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Sible Thought For Today

GOD IS MERCIFUL.—Thou art a God ready to pardon, gracious and merciful, slow to anger, and of great kindness.—Nehemiah 9:17.

McARTHUR A STATE CHARACTER.

At least one result from the primary election has a bearing on Oregon's future permanent history. It is the remarkable victory of Congressman Pat McArthur in the Portland district. With three candidates chewing his neck in blood thirsty manner, with secret orders fighting him constantly, with some of his former supporters estranged and seeking new idols, McArthur made the fight and as the darkey down south says, "Come clean." His majority is decisive and to obtain it he sacrificed no principle, nor did he back track a single step on his record in congress.

Plainly this makes McArthur a state character, who in the future will have influence outside of his district. What his political ambitions may be are unknown to the Evening Observer, but whatever they may chance to be an announcement or public utterance of McArthur in the future will receive the most profound attention throughout the state.

As for future contests against him for congressman in his home district, they will not be worth mentioning for McArthur has gone through the different fires, encountered the acid of his opposition, felt the keen knife thrusts of enemies who were after his heart, and he has emerged from all victorious and standing straight up on his feet.

It matters not whether you may agree with some of the congressman's ideas, admiration naturally is attracted to a man of his type, especially in this day of the spineless weakling who too often fools the people into electing him to office.

ONLY THIRTY MINUTES.

In a city one thinks nothing of a street car ride of 30 minutes to reach a given point. Most people live that far away from the center of business. From La Grande to Union is just thirty minutes with the new highway completed, making La Grande and Union one and the same community. Hard to realize, is it not? Yes, it is hard to actually know that La Grande, Hot Lake and Union are now one city, but they are just as sure as the sun rises over the Cornucopia mountains. Will the time come when some La Grande people will live in Union and drive to work each day? Surely. The time is not far distant when the man who likes out-of-doors and country life will have a few acres between La Grande and Hot Lake and Union and will work in the railroad shops or some other place in La Grande.

It is quick transportation that does the work and quick transportation is here to stay.

THE RACE FOR GOVERNOR.

Re-enacting the race between Jonathon Bourne and W. M. Cake several years ago when these two gentlemen ran for senator, Ben W. Oleott and Charles Hall are having a neck and neck contest for the governorship nomination.

Bourne and Cake were in the air for several days. In fact Cake thought he was elected and he gave a dinner to some of his friends. Then came the returns from the interior and Bourne took the lead and kept it. This year Hall took the lead to start with but Oleott's vote in the interior country crept up on the Hall vote until it is a toss up as to who will finally win.

A close election means a contest, whichever side wins. That means a recount with possibly a court question to determine. This will likely last until way into the summer and the row will go merrily on.

The devil seems to be after the G. O. P. in Oregon.

Modern Chivalry.

A man who attempts to explain why chivalry sometimes seems to have disappeared argues as follows: "Chivalry is the precious heritage preserved and handed down through the ages from generation to generation of man. Chivalry is an essential ingredient in the make-up of man. Chivalry wins, it and will be the crowning pride of man. Chivalrous men will never disappear from the world; they are found in every stratum of life."

That's great stuff! But sort of makes a man puff out his chest a bit, until he remembers that the question was brought up by the fact that some folks are demanding to be shown. The defender of chivalry says further: "I see the reason why the girl of today never needs chivalrous man. She is too 'modern', and chivalrous man avoids meeting 'ultra-modern' girls because the behavior, the dress, the beauty aids used by such girls are repugnant to sensible, chivalrous men." If these modern creatures would but endeavor to be modest and possess that lovely, womanish demure and charm, they would find old-fashioned chivalry on every hand.

Chivalry, says a dictionary, involves honor and protection of the weak, generosity to foes, and gallantry. Surely the ultra-modern girl needs it more than her grandmother did. Finally do make a man pay the toll in honor.

THE OFFICE CAT



The kid rules mother, mother rules father, the father is doing well if he is able to exercise any influence over the house cat.

It might help some to take a little less scientific interest in ancestors and a little more in progeny.

THE HARASSED PROFESSOR.

"Is the new baby a boy or a girl, professor?" "Ah, bless my soul, I don't remember. But it must be a girl."

HIS AMBITION.

Judge: When little Louis reached the mature age of 3 and was about to discard rompers for manly knickerbockers, his mother determined to make the occasion memorable. The breakfast table was laden with good things, as the newly dressed child was led into the room. "Ah," cried the proud mother, "now you are a little man!"

Louis was in ecstasies. Displaying his garments to their full advantage, he edged closer to his mother and whispered: "Mom, can I call pa Bill now?"

Business should interest itself in this put-and-take craze. Put up a fight and take a chance.

One reason why the old-timers were hardy was that mothers had no booklets entitled "Care of the Infant."

STATIONARY.

London Transcript: "Extravagant Son—"Of course I keep a running account at my tailor's."

A prominent cartoonist errs in giving Noah a bald head. If he had been bald the two flies never would have survived the cruise.

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ONLY ONE-SIDED.

"Great stenographer you've got there, Bill. She sure takes notes in a hurry."

The reason there were fewer wrecks in the old horse-and-buggy days was because the driver didn't depend wholly upon his own intelligence.

Middies' Mascot



The U. S. Naval Academy boxers are running up an unusual record of victories. They credit that to William A. Richardson, Jr., their mascot. Coach Webb says the mascot is more important than himself.

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Entirely Willing to Oblige. Mrs. Smith engaged a new housemaid and was annoyed to find that the girl persisted in addressing her as "Mrs. Smith." She remonstrated and suggested that she should address her in the same way as the other maids did. "Well," said the girl, thoughtfully, "I can't call you ma'am or mum; I always call mother that. But I don't mind calling you auntie if you like."

Incentive and Performance. Critics are complaining that no real literature is being produced in this country. They seem to consider it useless, however, to try to explain why literature should be produced.



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Unity for China.

The so-called "civil war in China" seems to have been little more than the fighting of two ambitious military leaders, with control of the weak Peking government as the possible prize of victory, and with President Hsu Shih Chang cutting a rather pitiful figure with his tearful pleas for the combatants to stop fighting.

Now that Gen. Wu Pei Fu has won a clean-cut victory over the ambitious Gen. Chang Tso Lin, Manchurian leader, the situation seems much improved. Gen. Wu has given no sign of seizing Peking and trying to dominate China for his personal glory. Instead, he has renounced his purpose of calling a constitutional convention, after present military complications are straightened out, and trying to unite north and south China, which now have separate governments.

If this can be done, and especially if the progressive democratic government of Canton is given full recognition in the readjustment, the little war that has been a blessing for China.