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Bible Thought For Today

GOD'S WONDERFUL LOVE.
 For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life.—John 3:16.

The Learned Reporter

It has long been doubtful whether newspaper work should be classified as a trade or profession. In recent years the affiliation of organized newspaper workers in some cities with the Federation of Labor has clearly tended to give the occupation the character of a trade. On the other hand, newspaper editors, reporters and artists have always drawn salaries rather than wages, and therefore did not seem to belong regularly in the ranks of labor. Their work, too, has usually been held to give them a different character. They were an "estate," sure enough, but what else were they?

Now the whole problem is settled, without any trouble on the part of the group concerned. The United States government, acting through its immigration authorities, in deciding the eligibility of a Canadian reporter to enter the country, has designated the aforesaid reporter as a "member of a learned profession," and thus in no way affected by the contract labor law.

Everybody in the newspaper game accordingly leaves a sigh of relief and puffs out his chest. From editor-in-chief to newest news-chaser, all are members of a profession comparable with medicine, law and the ministry. If they care to claim the comparison, and nobody need wonder, any day, to hear a news-gatherer referred to as "the learned reporter."

Those Long Skirts

Fashion experts arriving from Europe with the latest creations in feminine dress are said to be showing gowns from Paris which are decidedly longer. Except for sports wear, the skirts are reported to clear the ground by a few inches only, and even the sports models have added to their length.

"Far be it from the ignorant male to carp, but it will be amusing, after all the worthy battles fought in behalf of the short skirt by the feminine fair, to see whether the long skirt will be adopted now that it has the sanction in Paris."

Critics of the briefer dresses were told that they were light in weight, comfortable, sanitary and smart. Women did not wear them because they were fashionable—nay, nay, and far from so! They wore them because they had acquired wisdom in dress, and from how on would be iron and unsharpened by body as in soul and citizenship. What will become of those convincing arguments if the long skirt is adopted now as the standard for feminine attire?

As the villain in the play is given to hearing, "We shall see what we shall see." The question is, shall we see as much from now on?

Buttons Made in U. S. A.

Ten billion buttons! That was the United States output for the button-making industry in 1919. This country was exporting about \$500,000 worth of buttons in 1914. By 1920 the value of exported buttons had jumped to nearly \$4,000,000.

The button is a truly democratic article. It varies from the homely button of necessity to the elaborate and handsome buttons of purely ornamental purpose. Formerly other nations supplied us with most of the buttons we used. Now the United States is doing a good manufacturing and trade business in the self-same commodity, driven to entering the new field by the exigencies of war.

Over a third of all the buttons made in this country are "pearl buttons," made from mussel shells found chiefly in the Mississippi river. There are 675 button factories. Wages paid total \$16,000,000.

The question, "Button, button, who's got the button?" takes on a wider significance. This country can make all the buttons required by art and utility. All that is lacking now is the device to keep them from appearing stretched where they belong.

IN THE OLD HOME TOWN



THE OFFICE CAT



When the average man dies the loss is generally covered by insurance.

NOT THAT BAD

Los Angeles Times: Dr. Millicent Mortimer Miller in an address in Cleveland ridiculed large families.

"Large families," she said, "are as ridiculous as they are unhealthy. I used to know a poor woman who had a family of fourteen children, the oldest 11 and the youngest 2—for there had been several twins, you know."

"Well, one day as this poor woman sat at her sewing machine with her children hawling and fighting all round her, a census man came in."

"How many children have you?"

"The census man," he said, "is 'Let's see,' said the poor woman."

"There's Eliza and Willie and Ephraim and Wolworthy and Kate and Bozeman and—"

"The number! Just gimme the number," said the census man, as he tapped his notebook with his pencil impatiently.

"The number?" sneered the poor woman. "So you think we're numbering 'em now, do ye? Well, we ain't thank 'em no, we ain't quite run out 'names yet'."

UNPROFITABLE

Le Rire, Paris: Two merchants met in the street.

"What's this I hear?" said the one. "You had a big fire in your place?"

"Oh, no," said the other. "It isn't going to happen until next week. But how about you? You're insured, too, aren't you?"

"Yes, I carry both fire and hail insurance."

"I can understand being insured against fire, but I didn't know anybody could make it hail."

FOREWARNED

Los Angeles Times: George Bellows, the eminent painter, said at a Brooklyn tea:

"You know these British highbrows who come over here to astonish us all the time? Well, I attended a lecture by one of them, a writer, on the literary art last night."

"How was the lecture?" a sculptor asked.

"The best criticism of it that I heard," Mr. Bellows answered, "came from a fat old man at the end of the show. He gave his wife a bitter look and said:

"Well, you would come?""

IT SOMETIMES HAPPENS.

Los Angeles Times: Into the general store of a small place in Ohio there came a negro man with the complaint that the proprietor had sold him a ham a few days before which had swaged to be a good.

"But, Dave," protested the storekeeper, "that ham is all right."

"But it ain't boss," insisted the other. "Dat ham's sho' bad."

"How can that be," continued the proprietor, "when it was cured only last week?"

Dave was lost in reflection for some moments and then suggested:

"Boss, maybe it's done had a relapse."

ENVIRONMENT IS A WONDERFUL THING.

Think of how many parents have been broadened by associating with their children.

HIS PREFERENCE.

Detroit News: Willie was in a bad temper. His mother had just discovered that there was not a clean shirt left ready for him to wear.

"Never mind, Willie," she said consolingly. "You will have to put on one of your extra's right now."

"What a girl!" said Willie, drawing himself up haughtily.

"Yes, Why not?" asked mother in surprise.

"I won't wear it!" declared the small boy. "I'd rather go to bed raw."

Arkansas Gazette: Every man in the United States pays a quarter of a cent annually to support the president.

We're through knocking. Any kind of a president is worth that.

Seattle Post-Intelligencer: The average husband's idea of an ideal clothing gown is one that will cling to his wife for about three years.

PERMANENT.

Now will that clever dispenser of joy Who gave Mother a permanent wave Give us a permanent bath for the Boy And Father a permanent shave? —Life

HIGH SCHOOL NOTES

The girls have begun indoor baseball practice preliminary to the outdoor practice that will come as soon as the weather is permissible. An out of town schedule will not be adopted but interclass and intergrade contests will furnish the girls with excitement aplenty.

The girl followers of the cinder path have not donned their track regalia as yet but when old King So brightens up a bit they will get some real practice. A girl's interclass track meet will be one of the spring features.

Miss Genevieve June is planning to have an exhibition among the gym classes some time in the near future. Drill and dancing will be the main events on the program.

The 1922 basketball squad met last evening and adopted their letter. A spiked "L" was selected. The basketball captain for the coming year was also selected, the honors going to Glen Metcalf, this year's center, unanimously.

FORUM

A PEISSANIST'S VIEW

La Grande, Ore., Mar. 18, 1922.
 To the Editor of La Grande Evening Observer:—Senator Day denies that the principles underlying social development are not eternal, and immutably fixed as in Laws of Nature, and he does not recognize tending toward equilibrium of the forces and motions of social evolution.

He thinks the movement or system now in force in Oregon politics is a joke, and has raised hell. The Written Constitution is not a fixity. It has frequently to be amended or stretched to the breaking point, to meet new conditions of an expanding civilization. If the constitution has been strong towards social democracy, as Senator Day says, the movement will now be in the other direction, towards the balancing point, without going to Boss Rule or Autocracy.

It is plain to see by the argument of the opponents of the Oregon system, that they want the head or poll tax, and want to deprive non-tax payers of the right to vote

Do You Know?

Mr. Spencer, manager of the Zuber Hall, is rearranging the entire place, and has secured M. T. Collins, Portland's favorite jazz singer, who will sing all the latest songs and arrange all the Novelty Dances. Beginning Tues. March 21, we will start our series of Novelty Dances. The first will be the famous Candy Dance. Dick Linsey's Jazz Patterns will synopate the melodies New music.

Added attraction M. T. Collins on the Megaphone.

No Advance in Prices.

on the question of taxation. All wealth is the result of labor, primary or stored, therefore any person or persons who performs any useful service, adds to the wealth of a community, and pays his share of the taxes, indirectly, although his name may not be on the tax roll. It is not the property that votes, it is the man or woman.

Suppose the source of revenue to pay taxes is illustrated as a flowing stream or a cistern filled with water. When the state taxes the flow of wealth for taxes, it draws from the stream or cistern where the flow is the freest. It is not a personal matter, nor is it a question of sentiment, but it is a cold blooded proposition. Graduated income tax is a good source of revenue, because it is ready money, easily collected and acts as a stabilizer of the community income. If wealth, like water, flows too much in one direction, it tends to glut and flood and throws the machinery of society out of balance, and may cause revolution in place of evolution.

Because man does not provide a safety valve in his social affairs, is the reason that Senator Day says that the principles of sociology are not immutably fixed. When we consider the social system as a whole, we find the same eternal principles that obtain wherever man knowledge has explored the Universe. The trouble mostly with human institutions is the lack of the balancing principle, typified by the scales of justice.

Blaming the tax burden on the Oregon system, on the people's ignorance or by allowing the non-tax payers to vote, does not explain the abnormal increase in taxation. The promoters of tax schemes, the controllers of publicity and the special interests are entitled to some share of the blame. The spirit of the times, and the aftermath of the war control the psychology of the situation. With a bonded indebtedness of two hundred million dollars, an annual interest charge of about eight million dollars, and nine million dollars for running expenses, what hope is there of reduction in taxes? We are already harnessed up and have a load to pull. It is only a year ago when the people voted for and carried five measures on the ballot for new taxes. Besides all this, we have our share of the National debt and bonds to pay. It will not be surprising if candidates and platforms have a vote getting slogan of repudiation.

Strange that with the accumulated wisdom of ages, mankind still persists in establishing institutions that bear the seeds of their own destruction. It is a fallacy to assume that the bonds and debts, public and private will ever be paid, yet both the debtor and creditor entered into these schemes with apparently the greatest hope and assurance.

High taxes have come to stay.
 J. E. STODDARD.

BAND CONCERT IS ANNOUNCED

Municipal Organization To Give First Indoor Winter Affair April 2nd.

The program to be played April 2 by the municipal band is one of the best that will be heard this season. The principal numbers are really beyond the ability and instrumentation of the band to produce and only by constant rehearsing, usually twice a week, and by individual instruction by the bandmaster, has the band been able to work this program up to its present efficiency. This program, on account of the absence of two important band instruments, the Piccolo and E-Flat Clarinet, has necessitated re-arranging of the parts by Director Loney and giving the important solos for these instruments to other instruments best fitted to represent the parts. The program is well-balanced, three heavy, yet tuneful, numbers, several light numbers and the encores will be chosen from several popular numbers of the day.

READ THE WANT ADS!

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You carry insurance on your life and on your home: this means a considerable outlay.

If you do not safeguard your interests by maintaining a bank account you are neglecting a duty that costs you nothing.

An account in this bank SPELLS CREDIT and credit often means WEALTH.

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So far this season has been one of great scarcity in ladies' wearing apparel and has consequently kept us constantly on the go writing, wiring, selecting, etc., to be able to offer our customers merchandise that would please.

We have just been rewarded with another shipment of beautiful spring coats, direct from New York and in response to a rush order.

There are many beautiful garments in this lot, both in light and dark colors—for sports wear and for dress.

Call and see us in the morning before they're picked over.

A Wonderful Assortment of NEW LACES

An entire new book of laces is now on display in this department showing hundreds of beautiful new patterns now in stock. Make your selections from these now—and there are probably lots of different kinds that were not there before. Better look over the book at least.

BLACK PATENT OXFORDS

A New Shoe For Sports Wear \$8.50

"ARMSTRONG" make, very low heel and square toe, punched and perforated. An oxford with snap, and one that is to be very popular for sports wear. In all sizes low and AAA to D widths. Price \$8.50.

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RESERVED SEAT SALE FOR Home Talent Concert

Friday, March 24, 8 P. M. at the High School opens at Silverthorn's Thursday morning. Arranged by Lyceum committee.

Free Lunch, Whiskey At Two for a Quarter Comes Back in N. Y.

(By Associated Press)
 NEW YORK, Mar. 22.—Joseph Zottlieb, 55, awaiting grand jury action on charges that he violated the Volstead law, is unique in the view of police and prohibition officials as the one known Manhattanite to have resuscitated the pre-war free lunch counter.

Police officers who invaded his Washington street apartment Monday claim to have found a familiar "brass rail" before a length of mahogany, with a table standing to one side heavily laden with relics of free lunch days, including the indispensable and now neutral pretzel.

Moreover, claimed the detectives, they were served with two drinks of whiskey at a total cost of 45 cents, on payment of which they were invited to participate of the free lunch.

READ THE WANT ADS!

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