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Bible Thought For Today

HE REDEEMS AND CROWNS.—Bless the Lord, O my soul, and forget not all his benefits: who redeemeth thy life from destruction: who crowneth thee with loving kindness and tender mercies.—Psalm 103:1, 4.

Good Intentions—Poor Results

During the spending orgy when bonds were easily voted and more easily sold; when everyone was ready to progress and advance; when improvements that we had long hoped for seemed within reach—it was then that nearly every citizen joined in the advocacy of better highways...

A few evenings ago Walter M. Pierce chided the editor of this newspaper in a communication to the Observer because we had supported the first road bond issue, but Mr. Pierce also supported a market road bill which has gone clear past his most sanguine expectations...

Either our system of having unpaid highway commissioners who only put a portion of their time to the work; the general high cost of everything with small returns for money expended; the inexperience of the state in road building; the attempt to build a complete highway system in an entirely too short time, or some other yet unexplained cause, has made our highway building experience anything but satisfactory...

The Observer has in the next reported bond issues for roads, just as Mr. Pierce charges us with having done, just as we supported his market road measure, but we want to serve notice here and now we are through. This paper will not support further bond issues for roads or anything else.

Neither will we support any more of this direct legislation which adds to the taxpayers' burdens. We are in favor of repeal of the millage tax for the colleges because we think the heads of the colleges did not keep faith with the people. They said, "give us the millage tax and that is all we will ask," yet at every session of the legislature these colleges are demanding first one thing and then another from the taxpayers...

IN THE OLD HOME TOWN



THE HARVEY BUILT AND OTHERS LEAN TO ON HIS POTTEN STREET HOME

The very best service that members of the county court and members of the city commission can render both city and county is to get together and settle this question of title to the present court house. The county has to have a home for its business. The city has the present court house. Get together boys, and trade.

The important thing to keep in mind is that Union county and the city of La Grande as a city do not want a new court house. The building now in use is good enough for twenty-five years to come and the taxpayers of the county want no added burden for a county building other than that which is absolutely necessary.

As to price of the present court house that should be easily adjusted between the court and the city commission for the city and county are so closely interwoven from a taxpayers' point of view that it is hard to find the line of demarcation between county and city business.

The people want the matter settled; they want the old court house to continue in service; they want no agitation for a new building—therefore the logical thing to do is to get together and settle the matter right away.

An Anti-Suicide League

Through the activities of an anti-suicide league in Zurich, Switzerland, 34 persons have been saved from self-destruction during the past year. The names of members of the league are generally known, and any person in the last stages of desperation who may appeal to any of them for comfort or help is sure of a kindly hearing and help of the right sort to lead him over his difficulty. Each case is treated with the strictest confidence and there is no unseemly weakness in handling them. Sometimes financial aid is given, sometimes merely counsel and encouragement. Each case is handled on its merits. Most of those who have been helped during the year are now doing well, and are happy to be alive.

The Menaced Masculine

The college boys are starting crusades against sisynism. One group has even gone so far as to lodge its members to take a manly "chaw" of tobacco now and then as the one thing farthest removed from feministic tendencies. It is said that the boys have been driven to this desperate stand by the rapid encroachments of the girls upon all things masculine, knickers and cigars included. They want to do something, no matter how hard-boiled, to impress upon the world the fact that masculinity remains supreme.

In a way it's funny and fully and hopelessly juvenile, yet it has its wholesome side. While girls have been veering more and more toward masculine dress and masculine sports, there have not been wanting lads who ape feminine manners, amusements and outward appearance of the screen hero de-luxe. Nobody wants the boys to be either unduly rough or hopelessly vulgar; but the elimination of the dandy, the lounge lizard and the tea hound can be accomplished with credit to the sterner sex.

THE OFFICE CAT



A LAST RESORT Pittsburgh Chronicle-Telegraph: A dandy entered an optician's shop and asked to be shown some eyeglasses. He was given a pair, but finding them unsuitable, he remarked: "These don't suit." "Well, I'll give you a stronger pair." "Well—er—er—and if they don't suit?" "Then I'll give you a stronger pair still!" "And if they fail?" inquired Bertie. "What would you advise me to do?" "Oh!" snapped the irate salesman, "get an intelligent dog and a yard of string."

The Doctor's Revenge

Tid-Bits—London: A young doctor was summoned as a witness in a case that depended on technical evidence. The opposing counsel was inclined to be sarcastic at the idea of so young a doctor being called. "You are familiar," he said, "with the symptoms of concussion of the brain?" "Yes," said the doctor. "Then, if Mr. Smith and myself collide, and banged our heads together, should we get concussion of the brain?" "Mr. Smith might," said the doctor.

Shades of Cyrus!

Nashville Tennessee; Instructor Frank, tell the class about the Anabasis. "What was the Anabasis?" "Frank—it was—er—it was a piece of music they played on the Xenophon." "Never mind, we had to look it up ourselves, before we could laugh." —Janus.

ELIMINATION OF SHEEP ASKED

BOISE, Ida., Mar. 3.—Request that sheep be eliminated from the game preserves in Idaho, made to Henry C. Wallace, secretary of agriculture, by Otto M. Jones, state game warden, has provoked considerable discussion here. Mr. Jones told Secretary Wallace he thought the time had come for making the change, as sheepmen of

FABLES IN BRIEF

Ant and Fly: Fable: Once there was a woman who said she would be ready in exactly 59 seconds.—Cincinnati Enquirer. Lioness and Bug: Fable: Once there was a woman who never talked about anybody else and who did not even listen to scandal when others gave utterance.—Bremidj Pioneer. Rooster and Eagle: Fable: Once upon a time there was a country sheriff who refused to wear his bright star badge of office.—Hudson Dispatch. Monkey and Cat: Fable: Once upon a time there was a man-about-town who looked up at the sky when he saw a pretty girl in a short skirt coming his way.—Milford, Del., Chronicle. Bear and Bees: Fable: Once upon a time there was a gruff old fellow with the count who never said a word when folks stumbled over his bad foot.—Brooklyn Home News. Cat and Mouse: Fable: Once upon a time there was a police force who talked against moonshine and then practiced what they preached.—Louisville—Junius Observer.

geles advertised for a chauffeur. Some twenty-odd responded and were being questioned as to qualifications, efficiency, and whether married or single. Finally, turning to a negro chap, he said: "How about you, George; are you married?" "Naw sir, boss, naw sir, Ah makes mah own livin'."

FORUM

MANY LIKE THEM. La Grande Evening Observer.—We are pleased to learn through the Observer that James McNamee is the proud possessor of one of the new Peace Dollars. It may be of interest to Mr. McNamee and also to the Observer to know that there are somewhere near two hundred of these rare specimens in circulation in La Grande at the present time.

SIGN SEPARATE AGREEMENT

MOSCOW, Mar. 3.—The Ukrainians have secured a diplomatic victory over the Russian Soviet government which made it necessary for the American Relief Administration to sign a separate agreement with the Ukraine before it could legally open food draft warehouses and general relief work in that southern republic. American workers were distributing food packages at Kiev, Odessa and Kharkov for some time without any agreement other than that entered into with the Moscow government. The Ukraine insisted that it was an independent republic, fully competent to conduct relations with foreign powers and entitled to be dealt with from Moscow control, President Rakovsky, of Ukraine, recently conferred in Moscow with American Relief Administration officials and made his position clear. The Ukraine wanted food packages and relief from America but it wanted to sign agreements with the Americans just as the Moscow government did. Furthermore it wants to negotiate with Americans for a loan to relieve its economic distress.

As the American Relief Administration is in no sense a diplomatic or official organization, its signature of a separate agreement with the Ukraine was not regarded as an official recognition of the Ukrainian government, although there seems to be a general impression in Russia that the American relief organization is the forerunner of diplomatic relations. The Ukraine seems to be to the Soviet federated republic of Russia what Bavaria is to the German republic and there is the same delicacy in Moscow about handling the Ukraine that Berlin shows in dealing with the Munich government. Ukraine is the granary of European Russia, just as Bavaria is the granary of the German federation. The Ukraine has two very flirtatious neighbors in Poland and Rumania. It also has valuable assets in Odessa, Nikoloff and other free ports. All in all, Moscow is facing many of the interesting problems in federation which the United States confronted after it cut loose from England and found it necessary to harmonize the interests of its varied states.

BASEBALLERS AT PRACTICE

EUGENE, Mar. 3.—Practice in the batting cage has been occupying spare time of members of the baseball team of the University of Oregon, and Coach Bohler has been busy figuring on the line-up of the aggregation he will use in the approaching season. Loss of four diamond stars of last year has proved a blow to this year's prospects. Experienced men on whom Bohler will rely for the varsity nine this year are Rolfe Gray, pitcher, "Spikie" Leslie, catcher, Frank Beller, second base, and Don Zimmerman in the outfield. Freshmen hurlers of last year in-

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