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Bible Thought. For Today

PRAYER FOR WISDOM:—So teach us to number our days, that we may apply our hearts unto wisdom.—Psalm 90:12.

FITTING INDUSTRY TO NATURE

An electric power plant is erected in Eastern Oregon where the waterfall is sufficient to develop power. The railroad division on the O-W, was placed in La Grande because it was naturally the best location for furnishing extra motive power over the mountain ranges and for repairing engines which undergo severe use on the mountain runs. And so it is with every industry—it must fit with nature.

This being true why would not La Grande be the best in the country for a corn canning establishment? Here we produce a sweet corn that has no equal; here we have sweet corn as a table food for weeks and weeks. The corn stays in the milk longer in the Grande Ronde valley than any other place in the United States thus giving a long canning period.

Why should not the community capitalize what nature has bestowed upon us? With the excellent corn and with the long season for canning why is it not possible to bring to bear on some canning institution these advantages to the end that a plant might be erected here that would furnish work for several hundred people?

WHAT?

Looking over our neighboring cities we sometimes have occasion to compare conditions with our own La Grande and feel better after comparison. Things here seemed to go on edge morally occasionally, but listen to what the old veteran editor I. B. Bowen, who has run the Morning Democrat through open town mining days, says of Baker at the present time:

"Bootlegging and immoral lodging house conditions in Baker stand out defiantly in the face of those who would like to see a clean city and strange as it may appear there is no well directed effort on the part of any one to remedy matters. The police department is indifferent, the churches raise no hue or cry and the people generally lay down on the job and let Nature take its course. Five candidates for mayor are in the field and not one of them has taken a stand on law enforcement and declared his policy if elected. The bootlegger and his ilk rule the roost as it appears and the public submits without a murmur. A strange condition, certainly and one not to be proud of."

TOO MUCH TAX ON AUTOMOBILES

There is a disposition to levy too much tax on automobiles. Heretofore it has been an easy way to raise money and without doubt the taxing of machines and gasoline has been the most popular way of raising money by taxation ever yet discovered. But, like the goose that laid the golden egg, there is a possibility of overdoing the thing. Now comes a congressman who would establish a federal license system in order to raise money for the national government, which is going entirely too far in view of the fact that each state is demanding higher and higher license fees.

A bill providing for a federal license tax of \$2 on each automobile and a filing fee of 25 cents has been introduced in the national congress by Congressman Miles.

To Oregon motorists who are now paying a license fee multiplied several times during the past few years the idea of paying out more money for the privilege of operating a motor vehicle may be unwelcome, although on the other hand the amount may be considered trivial in comparison with the Oregon fee, quite properly remarks the Portland Journal.

The bill proposes a fine of \$1000 or less for changing or mutilating the registration number, and for operating a car with mutilated registration number a fine of \$500. This is a provision that would render more difficult the theft of cars and their removal from one state to another. Thieves who laugh at local officials hesitate before they invite the pursuit of federal officials.

At the same time, if the 10,000,000 motor vehicles in America were taxed \$2 each, there should result—if the fund were well spent—a sum that would help materially in smoothing out the rough connections of interstate highways.

Meanwhile, if they keep levying added taxes, fees and charges, where will they find room on a car to place all the license plates? And how long will it be until the average car, so decorated, will look like the advance wagon of a four-ring circus?

Liberty Bonds of every issue, now selling at 99, or better, are on the verge of crossing par value, and thus fulfilling the campaign promise of President Harding that the Republican administration would do everything in its power to insure against loss those persons who patriotically loaned their funds to the government during the great war. Victory notes crossed par value some weeks ago and are selling in premiums.

Richard Croker, former mayor of New York, who after finishing his term of office, moved to Ireland to take care of his estate.

THE OFFICE CAT

—By JIMMY—



So are taxes, Sherman.

Modern fairy tales. Goldilocks and the Three Bears—Bare Chest, Bare Back, Bare Knees.

FRESH.

Boston Transcript: "Two to Du-luth," said a woman at the ticket window.

"Tiddle-de-dee!" returned the fresh clerk with an idiotic grin and a flirtatious wave of his hand.

IN QUESTIONABLE SOCIETY.

First Guest—This is a pretty cheap family. Just look at the napkins, all patched and darned.

Second Guest—Yes, and besides that, they borrowed them from me.

There will still be enough chronic kickers left when they're all gone.

A reformer is a puss-footing individual who is always going around looking for something to shock him.

Mrs. Wigwag—Are you fond of sports?

Mrs. Dashaway—I used to think I was, until I married one.

14,000 OF ONE KIND, 1,200 DOZEN OF ANOTHER.

Life: Lots of folks that laugh because it takes 5,000,000 rubles to buy a pair of shoes in Russia are saving cigar coupons over here to get a grand piano.

Knoxville, Tenn., Journal and Tribune: "Mary Garden wept when kissed twice on the Pacific coast."—Ex.

And no wonder.

Coxin says from the attendance records of lodges, clubs, fraternities, and other grown-up organizations, it looks like the American youngster was a national orphan.

NEW DEFINITION.

Prof. (in engineering class)—What is a drydock?

Student (in rear)—A physician who won't give out prescriptions.

The average bachelor acts as if he's eternally afraid some woman will slip up behind him and marry him when he's not looking.

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A boxing card such as is seldom staged in a city the size of La Grande will be presented to the fight loving fans at the Star Theater tomorrow evening. The main bout between Muff Bronson and Allie Nelson will be preceded by a fast six round preliminary featuring Kid Sarp and Kid Karther, and a four round go between Cliff Horstman and Butler.

The final mix promises to be one of the classic exhibitions of leathery punches seen in La Grande in a long time. Bronson is the northwestern lightweight champion and Nelson holds the Idaho title. Both boys are in the pink of condition and rarin' to go. Both are confident that his opponent will take the count or at the least, get the worst of it in points.

Nelson has taken part in 32 fights during his career and has lost but two, both being decisions. He has sent many a promising young star and many hard bolted pug to the mat with a K. O. punch during his long list of battles and is in better condition than ever, according to reports.

Bronson has met such men as Charley White, now challenging Benny Leonard, and others who are high in the fighting game. He clashed with White twice, losing in the first by a K. O. and the second by a decision but was in poor health at the time of both fights. He is anything but out of condition at present, however, and although he expects Nelson to be a hard nut to crack, is confident he will defeat him.

Preliminary to the Nelson-Bronson match, Kid Sarp and Kid Karther will enter the ring for a six round bout. Both men are high class ring artists and each has a large number of backers. Both men are clean fast mixers and as there will be no hitting in the clinches, the fight promises to be a big attraction to itself.

Following the curtain raiser "Cliff

Horstman, a high school boy, will enter the ring with Butler. Horstman has most of the local support and will make things interesting for his opponent.

COW TESTING IS UNDER WAY

Last Week Spent in Tuberculin Test Work by Expert and County Agent.

Dr. J. P. Madden, tuberculin testing deputy of the bureau of animal industry, with headquarters at Portland, spent the week of April 23 to 29, inclusive, in testing cattle in Union county for signs of tuberculosis.

During the past week Dr. Madden, in company with County Agent H. G. Avery, visited 112 farms and tested 56 herds divided as follows: Hot Lake, 4; Summerville, 34; and La Grande, 18. The total number of cows tested amounted to 806 with only two reacting to the test although five herds included in the test had reactors a year ago. The cattle reacting at that time were slaughtered and the remainder of the herd carefully disinfected as were the premises.

Indications are favorable for a complete clean-up of tuberculosis in the county in the near future.

It is expected that Dr. Madden will return within three weeks to spend a week more on testing cattle in La Grande, Cove, Imbler and Union. This will dispose of a considerable part of the requests filed for tests and the remaining requests will be cleaned up later in the season. The work completed was arranged by County Agent H. G. Avery.

Joe Zweifel, farm bureau livestock committeeman at Summerville, signed up 24 men having cows to be tested and accompanied the inspector to each farm on the first visit.

THREE DIE IN FIRE.

NEW YORK, May 2.—Three are known to be dead and more than 15 persons were injured in a fire which tonight destroyed a four-story frame tenement in the Richmond Hill district.

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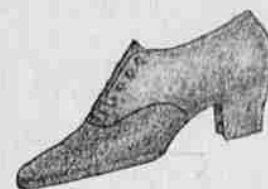
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