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Bible Thought. For Today

SELF PRAISE.—Let another man praise thee, and not thine own mouth; a stranger, and into thine own lips.—Proverbs 27:2.

Why Not Learn from Her?

A plea for more appreciation of the old-fashioned teacher was uttered by one of the leaders at the Educational Association meeting in Chicago.

"It's all right," he said, "to be particular in upholding the standards of the profession, but let us quit worrying the old teacher by insisting that she spend all her leisure studying to meet higher educational standards. After all, her methods have produced results, even if they are a bit old-fashioned. Let's make her feel that her long years of service are appreciated and that her job is safe."

In spite of the patronizing tone of the remarks, it is high time that some one in authority gave voice to the underlying idea. With all due deference to modern educational experimentation, there is no profession in which experience and "methods which have produced results" are more entitled to first consideration than in that of teaching.

Superior intelligence, accurate knowledge of the subjects to be taught, particularly, faithfulness and deep love for her profession are the outstanding characteristics of the "old-fashioned" teacher. As for "educational standards," she invented them, but unfortunately never learned to advertise. Of a truth she should not be bedeviled with constant chasing of evanescent styles in instruction, but cherished for the priceless possession which she is in any community.

Test of German Faith

The new reparation plan will be a test of German good faith. The Germans have objected to every settlement previously made, on the ground that they could not possibly meet the payments demanded. It is agreed by disinterested authorities that Germany can meet the payments now proposed if she wants to.

The amount payable annually is reduced down to \$542,000,000, of which only \$150,000,000 is to be paid in gold under any circumstances, and the remainder in goods. Germany should not have serious difficulty in meeting gold payments of that size. In spite of her financial shakiness, payments of two-thirds of the indemnity in goods is a concession made at the urgent request of the Germans themselves. They have maintained all along that they could meet their obligations to the allies if allowed to do it in that way.

Yet German big business, which has led the fight against all the previous arrangements, is already beginning to find fault with this one. And big business seems to be the ruling power in Germany today.

Laboratory Lightning

Lightning isn't much of a thing according to Charles P. Steinmetz, the "electrical wizard." Ben Franklin, with his celebrated kite and key experiment, found out what it was, and partly demystified it with his lightning rod. Now Steinmetz has reduced the "bolt of Jove" to subjection and contempt.

Steinmetz himself makes lightning, with a current of 1,000,000 horsepower. His lightning flash and thunder clap are the real thing, though on a smaller scale than nature's. In fact, every electric spark is a lightning flash with an audible thunder clap. Steinmetz makes his sparks so powerful that he can make a small fire and make a glowing sun. He can get over 100,000,000 volts of increased power.

IN THE OLD HOME TOWN



PANCHILDERS WAS JUST IN THE ACT OF TRADING IN A BASKET OF BREAD WHEN HE WAS CAUGHT CHEWING TOBACCO WHEN PAN CHILDERS CAUGHT HIM—

THE OFFICE CAT

By JUNIOR



POME

I want to write some poetry About Sylvester Hupp, A half dozen lines or so Will fit the ornery pup— I do not know this bird at all But it fills the column up.

I want to write another verse About Estella Snow; And it will be enough to tell I never heard of her before, But it fills the column so.

I want to write a little skit About Prietella Pines; I don't know who this lady is Or where she lives or dines— But this I know (you'll grant it's so) She takes up just six lines.

Dear Office-Cat—Please docket this argument in your valuable column: A bet La Grande is a dry town. If bet is wet in spots, D bet is wet all over. Very truly, I Wanta No.

When the farmer tells you the road ahead is "purty good," he is referring to the flavor of the road, not its depth.

Executive: One who knows what should be done and lets George do it.

Romance: She married the rich old man, and her relatives lived happily ever afterward.

The Difference: Los Angeles Times: Charles M. Schwab said at a dinner in his native Lorston: "All men owe their success in great part to their wives. The more successful a man is, the readier is he to acknowledge this truth."

Two brothers, a shabby and a spruce one, sat on an ocean pier. "Why the dickens," said the shabby brother, "do you let your

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wife tell people that she made a man of you? You never heard my wife say such a thing as that. "No," answered the spruce brother, "but I've heard her say she tried her hardest."

Write More
Los Angeles Times: The inhabitants of a small village at last got a postoffice, with the grocer for postmaster, and their pride in their acquisition was at first unbounded. When complaints began to come in that letters were not being sent off, the postoffice department sent an inspector to investigate.

"What becomes of the letters posted here?" the inspector demanded. "The people say they are not being sent off."

"Of course they ain't," was the response as the grocer pointed to a large and nearly empty mail sack hanging in a corner. "Ain't sent it off because it ain't anywhere near full yet."

FINAL GAME HERE FRIDAY

The Baker Hi-Y basketball team will meet the La Grande Hi-Y's and the Stoddard brothers will play the Cougars in a final basketball doubleheader at the Y Friday evening.

Both games promise to be full of thrills and exciting throughout as all four teams are closely matched. The Baker Hi-Y five defeated the La Grande boys at Baker last week by the score of 23 to 19 in a nip and tuck contest and the locals are out for revenge this week and are confident of getting it. With the advantage of the home floor backing them they expect to defeat the Bakerites.

The Cougars and Stoddards have met only once this year. That was the first game played in the city league and at the end of the first half the Cougars led by several points but the Stoddards rallied in the final period and won by a decisive score. This game will be merely an exhibition contest but the Cougars are anxious to remove the stigma of defeat and are expecting to give the Stoddards a hard run for their money. Their main reliance is placed on Clyde Webb, selected forward on the all-star city league five. On the other hand the Stoddards, with Lester Stoddard, guard on the mythical five, and Ben and John Stoddard, alternates on the coveted all-star five, expect to win by a good score. This will be the final game, in all probability, to be played in La Grande this year and both contests are expected to be far above the average.

The doors will be open at 7:30 and a small admission will be charged.

REPARATION BONDS SOLD.
PARIS, Mar. 8.—The 6 per cent bond issue of the Credit National for reparations of devastated regions, which was opened for subscriptions during the month of February exceeded four hundred million francs. It was announced Monday.

LOST WATCH TEN YEARS AGO, FINDS IT AND IT IS STILL RUNNING.
(By Associated Press)
VANGOUVER, B. C., Mar. 8.—After 10 years' exposure to the weather, a gold watch recently found by a member of a mountain climbing club has been restored to its owner, who declares it to be keeping perfect time.

E. V. Johnson of this city found the watch. It was on a jutting rock at a height of 7500 feet. From an inscription on the back he located the owner, the Rev. Benjamin F. Bacon of Yale university, who identified it as his property. The watch was given him by a church congregation in 1882. He lost it 10 years ago, while on a trip into the mountains near Glacier, B. C.

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HOW FORESTS ARE HANDLED

U. S. Forest Service Issues Pamphlet Telling of Big Organization's Work.

A pamphlet on "How the Public Forests are Handled" will soon be available for distribution to those interested at the office of Forest Ranger Floyd Kendall in Room 222, in the Federal building. The supply has not yet been received but will be in a very short time.

This pamphlet answers, in a very clear and readable form, the question so often put to a forest ranger, "Just what do you do?" It reviews in a very interesting manner the diverse uses of the national forests, and surveys briefly the many problems with which the Forest Service deals in administering the timber and grazing lands within the national forests. To secure the greatest possible per cent returns from the forest lands, without endangering their future usefulness, exact technical knowledge and a high degree of executive ability. Full credit is given to the men in the field who have earned public confidence and secured public cooperation by making good in their work.

The organization of the Forest Service is outlined, from the Forester in Washington, the "Big Chief," to the Forest Ranger who is on duty in the field to deal with the daily problems as they present themselves; explaining the custom of having the field and office men serve turn and turn about, so that every administrative officer is familiar with what is actually being done in the woods, while no branch of the administrative work comes to a standstill for lack of some one to handle it.

The accomplishments of the last sixteen years are also summarized. The carrying capacity of the range has increased, on the average, about 30 per cent, and the problem of further increasing the forage is being scientifically studied. Timber is sold and cut under regulations which insure forest perpetuation. Fire protection in many places is now adequate and everywhere is becoming more efficient as forest roads and trails are extended. Copies of this circular may be obtained free from any forest supervisor.

"BEST DRESSED MAN" DEAD.
LISBON, Mar. 8.—The sudden death in England of Count de Figueredo, former chamberlain to Queen Amelita of Portugal, came as a great shock to his friends here. He was regarded in former court circles as the best dressed man in the world.

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CANTON CREPE Women have complimented our silk department on the exceptionally fine quality of this Canton Crepe. It is heavy, lustrous and closely woven. We are showing it in navy, brown, gray, blue and black; 40 inches wide and priced at \$1.50 yard.	RIVERIA CREPE Riveria Crepe is an entirely new silk on the market for spring. It is very heavy and has a broad crepe design. It is shown here in American Beauty, violet and white, 40 inches wide. Priced at \$4.00 yard.
COLORED PONGEE Beside the white and natural shades in pongees, we are showing a whirlpool blue and Canua red—two popular new shades for spring. They are all imported pieces of our regular fine quality, 36 inches wide. The prices range from \$1.00 to \$2.00. Many different quantities.	TAFETTA Without a doubt taffeta will play a big part in the silks for spring. We are showing all the new shades now. Many new colors that are bright and attractive are featured for the season's dressmaking. Over a dozen new colors introduced yesterday. 36 inches wide and of the best quality. Price \$2.25 yard.
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TEN THOUSAND WANT LIQUOR

WASHINGTON, Mar. 8.—Senator Edw. Taft, Republican, New Jersey, submitted to the senate Monday a proposition which he said carried the names of 10,000 citizens of his state asking for modification of the Volstead act to permit the sale of light wines and beer.

The physical properties of the Boston moved Senator Norris, Republican, Nebraska, to ask whether the act should be amended to permit the sale of light wines and beer.

To examine the proposed amendment, the Senate will hold hearings on the subject.

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