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Bible Thought. For Today

BETTER THAN RUBIES:—Search the Scriptures; for in them ye think ye have eternal life; and they are they which testify of me.—John 5:39.

Baker's Social Event

Women are not the only ones who can and do give parties. This was evidenced by the Baker Chamber of Commerce one night this week, for that organization gave as pretty a party and as nice an event as has ever been reported in Eastern Oregon history.

It was the birthday of the Chamber and also time to elect officers. Secretary Walter E. Meacham combined business with pleasure and spread a banquet for three hundred men. An orchestra was in one end of the banquet hall and a brass band in the other. Guests had been invited from all over Eastern Oregon and they were all present.

From the lower country a delegation had been invited consisting of representatives of the three largest daily newspapers in Portland, secretary of the state chamber of commerce, manager of the Oregon associated factories, manager of the Imperial hotel, and a lot more notables who congregated in Baker to hear the story of municipal success of that city and to enjoy one of the finest social times of their lives. Baker people were alive to the occasion; they let not a dull moment enter the period. Somewhat of a coincidence occurred when right in the midst of the banquet and good time Congressman Niek Spuont wired the Baker Herald that the bill providing for money to start the Thist valley irrigation project had just passed the United States senate. This completed the extraordinary event and the applause that rent the air was so genuine and so lasting that it required some strategy on the part of Toastmaster Godwin to control the assembly and bring it back to eating and speech making.

Baker has done something worth while in her banquets and celebration. She has set a pace for the other Eastern Oregon cities. She has begun her city advertising campaign long delayed, but none the less important.

Hollywood is having her troubles indicating that constant blooming flowers, sprouting fountains, delightful atmosphere do not bring the joy and contentment that so many people imagine. Good honest hard work after all is the greatest promoter of happiness.

Perhaps the snow will be gone in time to have June weddings without using sleighbells.

Good evening, Mr. Commissioner Williams. We greet thee believing that you are a good man for the position. La Grande offers you some perplexing problems to solve but you have the ability to aid in solving them.

Give another dollar to the Charity Fund and let us all join in cleaning up the small amount needed to make the total \$5,000.

High is signing a county fair to be held in that city this fall. Nothing wrong about getting in and having something, if no other town in the county wants a fair and Elsie does, why should she not have it?

IN THE OLD HOME TOWN



THE BOYS WERE SO TIRED AFTER FIGHTING THE FIRE AT THE WAGONWORKS THE OTHER DAY THAT THEY WENT HOME AND FORGOT THE HOSE.

And the road to Cove does seem a little distant, judging from reports received from the Highway commission. But it is not final, so let us have hope.

They revived the Oregon Trail at Baker this week. Now keep it revived, for it is a historic old chap and is the main artery to Oregon even yet.

The Unreduced Dowagers

The fat percesses of England are in trouble. Sixteen inches of seating space in Westminster Abbey is all that is allowed per person at the wedding of Princess Mary. Try sixteen inches and you will need no diagram to understand the sorrows of the fat percesses. They have applied to the lord chamberlain for a few inches more apiece, and he, with a hard heart, has turned them down. Probably he is this.

The ladies are going to send a personal appeal to the royal bride. All American ladies whose seating requirements are over the sixteen-inch limit will view the result with heartfelt, perhaps even with prayerful, sympathy.

Ownership

In an effort to check youthful carelessness and depredations in the city parks of Brooklyn, N. Y., the park commissioners have hit upon a new plan. They propose to have each public school select a plot in the nearest park. Here the children will be encouraged to plant flowers and a tree or two, and to care for them and the immediate surroundings.

There is little doubt that some such plan will help wherever public property is in need of protection. The sense of ownership brings new interest in any object and a new sense of responsibility in its preservation. The trouble with most public parks or other public possessions is that what is everybody's business is nobody's business. If some way can be devised for giving the thing a personal touch, the entire aspect changes and carelessness gives way to the protective instinct which every human being feels for that which is his own.

The Boy's Wireless

The tremendous increase in the installation of wireless systems, public and private has led to the calling of a conference at Washington to formulate regulations for the use of the air. At this conference all the greater wireless interests will be represented, and Herbert Hoover himself will look after the right of the American boy to his place in the air.

There are few inventions in which young America has shown a greater or more promising interest than in wireless. It is right and proper that this interest should be so governed that the sending and receiving of amateur messages need not interfere with more vital matters, but there should be no code of wireless rules which does not give the boy his fair share of wave-lengths and time.

Boys the country over will breathe easier for knowing that Uncle Sam has set a man who can remember being a boy himself, to look out for this.

Peaceful Greenland

Greenland is going to have a high-power radio station, and gosh, how she dreads it! The Greenlanders say they would much prefer the peace and quiet of the long Arctic winter, without the intrusion of sensational news from the outer world. They are so content, in "Greenland's icy mountains," as anybody could be on "India's coral strand," and all they ask is to be let alone.

Perhaps they are too contented, and need to be waked up. It may be for the good of the Greenlanders' souls to be hauled out of their isolation. Perhaps they must be stirred up, and learn to be discontented and multiply their wants, and end by hustling and scrapping and fussing and jangling their nervous systems like all the rest of us. Maybe that is the inevitable and desirous way of development for them. But there are, even in this jazy and news-hungry country, people who will bury their past blindness and pity them for their rude awakening. There are so many...

Just a moderate sip, Funeral—Tuesday at two.

That man who was overlooked in the Anderson, Ind., jail for five years has the satisfaction of knowing that his rent was not raised during that time.

A woman can flatter a man by asking his opinion and then taking it if it happens to be just what she had already decided on.

One blow-out enjoyed by automobile club banquet.

Girls of Dixie drink less than in the North, says a daughter of the Sunny Southland. Is this an apology or a boast?

L'L GEE GEE TH' LA GRANDE VAMP, SEZ: A regular girl is usually late.

SCIENCE NOTE. California grows more lemons than any other state except the state of matrimony.

Irish Pilgrims Will Leave New York In A Chartered Vessel

(By Associated Press) INDIANAPOLIS, Ind., Feb. 25.—Inspired by the advance made toward Irish independence hundreds of Irishmen are planning to join the pilgrimage in their home country which was recently announced by James E. Deery, national president of the Ancient Order of Hibernians. Dr. Deery, in a statement here today, declared that at least 2,500 persons from the United States and Canada are expected to join the pilgrimage which will sail from New York late in June or during the first week in July.

"The national board of directors," said Mr. Deery, "has decided to charter a big liner which will sail from New York and will take the pilgrimage direct to Ireland, in a probability making the landing at Queenstown."

The pilgrims will return at their convenience and many will probably visit Rome and the Vatican, the European battlefields and Cardinal Mercier of Belgium.

You Can Solder Aluminum. Aluminum can be soldered—with difficulty. The difficulty lies in the fact the metal oxidizes as soon as exposed to the air; also that the soldering iron is cooled very quickly, because of the great rapidity with which the heat is dissipated.

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THE OFFICE CAT



SURE SHE WILL. Come into the garden, Maud, And shake the nimble hoof; Come into the garden, Maud, For the garden's on the roof.

Editor—one whose business it is to separate the wheat from the chaff and then print the chaff.

See by the South Bend, Ind., papers where a fellow named Beers was pinched over there for unlawful possession of intoxicating liquor.

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