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Bible Thought. For Today

THE FIFTH COMMANDMENT:—Honour thy father and thy mother; that thy days may be long upon the land which the Lord thy God giveth thee.—Exodus 20:12.

This Year's Wheat Crop

Out of the misery which spreads over the great middle west where the wheat section has failed to get any moisture and therefore will not have much of a crop, the Grande Ronde valley and other northwest points are sure to profit this year for the wheat yield is bound to be short when the hundreds of thousands of acres in the middle west fail to produce.

This is poor consolation for no one wants to profit from the misery of others, but it is almost an assured fact that the big crop which looks a certainty here will fail to have the usual competition from that section of the nation.

Sometimes it seems that the amount of wheat raised has mighty little to do with the price the grower receives, but we suppose in the last analysis it does, and if so, then the price of northwest wheat should be good this year.

There have been few seasons that were as good for a bumper crop in this part of the country as this season. And goodness knows, we do need it.

The people of Cove are a happy lot, even in the face of the fact that their road program is seriously delayed. Most communities would have a groan, but Cove breaks forth in song about her highway and greets everyone with a smile. Mighty good folks over in Cove, and they are surely entitled to a good road.

American Ships for Aliens

The enactment of a law requiring half the immigrants admitted annually to this country to take passage on American ships has been urged by Chairman Lasker of the Shipping Board at a conference with the House Immigration Committee at Washington.

Although there was a general discussion of the subject, it is reported that no draft for any such measure has been made as yet. This is not surprising, for the task would involve so many difficulties that it would take weeks and probably months of study before a satisfactory measure could be worked out.

If such a law could be enacted it would speed up American shipping considerably. It might help also to control existing evils in connection with the drumming up of trade by the steamship companies.

Peace Thoughts

"Thoughts are things." The best thinking of the time supports that view. Thought is the creative force. Thought is what produces things, causes things, changes things. Human events do not happen of themselves, and mankind is not driven by some blind fate. Events happen because people act as they do, and they act as they do because they think as they do. And it is in their power to change their thinking.

Apply this to war and peace. We have had warfare because humanity has had warlike thoughts. If humanity had had peaceful thoughts, right along, we should have had continuous peace.

And all the time, he it noted, most of the thoughts of the vast majority of human beings have been peaceful. Nearly all the operations of our lives are peaceful, and based on peaceful moods and ideas. Only in our international thinking, somehow, we have missed a survival of old tribal hates and fears, and kept our war thoughts.

Deep stuff. Not at all. It is a plain, plain, practical common sense, and apply it now to the present situation in the world, with special reference to what has been going on.

IN THE OLD HOME TOWN



INQUISITIVE ERNIE HICKS FOUND OUT THAT THE JBG WHICH ABE TRUMAN LEFT NEAR THE STORE TO THAW OUT, CONTAINED A SWARM OF BEES.

THE OFFICE CAT



The Shyness of Sandy. The Scotsman: In a rural district of Forfarshire a young plowman went courting one evening. In vain he racked his brain for some interesting topic; he could call no subject at all suitable to the occasion, and for two long hours he sat on in silent despair.

The girl herself was silent; she up doubt remembered the teaching of the old Scottish song, "Men maun be the first to speak," and she sat patiently regarding him with surprise.

At last he exclaimed suddenly: "Jenny, there's a feather on yer apron!" "I wudna hae wondered if there had been two," said Jenny, "for I've been sitting aside a goose a night."

Worked Wonders. Stanford Chaparral: Stranger—Healthy place, this, I suppose? Native—Sure, when I first came here I was too weak to walk. Stranger—Really? Native—Yes, I was born here.

Internal. Los Angeles Times:—Lord Babbington was instructing a new colored servant in his duties, adding: "Now, Zeke, when I ring for you, you must answer me by saying, 'My lord, what will you have?'"

A few hours afterward, having occasion to summon the servant, his lordship was astonished with the following: "My Gawd, whit does you want now?"

Plant Journal:—Two Saw Way Out of Jail. Headline. They took it. Some Sweet Day. The Current Widow: The president a few years hence—Where's the army? The Secretary of War—He's gone out rowing in the navy.

Some people won't enjoy Heaven. There won't be anybody there poor enough or wicked enough to snub. Fable:—Once there was a man who didn't wriggle with delight when a charming widow told him he had such a fine forehead.

When a man loses all his money it sometimes changes his whole appearance so that his old friends scarcely recognize him. It takes a mighty brave man to tell the mother of a new baby just what he thinks of it.

The External Substitute. Boston Transcript:—Here is a famous Chinese humorous story: A traveler stopped at a house and asked for a cup of tea. Having none on hand, the host sent his son out to procure some. Meanwhile the hostess put a pot of water on the fire to boil.

The son did not return, and it became necessary to add some more water to the pot. This was done several times. The son still remained absent, and finally the wife said to her husband: "Inasmuch as the tea does not seem to be forthcoming, perhaps you had better offer your guest a bath."

As far as his hostess was concerned, it looked as if the water were being poured into the sea. Little C. and Angel W. were playing in the yard. They were playing with a ball.

Only two birds to be seen. It is estimated that there are two birds to be seen in the eastern part of the State.

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He got in first. So she said, "Well got out and help me in." He replied, "Oh, let's play we are married and you get in yourself."

FROM THE OFFICE KITTEN First Boy—"What does your father do?" Second Boy—"He's an inventor." "What did he invent?" "A wireless clothes line." "How's that?" "He used a rope."

First Girl—"My mother can write without pen or ink." Second Girl—"Sure, she can use a typewriter." First Girl—"Nonsense." Second Girl—"How then?" First Girl—"With a lead pencil."

Sign in local meat market: Oysters Grab a Field. We wonder if the result was oyster stew or filtered fish.

POLITICS TALKED OVER IN WALLOWA

Representative in Legislature from Joint District May Have Several Candidates, According to Rumor.

A snow clad country does not prevent politics being discussed over in Wallowa county, according to citizens from that section who pass through La Grande to and from Portland and other points.

Interest seems to center on the seat in the House of Representatives from the Wallowa-Union county district. Wallowa county always gets this office. It is a time honored custom and probably never will be broken so long as the district remains as it is.

George W. Hyatt, a merchant of Enterprise, has had the honor and is now the representative from the district, but it seems that he may have opposition for the nomination to succeed himself. His vote in the house on the gasoline tax to finance Portland's fair is said to be held against him.

Among those who are talked of to run against Mr. Hyatt, who it is presumed will run again, is Fred Ashley, formerly a representative from the district and who polled a very heavy vote in Union county when he ran, and R. J. Campbell, a citizen of Enterprise who takes an active interest in civic and county affairs and is said to have quite a following.

The Democrats, evidently believing this a year when a few more of that type of politics should sit in the legislative halls are said to be grooming James Mimmough of Wallowa for the office, and it is admitted that should Mr. Mimmough run he will be a strong contender for the place. He formerly lived in La Grande and is well known throughout both counties.

WETS ALARMED IN MEXICO

Fear Felt that Mexico City May go Dry Before End of the Year.

(By Associated Press) MEXICO CITY, Feb. 10.—The "wets" in Mexico are frankly alarmed. They say there is a real possibility that Mexico City, at least, may go "dry" before the end of the year and that if so, the next step would be to make the entire republic arid of alcoholic beverages.

President Obregon does not say that he is a prohibitionist but within the past few months he has given his unqualified support to certain legal measures which aim to cut down drinking and eventually to put intoxicants under the ban.

Saloons, clubs and cantinas have been put under more rigid restrictions, and, only a few weeks ago, a presidential decree increased the federal revenue tax on alcoholic drinks 100 per cent. There are many rumors that these taxes will be automatically increased until they become prohibitive.

Nationwide protest was heard several days ago when the newspaper said that President Obregon contemplated issuing a decree forbidding the planting and cultivation of the maguey plant which is the basic ingredient of the most popular native drinks.

The maguey, which is a species of cactus, must be replanted every seven years and a decree prohibiting its cultivation would mean its extermination and with it the elimination of tequila, mescal and pulque, drinks of unimpaired potency.

Painters of necessity rushed numerous petitions to President Obregon pointing out that the plant is a part of the agricultural wealth of the nation in that it produces a valuable fiber, sugar, a laxative paper and a medicine that is said to be a specific for kidney disease. It was also said that the shrub, traded by an inexperienced trader, made cheap and excellent photographic negatives.

President Obregon has not yet issued the decree, but the wets are all worried and are certain other measures will be taken to restrict the sale of alcohol.

BLACK CAT HOSIERY For Children

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Same in brown \$10.00
Black kid oxford, slightly square toe, military heel, welt sole, Armstrong make, \$9.50
Same in brown \$10.00
Black patent leather oxford in brogue pattern, low heel, Armstrong make, \$8.50
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to organize their campaign against prohibition. Secretary of Interior Calles is coming in for a large share of the criticism for the "dry" wave, as he was a staunch "bone dry" advocate long before he left the state of Sonora, to take a cabinet position. Secretary of the Treasury de la Huerta is also a prohibitionist.

Christian churches are the only churches taxed in Japan. READ THE WANT ADS!

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WASHINGTON, Feb. 10.—Among the outstanding results of the President's Conference on Unemployment is the vast amount of public works, chiefly state and municipal, which have already been started during the winter months to provide employment in the present business depression. This was one of the strongest recommendations of the conference when it met in Washington.

Tabulations have been made and it is found that \$450,000,000 is now available in the United States for local improvements. In response to letters sent out by Col. Arthur Woods, chairman of the Emergency Committee, 80 per cent of the communities, affected have notified the conference that work is already in progress, or that it will be started before spring in order to provide local employment.

Many public works officials have notified the conference that they are awarding contracts only on condition that the work be prosecuted throughout the winter whenever weather conditions permit. Special preparations are also being made to carry on types of work not usually done in winter.

"Wages paid for public works," said Col. Woods today, "will create a purchasing power for all kinds of commodities which will, in turn, require the employment of other groups to produce. The Conference is keeping in close touch with contemplated public projects in order to ascertain exactly how much they may be relied upon to relieve unemployment during the critical winter months."

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