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Bible Thought For Today

SUPPLY IS SURF.—Trust in the Lord, and do good; so shall thou dwell in the land, and verily thou shalt be fed.

Delight thyself also in the Lord; and he shall give thee the desire of thine heart.—Psalm 37:3, 4.

Pacific Ocean Our Great Asset.

There is always another side to the ledger, there is always a way out, a compensatory feature, if one will but look long enough. Just now the Pacific northwest fully realizes freight rates are against us; we realize that it will take years to get the same advantage we enjoyed in rail transportation that we possessed before the war; we realize that in building this new country we have bonded for improvements until taxes are very high; we realize that labor in the northwest lives better and has more than in another part of the nation demanding higher compensation than is paid in like industries elsewhere; we realize this makes our product a little more expensive and when it bumps into the cold competitive world it has harder sledding; we realize also that land values are comparatively high, although we have better and more productive land.

But—
There is a way out; there is a way to make the Pacific northwest not only the ideal place to live, but also the ideal place to make money; there is a way to retain the high standard of living and yet attract new people showing at the same time how they can do better here than elsewhere.

Nature gave us that great asset—the Pacific ocean.
Our products meet tide-water at Portland and Astoria and from there we are on transportation that competes. Our products should and will have that remarkable advantage of transportation cost that will spell the difference between profit and loss. By this we mean, when the farmer of the middle states can raise his wheat and ship it by rail to the world market at a profit, our wheat will go by water at a greater profit; when the middle states producer can only break even on his products when shipped by rail the products of the northwest will show that fine, safe margin of profit which cheap ocean transportation gives.

The time is not yet here, for the markets are not yet adjusted. But the time is not far away when wheat will be quoted at practically the same price at all seaports of the nation, as it should be, and other products will be quoted in the same manner. Then the Pacific northwest will come into her own, for then the land products of this section will have that safe margin over interior lands; then will the commerce of America show a balanced condition and be freer from manipulation than ever before.

The Pacific ocean traffic has been held back by lack of port facilities and many other causes, but one by one they are being eliminated, and the Evening Observer repeats without the least fear of contradiction by anyone who will study the question that the Pacific ocean is Oregon's greatest asset.

When Europe comes back to herself, as she will, those people will be virile and strong for hardship and privation are always followed by a thrifty generation. America will not be able to trade with Europe even as she did before the war for Europe will be nearer self-sustaining and will produce more than she ever has done in the past.

What then?
Again, the Pacific ocean. This country will establish wonderful trade relations with China, Japan and other countries of the Orient along with the South American countries, and the commerce thus established will largely go through Pacific ports. The Pacific Northwest will be near the ocean to take advantage of the cheap traffic on water for her land lies a thousand miles nearer the ports than does any other productive land in the nation, a decided advantage.

It's coming, it's coming, and you can't see it until it's here.

IN THE OLD HOME TOWN



THE SPRING RUSH AT WATSON'S BARBER SHOP STARTED EARLY TODAY.

THE OFFICE CAT



Enthusiasm is like pancakes—only good while hot.

"If you took your little tooter and then lay away your nose, within a week there'd be a soul. Within a week there'd be a soul. The man who tries to advertise by short and sudden jerks is the man who's always sickin' because it never works. The fellow who is on the job 'A-humpin' every day, and keeps forever at it— He is the one who makes it pay."

—(Dobson, the well-known author)—
"I'm so glad to meet you! Just the other day I saw something of yours, about something or other, in some magazine."

THEN SHE KNEW.

The girl's lips quivered, and her breath came in labored gasps. But she did not speak.
"Do you love me?" pleaded the young man.

"I—I don't know," was the answer. Gently he insinuated, his arm around her neck.

"Darling, would you like me to ask your mother first?"

With a sudden cry of terror she grasped his arm.

"No, no," she shrieked convulsively; "she is a widow. I want you myself!"—Omaha News.

Our idea of a clever woman is one who makes a man think he thinks.

Everything comes to the man who pays cash.

Many a fellow when he brushes the powder off his coat lapel realizes what it means to hug a delusion.

FOR BACHELORS ONLY.

Edinburgh Scotsman: An army man tells of a chaplain, newly inducted into the service who lamented the fact that many men spent their evenings at the club. "Undoubtedly," he said, "the club is the place for bachelors. It is not right, however, for married men to pass the evening away from home, while their poor wives sadly rock the cradle with one foot and wipe away the tears with the other."

great northwest country in search of better advantages, unpack your trunks and rebuild your fires for there is a better place. This part of America is to be the thriving commercial section in years to come, just as it has been the paradise as a place to live in years that have passed.

The Eternal Symbol.

Easter, anniversary of the Resurrection and real birthday of Christian civilization, again is celebrated—it has been for nearly 1900 years.

Primarily it is a religious festival, Christianity's rallying day, on which the wise wandering sheep returns to the fold to hear inspiring sermons that give many a new lease on life.

The spirit of Easter is the spirit of the Resurrection—of spring—the awakening of life, hope and happiness after the long death of winter. In this sense, the Easter season is observed even in heathen countries. The budding lily and the Easter egg are symbolic of the eternal re-birth of life.

Let us strive, this Easter, to resurrect the best that is in us and face the future with re-born hope, tolerance and Christian kindness to our fellows, striving to extend the glad spirit of Easter until it permeates all days of the year.

Yes, Who Will Be First?

Somebody has figured that the average American eats a ton of food a year and needs only half a ton. In other words, by systematic rationing necessary to health, we could put aside some 55,000,000 tons of food annually for the starving of other lands. Who is going to be first to hitch up his belt?—Portland Journal.

ALL LIFE IS NEW.

Behold! the stars of night are wan, and see, a stone is rolled away. The shadow of a cross is gone. All life is new on Easter Day.

The lilies bloom along the way, nor question life, the how, the why; but teaching to us every day.

Forgiveness as the world goes by.

Perhaps eternity will bring.

A million sunny Easter morn'g, forgetfulness, in which to fling.

What earth bequeathed—a crown of thorns.

—SEPTIMUS.

PATIENT ANGLER.

(By Associated Press.)
SOUTHEND, Eng., Apr. 15.—An angler toiled a while afternoon on Southend pierhead and caught nothing. Then a fine mullet was seen dangling on the end of his line.

He opened his mouth with a shout of joy, and his recently fitted set of teeth worth \$50 fell into the deep and was lost.

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You can't tell about motives and it may be that Eve was just trying to keep the doctor away.

DAD'S ADDENDUM.

Boston Transcript: "I'll explain deduction," said the young law student, airing his knowledge in the home circle. "In our back yard, for example, is a pile of ashes. By deduction, that is evidence that we've had fires going this winter."
"By the way, John," broke in his father, "you might go out and sift the evidence."

TIED DOWN.

Richmond Times-Dispatch: In the middle of a stupid card party one of the guests spoke to a young man who was yawning.

"Inauspiciously boring, isn't it? If it weren't so embarrassing I'd go home!"
"Yeah. Wish I could, too, but hang it all, I live here!"

Sermonette

HE IS RISEN.

The rising of the Lord out of the tomb, His being no longer there in flesh but in spirit, in His glorified, spiritual body, with vastly increased power, but still, and more than ever, His wondrous Self,—that was the great thing that first Easter Day.

In the flesh the Lord had to be conditioned by time and space, but once in the spirit He could be everywhere—here with the discouraged ones drifting off to Emmaus, bringing them back afire for their new mission, and still there with the other disciples gathered together, awaiting his spirit for their great task. Just so our dear ones, who struggled with us vaguely through the flesh, are now able to influence us the more strongly because more directly, from the spirit within, reaching into the best they hoped of us, and ever urging us to its attainment. Never can we be thankful enough for this great fact of the Lord's Resurrection and its message; keeping our best beloved ever near us in spirit when we keep near them, and putting before us as the end of the earthly pilgrimage, not a dark cavern but an open door aglow with the warm radiance of immortality.

"He is risen." Can we make the wonderful assurance of its final meaning, for us and our loved ones, true also day by day? "He is not here," held bound in the graveclothes of the flesh, in the more things of food and clothes, the things one makes, or sells, or labors on this Board or that committee to effect before the world, "He is risen" into their real meaning, their use for the true man in us and all about us, the image and likeness of the Divine Man. "Behold" clearly, keenly, the place whence, with the Divine help, we arose yesterday, and be ready to see the place to which we may rise today, and henceforward, here, and finally hereafter.

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