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## Bible Thought. For Today

STAY WITH THE LORD—The Lord is with you, while ye be with him; and if ye seek him, he will be found of you; but if ye forsake him, he will forsake you.—2 Chronicles 15:2.

## Be There

On next Tuesday at 10 o'clock the state tax investigation commission will be in La Grande at the city hall for the purpose of holding an all day session with taxpayers. At that time questions will be asked and answered by the commission relative to fearful advancing tax burdens which are worrying many people who own property. Let every taxpayer be present for it will be a day well spent.

At noon the Ad club luncheon will also bear entirely upon taxation. Walter Pierce, who is a member of the commission, is the toastmaster, and he has arranged a program without an entertainment feature for this is a purely a business meeting and those interested in state and county business should be there.

## Good Work, Boys, Good Work

The county court and the city commission got together Wednesday night and settled the court house matter, just as the Observer predicted they would do. All of the members of both boards are county taxpayers and city taxpayers and it was the natural thing for them to finally agree on a proposition that seemed reasonable.

Now come the legal complications which no one need worry about. If the law says it can't be done one way it may be done another. If the obstacles seem too great to follow one road then another road will do. For down upon there is an admitted fact that the city must foster the court house matter and carry it through because of legal restrictions that make it impossible for the county to enter into further indebtedness and La Grande as a city is a decided part of Union county, not only from a property point of view, but from a business and social point of view also. Anything this city does must be done with the full knowledge and understanding of the great resource of Union county, using this community as its capital and county seat, and it will be done that way.

The attitude of both boards at the meeting was of the best. It was a case of both desiring to do the right thing and when that condition obtains there is not much chance for misunderstanding or future troubles.

With ex-President Wilson and Senator Borah reported to be together on opposing the treaty, we must admit that politics make strange bed fellows.

Klamath Falls is not so far in the interior that it can't pull off a strike of some size. All the lumber workers are out now in that section.

Rev. Bishop Sumner of Portland is having his troubles in these days of disaffected humanity, a body of members of his church have started a movement to force him to leave the city.

## IN THE OLD HOME TOWN



JOEL TREADWELL, LED ONE OF HIS BLOODIED COWS THROUGH TOWN EARLY ONE DAY THIS WEEK.

## Ship Subsidy

The American public has never favored ship subsidy. The idea has always been opposed as calculated to enrich a favored few at the expense of the many. It remains to be seen whether this old attitude will change now, in response to changed conditions. The President's proposal brings the subject to the fore. Affecting as it does such big, vital American interests, it deserves full discussion.

The situation is rather simple. The United States has always wanted a big merchant marine. Now it has one—idle on its hands, and "eating its head off" with standing charges. It is a question whether this great merchant fleet, built for war emergency, shall be utilized fully for peacetime purposes and maintained for auxiliary use in case of future war. It is a question whether it is possible to save the fleet without artificial stimulation. It is also a question whether American industry and commerce can revive and flourish, as they should, if the fleet is allowed to deteriorate and melt away. The generally accepted view is that American prosperity depends primarily on a flourishing export trade, and that the best guarantee of such a trade is a competent fleet of American vessels to carry the goods.

At present, most of these ships are idle because business is dull and because it is not profitable to operate them. They were built expensively and their operation, under American laws, is expensive. Trade may revive, providing cargoes, but will that suffice to produce attractive profit? Foreign ships are operated more cheaply, and most of the foreign ships have also the benefit of government subsidies.

If American shipping is to survive it must be enabled somehow to compete on fair terms with foreign shipping. The President urges a rather moderate subsidy and the relaxation of operating restrictions. Both remedies are unpleasant, but it remains to be proved that there is any other way of saving the industry.

## CORNWALL SEES BETTER TIMES

"Times are improving a little—this, said Tom," said George Cornwall, publisher of the "Fishingman" of Portland. He was in La Grande on his way home from Colorado, where he went to get a look at conditions in that section. Mr. Cornwall believes that the worst is over but he is too conservative a Scotchman to go into the air and proclaim prosperity when there are yet many corners to turn. Years and years ago George Cornwall was country newspaperman and ran a little weekly down on the Columbia. It was there he received his training and today he has one of the foremost lumber and timber journals of the nation. He has many personal friends in La Grande who are always delighted to see his form overshadow the door of home or office.

## GROCERY IS TO MOVE SOON

J. G. Helm, proprietor of Helm Grocery, announces that he has leased the room one door south of Nate Zweifel's Plumbing Shop, in the Palmer-Rosch building, facing Depot street. He expects to change his business site within the next two weeks and is planning on making the change on a Sunday so that the grocery will not be closed. He will make the entire change in one day and will be in business as usual on Monday morning after his moving day. The new site will be given a general overhauling and new floor, new woodwork, etc., will be installed in the building. This place has formerly been used by the L. J. Harwood grocery store.

## THE OFFICE CAT



### Just a Habit

Los Angeles Times: The colonel believes in soldiers being bachelors, so he usually refused his men permission to marry.

One applicant turned away looking so dejected that even the officer's stern heart was touched.

"Look here, my man," he said, "come to me again in a year's time, and if you still want to be married I'll give you my consent."

The year passed. Again the private applied; the colonel was quite taken aback.

"Well, well, I really must give you permission," he smiled. "I never expected to find such constancy in either man or woman."

"Thank you, sir," he said gratefully. "But, please, sir, it ain't the same woman!"

St. Joseph News Press: Speaking of dangerous localities, there are dynamite factories and Hollywood, Cal.

And yet the hard-boiled eye who thinks it impossible to make the world better thinks he can grow vegetables like those on the cover of the seed catalog.

Nashville Tennessean: "Tempestuous emotions, beauty, bestiality, fine writing, unrefined situations," a critic writes of a certain new novel. The line of buyers forms on the right. Don't shove.

You never can tell. Every man may have his place, but that has little to do with his value.

### Sure Conviction

Philadelphia Public Ledger: In Alabama they tell of a prosecuting attorney who was so uniformly successful with his cases that he became both the terror of evil-doers in his vicinity and the admiration of all, especially the dusky portion of the population. Upon his withdrawal from office he was at once snatched out by those charged with crime. Much to his disgust the first two cases that he defended resulted in the conviction of his clients. An aged dandy, who had watched his prosecutions with wonder and who looked with equal amazement how he conducted the defense, met the attorney just after his second defeat.

"What a Cal," said the old chap, in awed tones, "you shore is a wonder. No matter which side you is on they goes to the pen just the same."

### Wise William

William was being measured for his first made-to-order suit of clothes.

"Do you want the shoulders padded?" asked the tailor.

"Now," said Willie, significantly, "pad the pants."

### OH YE WOMEN

James, like many another man, went to a rally. He returned with but very little voice. "Why, Henry Jones," his wife exclaimed, "this is a pretty fix! Here I've invited our new neighbors, the browns, to spend the evening, and you can't talk above a whisper, go over there and explain to Brown!" Mrs. Brown, a say faced little woman, answered him. "Jones swallowed and then enquired in a whisper, 'Good evening, Mrs. Brown!'" Mrs. Brown smiled like a green, plucked chicken, upon the street and walked away. Then, to the amusement of onlookers, she put a finger to her lips and softly whispered, "No, boys, out! Come right in!"

## FOLEY IS TO BE REBUILT IN SPRING

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main lobby with large swinging doors.

The kitchen is located at the rear of the building and will be remodeled and refurnished with the latest kitchen equipment, and is directly accessible to both the coffee shop and dining room.

The bed room floors will be entirely remodeled, and replanned into the very latest hotel rooms. Every consideration has been given for the convenience of the patrons. Each room will have bath, or shower, toilet and lavatories, clothes closets, etc., and each room will have the very latest electrical appliances.

New modern sample rooms will be constructed in the rear of the main building, and will be fully lighted, ventilated and heated.

The exterior of the main building will be refinished, after the remodeling is completed, and will be finished with white stucco with the belts, corners and cornices trimmed neatly. New and modern windows will replace all openings on the main bed room floors.

## The Forum

### ARTIFICIAL LIGHTING.

Editor of the Observer:—Can you grant a little space in our evening paper for the expressing of our views on the discovery, by Professor Steinmetz, of artificial lighting and the far-reaching possibilities of this find?

We might call this lightning spark Professor Steinmetz' "Electric Baby." And this baby will grow and develop and each stage in that development brings man nearer the infinite. Steinmetz' "baby" can at present only exercise sufficient power to shatter a small tree. But in the future, probably in less than one-half a decade, there may be power enough developed to turn a navy or an army into fragments in the one hundred thousandth part of a second.

After all, this is only the rediscovery of a forgotten science by which Elijah, some twenty-eight hundred years ago, destroyed one hundred soldiers sent to arrest him because he dared to protest against the wickedness of an idolatrous nation. Then man also knew how to bring rain, as well as lightning, from out the sky.

Had Elijah been here in 1918 he might have saved the Allies a great deal of expenditure and loss of men by wiping out the enemy by fire or flood, always supposing that this would have been the right thing to do. Steinmetz' discovery is encouraging in that way. It is another forward step towards the attainment of that knowledge whereby man will be able to control and govern the elements and world he lives on while he is realizing the possibilities of his own destiny.

Respectfully,  
L. GARRICK.

## SALVI COMING HERE IN HARP CONCERT SOON

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continue to get such features as Salvi," explained Mrs. Lee Warnick, president of the Neighborhood Club, last evening.

No other Eastern Oregon town gets Salvi, though he does play at Walla Walla.

Both clubs sponsoring the artist the keyed up to stimulating interest that will fill the house for he famed musician.

Last Sunday's Portland Journal has this interesting comment to make of Salvi:

"The harp is one of the oldest musical instruments known to the ancient world. Long before Bible times the harp was by far the most developed of all musical instruments. There have been more sizes, shapes and changes in scale of the harp than of any other instrument. But notwithstanding the popularity which the instrument has always had, it has been a neglected and much misjudged instrument. One of the greatest

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reasons for this has been the scarcity of performers, due, perhaps, to the cumbersome of the instrument and the taxing technique required.

About 100 years ago the harp was built to play chromatics (sharps and flats) in the shape of a pedal harp, which through the use of seven pedals enabled the player to play chromatic notes. But so difficult is it to shift the pedals fast enough to play rapid chromatic passages; that players have considered it almost an impossibility.

Then came Alberto Salvi, a young Italian genius, who proved that it is possible for feet to manipulate the pedals as rapidly as fingers can play the strings, and that even the modern chromatic piano literature may be played on the instrument.

Salvi's harp is a masterpiece. It contains 10 more notes than are used in the concert grand piano.

### MOUNTAIN IS SMOKING

(By Associated Press) MADRAS, Ore., Mar. 10.—A column of black smoke is reported to be issuing from the southwest side of Mt. Jefferson crater. It is reported that the heat is melting the snow on that side of the mountain.

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## OPPOSITION IS CONSOLIDATED

(By Associated Press) CAIRO, Egypt, Mar. 10.—The hitherto scattered forces of opposition to British rule in India were consolidated by the arrest and deportation of Said Zaghoul Pasha, Egyptian Nationalist leader.

Egyptians—men, women and children—seem to be determined this time to win their independence or die. There are signs that their patriotic spirit has grown stronger.

The country remained without a cabinet after Zaghoul's deportation because there was not to be found in Egypt a leader who dared to assume the responsibility of forming a new ministry so long as Lord Curzon's scheme to maintain Great

Britain's grip on Egypt remained hanging over the head of the country, as no paper put it, like the sword of Damocles.

Most of the schools, elementary, secondary, as well as those of higher education have been forced to close their portals because their students have gone out on strike as a sign of protest against the deportation of Zaghoul Pasha.

### RAGS Wanted at The Observer.

### THRIFT SHOP OPEN.

The Red Cross Thrift Shop is open daily now in the New Foley Building, off the Chestnut street entrance. Thursday will continue to be Thrift Day and on this day all who have donations for the shop are asked to have it ready to be delivered, that the day's collections are made. 12-16-tp

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