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Bible Thought For Today

AN UNLIMITED SUPPLY—If you abide in me, and my words abide in you, ye shall ask what ye will, and it shall be done unto you.—John 15:7.

The Booze Noise

Many people are of the opinion that the American people talk of nothing but booze, spending their daylight hours figuring how to get "some of the old stuff" and their evening hours drinking it.

The bootlegging business as at present constituted is, of course, a disgrace to the nation. But those critics of the prohibition law who believe that all the deceit, the contempt for law and the serious results which follow the drinking of bootleg booze are due solely to prohibition will find, if they look a bit, a still larger number of people who disagree with them.

The spirit of lawlessness was growing before the days of the Volstead Act. People with self-respect, with law-abiding tendencies and a reasonable sense of the dignity of citizenship, do not disobey this law any more than they did any previous ones.

There are thousands of other homes with growing boys and girls in the suburbs where the parents give devout thanks for the removal of the temptation of the corner saloon. These parents know that the present wild life will die out as well as will all wild fads, and the solid benefits of prohibition will then show up.

There are thousands of people who not only have never drunk any bootleg booze, but have never seen any.

There are thousands of children nine and ten years old who have never seen a drunken man, who do not know what the words are talking about when they use such words as booze, prohibition, drunkenness, etc.

One of these times the English people will be starting a movement for home rule. Some of them are getting tired of being governed by the Welsh and Scotch.

There is going to be a national Sausage Week. And still some people deny that Germany won the war.

Tax-free securities are not free from the inheritance taxes, and so the good old partnership of Death & Taxes is stronger than ever.

Lined George is canny. He talks about resigning, but doesn't remember how France called Briand's bluff.

An airplane was used the other day to carry a member to an Arkansas bank on which a run had started. High finance, we call it.

Lady Rhonda, first woman admitted to the British House of Lords, is a business woman known as the "Coal Queen." Evidently of royal birth, the daughter of Old King Coal himself.

"Home, a. um" is the way the Latin beggars in high school describe it. But the service men don't see any bonus or if they do, they charge it to "home?"

IN THE OLD HOME TOWN



ADULT CARAN DE ABODG LEADER OF THE SOCIETY FOR SUPPRESSION OF PIPE SMOKING, TODAY MADE A SERIES OF HAIR-ON TOBACCO LEISERS.

THE OFFICE CAT

By JUNIUS



Oh, said it is, it seems to me that I must surely wait to hear celestial music. 'Til I pass the pearly gate.

HAD HIM GUESSING. Pittsburgh Chronicle-Telegraph: "What's wrong?" asked Parker. "You look worried."

"I am," replied his friend. "I wrote two notes—one to my broker, asking him if he took me for a fool, and the other to Miss Golding, asking her if she would marry me. While I was out somebody telephoned 'Yes,' and I don't know which of them it was."

GETTIN GIT IN THE NECK.

London Opinion: Woman lacks political training as yet, but there is no reason why, in time, she couldn't do as well in politics as man does.

Certainly, in replying to hecklers, she will obviously do well. I remember stopping one chill December evening to listen to a woman preaching some new creed or other from a soap box.

"Say!" a rough shouted at her. "Say, you look cold, baby! Why don't you turn your collar up like me?"

"Well, you see," baby answered sweetly from her soap box, "well, you see, I've got a clean neck."

SAVED!

Judge Henderson claims that the oldest joke he is one about the Irishman who was in a brown study on the street. Another Irishman met him and said, "Why so down-hearted, Mike?"

"Well, Pat," said Mike, "my wife told me to get her something for dinner and for the life of the light remember what it was I was to get."

"Oh, cheer up," said Pat. "Here, have a cigar, maybe you can recover your memory while you smoke."

Mike lit the cigar and puffed at it. After a few whiffs Mike brightened up and said, "You are right, Pat. That cigar made me think what the wife wanted. The wife wanted cabbage."

Chambersburg Public Opinion: A Freshman has made gold out of lead. We saw a plumber make fifty dollars out of a lead pipe once.

Blessed are the poor in spirits for they shall have no bootleg raid.

ONE TRUTHFUL REMARK. New York Evening World: He stood on a soapbox at the corner of the street. A huge crowd surged around him. Surely his heart should have been glad. But he was dissatisfied.

Every attempt he made to speak was interrupted by some member of the audience. At last, stamping his foot in anger, he bellowed at the top of his voice:

"Every time I open my mouth a silly fool speaks."

TEN PER CENT WHEAT UNSOLD

Over A Hundred Million Bushels Still Unsold In the United States, Report Shows.

PORTLAND, Mar. 16.—Wheat of the 1921 crop on Oregon farms on March 1, 1922, is estimated at 2,582,000 bushels, or 10 per cent of the total 1921 production, according to latest estimates of the U. S. Bureau of Markets and Crop Estimates, says F. L. Kent, Agricultural Statistician for Oregon. A year ago there was 12 per cent of the preceding year's crop on farms and two years ago 13 per cent.

For the entire United States it is estimated there remained on farms on March 1, 1922, 131,136,000 bushels, or 16.5 per cent of the total 1921 wheat crop. This compares with 217,037,000 bushels or 26.1 per cent of the 1920 crop on farms, March 1, 1921, and 169,904,000 bushels or 17.6 per cent of the 1919 crop on farms March 1, 1920; the 10-year average is 19.8 per cent.

No data is at hand to indicate what part of the wheat now in storage warehouses is still owned by farmers, but it is well known that much wheat is annually stored in warehouses at shipping points, the ownership being retained by the grower. This condition of ownership means that considerably more than the 10 per cent still remaining on Oregon farms, is in farmers' hands; that is, considerably more than 10 per cent of the 1921 crop is yet unsold, part of which of course will not be for sale, being required for seed, feed, etc. It seems probable that 20 to 25 per cent of the 1921 crop is still unsold.

The railroads serving the principal wheat producing counties report the receipts at warehouses along their lines, for the 1921 crop season, to Jan. 1, 1922, of 18,167,016 bushels of wheat, of which 12,324,275 bushels, (about 68 per cent) had moved out prior to Jan. 1, 1921. Portland terminal wheat receipts from Jan. 1, 1922 to March 1, 1922, were about 29 per cent of the season's receipts to Jan. 1st. Assuming proportionate shipments occurred in the counties just referred to, there would still remain in the warehouses of these counties about 18 per cent of the wheat delivered to warehouses. Assuming that the movement of market wheat has been in about the same proportion in the smaller producing counties, it would appear that the wheat of the 1921 crop, still to be moved from the county where produced, amounts to about 4,000,000 bushels.

Oats remaining on Oregon farms on March 1, 1922, are estimated at 41 per cent of the crop of 1920 was estimated to be on farms. Two years ago only 26 per cent was on farms on March 1. It is estimated that 30 per cent of the 1921 crop has been, or will be, shipped out of the county where grown.

For the United States the amount of oats on farms on March 1, 1922, was about 404,461,000 bushels or 38.1 per cent of the 1921 crop, against 45.7 per cent of the crop on farms on March 1, 1921, and 34.6 per cent of the 1919 crop on farms on March 1, 1920; the 10-year average is 36.4 per cent. About 24 per cent of the 1921 crop will be shipped out of the counties where grown, against 28.9 per cent of the 1920 crop and 26.4 per cent of the 1919 crop so shipped; the 10-year average is 29.7 per cent.

Barley remaining on Oregon farms on March 1, 1922, is estimated at 492,800 bushels, or 22 per cent of the 1921 production. A year ago 31 per cent of the 1920 crop was estimated to be on farms, and two years ago 15 per cent of the 1919 crop remained on farms. It is estimated that about 25 per cent of the 1921 crop has been, or will be, shipped out of the county where grown.

For the United States the amount of barley on farms March 1, 1922, is estimated at 40,860,000 bushels, or 27.1 per cent of the 1921 crop, against 34.7 per cent of the 1920 crop on farms on March 1, 1921, and 22.9 per cent of the 1919 crop on farms two years ago; the 10-year average is 25.0 per cent. Reports indicate that about 100 per cent of the Oregon 1921 crop crop has been, or will be, shipped out of the county where grown.

mercial crop to any considerable extent. More or less corn is annually brought into the state, and the amount of the state crop shipped out of the county where grown is negligible. For the United States, corn is by far the largest cereal crop grown. It is estimated that there remained on farms on March 1, 1922, about 1,313,120,000 bushels, or 42.6 per cent of the 1921 crop against 48.8 per cent of the 1920 crop on farms on March 1, 1921, and 37.2 per cent of the 1919 crop on farms on March 1, 1920; the 10-year average is 36.7 per cent. It is estimated that about 47.5 per cent of the 1921 crop was of merchantable quality; the 10-year average is 79.6 per cent. About 10.0 per cent of the 1921 crop will be shipped out of the county where grown; the 10-year average is 19.9 per cent.

WANT BIBLE PUT INTO SCHOOLS

Washington Organization Formed for Purpose of Spreading Bible Teaching Propaganda.

(By Associated Press) SPOKANE, Wash., Mar. 16.—Establishment of bible teaching as a part of the course of study in public schools of the state of Washington is the purpose of a proposed statewide organization of religious, fraternal, political, and labor organizations, which will have its first meeting in Seattle some time in the next two months.

The move is being initiated by a special committee of the Presbyterian church, synod of Washington, though the contemplated organization—to be known as the "Bible Fellowship of Washington"—will be nonsectarian. Invitations have been sent to the head of the Roman Catholic church here, as well as to the Protestant churches. Participation will also be asked of leading fraternal organizations, the state federation of labor, and governing bodies of political parties.

Since May, 1918, when the Washington state supreme court adjudged the Bible a "sectarian" book, ruling that it was unconstitutional to teach in the public schools, different religious organizations have been investigating the question. The special Presbyterian committee reported:

"The Bible is required to be read daily in the state common schools of Alabama, District of Columbia, Florida, and Massachusetts; Maine is advocating a similar law. "Thirty-five other states permit Bible readings without sectarian comment in their common schools and state colleges and universities. "The only states whose constitution and laws have been construed as excluding the reading or teaching of the Bible from all state schools are Arizona, Louisiana, Illinois, Minnesota, Nevada, Wisconsin, and Washington."

"The only states that have in effect classed and adjudged the Bible as a 'sectarian' book are Wisconsin and Washington." The report recommended a non-sectarian organization to "provide ways and means, and adopt and carry out a program that will thoroughly test and establish the teaching of the Bible as a part of the educational constitution requires the state to provide for; and to obtain the opinion of the highest court of the United States and also a plebiscite, if deemed necessary."

The Bible Fellowship of Washington is to be that organization. H. L. Edmiston, chairman of the committee which prepared the report, holds that because of the attitude on the question of the Washington supreme court, this is the state in which to start the reform, which he confidently expects to cover the entire United States—"for the whole country"—before it is finished. Other states are expected to follow Washington's lead.

While the procedure will be determined by the fellowship after it is organized, Mr. Edmiston indicates that the probable first move will be examination of prospective legislation, "to see whether they are fit to make laws for a Christian government." It may be necessary to seek an amendment to the state constitution, he said, or to take action against the state in the United States supreme court to require the state to include the Bible in the educational course of study. If such a case is brought, Mr. Edmiston believes it will be comparable in importance to the Dred Scott case, tried before the Civil war.

Mr. Edmiston contends that the decision of the state supreme court, barring the Bible from the schools, is "repugnant to the principles of the declaration of independence," which he claims is the foundation of the government of the United States. The common assumption that the government is founded on the constitution adopted by the colonies in 1776 is an error, he asserts. Since, under Mr. Edmiston's reasoning, the Bible was recognized in the declaration of independence, he believes any statement in the constitution is superseded by the declaration of independence, which "was an admission of the over all sovereignty of God," to quote Mr. Edmiston.

Only one organization, the Methodist church, has accepted the invitation to the Seattle meeting so far.

Use Observer Want Ads.

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Advertisement for Hawaiian Land to be given. Includes text: 'HAWAIIAN LAND TO BE GIVEN', 'Should Be Protection From Bore', and details about land grants in Hawaii.

Advertisement for National Bank. Includes text: 'Safeguard your Interests', 'You carry insurance on your life and on your home: this means a considerable outlay.', and 'A Big City Concert In A Small Town'.