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Bible Thought. For Today

WHAT GOD WILL DO:—He will swallow up death in victory; and the Lord God will wipe away tears from off all faces; and the rebuke of his people shall he take away from off all the earth; for the Lord hath spoken it.—Isaiah 25:8.

Spring.

"Spring has come," quoth the Grande Ronde poet, and that poet was not M. L. Carter, who is noted for his correct English. But spring is with us just the same. This morning was one of the most glorious ever experienced in the old valley and it has had its effect on the people.

Hardly had the sun peeped over the Cornucopia mountains until the buzz of the Ford could be heard as farmers who live in town made their start for the ranches. Dogs of the community stretched themselves in supreme happiness and the early milk man whistled softly a tune of joy as he struck the porch with his milk bucket.

All nature seemed to rejoice for winter's clutch has slipped and we are now sailing along with the balmy breezes and bright sunshine which promote the wild flower and encourage the field worker to go stronger in the hope of a good crop this season.

It was a rotten winter, but how soon will we all forget its pangs and real bills. Three weeks of this kind of weather and every resident of the valley will swear there is no such place in all the world, as "the winters may be a little long some years, but they are delightful."

Business has taken on new life today. Stores are busy with customers who seek the spring goods, implement dealers are setting up farm machinery, the coal man who has reached his harvest on fuel is now figuring how long it will be before the people will need ice. And so the world moves along. But it is a fine old world, "ain't it?"

Evicted Miners.

A news dispatch announces that evictions have begun at non-union mines in the central field, though as yet only on a small scale. "These may proceed quietly," adds the dispatch, "but each is a potential cause of serious clashes."

It is the old story, one of the fundamental things back of all the superficial and transient strike phenomena that play a bigger part in the news.

Nearly all of the coal miners live in houses belonging to their employers. That is inevitable, perhaps from the nature of the coal industry, which opens a mine wherever the coal is obtainable, gets the coal out, closes the mine and moves on to new fields. The "company" is not only the miner's landlord but his storekeeper; he has to buy his supplies usually at the company store because there is no other available market.

The arrangement is not so bad when the miners are working. When they are idle—as they are a large part of the time—the company has "carry them" if the illness is due to normal causes and does not last too long. In case of a strike, when the men find themselves unable to pay, they are likely to be out on their own, a natural thing to do. If that business, but it is pretty hard on the miners.

Here and there an exceptionally kindhearted operator is said to be allowing the miners and their families to stay, reducing their rent or treating them for it, and also giving them help to cultivate. This is also an undesirable thing.

If miners were honest, they would be fed and housed right, along through the year, regardless of industrial conditions and the state of the fuel market. Possibly industry will come to regard them in the same way, some day—at the same time abolishing the absurdities of strikes, lock-outs and long seasons of unemployment by some rational system of cooperation.

The English are trying to repeal a thousand-year-old law which is based on "the theory that a wife would not dare do anything without her husband's consent." It is a condition, not a theory, that confronts the modern Britons.

IN THE OLD HOME TOWN



THE PIPE AUNT SARAH REARBODY, LEADER OF THE SOCIETY FOR SUPPRESSION OF PIPE SMOKING, TROOP AWAY FROM ERDIE HICKS, WENT LOADED

THE OFFICE CAT

By JUNIOR



AN OPTIMIST'S PRAYER

Now I lay me down to sleep—
I pray, O Lord, that You may keep
My constitution free from bile
So I may wake up with a smile.

That pleasantly I may proceed
To spread the happy, hopeful creed
That whatsoever may befall
Has somewhere got its brighter side.

That worry never did prevent
The coming of some fell event;
Or if, perchance, we miss the pain,
We've had the worry all in vain.

Endow me, therefore, with the grace
To ever wear a smiling face;
And if misfortune comes along,
Oh, let me meet it with a song.

Let no Sappho's poison find
A breeding place within my mind,
To make me wonder if old friends
Are really serving selfish ends.

If I, unwisely, am abused,
Or otherwise denied my dues,
Or made the butt of falsehoods vile,
Still let me "carry on" and smile.

If in return for good deeds done,
Ingratitude to all I've won,
Let me not harbor bitterness,
But sleep on doing none the less.

To keep me human, now and then,
Please let me sin like other men.
So I may not presume to pass
In judgment on some fellow-ass.

I'd hate it, but I shall not whine,
If time enlarges such the line
That marks my waist; and though I care,
I shall not mourn the loss of hair.

My teeth, as true, I greatly prize,
And, most of all, of course, my eyes;
But one thing more I'd keep—this, then:
My sense of humor, Lord, Amen!

Lots of women think Easter Sunday is De-ration day,
The most important matter in the world is gray.

NO HURRY

The candidate was somewhat taken back when he faced the "audience" to find it consisted of one solitary person. Realizing however, that an election may be won by one, so to speak, he braced himself up and delivered his address as to a "packed house."

After an hour and a half of pleases and promises he wound up with "And now, my dear sir, I shall not encroach upon your valuable time any longer."

"Oh, it's all right, governor," interrupted the "audience." "Fire away! Don't mind me, I'm only your tax driver."

TO THE POINT

Edinburgh, Scotland: The Sunday school teacher was talking to the children about cruelty to animals. "I once knew a little boy who cut off a cat's tail. Think of it, children! took a little and cut the tail right off. Can anyone tell me a verse in the Bible that would have taught this cruelty?"

A moment's silence. Then a small boy with a "happy thought" expression held up his hand.

"What is it, my boy?" asked the teacher, hopefully.

"What God hath joined do not put asunder," responded the small boy.

The reason that some reformers favor Her "What would you say if I put my arm around you?" She: "At last!"

ELGIN EPWORTH LEAGUE PARTY

(Special to The Observer)

ELGIN, Apr. 22.—The entertainment given by the Epworth League last Tuesday was an entire success. It was given in the opera house and was composed of a "Doll Show" by local young people and the motion picture dramatization of "Pilgrim's Progress." The doll show included "dolls" of different nationalities and the "Sunbonnet Babies," then the character dolls, representing local residents, brought a great deal of amusement. Among the celebrities of the locality given were Mr. Bailey as orator, Mr. Weatherman as Elgin's Burbank, Mr. Denham as Elgin's lawyer, Ernest Vebra, Hale Boell and Roderick McMullen. The two characters representing "Jiggs and Maggie" were greeted by much laughter. The University of Oregon's film of "Pilgrim's Progress" was very excellent. The league is to be commended on its ability to bring such an interesting entertainment to the town, and we are all pleased that they were able to make a tidy sum for their own treasury above their expenses.

Clement McKinnis and C. M. Hale, prominent Summerville residents, were in Elgin last Thursday.

O. M. Bennett is using his truck hauling a heavy road drag to put the streets into better condition for automobile travel. He has been working nearly all the week.

Dwight Barnes is enclosing his property with a neat woven wire fence.

Nearly every home owner is taking advantage of these lovely spring days to clean up the premises and put everything about them in order. A number of unsightly old sheds are being reduced to firewood.

Mrs. Theibert Choate was hostess to a large gathering of women Thursday afternoon, under the auspices of the Ladies' Aid, when a farewell reception was given for Mrs. Underwood, who leaves this week for Portland, where the family will reside. Most delicious refreshments were served.

At the close of the business meeting Miss Eloise Leighton took several pictures of the group under the great pine trees on the lawn. The Underwood family will be greatly missed in Elgin.

Mrs. H. L. Willis has been suffering from a slight attack of La Grippe or influenza for the past week.

James Wickens has recently purchased the old Jim Boly farm of 480 acres for \$14,000. This farm sold three years ago for \$24,000.

Olaf Olsen is here from North Powder. He is visiting with his parents and his brother, who live near Elgin.

Mrs. George Gale returned last Saturday from a several weeks' visit with her relatives in Portland.

Charles Paul is moving to the Blazer place, which recently purchased from A. E. Hug.

Cornelius Olson went to Enterprise last Sunday evening to visit with his daughter.

Forrest Ryder came in from Minam

Manhood's First Moment.
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Curious Courtship.
A very curious method of courting is adopted by the Zaparos, a tribe of South America. The love-stricken young man goes out hunting, and on his return throws his game at the feet of the woman on whom he has set his affections. If she takes the game, lights the fire and commences to cook, he knows his suit is accepted; if not, he knows he is rejected.

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CLEAN-UP WEEK IN ISLAND CITY

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ISLAND CITY, Apr. 22.—Mrs. Elizabeth Seng of Dayton, Oregon, is here visiting her daughter, Mrs. D. W. Caldwell, at Island City, where she will visit for a week.

The Ladies Aid will have a social Wednesday at the church.

The weather is better and the farmers have begun planting crops. They are hoping this weather will continue until they get them in.

This is clean-up week in Island City. Everybody is busy.

Quite a number from Island City attended the Easter cantata at the First M. E. Church in La Grande last Sunday night.

The Alert Sunday school class held their regular monthly business meeting at the home of their teacher, Mrs. J. E. Kiddie, last Tuesday night. After the business a very enjoyable social hour was spent.

James Leitch and R. M. McAllister were elected to represent Chosen Friends Lodge, No. 150, I. O. O. F., at the Grand Lodge to be held in Eugene, Oregon, May 24th.

Attend Theatre.
NEW YORK, Apr. 22.—Lord and Lady Astor went to the theater tonight for their first amusement since their arrival from England on Wednesday. Tomorrow they will depart for Baltimore, where Lady Astor, first woman member of parliament, will address the pan-American conference of women.

Inventor of the Locomotive.
George Stephenson, the renowned English engineer who invented the locomotive, never saw the inside of a university. He started his career as assistant fireman in the colliery where his father was employed, and it was due to self-teaching and untiring application to his trade that he managed to produce in 1814 the first real "traveling engine." This so outclassed the crude models of others who had also tackled the problem that Stephenson well deserves to be called the man who made modern railroading possible.

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"Who's Who" in Navy Blue



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From Paris comes the word that the world is not entirely made of tweed, and that the aristocrat of colors—navy blue—has never lost caste in a season of brilliant shades, being as eminently fitted as ever for leadership in the style rainbow.

The suits, frocks and lovely capes of rich, soft materials, which, by their chic and individuality, their darkness brightened by rays of gleaming color, more than justify the Parisian's unusual faithfulness to an old love.

Bright Outlook for Blue Suits

Especially for the plainly tailored models of twill and tricotine with braid and embroidery trimming, beautiful Canton crepe linings and narrow* belts.

One might say their simplicity is their charm. Priced \$28.50 up.

Over 20 Styles of New Pumps and Oxfords Including the New Strap Patterns are at— \$5.00 to \$10.00

"Armstrong's" are Always the Best

A BRIDAL GIFT
Wedding bells will be welcoming bells for such a lovely gift as the beautiful new table linens we are now showing.

Cut cloths of finest pure Irish linen, new and distinctive patterns, have just arrived and are priced at \$5.50, \$7.50, \$8.00 and up to \$15.00, various sizes.

Napkins to match are priced \$6.75, \$7.00, \$8.00 and to \$10.00 dozen. Sold half-dozen or full dozen.

LOVELY NEW ANGORA SCARFS
In a Brilliant Array of Colors

Color has played such an important part in the new spring wearing apparel that it is not content to stop with silks and millinery but continues even into wool.

We have just received some very new scarfs of Angora—and such brilliant shades—tangerine—and shades that combine in bright contrast.

Many have already asked about these scarfs—they're here! Come in and see them! Priced \$5.00.

And Silk Knitted Scarfs for Wear With Tweed Suits are Priced From— \$3.00 to \$5.00

TO BE SMARTLY SHOD
One Must Combine Comfort with Fashion.

Perfect fitting shoes give the feet a chance to fall into natural lines that soothe the muscles and strengthen weakened arches, gradually rectifying foot ailments.

"ARMSTRONG"
Pumps, oxfords and shoes are the most perfect fitting footwear we have ever known. That is why it is a joy to sell them in preference to many others that make up our stocks.

This strap pump, illustrated, is of fine brown kid with beige color binding, two in-step straps and a junior Louis heel. Priced at \$11.00.

Other pumps and oxfords range from \$5 up.

Egyptian Architecture.
In the furniture world the massiveness and stability of the Egyptian furniture as dug from out century-old ruins is as well known as the time-defying pyramids and sphinx are to every school child. Art critics are quite agreed that the old Greco-Roman houses were the most perfect in line, harmony and utility of any ancient dwellings. But they are equally agreed that the Egyptian architecture runs a close second.

"God Be With Ye."
As a matter of fact we English-speaking folk have a word to say at parting which means a lot. "Good-by" is a contraction of "God be with ye," but not one person in a million thinks of this when using it. While we may not object to our butcher having divine guidance, the wish is certainly not in our mind when we say to him over the telephone: "Now don't forget about the lamb chops; good-by!"

Cities and Solitude.
The poet, in utter solitude remembering his spontaneous thoughts and recording them, is found to have recorded that which men in "cities vast" find true for them also.—Emerson.

Transportation in China.
"Two legs for short distances and four legs for long ones," is the common method of transportation in China. Although railways and steamships are coming into service, camels and donkey trains are still frequently used.

For Watching the Cucumbers.
The "fodge" in a garden of cucumbers," mentioned in Isaiah 1:8, is a rude temporary shelter erected in the open grounds in which a boy or man is set on watch to scare away robbers or the foxes and jackals from the vines.

Use Observer Want Ads.

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Tuesday Eve, April 25, 1922

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Reserved Seats at Silverthorn's

Prices, 50c, 75c
*War Tax Added

MOOSE MINSTRELS

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Lumber products of the Pacific Coast bring \$3,000,000,000 a year. Unless all good citizens do their part toward the prevention of forest fires a heavy percentage of this revenue will be lost to us in the future.

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