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## Bible Thought For Today

**THE OMNISCIENT GUIDE.**—The steps of a good man are ordered by the Lord.—Psalm 37:23.

## American Opinion

Sir Philip Gibbs, who wrote the best war news and has written much of the best peace news, and is known as a careful and dependable observer, has been lecturing around the country lately, and observing as he went. As a result of several weeks of almost continuous conversation with people in many sections, he gives the following account of the present American view of international affairs:

"It seems to me that the people of the United States have been learning a lot about the arithmetic of life in the last twelve months. The hardest business men I meet, men who get close to the realities of life and trade are strongest in their belief that the United States cannot hold aloof from the reconstruction of Europe, but must take a large share if not the leadership in the economic settlement of international relations."

He finds business men profoundly conscious, he says, that the present depression of trade in grain, cattle and manufactured articles is due to the downfall of foreign markets, and prepared to back a policy intended first, to insure peace, and second, to restore those markets. He finds, often, too, he says, an idealism beyond his expectations.

"Men are thinking naturally of their own interests first; but they express hopes higher than that, and are impatient with the present policy of the senate and the political leaders, not because they have gone too far in handling the international situation but because they seem to hesitate in taking bolder steps. It would probably be easy to verify this in almost any community."

## Those Movie Interests

Authorities who have been trying vainly to make progress in unraveling the latest movie murder, complain that their efforts are balked by "powerful interests" which are more concerned with the protection of their industry from unpleasant publicity than with the detention of the murderer. If this is true, the interests in question have the wrong idea of their own interest.

Nothing could so restore public confidence in the honesty of the business as a whole and the decency of the stars as individuals as free cooperation on every hand with the authorities whose duty it is to run down Taylor's murderer. If such cooperation is not forthcoming, it justifies the suspicion that there are things going on in the movie world which will not bear the light of day, and an inherently decent movie public will not like that.

If, as is asserted freely, the great majority of the movie world are honest, clean and hardworking, where is the need of concealment? If there are plague spots, they cannot be wiped out too quickly for the sake of the profession itself, and as protection to the youth of this country for few activities since the dawn have appealed to the young with their glamor as have the pictures.

There is always plenty of patronage for clean movies by clean people. The "interests" which foster this type have nothing to fear. The ones who cannot stand investigation deserve to fail.

## An Economic Capital

Roger W. Babson, well known authority on financial and industrial subjects, is about to found a capital city of American commerce and industry. He has purchased the site—250 acres near Wobesley, Mass. This area is to be divided into two great campuses, one for production, the other for distribution.

There will be buildings for forestry, agriculture, livestock and mineral products. The chief organizations in the different spheres of production—such as the National Textile Association and the American Iron and Steel Institute—will have headquarters for their own records, charts, statistics and for meetings of their officers. The industrial center will be organized by processes and products.

## IN THE OLD HOME TOWN



JOE HULK WILL NOT TRY TO GET ON A BIG LEAGUE BALL TEAM THIS YEAR—HE WILL PLAY ON THE HOME TEAM EXCLUSIVELY AND RETAIN HIS PRESENT JOB.

## THE OFFICE CAT

—By JUNIOR—



## POEM

For the coal pile shrinketh swiftly  
Ere the winter hath grown old  
And the north wind bloweth briskly  
While we shiver in the breezes  
And all chokingly we sigh,  
For the days of boo voo deezes  
In July.

## A SEALED BOOK

Life.—"Incoome yuh jined dis boah news secret friternal sasety, Rustus?"  
"I can't tell yuh, Sambo. It am a secret. A secret sasety am sumthin' a man has to jine to fin' out why he has jined."

## HE WAS THERE

Los Angeles Times.—He was a staunch gallery first-nighter, and he was holding forth the virtues of his companions among the gods.

"In the gallery," he said, "the people listen to the play intently. They don't laugh and chatter, as they do downstairs. In the gallery, too, they keep their seats until the performance is over. Downstairs they put on their wraps and leave in the midst of a glorious final climax."

His listeners chuckled, but the gallery man continued:  
"The theater," he said, "is like the human body. The brains are at the top."

## He Fervid Revenge

Everybody's Magazine.—He was of the harpist but hopeful variety. For years he had sought fortune, but that fickle dame had eluded him at every turn.

Now, however, he thought he had tracked her down in the person of Miss Binks.  
Miss Binks was certainly not young, nor was she beautiful. But

she had riches, and, as the poet might have remarked: "Sweet coin is more than coronets and simple kate than Norman blood."  
So he proposed, but alas!  
"No, Mr. Smith," she remarked, "I shall never love again. The only man I ever loved was killed at the battle of—"  
Smith reached for his hat, a grateful smile upon his features.  
"Yes, I know," he said, with ready calm, "Antietam, wasn't it?"

**The Cooking School Diploma.**  
Youths Companion.—"I have just received a diploma from the cooking school," announced the young wife to her husband one evening as they sat down to supper.  
"Have you?" he replied without much interest.  
"Well, aren't you glad I have been enrolled as a competent cook?" asked the disappointed wife. "Just see, I have prepared this whole dinner! I gave special attention to that dish there. Guess what it is."  
The husband was at the moment trying to chew a particularly tough piece of the contents of the dish. Observing his puzzled look, the wife repeated: "Guess what it is."  
"I don't know," replied the husband uncertainly. "Is it the diploma?"

He—"Are you married?"  
She—"That's my business."  
He—"How's business?"

Joe the Peddler, says the world looks to a fellow about like he feels.  
Why pay rent? There were over six hundred thousand freight cars idle in this country on January 30th.

## FORUM

**C. E. STITT'S COMMUNICATION.**  
Editor Observer: I note in the February 15th issue of the Observer very prominently displayed the likeness of Mrs. Sid Hatfield, with the following comment:

"Mrs. Sid Hatfield, widow of the late chief of police of Mattewan, West Virginia, who was shot to death in a battle between miners and state police, is the bride of Sylvester H. Pettry, formerly of the state police. Her first husband, C. C. Testerman, Mayor of Mattewan, was killed in a similar battle. Mrs. Pettry says she intends to move from Mattewan."

I do not know from what source the Observer received such information, but these are very far from being the facts, and the grave injustice that is being heaped upon these unfortunate citizens of West Virginia is an outrage to every true American citizen.

Had the facts appeared, (instead of the above as quoted) they would have revealed the following truth: That neither Hatfield or Mayor Testerman was killed in battle between miners and state police, but that Hatfield was shot by C. E. Lively and two other paid thugs of the Baldwin-Feltz detectives, who were employed by the mine operators to carry on a brutal campaign of murdering any person that might show opposition to the mine owners' unlawful oppression of the miners and their families.

Sid Hatfield and Ed Chambers were shot and killed on the steps of the Welch, West Virginia, court house by Lively and two other thugs in July, 1920. The murdered men were unarmed and were accompanied by their wives. They went to Welch to answer an indictment which involved them in a dispute at Mohawk over a year ago, said indictment being a trick framed by the Baldwin-Feltz Brothers and nine others of their gang at Mattewan, May 19th, 1920. At this time the Baldwin-Feltz thugs were attempting to oust miners and their families from company houses

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without due process of law. Mayor Testerman and Sid Hatfield, who was chief of police, protested. In the shooting that followed the mayor was killed as were also seven of the Baldwin-Feltz men.

C. E. STITT.

## MONKEY MEAT GROWS HAIR

(By Associated Press)  
PITTSBURGH, Pa., Feb. 20.—The nimble Pirates, minus the tendency to crack in the heat of a National League pennant chase, and a Pitt football team that will display more agility than any trick movie star, are promised for 1922 by A. Lincoln Bowden, a Pittsburgh oil man, who has volunteered to supply both aggregations with dried monkey meat during the coming year. Glands will be included in the menu, according to the Pittsburgher, who has offered his services in the spirit of a devoted gridiron and diamond fan and says he wants Pittsburgh athletes to beat the world.  
Mr. Bowden is about to depart for South America to lay in a supply of monkeys of a superior class, which he

has frequently observed in Ecuador. The invigorating element of monkey meat and glands, he asserted, will give indomitable power and unlimited aggressiveness to the baseball and football men.

In proof of his assertions, he points to the case of a Pittsburgher who was in Ecuador with him two months ago. In this case, Mr. Bowden said, although the patient was quite bald, a diet of monkey meat caused new hair to grow on his head, while all pains and aches left him and neither the heat of the jungle nor the cold of high mountain plateaus affected him in the slightest degree.

Besides procuring monkey steaks for Pittsburgh's favorite athletes, Mr. Bowden is heading an expedition of natives and white men into the Ecuadorian jungles to open up roads for the pioneering of oil fields recently

purchased by him from the Amazon Corporation, Ltd., of Toronto, Canada. "I'll have no trouble in getting plenty of monkeys," said Mr. Bowden.

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## THE FOUNTAIN OF YOUTH

Ponce De Leon came to the new world seeking the fountain of youth. Youth! The magic word! Youth means wealth and energy, health, cleanliness and everlasting strength.

Ponce De Leon did not find the fountain. But it is here in this world, for all that.

James Watt, who discovered steam and developed the steam engine, was the first to find this fountain. Following him into the new world of science have come innumerable others, studying, working, developing, until the very fountain of youth is here at hand in the electric light and power industry.

Through the application of electric light, heat and energy in manufacturing establishments, commercial houses and in the home, unsanitary conditions have been almost abolished. Dust and dirt need not exist; excessive heat or cold can be tempered; tension and strain on employers and employees and on household wives are taken away by a hundred different uses of electric power.

Innumerable ills are avoided. Above all, energy is saved and energy is youth!

Back of this new force are the huge dams and water turbines, where water power is used, or the stupendous steam boilers, in plants, engines and generators, wires of high tension transmitting power and the infinite web of innumerable smaller wires stretching out over the country.

Here is a fountain of eternal youth, indeed!

But, it must be fed. It has been fed to the amount of billions of dollars by thrifty American citizens who have put their savings into the securities of the electric light and power industry.

There are still millions of people to be added to the home patrons alone of electric light and power companies. Vast capital must be invested to supply their requirements, and it can be attracted only if present capital is treated fairly.

## Eastern Oregon Light & Power Company

### UNCALLED FOR LETTERS

List of letters remaining uncalled for in this office for the week ending February 17th, 1922.

Gentlemen,  
Norton Brown, B. M. Beris, H. A. Clark, Edna Dolan, E. T. Granger, Harry Holmes, R. A. Ketchell, Taft Moura, E. W. McMaster, E. L. McCormick, A. Perit McVerrit, Alvin Salling, James Teros, Clyde J. Wright.

Ladies,  
Mrs. Lyle Davis, Esther Rumbley, Mrs. Emma Allen, Mrs. 350th Brooks, Miss Josie Clark, Dorothy, Mrs. Geneva Dibble, Mrs. Annie Emmerson, Mrs. William Koster.

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