striking out in all directions for new flung ideas of city government, we failed to do. The thing that was needed under the councilmanic form of city government was to retain a councilman from each ward to represent his part of the city and have the council elect a paid city manager to handle the business of the city.

That is all that was needed then, and it is what is needed today.

We have gone in a circle and we have failed to find the remarkable efficiency expected. We have, it is true, reduced our board of councilmen or commissioners, whichever you may term them, to three members. As a result we do not have the deliberation on matters that five or seven citizens would give. A rut is formed for the public vehicle to run in, for it is but natural that when two councilmen agree on many things they will stick together believing themselves to be right. But we are told that in numbers there is wisdom, and in city affairs we have begun to believe that our number of commissioners is too small. By this remark we do not wish to take up any commission disagreement, but prefer to look at the form of government rather than the personnel of the government.

The intensely interesting feature of the whole thing is that we as a community did strive to find perfection by reducing numbers and centering government until we have it almost on a dead center at times. When all that was necessary under the old form of municipal government was to have added the services of a paid city manager.

Farm Machinery Row Is Good

The makers of farm machinery are in a row. They have been telling the farmer the reason for farm machinery not dropping was due to many causes over which they had no control. The prices remained up. But one manufacturer started to cut prices and now they are all at it. The McCormicks have found they can cut as well as others, and so has every other maker of implements. The war is on. And it is a good war. Great because it will probably let the farmer buy what he needs at a big reduction over the rigid prices maintained since the war.

Common Sense

La Grande's triplets arrived in this world not in want by any means, but they came as rather a surprise to the parents and naturally preparations for one had to be divided between three.

Good women who love babies and homes and the better things of life decided it would be quite a nice thing to do something for the triplets. They started a subscription paper and the response was fine, just as every response for a good cause is fine in La Grande.

The money raised was not used to buy jewelry for the tots, neither was it used to buy costly robes, but the women in charge said, "We'll buy the babies a cow." And they did, and they bought feed for that cow. Still they had some money left and they bought a baby buggy for three.

This is what we call good common sense.

IN THE OLD HOME TOWN

EVA PIKE AND ROGER KERRING, WHO WERE RECENTLY MARRIED, WERE "SHIVAREED" LAST NIGHT.

Oldtime Love Making Is Best

Love and marriage have been the themes for all the gripping stories, interesting plays and events of real life. But of late we have witnessed science taking a hand in the marriage game. There were those who were going to be scientific about the matter. One of these parties was Nina Lane McBride, daughter of the late Senator Lane of Oregon. She married from an intellectual standpoint—a scientific match of minds. But they did not live happily ever after, for now Nina has asked the courts of the east for a divorce plainly stating that she was wrong and that the old-time love making is the only thing, along with a few kisses, that can make married life run smoothly.

OBITUARY

EDNA MAY RHODES

For six and a half years she was given to her parents and to the city to love and enjoy, and then she was called up to the higher realms to grace the company of Angels and to tell the Saints gone before that goodness and beauty yet grew on the earth.

In the realization of the vacant chair and the stilled voice here, we wonder why such sorrow and disappointment comes, but were we "Yonder" we doubtless would say, as we saw the Glories of things "Overthere," that "He doeth all things well."

Nestling in the beautiful flowers, best tokens of love of many friends, we left her, and weary hands turn again to the tasks of the day. But in the burdens and duties of the hour, we will feel the touch of hands unseen and hear the voices of the "Place beyond the turn" coming to us, and cheer and hope will be ours.

Then be content, Dear Heart,
God's plan, like lilies white unfold,
We must not tear the close shut buds apart,
Time will unfold the calyx of gold.

And when at last we reach the land
Where tired feet with sandals loose, shall rest,
Where we shall clearly see and understand,
I'm sure we'll say, "God knew the best."

DOUBLE SENTENCE

BAKER, Feb. 9.—George Flynn in jail, out agin, in agin, is the result of a recent attack of moonshine. Summoned before Judge Smurthwaite, police judge, after having sobered in jail, Flynn was fined $25 and 30 days. He was released in order to obtain the money to pay his fine and not appearing at the scheduled time, the police began a search, ending when they found the gentleman in the same intoxicated condition as when first arrested. As a result Flynn is "in agin" with a double sentence and fine imposed upon him.

THE OFFICE CAT

—By JUNIUS—

WHEN PA IS SICK

When Pa is sick, he's scared to death,
An' Ma an' us just hold our breath.
He crawls in bed, an' puffs and grunts,
And does all kinds of crazy stunts.
He wants "Doc" Brown, an' mighty quick,
For when Pa's ill, he's awful sick.
He gasps and groans, an' sort o' sighs,
He talks so queer, an' rolls his eys.
Ma jumps an' runs, an' all of us,
An' all the house is in a fuss.
An' peace and joy is mighty skeerce
When Pas is sick, it's something fierce.

We go from verse to worse!

POME

Every goat-getter
I grant you annoys,
But there is only one "getter"
Who upsets my poise,
And he is the bird
The king of kill-joys,
Who always comes back with
"Yes, but MY motor, boys!"

A local reformer wants the girls to stop rolling their own, meaning cigarettes 'neverthing. He doesn't suggest, however, who he thinks should roll 'em.

A bandit after buying a pair of shoe-lace at a Seattle, Wash., store, says the Seattle Star, held up the proprietor and took $2.75. That's starting on a shoe string.

The correct use of "lie" and "lay" also worries a farmer every time a hen cackles.

A Pennsylvania man advertised a liberal reward for a bunch of keys he had lost. That night the finder of the keys entered the mans' office, unlocking the door to the office and his safe with the keys, and took $184. Burglars, as well as chicken thieves, read advertisements.

A MAN MUST EAT

There was a young fellow named Hill;
Who loved a pretty lass named Jill;
He found she could not cook,
He said, "For girls I'll look,
Who can with skillets show some skill."

We noticed a headline the other day reading: "Takes Dog and Fleck." There was an awful good chance for a typographical error.

::Th' only difference betwixt th' thermometer an' th' cost o' livin'," remarked Amos Tash, who has a large family like ourn, "is that once in a while th' thermometer comes down a little."

"As I stand on my porch today, an' see th' river 'cross th' way way, I cannot see no reason why th' price o' ice should be so high."

"You should stand by your grocer," argued the business booster.

"I always do when he is weighing my purchases," replied Mrs. Housekeeper.

An irate reader of this great uplift column presents us with a little toy bull. Thanx, friend. We'll make it our official mascot.

An automobile dealer proudly announces that automobiles are safer than they used to be. The cars may be, but the pedestrians are not.

ERICSSON TO BE EULOGIZED

(By Associated Press)

NEW YORK, Feb. 9—Memories of the stirring days of the 'Sixties will be revived March 9 when dignitaries of two nations gather here with technical and civic societies to honor Captain John Ericsson and his partner, Cornelius H. Delamater, on the 60th anniversary of the battle between the first armored battleships—Monitor and Merrimac.

Four tablets will be erected to the designer and builder of the first turreted battleship, and in the evening an Ericsson-Delamater banquet will be held, to which have been invited President Harding, Secretary of the Navy Denby, Assistant Secretary Roosevelt and other representatives of American officialdom as well as the Minister and Consul General from Ericsson's native Sweden. The occasion will be celebrated simultaneously in Stockholm by the Associated Swedish Engineers, members of the Swedish royal family and American diplomatic representatives participating.

One of the tablets to be erected here will be unveiled at the Phoenix Foundry, where Ericsson built the first iron boats constructed in America, and also brought out his then-ridiculed screw propellor.

Another will be unveiled on the site of the Delamater Iron works, where the engines for the Monitor, the first self-propelled torpedo and the first submarine were built.

The third tablet will be placed at the Continental Iron works at Brooklyn, where the hull of the Monitor was built.

The fourth will be unveiled at 36 Beach street, where Ericsson made his home in New York, and where he died on March 8, 1889.

Ericsson already has been honored by a statue which stands in Battery Park, near the spot where the naval pioneer experienced in 1884, one of the bitterest of the many disappointments of his early career.

Ericsson had been taken under the wing of Lieutenant Robert F. Stockton of the United States Navy and commissioned to design the battleship Princeton—the first iron battleship with its boilers and engine below the waterline, and the precursor of the modern dreadnaught.

When the Princeton started for Washington for demonstration before President Tyler and other government officials, Ericsson was waiting at the Battery expecting to be taken aboard for the cruise. But the Princeton sailed majestically past without stopping. A few days later a big gun—against the design of which Ericsson had protested to Lieutenant Stockton—exploded at the conclusion of the tests, killing Secretary of State Upshur, Secretary of Navy Gilmer, Senator Maxey, two naval officers and President Tyler's bodyguard.

The accident led to an estrangement between Ericsson and his patron, and Ericsson sank into comparative oblivion until the Union's need for a battleship to meet the Confederacy's threatening Merrimac restored him to official favor, and brought acceptance of the Monitor plans.

Roads Are Again Open to Traffic in County

Today's reports shows that practically all the roads in Union county are open to traffic. The state highway commission is clearing up the Island City-La Grande section and work on other roads has been completed.

The Union-La Grande stage has not been operating the last two days owing to repairs being made on the cars but the road is passable and several cars have mate the trip.

The road between Baker and Haines is impassable, being blocked with drifts of considerable depths. The state highway commission is working on this road at present and hopes to have it cleared in a short time.

The roads in Union county are in better shape than any others in eastern Oregon rfom reports gathered from other sections.

More Lawmakers In Idaho Next Year

BOISE, Idaho, Feb. 9.—The 17th session of the Idaho state legislature, which will begin January 8, 1923, will have 109 members in the house of representatives, an increase of 11 over the number last year, according to announcement made by Robert O. Jones, secretary of state.

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There is no change in the upper house quota of 44 senators.

OBSERVER WANT ADS GET RESULTS.

February 10th, last day to pay water rent without a penalty. 2-7-3t

For Sale

5-room modern bungalow, 3 lots, garage. This is a good buy for some service man that wants to use his State Loan. Price $3800.

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Place your order now. Valentine baskets of assorted flowers, $2.00 to $5.00. Did you get left on our Cyclamen sale? Sorry, but we told you to come early as they were surely bargains. The biggest bargain fern sale coming soon, February 20th to 25th. Watch the papers.

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Just to ask her for a loan,
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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.

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And for time am sore depressed,
I rely upon my telephone
To summon all the guests.

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