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Bible Thought For Today

REVERE THE CREATOR.—Thou art worthy, O Lord, to receive glory and honour and power: for thou hast created all things, and for thy pleasure they are and were created.—Revelation 4:11.

More Socialism

State Engineer Percy Cupper, like most of us, sees with regret the lack of new settlers in Oregon; he sees irrigation projects that have been backed by the state all ready for the man with the plow, but the man does not come; he sees opportunity for the man who wants land and will work, but for some reason the man does not connect with the land and therefore thousands of acres of good irrigated land lay idle with interest on bonds piling high, and no improvement being made.

We all see the same condition, Mr. Cupper, and we all feel much as you do, except that we cannot endorse your new plan of the state improving farms, building houses, and then turning the improved farm over to some man who is willing to "try it out." Mr. Cupper brings to mind a scheme which California is trying along this line and announces that he is much interested in the movement and believes that it would work very well in Oregon.

It will not work in Oregon, Mr. Cupper, for it is rank socialism. It is another of those plans which endeavors to make a path easy for the man who will not work; it is another of those fairy dreams which comes to reformers and idealists. There is nothing practical about it.

In this world he who wears the spurs must win them, and the softer we make the bed by state aid the more we are converting Oregon into a hotbed of socialism which will in time consume us and take from those who have worked hard to amass what holdings they have.

The Evening Observer believes the time has come to call a halt on all of this boggy stuff; this melodramatic foolishness of helping some one in pure piffle, for the more you help the settler the more you may.

Oregon already offers to the man who will work a good layout, and to the man who will not work there is not enough money in all the banks of Portland to keep him going.

Under the Cupper plan we would start with erecting an ordinary farm house for the settler. Then we would find one who had married a college girl who was used to hardwood floors and the next move would be for the state to lay new hardwood floors provide a vacuum cleaner, an electric range and a patent cow milker. An automobile must be furnished to make the program complete and it is probable that a Ford would not suffice. Then the social end of life would have to be considered and there must be a community hall, a library and some one to organize a few clubs.

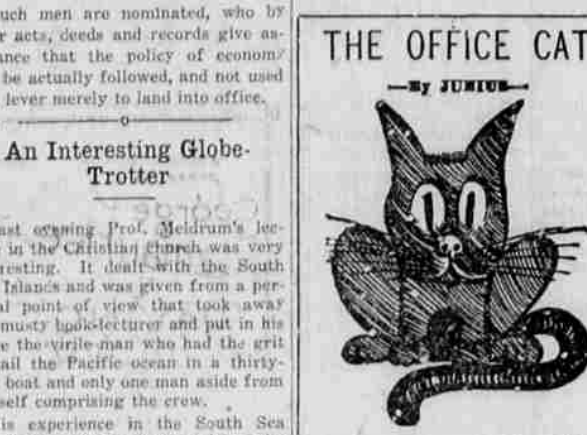
Oregon has been a lamphod in politics, all will admit that, but she is not going into the new socialist scheme of Mr. Cupper's.

Observer Not Making Nominees

This paper would like to have it known that it is not attempting to make nominees for the different offices. We had nothing whatever to do with anyone coming out for office and we are taking the list of candidates as we find them, just as every voter must do.

When the two political parties finally select their choice at the primary it will be time enough for newspapers to support or reject men nominated. It is a year when it is quite plain that party lines have been trampled under foot in Oregon, and the fact that a man is nominated on the Republican or Democratic ticket does not seem to have much weight.

There is one paramount issue in the mind of every taxpayer and property owner and that is to elect men who will actually keep down expense rather than increase it. This is important and the Observer expects to join with voters in the support of men



There is one thing we will say in favor of politics. After you file and hear the comments of some of your friends on your candidacy there is no danger of getting a swelled head.

An editor was dying, but when the doctor bent over, placed his ear on his breast, and said, "Poor man! Circulation almost gone!" the dying editor shouted: "You're a liar! We have the largest circulation in the county!"

There is nothing like having an infant press agent. Mary Roberts Pinehart has a delightful aid in the small person of her pamosake and grandchild. This person of almost two years was walking with her nurse in Pinehurst when a passerby started to talk to her with the usual "What a dear little baby. What is your name?" "Mary Roberts Pinehart," came the answer. "Not really?" said the woman. "Why I sat up all night last night reading one of your books."

Altoona Mirror: Look before you drink! It may be your last look.

The epidemic of hip-flasks doubtless is due to the fact that the law is no inspector of persons. How about it—P. D.?

Day-Long Dissimilarity
Everybody's: A colored couple stood once again before the probation officer.

"Now this," the officer said to both "seems to me to be a case where there is nothing very much the matter except that your tastes are different. You, Sam, are much older than your wife. It is a case of May married to December."

A slight pause, and then Eva, the wife, was heard to remark in a tired voice: "I—I really don't know what you mean by your saying May is married to December. If he goes to talk that way it seems to me to be a case of Labor Day married to de Day of Rest."

Some women, if they were feeding the famined Russians, would give 'em popovers and lettuce sand-

wiches a quarter of an inch thick with the crusts cut off.

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Iowa School District
IOWA DISTRICT, Apr. 18.—Miss Amy Hulise spent Sunday with her folks, Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Hulise.

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