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Bible Thought For Today

THE LORD SUSTAINS: — They that wait upon the Lord shall renew their strength; they shall mount up with wings as eagles; they shall run and not be weary; and they shall walk, and not faint.—Isaiah 40:31.

Let Ad Club Be a Forum.

It is intended that the Ad Club should be a forum for everyone. The merchant, the professional man, the farmer, the railroad man, all should meet around the table and talk over their affairs. La Grande people constitute one big family and let the family circle be extended to take in all.

Along this line we note that the railroad boys recently had a speaker at the Ad Club and he gave the home people more authentic information about railroad salaries than they had ever known before.

Frequently only one side of a question gets to the people. The Ad Club can have both sides and it should have them.

The Observer would like to see a number of the railroad men representing the different brotherhoods and societies take an active part in this club for it is the place to disseminate information and when spoken before the meeting it gets consideration.

Attack on Direct Primary.

At the state convention of both major parties in Maine this month a direct attack was made on the direct primary system. The Republican convention adopted a plank in its platform declaring that the direct primary law which had been in operation for ten years had proved unsatisfactory and should be repealed. The following day the Democrats in state convention followed suit, says the Portland Telegram.

New York is going back to the convention system of selecting candidates, Indiana is discussing it, and in several other states there is agitation against it. So far as we have been able to observe, the opposition is led by professional politicians who naturally want the convention system restored.

Those who favor the direct primary would welcome a test of popular opinion on this reform. Of course Maine, where both parties have committed themselves to a repeal, can not be used as an experimental station, and it is unfortunate that the major parties did not divide.

All open minded observers are well aware that the direct primary did not accomplish what its supporters hoped for it. In a general way it may be said truthfully that improvement in the public service has fallen below expectations. Too many self-seekers and insincere glad handers have won important offices, but the main purpose of the direct primary, the riddance of the political boss, has in large measure been accomplished.

The people have not learned to use the direct primary intelligently. The time has been too short to educate them, but whether or not they learn to choose candidates on the basis of fitness alone, it is reasonable certain that the people, having once seized the power of the direct primary, will not be willing to surrender it without a lively struggle.

It would be particularly interesting to get at the ballot box the views of several million women to whom the franchise was denied until two years ago. They were never attached to the convention system; they are not prejudiced in its favor, and we imagine it would be no light task to influence them into restoring a system which had been discarded.

John of the Golden Voice.

John McCormack, whose wonderful voice has held millions under its spell, is fighting for his life, and if not for that for his voice, on a sickbed in New York.

Everybody who has heard him, and counting phonograph records, that must be pretty nearly everybody, will join in wishing him a quick and complete recovery, with that voice of his unimpaired.

IN THE OLD HOME TOWN

HAL RITCHIE, AFTER LONG PRACTICE, IS NOW ABLE TO BLOW FOUR PERFECT SMOKE RINGS WITHOUT A BREAK

A voice like John McCormack's is a rich possession, a national asset. The power to lift vast audiences on the wings of song is a greater power than that of oratory, and has a deeper and finer and more lasting influence than mere oratory that lacks the soul of music. John McCormack and his voice are treasures of the nation, and the nation is fighting for him with its good will and its good wishes.

THE OFFICE CAT

—By JUNIUS—

Taken from Observer, April 19. "The fire department arrived in record time and distinguished the blaze. No damage was done."

We always know we had some fire department, but a department that can distinguish a blaze and do no damage deserves a medal. We think this word slipped into the wrong department. Take raids, etc. They are ofttimes distinguished by members of departments, and no damage done.—Junius.

There was a man in our town,
And he was wondrous wise.
He kept his winter flannels on
In spite of springtime skies.

Letting Him Out.

"Have had news for you, Clarence."

"So?"

"Yes. I visited a fortune teller this afternoon and she told me that I am going to marry a handsome man."

It may be remarked in passing, however, that a wicked movie would need to go some in order to teach the modern audience anything.

This would be a great old world if we would put as much faith in the average man as a woman puts in a safety pin.

Checking Up.

Forbes Magazine: A colored boy walked into a local drug store and asked permission to use the telephone; then he called up Mr. Jones and thefollowing conversation took place:

"Is this you, Mistah Jones?"

"Yes."

"Well, Mistah Jones, I saw yo' ad in the de paper de other day and yo' wanted a colored boy. Did you get one?"

"Yes."

"Is he givin' perfect satisfaction?"

"Yes, he's giving perfect satisfaction."

"Well, Mistah Jones, providen this colored boy don't give perfect satisfaction, you call me at 504."

The colored boy turned and started out, and the druggist, who had overheard, remarked: "You didn't do any good, did you?"

"Yes, Sah," came the reply. "I's dat colored boy what's working down there. I's jest checking up to see how I stand."

Wit.

Answers, London: It was a raw, cold morning in the land of fam and revolution, and Pat stood outside his cottage in his shirt sleeves and shaved himself.

Presently his landlord came along and stood watching him in surprise.

"Do you always shave outside?" he asked in curious amazement.

"Of course" answered Pat indignantly. "Do you think I'm fur lined?"

The [illegible] that hides the sunshine of prosperity is the pessimist.

The week of April 24 has been set aside as "Humane Week." Try to be kind to [illegible]

ens you find in your garden during that week.

What's In a Name?

Visitor: "And what is the little boy's name?"

Colored Lady: "Perscription."

Visitor: "What an odd name. Why in the world do you call him that?"

Colored Lady: "Becuz Ah has such hard work gettin' him filled."

"For Sacrilegious Purposes"

The Argonaut: Sam Watkins, negro, was seeking a permit from a prohibition agent to by wine.

"What do you want it for?" asked the agent.

"Fur sacrilegious purposes, suh."

"For sacrilegious purposes? You mean sacramental purposes."

"Dat's it, suh. An' the committee has done appointed me tuh get it."

"What kind of wine does your committee want?"

"Well, suh, we talked it all over, and finally decided on gin."

Some marriages are happy, and some people think two families can live in the same house.

In Stock.

Customer: "I'd like to see some cheap skates."

Salesman: "Just a minute, I'll call the boss."

TRAGIC DEATH OF PRINCESS

(By Associated Press)

GENEVA, Apr. 20.—A tragedy that attracted the attention of Europe and America fifteen years ago has been recalled with the death in an asylum near Berne of Princess Tatiana Leontieff, a Russian Nihilist. The Russian Princess, who was known on two hemispheres for her revolutionary activities, shot and killed under dramatic circumstances a Paris millionaire named Charles Muller, whom she had mistaken for M. Durnovo, then Russian Minister of the Interior, who was alleged to have sent thousands of Russian political prisoners to death in Siberia.

M. Muller was lunching alone at a hotel in Interlaken when Princess Leontieff, who was only 20, approached his table and fired several shots. Her innocent victim fell lifeless to the floor, the Princess exclaiming, "Thank God, I've rid Russia of the greatest murderer on earth." The Princess was unaware that the real object of her vengeance, M. Durnovo, had left for Berlin two days before.

She was sentenced to four years' penal servitude and 20 years' expulsion from Switzerland. After two years in prison the unfortunate woman became insane, and was removed to an asylum at Munsingen, near Berne, where she died.

Keep Striving.

Despondency is not a state of humility—on the contrary, it is the vexation and despair of a cowardly pride; nothing is worse whether we stumble or whether we fall, we must only think of rising again and going on in our course.—Fenelon.

FAIR IS NOT ENTIRELY DEAD

New Financing Plan Evolved That Will Make Unnecessary State Aid.

PORTLAND, Apr. 20.—The 1925 Fair came to life Wednesday.

The managing committee decided to go ahead.

After months of quiesence the project was brought forth and given new life.

Franklin T. Griffith was made permanent chairman of the managing committee, with Mayor George L. Baker as assistant chairman.

A complete new plan of financing was adopted.

The proposed state tax was entirely eliminated.

Instead of voting a tax the outlying counties of the state will be asked to buy stock in the fair corporation.

Portland, however, will be asked both to raise $1,000,000 by subscription and to vote a $3,000,000 tax on the basis of $1,000,000 for each of three years.

The proposed tax will go on the November ballot under the managing committee's new policy.

Fifty thousand dollars will be raised to conduct the administration and met preliminary expenses, the committee decided.

Subscriptions from the federal government, industries, rail and steamship lines will be accepted to help fill the fair chest, according to the new plan.

The permanent appointment of Griffith does not replace any other tentative fair official. He has been for some time temporary chairman of the managing committee, which is the executive body of the board of directors.

CHANGES MADE IN 'Y' OFFICES

The Y. M. C. A. office rooms are undergoing a complete renovation with the idea of increasing the general efficiency and arrangement. The Ad Club offices are now entirely at the use of the Ad Club, which gives them much more office room and means a greater degree of efficiency for them. The secretary's office room has been rearranged in the interior so that the secretary's desk is now facing the lobby instead of the wall as was formerly the case.

The desk of the assistant secretary is in the lobby and he will be at his post all during the day. All telephone calls, etc., will be answered promptly during the entire day now.

Plans for the construction of a business men's locker room that will be for their private use are being completed. The lavatory down stairs will be fitted up with lockers and the room will be in a section where gym classes, etc., will not bother them. Privacy is the aim of the new room, which will be equipped with three showers and kept well locked, only the business men having keys.

Similar plans for the construction of a ladies' dressing room are also under way. The room will be modern and comfortable in every respect and will be, like the business men's room, entirely separated from the rest of the building, insuring privacy.

The petition separating the wrestling room and the present locker room will be removed and the room utilized as a sub-gymnasium. It will be fitted up with a wrestling mat, punching bag, weights and other similar fixtures and will be used for individual exercises and for wrestling and boxing classes and other small classes. This will do away with conflicts between the regular classes and outside work.

Many other plans for the improvement of the building will be carried out if the financial campaign is a success.

Nuts Fit Holes in Trees.

While in California last winter the writer saw several oak tree trunks pitted as if by smallpox. The holes are made by woodpeckers, and in every hole is an acorn placed there by squirrels. The nuts are so firmly imbedded that it is impossible to remove them with the fingers.

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MOTOR TRUCK CONFERENCE.

(By Associated Press)

PORTLAND, Apr. 20.—The highway commission today fixed May 10 as the date for the conference in Portland of motor truck operators from all parts o fthe state to discuss rules governing loading and speed limits. The commission declined to request the Linn and Benton county commissioners to include the Albany-Corvallis highway in the system of state roads.

MILITARIST SPEAKS.

(By Associated Press)

WASHINGTON, Apr. 20.—Declaring that the house reduction in the army appropriations bill is the "first step toward undermining our splendid military policy," the American Legion, speaking through Hanford MacNeider, national commander, formally put before the senate appropriations committee yesterday an appeal for an army of 150,000.

Women Who Grew Beards.

The women of the imperial city of Rome once got possessed with a morbid ambition of raising beards, like their brothers and husbands. They used to shave their chins and smear unguents over them. It appears, however, that the men of Rome did not favor this feminine eccentricity, for Cicero mentions a law that was passed to prevent women raising beards.

HIGH SCHOOL NOTES

Everything is all set for the annual mascot fight. That is—everything but the mascot—which the austere seniors refuse to divulge. The date of this classic will be Friday noon. The rules are: The seniors must pick a mascot and appear Friday noon guarding it. The juniors will be given five minutes to try and take it from them. The class in whose possession said trouble maker is in at the termination of the set time will be allowed to keep it until the following Friday. From Monday until Friday morning any class may exercise all the strategy they possess in an endeavor to secure it but no open parade will be made. Then on the following Friday the class who has the dummy parades it again. The great aim is for the seniors to have it in their possession at the junior-senior banquet or for the juniors to present it to them at this occasion. Much is the shame of the class who fails in their object.

The trackmen are getting out every evening at 3:30 o'clock and are burning up the roads in preparation for the dual meet with Pendleton scheduled for April 29. The class track meet brought to light the fact that La Grande has the nucleus of a good track team—and only practice is needed to round them off into excellent form.

At a meeting of the Student Body Tuesday afternoon the student body officers were nominated for election as next years officers. Nominations were: president, Tige Larson, Glenn Metcalf and T. C. McDonald; vice president, Dallas Jacobson and Sheldon Brownton; secretary and treasurer, Mildred Weeks Myrtle Black and Bertha Berger. The election will be held at a later date. The business manager will be selected in a joint meeting of this year's executive committee and next year's executive committee at the close of the school year.

The Mimir is progressing in fine shape, according to the various editors. It will appear during the last week of school.

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