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Bible Thought For Today

LIVE RIGHT TODAY—Boast not thyself of tomorrow; for thou knowest not what a day may bring forth. —Proverbs 27:1

Economy With a Rush?

It is very interesting to note the "economy with a rush" movement that has spread over candidates for office at this coming primary election.

All candidates for governor are urging retrenchment. Several have been in public life many years and they now see where retrenchment must come if Oregon as a state is to remain solvent. Rather amusing that a number who are candidates for different offices have suddenly seen the light of economy. At the last regular session of the state legislature the gates were opened wide on the salary question and salaries of state officials, including the governor, were given a big raise. Those who opposed the raid on the public treasury were in minority.

The session did very well until it more than half finished from an economical standpoint and then the avalanche of salary stormed both houses and got through.

It was quite noticeable that the governor did not use his veto axe, especially on the governor's salary. Yet now he comes out in favor of consolidation, cabinet form of state government and other things which he has had a number of years to advocate and put through but which he has failed to even mention until the May primary's shadow begins to be seen.

And the governor is not alone in the present stand for economy and disregard of economy heretofore.

This economy with a rush now does not go very well. The record of past service in this line should have some bearing on the way the people select their officials this year.

C. C. Chapman's Voter has dug deep into legislative mysteries and prints the astounding statement that the Ku Klux Klan, when it failed to unseat Julius Meier from the 1925 exposition board, decided to beat the tax bill for the exposition in the last legislature, and states without modification that the head Ku Kluxer aided materially in keeping the fourteen senators to line who defeated the bill. This is one of Chapman's pipe dreams. The Ku Klux Klan deserves no respect from Portland people for having beaten the fair tax measure, neither does it deserve any praise from state people. The fact is the Klan was not connected in any way whatsoever with the fourteen men who stood solid to the end in that fight, regardless of Mr. Chapman's ideas on the subject.

Anybody who wanted to add a little zest to the sport of making out his income tax report might pretend that his income was received in rubles and marks, and his tax was payable in francs.

When a statesman stops expatiating and eloquent and analyzing, and qualifying and rambling, and repeats a little common sense, even to a public relation, everybody says he is a great genius.

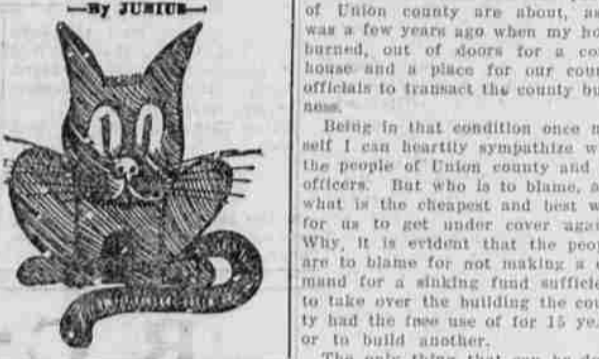
Will Hays gets the credit in the case along with the other old hands of a national nature. Mr. Hays is so conspicuously in the front line of the movement

IN THE OLD HOME TOWN



THE LARGE OIL LAMP HANGS IN BACK OF IRA HEARNS STORE FELL LATE TODAY, BURNING A HALF BARREL OF CRACKERS.

THE OFFICE CAT



New York Must Be Eden
Office rules require hats and other clothing be removed before ringing time clock. Saw that this reasonable requirement is complied with without fail. Sign in office of New York insurance company.

Will Hays is going to inspect the Hollywood movies. Bet his wife goes along.

Backbone won't get you far, however, if the knot on the upper end of it is solid bone.

She Knew a Hog
A woman was waiting to buy a ticket for a concert when a man bumped into her. She glared at him, feeling it was done intentionally.

"Well," he growled, "you needn't eat me up."
"You are perfectly safe," said she, "I am a Jewess."

The Autoist's Winter Prayer
Now I go out into the cold,
I pray the Lord my tires hold;
If one should bust before I'm back,
I pray a spare's upon the rack.

The Gagner doubtless reflects that a powdered nose is no more objectionable than the one thrust into other people's affairs.

Of Course Not
The Los Angeles Times: A rural minister was bothered by the postman not only reading his postcards, but communicating their information to others. One day he wrote a postcard to a medical friend who lived at the other end of the village. It read, "I would tell you more only I know the postman will read it." Then he put the card in the letter box, whence it was collected, and taken to the postoffice and sent out for delivery.

The postman stamped into the doctor's office with the card, threw it on the table, and exclaimed angrily, "he's a liar! I don't read 'em."

The Chance for Revenge
Detroit Free Press: He is one of our prominent manufacturers. The other day the traffic officer in Wyandotte stopped him for traveling too fast in his automobile.

"What's your name?" asked the officer.

He told him.
"How do you spell it?"
He told him that too.
"Where do you live?"
"Are you married?"
"Have you any children?"
"What are their names and ages?"

"Say," screamed the manufacturer, "what's the sense of asking me a lot of foolish questions like that?"

"Well," smiled the officer, "I applied at your factory once for a job and the bird in the office asked me all these questions and a lot more. I thought they were foolish too."

Editor Observer: While it nobly advocates the cause of the people, the Observer was the main spoke in the wheel that gave the people of Union county the privilege of saying whether they wanted the salaries of their county officers raised or not. The editor of the Observer was one of the faithful two in the special session of the last legislature that stood so manfully in the walls of Gibraltar on the interests of the people.

Being in that condition once myself I can heartily sympathize with the people of Union county and its officers. But who is to blame, and what is the cheapest and best way for us to get under cover again? Why, it is evident that the people are to blame for not making a demand for a sinking fund sufficient to take over the building the county had the free use of for 15 years or to build another.

The only thing that can be done is to make the best of a bad matter and that is to call on those that are responsible for the mistake, to say what shall be done in the matter of building or buying a court house. Let the people who are to be called upon to foot the bills decide this matter. Leave it to no community of people or county board to decide this matter, but go directly to the body of the county board to decide this matter, but some of you who are eternally digging up tax money. This matter could be put in form and submitted to the people at primary election in May.

My impression is that the people are too hard hit at present to engage in any expensive building at the present. My idea is to make a satisfactory bargain with the city of La Grande and the county as they can come together and take over the present building. The building is yet good, the location is ideal, overlooking most of the Grande Ronde valley and is about half the distance between the old and new town. While the new section has had all the growth, yet it is no reason the interests of the old town should be ignored any more now than when this building was located and constructed. If it can be arranged with the city to let the county take over this building and site for a reasonable price, in some four or five equal yearly payments, it is the thing to do. I realize the ambition of some people to have a costly building located on an expensive location among the bells, whistles, switch engines and noise and bustle of a busy city. But this don't suit the common herd that has the major portion of the expense to bear.

The county can very well afford to dispense with some of our good salaried commissions which would go a long way on yearly payments on the purchase of the court house. We have gotten along without expensive commissions and can again. The farmers and stockraisers, who are carrying the greater portion of the load, are today staggering under it and are demanding economy in the extreme in all things. It don't always pay to get county buildings for, I remember, many years ago a

county building of this county was put on wheels and a great string of oxen drew it away to another town. What has been can be again. There is one county in the state that has three court houses. There is always a last straw to break the camel's back.
DUNHAM WRIGHT,
Medical Springs, Mar. 3, 1922.

WEATHER CUTS ATTENDANCE

(Special to The Observer)
GRANGE HALL, Mar. 5.—Owing to sickness and bad weather only four pupils were in perfect attendance at school for the month of February. They were Lynn Smuts, Henry Beck, Martha Beck and Mildred Spencer.

The Wm. Taylor family moved out to the farm from Island City Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Arch Conley and children spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Golden.

Mrs. Victor Hagasin and children were Sunday visitors at the home of Mrs. Rasmus's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Gokeler.

Mrs. Ed. Stringham spent Saturday night with her friends, Mr. Henry Bork.

Mr. Urdell Lay of Medical Springs who was in La Grande Saturday collecting bounty on three coyotes which he captured in his country, spent a few days visiting Edgar Stringham. Mr. Lay stated that the snow is three feet on the level at the present time in his locality.

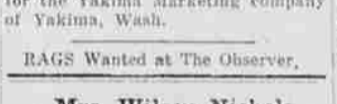
Last Saturday evening Mr. and Mrs. Bert Grout and Mr. and Mrs. Reece McAllister were hosts and hostesses to 16 of their friends at the home of the former. The evening was spent playing cards and at a very late hour the hostesses served a dainty lunch.

Jesus Anson is one the sick list this week. He is sick with cold and a gripe.

Henry Bork, who has been quite ill the last week, is improving again.

Glen Gipson of Imbler visited in the Grange Hall district Wednesday and Thursday. Mr. Gipson is buying Netted Gem seed potatoes for the Yakima Marketing company of Yakima, Wash.

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Mrs. Wilson Nichols



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Women who suffer from headache, backache, flashes of heat, dizziness, fainting spells, nervousness or exhaustion, should go at once to their neighborhood druggist and get a bottle of Fayer's Prescription in tablets or liquid. Or write Dr. Pierce's Invalids' Hotel in Buffalo, N. Y., for free medical advice.

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