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Bible Thought For Today

GIVING GETS: — There is that scattereth, and yet increaseth; and there is that withholdeth more than he meet, but intendeth to poverty. — Proverbs 11:24.

As Further Evidence.

Are we on a vacation from sane, common sense methods in politics, or are we as a people to be cursed and blighted permanently by the present foolishness indulged in by many office-seekers under the primary system?

All over the nation the freaks are out this year much like ground squirrels in early spring. In one state a girl twenty-one years old is running for governor with her powder puff in one hand, a beer and wine platform in the other and her skirts shortened to her knees. In another state a young man is wangling away on a reform platform, and he has recently been released from an insane asylum, yet has some political nostrums that will save the nation he says.

In Oregon we do not have a petite young lady with short skirts and Scotch rolls running for governor, but we have a conglomerate mass of alleged tax reducers and reform agents proclaiming their ability.

As further evidence that the present system is a rank failure and that some of the candidates running should probably be in the insane asylum, the Evening Observer wishes to respectfully call your attention to one Will E. Purdy, who runs a bath house in Salem, seeking the Democratic nomination for the office of governor.

Mr. Purdy has been in the newspapers more or less of late and in yesterday's Portland Journal he pulled the following assinine communication which should awaken the entire state to the condition we have drifted into by permitting such chaps to even get their names on the ballot. Mr. Purdy writes as follows:

In an editorial in The Sunday Journal of April 23, under the headline "All Flappers," you quote a portion of my platform as a candidate for the nomination for governor of Oregon, and then proceed to ask yourself, the public and the candidate how the platform is to be carried out. "Take the kick out of moonshine and knock hell out of those drawing state money without first earning it." You ask if this would require a judicial, a legislative or an executive operation. This would depend absolutely as to whether the moonshine was internal or external. If internal, the operation would be by execution. If external, it would be judicial. The official slinger to "knock hell out of the state officials and employees who fail to earn their salaries" will use something more effective than a baseball bat, and the rules will be by the slaughter-house method, remains to

be deposited in the West-Oleott cemetery, with official undertakers already paid by the taxpayers of Oregon in advance.

You seem very much in earnest to know in advance of my election as governor of Oregon just how my platform is to be carried out. I feel that it would be causing you unnecessary pain to withhold my plans from you. I am the manager of a Turkish bath-house. If you don't believe it, ask the editor of the Salem Capital Journal. He isn't afraid to tell anyone. I propose that if the cork-screw or gimlet has been used and the moonshine is internal to take the kick out through the hot-room method. If the moonshine sills can be put out of commission through my efforts in conjunction with the proper officers, then the hot method will be exclusively used to knock hell out of those drawing state money without first earning it. WILL E. PURDY.

If we are to all agree that the governor's office is to be the official nut house of this state let us continue under the present direct primary, inviting the world to gaze upon a fine old state that has gone "buggy" through the fungi deposited on the body politic from Oregon City's wild-eyed citizens. For that is the stuff that germinates and produces the Purdys and others of his kind.

The King of Beggars.

There is a crowned king of marble shooters in the state of New Jersey. He wears a gold medal as badge of his rank, and is to head the Rotary Club parade on April 29. He is a 15-year-old boy called "Buster."

Buster had 24 competitors, each a champion marble-shooter in his own district. The 15 youngsters toed the ring mark before a crowd of 1,000 spectators. They proved to be a pretty good bunch of pluggers and the ring had to be gradually widened until it was 15 feet in diameter. By that time only three contestants were left. Two of them missed, but Buster's shot pegged 'em out. About that time Buster remembered that he'd promised his mother he'd be home at 7 o'clock. "I gotta hurry," he said, and departed.

This was, and very recently, when the marble-shooter's annual appearance was looked upon with pleased eyes simply because it was one of the sure signs of returning spring. Like top and jumping robes and violets and meadowlarks, it meant that winter and gone and the baseball season would soon be on its fall wings. Now, however, the passer-by must look with keener interest at a every little group of marble-shooters. There is no fellow which neighborhood is going to produce the great professional or from what back alley the amateur champion may come forth.

Being Sensible.

Heywood Brown, the New York World's witty commentator on things in general, tells of a letter from a correspondent who objects to the proposed Irish settlement because "it's so damned sensible." Brown adds:

"We have somewhat the same feeling about prohibition. It is a movement to take the folly out of our national life, and there is no quality which America needs so sorely."

If enforcement ever becomes perfect, says Brown, "this will be a nation composed entirely of men who

wear rubbers, put money in the bank and go to bed at 10."

Possibly that is the best argument yet made against prohibition. But appealing as it is, it is not altogether conclusive. Even at the risk of appearing lamentably sensible, the average American is likely to yield the last word to Lady Astor, who, without claiming any personal knowledge of the American liquor situation, hits the nail on the head with her usual accuracy, thus:

"I can say with conviction that I have never yet met the man or woman who was made more unselfish or better by drink, but I have seen hundreds ruined by it."

Beer vs. Pork.

Those who maintain that "there is just as much brewing going on as ever, only it's more widely distributed," may be interested in an announcement from the Department of Agriculture: "Barley as a hog feed is coming on the markets in increasing amounts, probably for the reason that its use for brewing purposes has fallen off, and the hog industry has been moving into the barley-producing districts."

It is an unscrupulous and low-minded person who will rise up and remark that "the barley always went for hog feed, anyway," for there have always been perfectly nice and respectable people who drank beer.

To get on safer ground, let us hasten to say that the barley ultimately serves the same purpose as ever, but to better effect. That is, the ultimate consumer gets more nourishment, energy and health out of the barley in the form of pork and bacon than he ever got in the form of beer, notwithstanding the hygienic claims of some of the late-remembered beer advertisements.

The most damning criticism of Bolshevism yet printed in America comes from Emma Goldman, the Anarchist. She says that in two years' residence in Russia she only heard one child

THE OFFICE CAT

By JUNIOR



Undergraduates at Harvard are to be required to read the Bible. They will be surprised, when they dip into it, to find most of their favorite quotations there.

Emma Goldman stumbles out of starving Russia into a job as newspaper reporter. You make the comment, reader, while we dry our tears.

Installments.

Charleston News and Courier: "Here's my bill," said the surgeon. "Wish you would pay down \$100, and then \$25 per week." "Sounds like buying an automobile," said the patient. "I am," said the surgeon.

If a girl has a one-piece skull she can easily offset the handicap with a one-piece bathing suit.

Conscience Guides.

Pearson's Weekly (London): A man who had his purse stolen in a crowd received this letter one day: "Sir, I stole your munny. Remauss is noing me, so I send sum of it back to you. When it nors again I will send sum more."

The number of people in the United States who cannot speak English is less than two millions. This includes train callers.

A real man, after climbing to the top, doesn't forget those who held the ladder for him.

As for the party of the second part, every flapper has her flapper.

Taking No Chances.

Birmingham Age-Herald: "What's going on here?" "A prize fight, mister. The purse is a quarter." "What's that youngster doing up a tree while another boy walks around below with a club in his hand?" "Oh, that feller in the tree is the stakeholder."

Safety First.

Life: Mrs. Nullywed (to husband who has taken one bite of her first cake): "You can't keep your cake and have it, too."

Mr. Nullywed—"A lovely thought, dear. I believe I prefer to have it."

Tampa Times: When the gods seek to make an ass of a man they put him in a high position and let him work it out himself.

Misleading.

"Did you buy your furniture at that installment house I told you about?" "No, indeed! I went out there and looked at the sign in the window and came right away."

"Why, what was wrong?" "You know very well prices have been dropping like the mischief lately and his advertisement said 'Nothing down.'"

A bachelor has his troubles. Every time he meets a family into which he would like to marry he discovers there's no daughter.

According to things we hear and read, that doesn't stop some of the bachelors from trying to belong to the family.—Junior.

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LOCAL GIRL IN OPERA 'MANON'

Miss Martha Schofield Will Take Part in Production To Be Given at Salt Lake City.

A graduate of the La Grande high school of several years ago will take a prominent part in Manon's "Manon," to be given by singers from the University of Utah in the Salt Lake Theater of Salt Lake City on May 5 and 6. She is Miss Martha Schofield. Miss Schofield will play the role of a servant in the opera.

The opera is to be given as the annual production of the University of Utah Musical society. The opera is considered the most attractive and popular of all French grand opera, and was secured for presentation in the west only after considerable effort. It has been played 1125 times in the Opera Comique in Paris. A symphony orchestra of 60 pieces will furnish the accompaniment, with a chorus of 100 voices picked from the university musical society. A ballet of 10 has also been secured. A college opera with so many participants has never before

been undertaken in Utah, and every singer has rehearsed daily for months. The opera was to have been produced last year, and try-outs were held for places on the cast, but owing to financial difficulties all engagements were cancelled, so this presentation will represent two years of preparation. Use Observer Want Ads.



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