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### Bible Thought. For Today

PROCLAMATION OF PEACE.—Glory be to God in the highest and on earth peace, good will toward men.—Luke 2:14.

## THE OFFICE CAT



From the Telegram of the 24th, we read an editorial entitled "Un-American." We say "All hail to the Evansville, Indiana, people who have formed this Newcomers' Club." Of course there was no need of such a club. Oh, absolutely not, with so many other perfectly good and oh, so respectable clubs to go to, with such lovely people, you know, "They all belong to our church," just that kind. And then, you see, it is only right that folks should know from whence you sprang, and whether you are springing. We wonder if the stranger isn't taking a fifty-fifty chance in knowing you? Think it over. We are not supposed to take away the job of editor or we might say a few things but this we will say—there is just one thing that is Un-American about it and that is the whole darn editorial.—Junius Observer.

Looking into a mirror, a woman finds her favorite work of art, a man his favorite topic of conversation.

The man who wears an empty sleeve is pathetic. But the man who wears an empty hat is much more so.

College fraternities have grown and spread until some of them have more chapters and a Dickens novel.

### "JOURNEY'S END"

She was loquacious. The men of her town were gone; yet of all the glorious group that had marched so bravely away, not one had belonged especially to her. Not one had written her a letter; not one had even suggested that he would appreciate a scarf made by her skillful fingers. She had made the scarf, however, and had sent it to an unknown through the Red Cross. With it, attached firmly to the fringe, went a loving message.

It was a lonesome soldier who received it. Glad to have someone to thank for something, he wrote a grateful note immediately. Of course she answered, and their letters soon became precious to each other.

When the war was over and her soldier boy was homeward bound, she hastened to New York to greet him. At the appointed place she waited with eager heart. A stalwart soldier, recognizing her by the emblem previously agreed upon, came rushing toward her. He was as black as precious coal. But then—so was she.—Life.

### LET IT GO.

She was wearing what's known as a dress. Through there wasn't enough for a mess.

Two galleons slender—Naught else to defend'er. From cold! She could scarcely wear less.

What I've mentioned was north of her waist. Down below—let us pass it in haste. For her skirts were so saucy. They showed you—oh laud! To be frank 'twere the grossest of taste.

To her hubby she whispered: "Say, kid! Some part of rigging has slid!" He replied with a scoff: "Well, let it come off! Nobody would know if it did!" —Strickland Gillilan.

### BITS O' WISDOM.

When you have a friend do not go around looking for a pruney who poses as a friend.

If you are in bad, to stay in only makes it worse.

He that is wild thinks that the whole world is wild.

What we think are necessities are often vile things.

Be patient, for there are many "guys" you can lick.

Start a thing wrong and it gets worse as you go along.

## ROAD TO BAKER IS OPEN AGAIN

Report of Highway Commission on Roads for Week Ending Last Saturday Issued.

The division engineer's office of the state highway commission has completed compiling a report on the condition of the roads in eastern Oregon. The report is as follows and was issued Saturday date.

The Old Oregon Trail. Pendleton to foot of Cabbage Hill—Open; macadamized. Foot of Cabbage Hill to Higgard—Closed by snow.

Higgard-La Grande—Open but very rough. La Grande-Hot Lake—Pavement and macadam; good construction.

Hot Lake-Union—Open; short detours necessary. Cross tracks just east of Hot Lake; detour marked to main highway; detour just east of Union at small bridge.

Union-Haines—Excellent macadam. Haines-Baker—Macadam, soft in spots—drive carefully.

Baker-Nelson—Fair. Nelson-Huntington—New standard grade; detour 2 1/2 miles in length from Gales crossing to Weatherby bridge; use old road which is very rough. Detour one-fourth mile at Jordan creek, very rough; detour of one mile from Lime to Huntington, overhead crossing; use old road which is in fair condition; detours of half mile from Pope and Stauffer ranch to Binger ranch; use old road, in fair condition. The detours on this section are well marked, but care should be used as they are very rough; use chains.

Huntington-Wesler (via Olds Ferry)—Fair condition; Oregon side closed. Wesler-Ontario—Excellent macadam. La Grande-Joseph Highway.

La Grande-Island City—Paved. Island City-Elgin—County road; open but rough; mud holes in places, drive carefully.

Elgin-Minam—Nine miles out macadam; from end of macadam, bad. Minam-Joseph—Macadamized with exception of eight mile stretch between Lostine and Elyria; this strip is very rough; use chains; take river road. Road will be open from La Grande to Wallawa Lake by May 1st.

## COVE MAN IS SHIPPING HOGS

(Special to The Observer). COVE, Ore., Apr. 25.—A. L. Beckey and family spent the week-end visiting relatives and friends in Baker and Pleasant Valley.

C. S. Arkia is here from California visiting at the J. B. Tallent home.

L. V. Johnson took three loads of fat hogs to Island City for shipment last Saturday.

Louie Lantz was a La Grande visitor this week.

Harles Koger and family were entertained at dinner at the L. J. Chadwick home last Sunday.

Miss Mertie Miles closed her school in Shanli district last Friday.

Huclan Koger delivered two loads of fat hogs in La Grande Saturday.

Spring is here at last and people are making garden and some farmers are plowing.

The farmers north of Cove are busy with their telephone line this week.

L. V. Johnson and family, Mrs. Brazile and daughter, Miss Esther, were La Grande visitors Saturday.

Waldo and Frank Richardson have spent the past week at the Minam.

L. J. Chadwick and family were guests at the Wm. Brazile's home on Sunday.

L. V. Johnson and family visited at the Geo. Chadwick home at Sunday.

You Lose Either Way. Don't argue with a woman. If you convince her that she is wrong she will think you are contemptible for being right.

## Good Clothes Show Their Value

The Fit, Style, Quality of Material and Tailoring Stand Out Pre-eminently

The fit of your suit, the quality of the fabric, the style and the tailoring are the things first noticed in a new suit. Your friends notice these things—your business associates notice them; that's why you want GOOD CLOTHING when you are buying. They not only look fine at first, but they stay that way as long as you wear them—they're tailored from fine fabrics and the tailoring is there to stay.

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### The New Soft Collared SHIRTS

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It's the style of this new shirt that takes his eye—it's made with the very new soft attached collar—so comfortable and cool in the summer.

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### A New "EDWIN CLAPP" SHOE

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### Homes in the Making.

The town without homes would be no town at all; the town that does not increase its number of homes is a poor town to live in; the town with people who do not take pride in their homes is a dead one.

And to all of these interrogations and suggestions La Grande proudly bows her head and says: "Within my borders there are nearly two thousand homes, more are being built every month, and I defy any other town to show a people that holds greater pride in keeping up their homes, their lawns and their parking."

A very clear and concise statement on the part of La Grande but a very truthful one.

It is common to hear the stranger within our gates comment on the excellent manner La Grande's residence sections are kept.

Right now there are a number of new homes in the making, which goes to show that stagnation never rests on La Grande's banner and the brightness of the future becomes more and more apparent for this city when it is known that our people have full and perfect confidence in the future, so much so that they are willing to invest their money in good homes.

Here are a few homes now building: Nels Nelson is erecting a \$4,000 residence on Oak street between Adams and Jefferson.

Dr. Ralston has a \$6,000 home started on N. avenue between Second and Third streets.

Oscar Johnson is building a new home on Second street between Spring and Penn.

I. E. Chenault has just finished a nice home on Second street near Spring.

Lafayette Wheeler is building on Spring street between Walnut and Cedar.

C. R. Buell, who sold his Spring street residence recently to Mr. and Mrs. Charles Payne, is building a new \$4500 home on Second between Adams and Jefferson.

### Will It Sink?

It took pioneers many years to get a roadbed through Booth lane that would permit travel when there was the least moisture in the ground. It took them equally as long to gravel the road from Island City to Moss chapel so that it could be depended upon.

The new road is being built through the lowlands of Blokland and Pierce lands, and the question arises in the minds of many—will it take the builders as long to make a highway on this route as it did the old fellows who did the road building on Booth Lane?

### The Unbroken Sphere.

"The world," Lloyd George has told his associates at the Genoa conference, "is one economic unit. Economically it is not even two hemispheres—it is one round, unbroken sphere. For that reason I regard that the great American republic is not represented here. Much that has happened and is happening in Europe makes Americans cautious in interfering in our affairs. But if we can get those things right at this conference, I rest sure that America will not merely come in, but come in gladly."

The British premier shows a good understanding of American sentiment, as usual. It is hoped that this statement will prove to be not merely a warning but an incentive to the statesmen gathered at Genoa.

All of them are eager for American cooperation and support in the task of reconstructing Europe and restoring international finance and trade. The best way to obtain what they want is to demonstrate that any help which may be given their hemisphere will not be wasted. If the can avoid breaking up in a row at Genoa, and make some sort of beginning to unity and cooperation among themselves, that will afford the desired demonstration, and America can go into their councils with some assurance of success.

That is the way of salvation for Europe and, incidentally, of future prosperity and progress for America.

### Nine Cents for Books.

The possessor of nine cents shouldn't even buy admission to a motion picture show. He couldn't possess a great deal of food or clothing, nor buy out a five-cent book store. Yet he can, with his nine cents, purchase almost any of the best reading privileges with all the conveniences and entertainment that can be had for the price.

There is a public library in La Grande, N. C., toward which the public contributes only nine cents a year per capita. With an annual budget of \$5,000 the local library maintains a full-time staff of three in addition to herself, and adds a

most miraculously to the collection of books. Better still, she keeps the library in use and the books in circulation.

With only 10,000 volumes, 4,000 of which are reference works, that Charlotte library achieved the record of circulating 56,264 books last year. In that year, too, the demand for non-fiction books increased materially over that for fiction.

Such volumes as Queen Victoria and the Outline of History—books of rather high price—have been added to the collection, and more will come as fast as the librarian can afford to get them.

If so much can be done with such small funds, what could not be done if the library needs were met promptly and public support increased?

Walter Irwin's old prophecy that some day a newspaper would get on no extra on "Everything Quiet—Nothing Doing Today" has been almost realized. New York papers played up a story of a hotel banquet without booze.

Isn't it rather extreme for college authorities to take the position that athletics are intended for the benefit of colleges and not colleges for the benefit of athletics?

Somebody suggests, as a remedy for the coal situation, that congress "study the coal industry." That's the trouble about congress. Before it can do anything in a crisis it has to be educated; and then by the time it has got its education, the crisis is past and the country has elected another congress.

Arthur Brisbane thinks it would be better if everybody had six fingers on each hand, for then we would count by dozens instead of tens. Try that on the multiplication table and the glove counter.

East and West will come nearer meeting when Colorado has dug that Moffat tunnel and abolished the Great Divide.

So now, we presume, the student class here of a celebrated firm are all prepared, with the enthusiastic help of the public to help them.

### Deacons Refuse to Allow Actress In Church on Sunday

(By Associated Press). NASSAU, N. Y., Apr. 25.—Virginia Pearson, motion picture actress, who was to have spoken at the First Baptist church Sunday night, was prevented at the last minute by her deacons. They instructed the pastor to announce that the action was for "the good of the church." A crowd that filled the auditorium, for the first time in its history, had appeared to hear Miss Pearson tell of "efforts to raise the moral standard of the stage." She said afterwar's that she was invited to speak by the pastor, adding that the action of the deacons was "apparently the work of people who think that actors and actresses are damned forever."

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