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Bible Thought. For Today

SEEK TODAY:—Seek ye the Lord while he may be found, call ye upon him while he is near.—Isaiah 55:6.

BITTER CAMPAIGN NOW CLOSING

In the history of Oregon it is claimed there never has been so bitter a campaign as the one now raging. Saturday the Governor's proclamation against what is termed the Ku Klux Klan brought forth what might be termed a climax, causing the lines to tighten. This was followed by officers of the Klan coming out in the press alleging the attitude of Governor Olcott is purely for political purposes in the face of a primary election.

A few things are quite noticeable as the campaign progresses to its closing day. One is the fight against Congressman Sinnott is waning in a marked degree. There will not be nearly the opposition recorded at the polls against the congressman that was indicated when Mr. Gwynn of Pendleton first entered the race. People are thinking earnestly on the congressional question and the record of Sinnott stands out plainly as one of constant work and consistent effort for his district, the state and the nation. From Umatilla county, the home of Mr. Gwynn comes the information that each day is lessening the Gwynn opposition to Sinnott and men who at first thought they might vote against the congressman are reconsidering the matter and deciding to give him vigorous support at the polls.

Friday will be quite a day in political history of Oregon. The fighting from now until then will continue to be better but the worst is over and from now new issues spring cannot get the consideration. The final struggle will be on the issues now in the hands of the people.

WHEN A NATION FINDS ITSELF

Gustave Frensson, German novelist, tells an American audience:

"We thought God was with us, but we were blinded by pride and we lost the most frightful war in history.

"But the day is not far distant when there will not be a person in Germany but will call the war—terrible as was its cost—a blessing. For through it the German people has found itself."

This is more hopeful than most of the utterances that have come out of Germany, because it suggests a penitential mood which would be undeniably a blessing for Germany and a guarantee against such criminal tragedies hereafter.

The utterance, however, is far from conclusive. If "the German people has found itself," that is well; but the big question is, after this self-discovery, what is Germany going to do with itself?

Where Small Minority Rules

(Albany Herald)
With seven republican and four democratic candidates in the race for the governorship, it appears an impossibility for any of them to obtain party support from the primary with a clear majority. The vote will be so split that none of them, it appears safe to say, will receive the votes of more than half of the electors who participate in the party elections, much less the majority of the party strength. Thus we will have a minority candidate on each ticket—and this in a republic where we boast of majority rule.

The only influence that can prevent such an outcome will be the crystallization of public sentiment upon one candidate in each party. Such a development occasionally takes place when some outstanding figure appears before the voters for their suffrage. But at a time when the field is crowded with men who lack such prestige, the probability is that the votes will be so divided that the chance of focusing public sentiment upon any one of them in either party to the extent of obtaining for him a majority appears practically hopeless.

We doubt if such minority rule is a safeguard to the commonwealth. In fact, we are inclined to the belief that it is a menace, rather. For if it be true that the majority is sometimes mistaken in its verdict, it is more likely that a considerable minority will be.

It will be said by the champions of our present Oregon system that it enables the people to control the choice of their officials. It does this merely in a negative, limited way. For under it the people have not the power to draft for service the men who are eminently qualified for the responsibilities of office. Under the various aspirants arise and we, the people, have only the privilege of choosing between them and this privilege is that of a minority. It is of no avail to say that the regular election nullifies this weakness in our system, for it does not. It merely gives the majority opportunity to ratify the act of a minority.

We believe it will be conducive to the cause of better government to restore the representative system in Oregon. We believe that a convention of the people, made up of men who are elected in their counties by a direct primary vote, should be given the power to elect candidates to the next majority of the people. We believe that such a convention, able to carry it to govern.

Doings of the Ad. Club

C. E. Short, President.
A. W. Nelson, Manager.
Telephone Main 769.

Local Plan Adopted.

A unique advertising scheme to draw tourist traffic to the northwest has been instituted by the Oregon Tourist Bureau. The plan was an original idea with G. L. Larison of this city some two years ago and has now reached the point where it is being put into operation. Monster sign boards with maps and landscape scenes painted thereon will be erected in Los Angeles, Salt Lake, Spokane and elsewhere. Each sign is 10 feet by 50 feet. The ones in which Eastern Oregon is particularly interested will be erected at Salt Lake and Spokane. On one of them there is a big placard, "Wallowa and Blue Mountains, The American Alps, via the Oregon Trail," and another reads "Oregon Scenic Wonderland, Wallowa Lake, an Eastern Oregon Scenic Gem, via Old Oregon Trail." The paintings are wonderfully well done. Photographs of all of them are at the office of the Ad Club manager. These boards will be placed at strategic points at the points indicated. The Union County Ad Club will supplement these monster sign boards on a smaller scale this summer, the Publicity Committee having selected The Dalles and Ontario as two strategic points where travel can be diverted over the Blue Mountains instead of going through Central Oregon.

Anyone interested in the photographs may see them at the secretary's office.

THE OFFICE CAT



Dayton News: Man with five wives to be tried by woman jury? Hasn't he been tried by enough women?

It isn't a moral sense that makes the flapper seem offensive. It is hardening of the arteries.

"Habitual law-breakers are usually mental defectives." We sometimes fear this is true of habitual lawbreakers.

Our system of government is sound. The trouble is that the public servants we choose have so little else to recommend them.

Hell doubtless has its drawbacks, but there probably won't be any smell of Turkish cigarettes there.

ELOQUENT SILENCE

Waterbury Republican: Luther Burbank says the country should be brought up to the point where that no boy should go to school until he is 10. All little boys of contrary mind signify in the usual way. Who dropped that pie?

Cleveland Plain Dealer: A Minnesota judge says that women are a disappointment as jurors. Given 100 million. As soon as they learn to chew tobacco and play pitch, they'll be just as good as the old-fashioned kind.

THE GOOD OLD DAYS

Banquette Region: Two more women what their husbands this week. It used to be when a husband died a wife with his wife she went home to cry on her mother's bosom. Now she saves her crying for the jury.

Toledo Blade: Lina Beane says the human race, after thousands of years of improvement, has reached the point where each individual is pretty well satisfied with himself.



YOUR EXPOSED FILM

After your Sunday's outing bring them here to be developed.
—We have your films to-day and you get the finished pictures tomorrow.

RED CROSS DRUG STORE

They're Blood Foes of Hapsburgs



Countess Karolyi of Hungary and her baby. Tradition says one of early Karolyis pronounced a curse against the Hapsburgs, rulers of Austria—and look at the Hapsburgs now!

111 one-eleven cigarettes
Three Friendly Gentlemen
TURKISH VIRGINIA BURLEY
10¢ for FIFTEEN

In a new package that fits the pocket—
At a price that fits the pocket-book—
The same unmatched blend of
TURKISH VIRGINIA and BURLEY Tobaccos

Manufactured by
The American Tobacco Co.
* 111 FLETH AVE.



A pair of our shoes as we fit them will prove a spring tonic to your feet and give you pep and zip.

The Bootery

A Paradise for Tired Feet
Grover Smith, Mgr.

The use of money is all the advantage there is in having money—Poor Richard.

During the few years just preceding the Revolutionary War while the colonists were heavily burdened with taxation of all kinds, "Poor Richard's" axioms of thrift helped many a man to make ends meet.

Today you can profit by these same worthy axioms because only by thrift can you expect to

Solve the Building Problem

We know many people in this community who have been following Ben Franklin's advice and who saved a part of their earnings and are now planning to build homes, bars, stores, etc. You will appreciate the big values we offer in building materials and our complete plan service. Let's work together to make 1922 the biggest building year and the best year our city has ever seen.

The Grande Ronde Lumber Co.

N.K. West & Co.
THE QUALITY STORE
(Incorporated)

New Soft Collared SHIRTS

Made of the finest shirting, so-called aeroplane cloth and imported silk pongee. They have the new low soft collar, so popular now even among the best dressers. You'll find a good assortment of these shirts here now. Priced from \$2.50 up to \$5.00.

FLORSHEIM OXFORDS \$10

Men who like real style and excellent fit combined with quality, will never regret buying a "Florsheim" oxford. Your only regret will be that you did not buy them sooner. Men who wear them will tell you so. This oxford illustrated is \$10.00.

IT'S TIME FOR STRAWS

Days like the ones we are having now will surely make every man discard his felt hat or his cap, and when he does, he will find a great selection of straws here to pick from. The straight brim or slightly rolled edge—the rough straw—the smooth panama; all for your selection. Come early! Prices are lower too. They start at \$2.00 and range up to \$4.50.

To Union County Republicians

I am a candidate for the nomination to the office of County Treasurer and will greatly appreciate your support. My ability to handle the work as treasurer is known to you all and my regularity in Republican politics is also well known. All Republicans who vote for me at the primary will have my deep appreciation.

HUGH McCALL

Present County Treasurer

Paid Adv.

A CLASSIFIED AD WILL DO IT

Friendship and Finance
The prosperity of our depositors is of great importance to us.
We want you to deposit FRIENDSHIP as well as MONEY when you start an account with us.
Your interests will be protected and you will be assured of OUR friendship in return for your confidence.

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