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## Bible Thought. For Today

THE ONLY HELP.—For I the Lord thy God will hold thy right hand, saying unto thee, Fear not; I will help thee.—Isaiah 41:13.

## Tired of the Present Game

Oregon has a public service commission composed of three members who apparently have lost their reason. If they ever had any. In the Bell Telephone rate case rehearing which was requested by a large number of taxpayers these commission members, after refusing to grant a revision in telephone rates, pitch their voices in concert and proceed to scold and carp about the trouble and work they have experienced by the taxpayers' request for a rehearing. The commission resorts almost to drastic language in telling the petitioners that not only will the Bell rates stand as they have made them, but practically urges the public to mind its own business in the future and refrain from molesting this august and important body.

Well, well, since when did we go under imperialistic rule? Since when did Oregon people turn over their sovereign rights to Mr. Corey, Mr. Williams and Mr. Bachtel?

Immediately we hear some one say, "let's invoke the recall." But the recall is a poor thing. Let us, instead of resorting to such a dull instrument, strike at the fountain head—the cause for having such a public commission. What is the cause? It is the present theoretical but impractical direct primary, where every chap nominates himself for office and then elects himself on some slogan that appeals to the ear. One member of the commission was elected because he said "six cents is too much for a five cent ride;" another member was elected because he had a fine family of children, and he used their pictures on his campaign card. That is the kind of monkey work the direct primary is incubating. There is no regard for efficiency or fitness for office.

Take the governor's race in the Republican primaries at the present time. Here is another sample of the weakness of the cherished and hallowed direct primary. The party is not running any candidate whom it has announced. Every one of them is running himself.

And as we go along with increasing public expense largely caused by self-nominated men holding office, are we going to like it? Are we going to still claim there is a divinity about a plan that results in the state getting the present public service commission; that brings us a chaotic political condition in which religion is injected into matters of state; that practically turns the power to vote further tax on property over to the voter who carries no property responsibility; that makes a mockery of political franchise by some candidate adopting a catchy slogan when ability of the candidate for office is nil; that makes the burden of tax mount high for a less efficient government than we had before the days of the direct primary.

The Evening Observer plainly states that we are tired of the present game, and with each demonstration of imperialistic gusto as handed to the people by the public service commission members we should think the entire state would also be tired of the system that has developed, and produced such effects.

The moral equates teach us that when money is easy, morals are hard to be.

## IN THE OLD HOME TOWN



OUR ALERT MARSHAL. THE WALKER CLOSED HIS EYE ON THAT RAGGED STRANGER THE MINUTE HE JUMPED OFF THE BLIND BAGGAGE.

## Investment Frauds

The thousands of dupes of Chicago's latest frenzied financier may have lost their money to good purpose, if plans announced by Attorney-General Daugherty are carried through. He promises drastic prosecution of stock swindling cases by the federal government and urges a national conference of state authorities to frame uniform state legislation and machinery for the same purpose.

## Education the Best Bet

The famous men who have attained greatness without any higher educational advantages, and sometimes without even the aid of a common school education, often are referred to as arguments against the necessity for much schooling. Now comes the heartless statistician to announce that the percentage of distinction among the unschooled is so much lower than among those who have more educational advantages, that there is hardly any comparison.

It appears that out of 5,000,000 children with no schooling, 31 attain distinction. Out of 1,000,000 who go through college, 5,873 become notable. This means that the uneducated individual has about one chance in 16,000 of making a name for himself, while the educated person has better than one chance in 200.

Even the sturdiest opponents of book learning can hardly fail to read the lesson right. Knowledge is power, not to mention fame and wealth and the joy of having a great name emblazoned on the family records will hardly be denied by anybody. These may be solid arguments in favor of higher education; but to the great mass who believe in education for its own sake, no arguments are necessary.

Massachusetts women bootleggers are accused of carrying run under their waists. This may be a new place for those who sell booze to carry it, but those who drink it have always carried it there.

The test of the bootlegger is like that of the gentleman. It all depends upon how well he carries his liquor.

## THE OFFICE CAT

By JUNIOR



FRANK CONFESION. I like the girls, I like their clothes, And their short skirts That show their hose.

We are optimistic. We believe that the world is growing better. We believe it in spite of the fact that all of the experts said that it is.

## FIGGER WHAT HAPPENED TO LIL

Allan Fry of Wilkes-Barre, Pa., found a note book in the alley and the following are some of the notations found in it, marked under office expense:

- Oct. 3—Adv. for girl stenog. \$ .50
- Oct. 6—Violets for new stenog. .85
- Oct. 8—Stenog's salary. 15.00
- Oct. 11—Roses for stenog. 3.01
- Oct. 15—Salary for stenog. 20.00
- Oct. 16—Candy for wife over Sunday. .75
- Oct. 19—Lunch for Miss. 10.67
- Oct. 22—Lillian's salary. 25.00
- Oct. 25—Theatre and supper with stenog. 22.50

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## Dr. Hobson's Eczema Ointment

Oct. 26—Fur coat for wife. 625.00  
Oct. 26—Adv. for male stenog. .50

INFORMATION. "I have brought this Christmas present—'To exchange it?' interposed the jeweler. "No, merely to ask what it is?"

TRIMMING THEM UP. New Office Boy—Please, sir, you told me to file these letters, sir, but wouldn't it be easier to trim them off with a pair of scissors.

A friend of mine who was invited out to dinner Sunday passed his glass when he was asked if he would have some corn.

ACQUIRED KNOWLEDGE. Used Car Dealer—What! Can't pay your note? Why, you fourflusher, before you bought this car, you told me that you were well off!

Victim (sighing)—So I was, but I didn't know it.

Blessed are the peacemakers—but they have a fieldish job.

No man ever realizes what a horrible looking creature he is until he sees his reflection in the mirror of public opinion.

ASSIGNED TO CAMPS. OREGON AGRICULTURAL COLLEGE, Corvallis, Feb. 23.—Students taking military work in the cavalry and motor transport units will go to summer camp in the Presidio at Monterey, California, and the engineers and artillery men will go to Camp Lewis, Washington, with the infantry.

NEAR EAST DRIVE. ALBANY, Feb. 23.—J. J. Handaker, state director of near east relief, and Mrs. W. E. Rambo opened the near east drive here yesterday. The work will continue in this county throughout the week with Mr. Handaker, Mrs. Rambo and C. M. Dollarhide, county chairman, appearing before the clubs, schools, lodges and churches in behalf of the starving children of the near east.

COURT ADJOURNED. TILLAMOOK, Ore., Feb. 23.—Circuit Judge Bagley adjourned court again for the more week, owing to District Attorney Goyno being unable to attend to his duties due to sickness.

More than 9,000,000 persons live within 50 miles of the New York City hall.

OPPOSE SALES TAX. LINCOLN, Neb., Feb. 23.—Organized farmers of Nebraska are opposed to the proposed sales tax to create a revenue for the soldier bonus or for any other purpose. H. D. Lute, secretary of the Nebraska farm bureau federation, today telegraphed mem-

bers of the Nebraska delegation in congress. Mr. Lute said the farmers suggest that funds for the bonus should come from either a tax on excess profits or from income tax.

of value to everyone is to be shown at the Star theatre tomorrow and city authorities urge the attendance of all. The picture shows needed fire prevention in the home and stresses the need of being careful in the home and elsewhere.

Fire Chief Murchison endorses the picture and the lessons it teaches. He says if people will only use the care they should many fires would be neglected. Especially is

the chief anxious for school children to see the film as it is a good lesson to all youngsters attending school. There will be a special matinee at 4:15 tomorrow afternoon for school children.

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## NEW TELEPHONES INSTALLED

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Allender, Mrs. A. C., r. 1502 Jefferson.....	502-J
Anderson, S. A., Jr., r. 908 N. Avenue.....	196-U
Bellmer, Henry, r. 2102 Cove Avenue, Cor. Willow.....	186-U
Bouvy, Dr. Lee, r. 303 Washington.....	Main 79
Cass, J. L., r. 801 L Avenue.....	333-B
Cherry, A. B., r. Apt. 12 New Foley Building.....	507-M
De Borde, T. W., r. 206 Adams Avenue.....	135-S
Desilet, Norman A., May's Mayonnaise Factory, rear of 305 Fir Street.....	511-W
Dixon, Estrid, r. 1527 Madison.....	289-U
Driskell, Mrs. Anna, r. 2601 N. Ash St.....	229-A
Economy Garage, Jefferson Street.....	511-J
E. O. L. & P. Co., Trouble Man, r. 206 Adams Avenue.....	310-S
French & Green Ladies' Ready to Wear & Shoes.....	459-W Adams Ave.
Halvorson, H., r. 5014 M. Avenue.....	333-A
Harris, Ray, r. 209 1/2 Fir Street.....	Main 593
Imperial Billiard Parlors, Leedy & Estes, Props.....	Main 580 208 Depot Street
Imperial Hotel, Mrs. Mary Phillips, Prop., Adams Ave.....	414-J
Kelley Apartments, Joe C. Kelley, Prop., 1912 Second St., 618-W	
Kratz, O. A., r. 1705 1/2 Washington.....	309-R
La Grande Construction & Supply Co., 1581 Madison.....	428-J
La Grande Rooms, C. H. Gatchell, Prop., 213 1/2 Fir.....	407-W
Lodell, C. A., r. Darland Apartments.....	342-M
Lyon, E. S., r. 605 M Avenue.....	484-S
Lyon, Edward E., r. 1504 1/2 N Avenue.....	273-A
McCall Company, R. P. McCall, Mgr., Tailors, Cleaners and Dyers, Foley Hotel Annex.....	187-W
McLellan, D. J., r. 1914 Second Street.....	242-A
McManus, E., r. Walnut off Adams.....	142-A
McMillan, J. A., r. 306 Main Street.....	445-U
McNeil, Mrs. Henrietta, Millinery, Adams Avenue.....	459-W
Mitchell & Perrine, Blacksmithing, Auto Tire and Spring Repairing, Island City.....	267-W
Monroe, W. E., r. 1204 O Avenue.....	246-B
Nelson, G. W., r. 2702 N. Birch Street.....	150-W
Newlin, Mrs. Deulah, r. 703 Spring Street.....	Main 570
Nielsen, H., r. 805 Spring Street.....	316-R
Osborne, H. H., r. Albany Street.....	279-U
Russell, A. J., r. 1605 Fifth Street.....	378-B
Singer Sewing Machine Co., 107 Fourth Street.....	596-W
Skiff, Nolan, U. S. Commissioner, Federal Bldg.....	Main 753
Sommer, J. A., & Martin, Barner, Saddlery & Harness Shop 457-J 1115 Adams.....	
Stratton, LeRoy B., r. 1902 T. Avenue.....	501-U
Sumerwell, Ross E., r. Corner Eighth and M.....	296-S
Tweezer, D. E., r. 1202 N. Avenue.....	510-S
Washington Apartments, Myrtle Stone, Prop., 1606 Washington.....	Main 701
Watkins, H. E., r. Corner Cedar and Adams.....	135-A
Wright, Mrs. Ralph, r. 1875 Spruce Street.....	422-A

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