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### Sible Thought For Today

A SURE GUIDE:—Commeth thy way unto the Lord; trust also in him; and he shall bring it to pass. Trust in the Lord and wait patiently for him.—Psalm 37:5, 7.

### THE MODEST, MOTHER-LOVING GRANT.

The celebration of General Grant's birthday has brought out many things about this warrior-statesman that everyone should know.

General Grant was one of the most modest men that ever held a high position. He never entertained the foolish belief that the country couldn't get along without him, or that his services as general or President were superior to others.

A sample of this modesty and belief in the ability of others was graciously shown in the brief speech made in Philadelphia a few hours before leaving for his famous trip around the world.

"I was not aware," he said, "that we would have so much speech-making here, or that it would be necessary for me to say any more to you, but I feel that the compliments you have showered upon me were not altogether deserved—that they should not all be paid to me; either as a soldier or civil officer. As a general your praises do not all belong to me—as the Executive of the nation they are not due to me. There is no man who can fill both or either of these positions without the help of good men. I selected my lieutenants when I was in both positions, and they were men, I believe, who could have filled my place often better than I did. I never flatter myself that I was entitled to the place you gave me. My lieutenants could have acted perhaps better than I, had the opportunity presented itself. Sherman could have taken my place, as a soldier or in a civil office, and so could Sheridan, and others I might name. I am sure if the country ever comes to this need again there will be men for the work. There will be men born for every emergency. Again I thank you, and again I bid you good-bye; and once again I say that, if I had failed, Sherman or Sheridan, or some of my lieutenants would have succeeded."

Here is a letter General Grant wrote to his mother when he was in college. Let every boy read it and ponder over this great tender-hearted American:

"I have occasionally been called upon to be separated from you, but never did I feel the full force and effect of this separation as I do now. I seem alone in the world without my mother. There have been so many ways in which you have advised me when, in the quiet of home, I have been pursuing my studies, that I cannot tell you how much I miss you. I was so often alone with you, and you so frequently spoke to me in private, that the solitude of my situation here at the Academy, among my silent books, and in my lonely room, is all the more striking. It reminds me the more forcibly of home, and most of all, dear mother, of you. But in the midst of all this, your kindly instructions and admonitions, are ever present with me. I trust they may never be absent from me, as long as I live. How often do I think of them, and how well they strengthen me in every good word and work! My dear mother, should I progress well with my studies at West Point, and become a soldier of my country, I am looking forward with hope to have you spared to share with me, in any advancement I may make. I see now in looking over the records here, how much American soldiers of the right stamp are indebted to good American mothers! When they go to the fields, what prayers go with them; what tender testimonials of affection and counsel are in their knap sacks! I am struck, in looking over the history of the noble struggle of our fathers for national independence, at the evidence of the good influence exerted upon them by the women of the Revolution."

### The Boy Detective.

Alongside of the "detective" work of Tom Sawyer and Huckleberry Finn, set the feat of the less pretentious, but no less effective Billy Mason, aged 12, of the bandit-plagued city of Cleveland. Billy happened to be ambuling home from a movie show the other evening when he saw through a store window, three men holding up a man, shop proprietor with drawn revolvers. Billy slipped into a dark doorway and used it as a base of observation. Soon the three bandits came out, jumped into an automobile and drove away. Billy, as a matter of course, observed the number of the car. In order not to forget it, he scratched the number on a brick with the tip of his pocket knife. Then he went in to see how the butcher fared, and found that he was minus \$220, but otherwise all right. That detail attended to, Billy hunted up a policeman, told him the story and took him and showed him the number on the brick. In three hours the police had the vandals.

For 18 years his mother-in-law closed and locked the door for the night at 10 o'clock. She forbade the gas heater for the bath to burn more than 10 minutes; he wasn't allowed to play the phonograph or to smoke in the house. The last straw that broke the camel's back was piled on the other day when she ordered him not to sit on the porch because his shoes left marks on the paint. He has sued for divorce, says Frank Irvine in the Portland Journal.

"I tell you things run in cycles," said Julius Roesch in his philosophical manner when a very fine coat insisted on making its headquarters in his garage. "Years ago," continued Julius, "a lively stable was incomplete without a goat, now this little animal has taken up with the Ford car and he sticks around this garage very much like the goats formerly stuck to the boys' waists. Whereupon Roesch, the painter upstairs ejaculated, 'Wait until the boss hears that a Ford recently jays established the value of a Ford car at \$16 and that will get his little goat!'"

tariff bill before hurrying to the city in the Senate, which suggests a concealed possibility why the tariff on the home by means of a tariff on immigrants? If this radio broadcasting city plants ordinary speaking sets, it will be possible to do an enormous lot of work by the simple process of setting up a radio receiver.

To catch the popular breeze, the Oregon Non-Partisan Union is for the first time in its history, has a new republican and democratic committee that they to it—Portland Telegram

### THE OFFICE CAT



A lot of people seem to think they are qualified to hold office merely because nobody has anything "on" them. On the same theory a friendly house cat would make a fine mayor.

Answers, London. Mrs. O'Brien—They say it's not polite to be helped twice. Mr. Flaherty, but you'll take another piece of my cake, won't you? Flaherty—Indeed, O! will that Mrs. O'Brien share it, the height of politeness to ate a second piece of such cake as this.

Tacoma Ledger: "Eight out of ten Americans, at banquets, cut their fish with meat knives," says a head waiter. Horrors! And Margaret Asquith never thought of that.

An illiterate justice of the peace used to consult what looked like a law book, but was really a mail order catalogue. One day a negro was haled before the squire on a charge of drunkenness. The squire heard the evidence and then, after opening his book and glancing at it, fined the negro \$4.49 to be worked out on the roads at 25 cents per day. As the negro was being led away he said to the marshal, "I who is a untucky nigger!" "Unlucky nothing," said the marshal. "If the squire had happened to open that book at automobiles instead of pants you'd be working on the road the rest of your life."

In Naughty Washington As conditions prevail now, the obligation of calling on the ladies of the diplomatic corps assumes huge proportions, and is not to be distinguished with a few hours' activity.—Washington Star.

Mosquitoes Long Preserved in Rock. Mosquitoes two million years old have been found in the Eocene rocks of Wyoming and Colorado.

Fire, Marine and Miscellaneous.

SYNOPSIS OF THE ANNUAL STATEMENT OF THE HARTFORD ACCIDENT AND INDEMNITY COMPANY. Amount of capital stock paid up \$1,000,000.00. Net premiums received during the year \$11,553,072.36. Total income \$11,786,533.65. Total expenditures \$9,965,164.10. Total admitted assets \$13,592,276.99. Total liabilities, exclusive of capital stock \$10,282,728.92.

### A Good Investment

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### SEWING PLACED ON EXHIBITION

(Special to The Observer) COVE, April 28.—The display of sewing in the domestic science department of the school building was especially fine. The exhibit ranged from the simplest beginner's art, needlework, through the different stages of sewing, hemmed tea towels, linens, aprons, fine lingerie to dresses of cotton, wool and silk and in each and every department displayed artistic talent and a skillful use of the needle. The rooms were thronged with visitors full of praise for the work of the girls and commending the excellency of the teachers. The visitors were served by the girls.

Mrs. J. E. Stearns of La Grande, who has been a house guest at the home of Dr. C. M. Ramsdell, has returned to her home.

Mrs. Robert French was a Union visitor on Tuesday.

Miss Louise Zora, county health nurse, is making the rounds of Cove. She is looking into the cases of undernourished children, is visiting all the homes that have been afflicted with diphtheria, giving aid and advice in many ways and is proving a real help. Her visits are always welcome.

Regular monthly meeting of the Woman's club was held at the library on Thursday afternoon with an attendance of 12. ONEET TARA an attendance of 12—one new member added. A committee was appointed to meet with the city council to fix a "clean-up" day.

Rev. C. W. DuBois, general missionary, held service at the Ascension church, Wednesday evening. Earl Landers of La Grande is visiting in Cove.

Mrs. Ray Ducean is on the sick list.

Mrs. Geo. Baker, who had an attack of diphtheria several weeks ago is still confined to her bed.

Miss Helen Antles, a bride-to-be, was given a miscellaneous shower by the E. Y. D. club, at the home of Mrs. A. G. Conklin on Tuesday evening. A mock wedding was a feature of the entertainment, the flower girl carrying the gifts for the honor guest, arranged as a bridal bouquet. After the social hour delicious refreshments were served. Those present were Mrs. Thos. Hefty, Mrs. Leonard Towle, Mrs. Roy Jewel, Mrs. Thos. Towle, Mrs. Wm. Hallmark, the Misses Helen Moreland, Helen Antles, Esther Saunders, Emma Brown, Leona Hansen, Mildred Payton, Bess Kelley, Mrs. Alvin Orton, Mrs. A. A. An-

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### A SWEATER FOR WOMEN

Every woman knows the comfort in wearing a sweater—she knows too the need of one for dozens of occasions. Probably for sport wear with a pretty shirt, for golfing, riding or to slip on in the morning or in the evening when it is cool. The attractiveness of it assures of being properly dressed. Here we are showing an unusually large showing of sweaters for all sorts of wear in sizes from 14 years up to 44. There are wool knitted sweaters in tuxedo styles—and silk sweaters in beautiful colorings, tuxedo and slip-over styles. Prices are from \$5.99 up to \$30.00.

### Charming New Neckwear

Fronts Collars Cuffs Sets

—New fronts for summer wear—some of linen, some of lace, some with gingham applique, some of dotted Swiss and in combined materials. There are also sets having the front, collar and cuffs—and there are separate collars too. All are priced very reasonably. Ask to see them when you are here.

Miss Effie Conley, another bride-to-be was given a shower on Wednesday afternoon at the home of Mrs. J. J. Conley by the Guild. The afternoon was spent in playing "500" when delicious refreshments were served. Those present were Mrs. E. C. Rees, Mrs. Lloyd Carter, Mrs. Arch Conley of La Grande, Mrs. Clarence Heryford, Mrs. A. G. Conklin, Mrs. LeRoy Lay, Mrs. T. W. Conklin, Mrs. Ed Thomas, Mrs. John Dean, Mrs. L. N. Conley, Mrs. Ethel Boothe, Mrs. Thos. Hefty, Mrs. Frank Miller, Mrs. C. Lawson, the Misses Effie Conley, Bess Kelley and Fanny Brown, of La Grande. Robert French, who has been for some weeks looking after his sheep at North Powder, was at home for a few days. Frank Musick is very busy these days, doing up the spring paper-hanging. Mrs. Arch Conley and Miss Fanny Brown have been visiting in Cove, the house guests of Mrs. J. J. Conley. Mrs. Ethel Boothe of Union, is visiting at the home of her sister, Mrs. L. N. Conley. Mr. and Mrs. L. R. Lay were North Powder visitors on Tuesday. Chery Chapter Order of the Eastern Star, held a social evening at their lodge room on Wednesday.

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