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Bible Thought. For Today

SAYING GOODBYE.— Finally, brethren, farewell. Be perfect, be of good comfort, be of one mind, live in peace; and the God of love and peace shall be with you.—2 Cor. 13:11.

Victory Perched on Every Banner

The day of filing for state and district offices has passed and the line-up starts with eleven candidates for governor and goes down the line with the largest aggregation of office-seekers ever beheld by Oregon people. And everyone sees victory ahead. There is nothing to discourage each candidate from achieving success. Bright hopes shine as the mid-day sun just now.

The weeks to come will be given over to a hot scramble for place and preference with the people. Hurrah, great is the direct primary for under it anyone can run for office.

But how are the people of Eastern Oregon to know the qualifications of any of the Western candidates? That does not matter—qualification, did we say? Perish the thought. Who cares anything about qualification, for is not the upmost thought of getting in, the paramount thought?

Recommendations for office have even ceased. There was a time under the direct primary when men sought their friends to find out whether they should run, and in turn the strong supporters attached their names to a request, but even that day of ethical program has been obliterated in the mad scramble.

Will such a condition stand?

It will not. People will grow tired of it—they are tired of it right now. The convention to write party platforms and act in advisory capacity along with the direct primary is very essential, and in time it will be adopted regardless of the demagogue who screams, "Let the people rule." The people will rule under such a plan much more than they rule now with seven gubernatorial candidates in the field on the Republican ticket, one of whom will be nominated with only a small percentage of the entire republican vote cast in his favor.

Why Not a Poll Tax?

We have yet to find a convincing argument against a poll tax for raising money for public use. A poll tax would not do it all, but it would materially aid the property tax and the possible income tax which may be enacted.

No one argues against a poll tax. Its opponents merely throw up their hands saying it is not practical.

Why is it not practical? Why should not every voter, both male and female pay for the privilege of voting under the flag and the protection it affords?

Why should not every voter be taxed to keep up the country? If one is entitled to vote in this great land, he or she is also entitled to carry a part of the public burden.

Narcotics in La Grande

It may surprise some of the people of this city, most of them in fact, to know that the stories printed about narcotics do not pertain entirely to the thickly populated centers, and that those who reside in the rural sections are now interested in the campaign to purge the country of this evil.

We must decidedly be interested. Our own chief of police informs the Evening Observer that the moonshine business is subsiding but the dope habit is increasing right here in La Grande.

The well organized gang of distributors of the narcotic have La Grande on their list and they have customers here. Astonished as you may be there have been "dope" parties pulled off in La Grande. Now this evil brings its recruits rapidly and once a field there is almost no breaking off the habit. Watch for symptoms and if you see any strike at 10m as you would a

IN THE OLD HOME TOWN



SM WATSON, THE BARBER, AFTER THE FIRST DAYS RUSH SAYS THIS SPRING'S BUSINESS WILL BE LIGHT.

THE OFFICE CAT



Society forgives a man if he breaks the Ten Commandments, but never if he goes broke himself.

Silicious—Ah, love in a cottage is a beautiful thought.
Cynicus—At any rate there is no janitor to contend with.

Sufficient Unto the Day—
Boston Transcript: The subject given them being the Future, one schoolboy wrote, "We are told not to be anxious about the future, as the future will come in time."

Another youngster cogitated this gem: "We are taught in the sermon on the mount not to think of the future, because the evil we do in one day is sufficient."

Ditty of the Orardue Dollars.
An editor has been inspired, after looking over his list of delinquent subscribers, to compose the following: "How dear to our heart is the old silver dollar, when some kind subscriber presents it to view; the Liberty head without necktie or collar, and all the strange things which to us seem so new; the wide-spreading eagle, the arrows below it, the stars and the words with the strange things they tell; the coin of our fathers, we're glad that we know it, for some time or other 'twill come in right well; the spread-eagle dollar, the old silver dollar we all love so well."

A school teacher in Detroit received the following note from the mother of one of her pupils this spring: "Teacher: I here that mattie is bad in her grammar and has trouble with it. I do not desire that mattie shall engage in grammar. I prefer her to engage in more useful studies. I can learn her to speak and write proper myself. I have been through two grammars and I can't say that

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Stop a minute and say "Hello,"
As down life's road you go
For a kindly word and a cheery smile
Will shorten the way by many a mile
For some poor fellow who's moving slow.
Stop a minute and say "Hello,"

Oh, Boy!
Los Angeles Times: Johnnie, aged 6, was missed by his mother one day for some time, and when he reappeared she asked:

"Where have you been, my son?"
"Playing postman," replied Willie. "I gave a letter to all the houses in our street. Really, truly letters, too."
"Where on earth did you get them?" questioned his mother in amazement.
"They were those old ones in your bureau drawer, tied up with ribbon," was the innocent reply.

Literal Construction
Boston Transcript: Stranger—Are the waiters here attentive to you, miss?
Pretty Cashier—Sir-r-r!

Stranger—Ah, no offense, miss—no offense, I assure you. I was merely carrying out the instructions on the bill of fare: "Please report any inattention of waiters to the cashier." I thought if they were inattentive to you, I would report them, that's all.

A Holy Tryst
Harper's Magazine: As many people are aware, most of the older streets in Montreal are named after saints, male and female. A progressive Yankee has a typical American drug store at the corner of two of these streets and last summer he put the following sign in his window:
"Meet your girl here for an ice cream soda. This is where St. Thomas meets St. Genevieve."

SPRING OVER MONTH LATE

WOLF CREEK, Apr. 17. — The spring is very backward, four to six weeks later than usual. It is very fortunate that fruit trees are not in bloom during this cold wet weather. Only about half the dormant spraying is done. Most spring plowing is done, but little garden is planted.

Considerable range stock has perished in this vicinity. There seems to be a shortage of feed.
The Grey Digger Drive is to be repeated here this year, next Wednesday being fixed as the date, and on Tuesday evening the county agent will reveal the habits of the digger squirrel, the pocket gopher and the mole, by moving pictures, and unending warfare will be made on all these pests.

Try the special French Pastry with your ice cream at the Palace Confectionery. 4-15-11

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HUNDREDS TO SELECT FROM

and the very newest of designer's art are among them. There are dresses of gingham, tissue gingham, crepe, black saten and combinations of these. Many are trimmed with white or colored organdy—collars, cuffs and flowing sashes. Some with colored embroidery for the white collars and some are very plain and trimmed with rick rack.

The famous "SASSY JANE" dresses are very prominently represented among these, and we are sure a surprise awaits every woman who comes to see these tomorrow.

Prices are as greatly varied as the dresses, starting at 95c and ranging by degrees up to \$7.00.

Coatings

For Spring Have Many New Fabrics

The wool coatings for spring are in a great variety of colors, and materials. Light tans in Bolinia polo cloth and camel's hair are very popular and there are heavy blue coatings of fine soft quality insuring the loosely draped lines of the new coats.

Imported Scotch tweeds are in grays, tans and mixed colors, all light.

For children's coats the materials are in an equal variety. Call and inspect them.

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These are in the wanted colors, brown, black and white. Priced at 33c pair. At the main entrance.

The New White Footwear

Earlier than usual comes the first arrivals of the white footwear for spring and summer. Here is illustrated a white remskin oxford with low covered heel and light sole. It is priced at \$4.35.

A strap pump with same heel and sole is priced at \$4.50.

Also a two-strap pump with an extremely low heel and light turn sole is priced at \$4.50.

A white kid pump, plain and with high heel is priced at \$8.00.

A fine white kid Armstrong pump in cut-out strap pattern, high heel is priced at \$12.25. Inspection invited now.

You will learn more in an hour at the Christian church this evening than you will by reading fifty books. 4-17-11

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Up-To-Date Cooking Hints For Every Housewife

How to "lighten" bread flour to use for cakes, pastry, etc.

It is not necessary to purchase both a bread and a pastry flour. By using quarter cup of Kingsford's Corn Starch to three-quarter cup of any good flour the percentage of gluten is decreased and the starch content increased so that home prepared flour will make a lighter and finer grained cake.

If your recipe calls for 4 eggs to 1 quart of milk use 3 eggs, and for the egg omitted use half tablespoonful of Kingsford's Corn Starch.

For smoother, glossier gravies and sauces use a dessert spoonful of Kingsford's Corn Starch, instead of a tablespoonful of wheat flour. For lighter, flakier biscuits, piecrusts and muffins, make your pastry flour with one-fourth cup of Kingsford's to three-fourths cup wheat flour.

A little Kingsford's Corn Starch dusted on top of cakes before icing prevents the frosting from running off.

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