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## Bible Thought For Today

**PEACE WITH ALL MEN**—Follow peace with all men, and holiness, without which no man shall see the Lord.—Hebrews 12:14.

## Are the People Ready?

Readers of the Evening Observer who read with care the speech delivered by L. N. Day, chairman of the state tax investigating committee before the Union County Ad Club at last Tuesday's luncheon must concede that Mr. Day put the facts up just as they are.

The social democracy, such as we have in Oregon, has brought the tremendous tax burden. It sounds fine to urge that every man shall make his own laws; that he shall no longer trust anyone to represent him, but instead he shall vote on business measures and tax measures determining the course of state, school, highway, county and city expenditures. Yes, it does sound fine, but results are what count. Look at your tax notice today—that's the result.

Now, let us analyze the situation slightly. Instead of the voting power being in the hands of the men and women who own property and therefore pay the burden of taxes, we are reliably informed by Mr. Day that only twenty per cent of the men who vote pay taxes. In other words the taxpayer is in the minority and when a measure appears on the ballot carrying heavy expenditures of the public money the power to pass that measure rests with the eighty per cent who do not pay the bill.

There you have the whole situation in Oregon in condensed form. Would it not be better to turn—not backward, but forward—to the days when men like Dunham Wright years ago fought in state legislative sessions against increase in taxes; when such representatives of the people worked days and weeks for the welfare of the commonwealth. But while they were thus working the rest of the people were in those days attending to their business, knowing they had men who would fight the battle.

Everyone was not trying to organize his neighbor then, as he is now, under the socialism which we have. Men did not nominate themselves for office. They were selected with some degree of fitness for the tasks they were to perform. Occasionally there were abuses and these were pointed out and enlarged upon with the same magnifying glass that points out the minister who falls, but as a whole we were much better off then than we are now with our present condition.

L. N. Day delivered a talk that may not be popular just now. He delivered a talk that would probably defeat any man running for office this year, but he dealt in facts which are borne out and abundantly proven by your tax notices.

## One of the Wastes

(Oregon Journal)

That it costs \$100 a day to operate a circuit court and "that two days in his court were consumed in trying a case between two second-hand dealers over a second-hand stove valued at \$2.50, was the statement of Circuit Judge Knowles before the tax investigating commission at the La Grande hearings.

Judge Knowles personally paid the \$10 involved in a case in Wallowa county rather than have it consume time of his court. He suggested to the commission that petty cases be required by law to originate in justice courts.

Monday's case in Multnomah county, a case involving \$100, was heard by a justice court in the circuit court.

## IN THE OLD HOME TOWN



## Iowa School District

(Special to The Observer) IOWA SCHOOL DISTRICT, Mar. 18.—Mr. Thomas has bought a house near Island City and has moved it to his property in the north part of this district recently.

Mary Masters has been absent from school the past few days on account of illness.

Mr. Posey called on Mr. Salisbury on business Thursday.

The sun is shining bright, birds are singing and ladies cleaning house here this morning. Sounds like spring is coming.

## HIGH SCHOOL NOTES

The boys' basketball team will meet soon to elect a captain for the ensuing year and to decide upon their letters. The affair will occur in the evening and soup and fish will be served as the evening will be partially spent in social activities.

The footballers met yesterday and in addition to talking over and winning last year's games, they unanimously elected Clifford "Dutch" Alstott for the year's captain.

Great happenings occurred at the high school yesterday. Boys fussed with their neckwear and pompadours, and the girls wore out several perfectly good mirrors preparing themselves for one of the big events of the year—to wit—H. J. Hitter took their pictures! If this year's Mimir will depict their handsome physiognomies as the students expect it to, then an innocent bystander would think that all the handsome lads and pretty lassies in the world had emigrated to La Grande. The vicious appearing gridiron devotees donned their mole-skins and hardboiled expressions and watched the birds. The junior sophomores and freshman classes were shot in groups. The high school soldiers looked very stoical and heroic when their turn came as did the seniors, who were lucky enough to be taken as individuals, instead of en masse. The Latin and Modern Language clubs got their faces recorded and the Boys' Glee Club was harmoniously taken into camp. But the great affair of the day was the photographing of the girls—all of them—at once. (Only one camera was broken and the affair was judged very successful.)

The august and aged seniors annexed some points in the interclass contest by selling the greatest share of senior play tickets. No more do they grace the cellar but have slipped to second place, tied with the freshmen for honors. The standings are now, freshmen, two points, for singing and attendance; seniors, two points, for the senior play and ticket sale; sophomores, one point, for stunts and the mighty juniors lead the procession with three markers, for the girls and boys interclass basketball championship and for the junior play.

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## THE OFFICE CAT



Jimmie McNamee has it figured out this way: "I hear a lot of talk about official beer for medicinal purposes. There is one thing sure, if the government ever permits beer as a medicine, I'll be a month's salary to a garbage can that there won't be any medicine bottles setting around the different homes half filled with medicine."

It must be admitted that Judge C. H. Poin had the courage of his convictions when he openly asserted before that tax gathering Tuesday that he is a single taxpayer and threw a strong accent on the "single."

An old-fashioned woman says there should be fewer boards of directors and more wash boards.

"There are some things worse than being broke," remarked Bill Grandy as he started into the Foley Grill and happened to remember that according to his diet rules he could eat no lunch.

Ruyno, the sign painter, boldly states without fear of contradiction that he could make signs before he could talk. "Marvelous memory has Ruyno." He still makes signs—ask the pug after he has referred a contest in the daily art.

Who said "Taxes?" They are so big they are unspunkable.

Little four year old Will was playing in the rain. His mother called "Will, come in. You'll get your feet wet and get a cold in the bargain." "Will come in and asked, "Mother, where is my bargain?"

## UNCALLED FOR MAIL

List of letters remaining uncalled for in this office for the week ending March 17, 1922.

Gentlemen—S. O. Barkvist, W. J. Cranket, J. W. Cox, Joe Gustafson, W. H. Huntington, H. H. Hensicke, Paul McMillen, E. Whittemore Russell, Raing W. Solinger, Ernest Stein, Ward Smith, J. W. Saylor, Oscar Turner, Leo Wallace.

Ladies—Miss Eunice Brown, Mrs. L. Crowe, Miss Verda Dure, Miss Pauline Muehlen, Mrs. J. G. Vasey.

These letters will be sent to the Dead Letter Office on March 31, 1922, if not called for. In calling for the above please say "advertised," giving date of list.

E. F. BRAGO, P. M.

He by telling how he spent and invested the money. Most of it is already disposed of, he announced. "The Nobel prize awarded me," said M. France, "has given rise to much talk and stupidities. I have spent some of the money for some very beautiful Gobelin tapestries—exquisite, royal ones. The rest of the money I have invested in French national defense bonds. I consider that an excellent and most comfortable means of investment."

Knut Hansum, the Norwegian novelist, who "Growth of Soil" helped win for him the Nobel prize for literature, showed that he was in earnest when he wrote the above-mentioned book. He invested stock of the Nobel prize in bonded sugar and other improvements for his farm in Norway.

It will be recalled that Theodore Roosevelt who won the Nobel Peace Prize in 1906 for his efforts in bringing the end of the Russo-Japanese war gave his \$40,000 to the Foundation for Promoting Industrial Peace.

## SEEKING THE IDEAL LIFE

YASNAYA, Polyana, Russia, Mar. 18.—In their search for total freedom, the community of young people established here last September with the intention of showing the world that the ideal life planned by Tolstoi is possible, has removed to Serpukhovo, near Moscow.

There they have taken up a new tract of land of which there is plenty since the flight or death of the old landlords and the refusal of peasants to cultivate more than sufficient for their immediate needs. An outbreak of typhus in the village hastened their departure.

## Power Cannot Be Resisted.

No receptacle has ever been made with sufficient strength to resist the bursting power of frozen water.

Highest price paid for clean, large-sized cotton rags.

## NOTICE

In the County Court of Union County, Oregon.

In the Matter of the Estate of Frank Smith, deceased.

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## STOCKHOLM, Mar. 18.—Anatole France, the French author who won the \$40,000 Nobel prize for literature last awarded, has just expressed the curiosity of the Swedish pub-

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# SPRING FASHION NEWS

From La Grande's Greatest Dep't Store

**EVEN** if you are not quite ready to select your new costume, you must be anxious to know just what is new for spring. Just what you will have to choose from. And here, you may know, are the most exclusive of new garments. They are styles that accent the attractiveness of American women and they are a revelation of loveliness, to say the very least.

**The Dresses**

Just a glance at these exquisite new Taffeta frocks full of color and crispness of a new season proves that spring is sure to be here soon.

Lots of navy blue frocks with bright colored trimmings in crepe, crepe knit and woolen fabrics.

The PEGGY PAIGE models are shown exclusively here and surely accentuate the beauty of the spring season.

Your inspection of our stock is most earnestly requested.

Prices \$10.50 to \$70.00.

**The Suits**

There's no denying navy blue its place in the sun when it comes to suits for spring, but this season it has given way just enough to let tweeds and homespun in tans and grays creep in. Jackets are short and your skirt may be short or long, just as desired. Many new suits of navy blue arrived during the past week.

Prices \$12.50 up to \$68.50.

**Coats and Capes**

The Newest For Every Occasion—Here!

Spring Capes fall in straight lines and are warmly fashioned—They are favored in navy blue and attractive shades of brown. The coats may be seen in styles suitable for sports wear, motoring or for formal dress wear in navy blue, black and shades of brown.

The sports coats and those for everyday wear are of heavy polo, cloth, tweed and homespun in light shades of tan and gray. Many new ones arrived each day. Priced \$15.00 to \$75.00.

**Beautiful New Imported SWISS ORGANDIES**  
 65c to \$1.50 yd.

The beautiful organdies are so fine and sheer that you wonder how such delicate threads could be woven into materials so practical and serviceable. All are 40, 42 and 44 inches wide and have the permanent crisp finish that does not disappear in laundering.

**Silk Mixed BEACH RATTINE**  
 \$2.00 yd.

Truly a beautiful summer material—in the loveliest colorings ever shown, this Beach Rattine arrived here just a few days ago. It has the soft draping qualities of silken materials—is fine in weave but just rough enough in finish to be a seasonable fabric. It is 36 inches wide and is priced at \$2.00 yard. Ask to see it.

**New METAL GIRDLES**

Girdles of antique gold or silver finish are most effective when used on sports shirts, sweaters, etc.

Several dozen new ones range in price from 75c to \$3.00.

Also new beads in bright colors just in. See them in our windows.

**This New "ARMSTRONG" Oxford—\$9.25**

It is of the finest black kid, with a military heel, made on a last that fits comfortably and has the neat dressy appearance a woman requires of her footwear. This is an ARMSTRONG make, our highest grade shoe. It is in all sizes 2 1/2 to 8 1/2 and AAA to D widths. Priced at \$9.25.

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