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Bible Thought For Today

HOW TO TRUST.—Trust in the Lord with all thine heart; and lean not unto thine own understanding. In all thy ways acknowledge him, and he shall direct thy paths.—Prov. 3:5, 6.

THE GUILTY NATIONS

The breaking up of the Genoa conference puts the blame on the governments speaking for France and Russia, for people elsewhere can hardly believe that Lenin and Poincare are really representatives of their countries.

Of the Soviet government nothing better was expected. Trickery, faithlessness, arrogance, bigotry and defiance of economic facts have long been the marks of Moscow. Children surprises nobody by claiming everything and granting nothing. But better things were expected from France, which fought so nobly for humanity in the big war and which is traditionally the land of liberal and generous thought.

It is hard to criticize France. The French views regarding war reparations and guarantees of safety are based on legal grounds, on ample precedents, and in a way, on logic. The trouble is that it is a partial and short-sighted logic. To make sure of immediate justice from Germany and squariness from Russia, the French government insists on cutting its pound of flesh at the risk of killing the debtor before the debt is paid and piling up feuds for the future.

The history of France and Germany, and indeed of all Europe, has been a history of eternal see-saws of conquest, for profit or revenge. France's present policy would merely continue the see-saw, preparing the stage for another war, perhaps greater than the last. It is the time for a new deal, based on broader and larger views. Without it, Europe's future is hopeless, and France herself may be doomed in time to destruction.

Plain English.

The director of the United States Geological Survey spoke some cheerful words when he said recently, "We are tending to write more plainly—to say 'are' instead of 'arenaceous' deposit, 'clay' instead of 'argillaceous stratum,' 'river banks' instead of 'fluvial borders,' and 'the overlying bed is limestone' instead of 'the superincumbent material consists of a stratum of calcareous composition.'"

The humble layman, untrained in the science of geology but humanly interested in the simpler facts of the old earth on which he lives, is rejoiced at such a turn of affairs. When at the same time a magazine devoted to social problems and the opinions and activities of social workers, frankly poles fun at the "patter" of current social phraseology, the outlook brightens still further. "Co-operation," "co-ordination," "contacts," "social progress," "breadth of vision," "unique experiment," "social consciousness," "integration" and "stabilizing influence" were all useful and meaningful words once upon a time. Used to excess, they have lost much of their original force and have become almost empty jargon.

If sport writers, slang experts, financial authorities and other specialists follow the example of the geologists there may come a genuine revival of simple, honest English. With it may come the surprising discovery that the plain, direct terms are richer in meaning, more expressive and forceful and more picturesque than any of the substitutes now in common use.

Drunken Drivers.

There are times when one is moved to protest that the Spokane police are overzealous, as, for instance, when they requisitioned that automobile driver who, while in the third degree of intoxication, drove his car over the curbing into a citizen's garden, uprooted a tree in collision, became entangled in the clothesline and when the officers arrived was nearly dead from strangulation.

There are several hundred different varieties of faults, but fortunately most of them are harmless. Among the dangerous and deadly, only one is listed these men who drive an automobile on the streets and high ways when in a visible state of intoxication. They not only endanger their own lives—a peril that could be contemplated complacently—but they put in jeopardy the lives of helpless women and children.

In every instance when the guilt is established the automobile should immediately deprive the offender of the right to drive a motor vehicle.

There should be no intermediate shuffling of white, blue and yellow cards.

Men who have no more regard for the public right and safety than to attempt to drive a high-powered engine of destruction like the automobile when their faculties are befuddled by alcohol are entitled to no leniency or mercy.

The law gives the proper authority full discretion in dealing with such offenders. It is provided that the law be enforced. It is the duty of every citizen to see that the law is enforced.

THE OFFICE CAT



"Can a man love two women?" asks a feminine writer. He can, perhaps, but if he loves peace, he won't.

WISE AT LAST.

Bobbie—"Father, have you cut all four of your wisdom teeth?"
Father—"Yes, son. I have purchased a second-hand car, accepted a nomination as Congressman, been chairman of a local reception committee, and married your mother."

Greenville, S. C., Piedmont: Geese saved Rome, but that is no reason why republics should make legislators of them.

When a man begins to feel that he isn't properly appreciated, it is time to reserve parking space in the scrap pile.

OUT OF THE MOUTHS OF BABES.

London Opinion: You've heard about the little girl who was given a woolly bear that she said she would name "Gladly," after the bear in the hymn—"Gladly my cross-eyed bear."

Another little girl was asked if she knew who Nero was.
"He's the Good Man," she answered in awed tones.

"He's the Good man? What makes you think he's the Good Man?" asked her teacher.

"Then, in answer, the little girl, still in awed tones, quoted the hymn, "Nero My God to Thee!"

GAME ALWAYS.

Peewee (solemnly)—"Rastus, Jo Jo, take dis beer woman for better or for worse?"
Rastus (from force of habit)—"Pah-son, Ah shoots it all!"
(We know you haven't heard it before)

SAFE.

The Argument: Simpson had been invited to the wedding of his friend, Tom. Arriving at the home, Simpson was formally introduced to the bride—whom he had never met. After the ceremony Simpson drew his friend aside.

"Tom," he whispered, "what in the world is the matter with you? Why that woman is twice as old as you! Her hair and her teeth are false, and she's as ugly as a toad."

"You needn't whisper, Simpson; she's also deaf."

Boston Transcript: "Never spend all your money," says Poor Richard. Wise advice, but B. Franklin does not seem to have taken into consideration that for the most of us it is a pretty thrifty stunt to earn even what we have to spend.

There's some satisfaction, even for a moralist, in the prize-fight news. It's preferable to the fighting news of four years ago.

Every time the bankers complain that the army bonus is impossible, Congress shoves it a little further toward enactment.

We should think, after Genoa, Lloyd George would want to get out in the country somewhere and raise chickens.

B. F. LAMM DIED LAST EVENING

Benjamin Frederick Lamm passed on at his residence at 2402 North Ash street last evening at about 6:00 o'clock at the close of a lingering illness. The deceased was 57 years, 1 month and 11 days of age at the time of his death.

The remains are at the Stodgrass and Zimmerman chapel and the funeral will take place tomorrow afternoon from the chapel at 2:30 o'clock, the burial to be at the I. O. O. F. cemetery. Mr. Lamm was a well-known and respected member of the community and leaves many grieving friends.

Mr. Lamm was born in Cooper county, Missouri, on April 12, 1865, where he spent his early life. He has been a resident of La Grande for the past 18 years.

The deceased is survived by his wife, Mrs. Bettie Lamm, and his children, Mrs. Ben Eberhard, of Yakima, Washington; Albert Lamm, James Lamm, Mrs. Dewey Henry, Mrs. Ira L. Howell, Miss Maude Lamm, Miss Thelma Lamm, of La Grande and by three brothers, and one sister. They are Mrs. Sallie Johnson, of St. Louis, Mo.; Bernard Lamm, of Seattle, Mo.; Frank Lamm, of St. Louis, Mo.; and Charles Lamm, of Burlington, Mo.

SAYS BASEBALL IS BEST SPORT

(By Associated Press)
SAN FRANCISCO, May 25.—Jim Thorpe, the Indian who in 1912 was the all-round star of the Olympic games, said here recently that he considered baseball the greatest sport of all. The fact that he is an outfielder for the Portland Coast League club did not altogether affect his judgment, he said.

However, all sports are good in their seasons, Thorpe admitted. The records show that from 1904 to 1909 he played great football on the Carlisle Indian team. His success he largely ascribed to Glenn Warner, its coach, who may come to the coast to coach Stanford's football squad. Later Thorpe organized and played with the Canton Bulldogs, a professional football team, and when the baseball season is over this fall he plans to play again with the Bulldogs.

Next year, Thorpe said, he may attempt to form a professional football league, with teams in San Francisco, Los Angeles, Portland and Seattle. He is 38 years old, and hits the line hard.

Thorpe believes that small colleges develop better all-around athletes than do the big institutions. Carlisle was a small school, he explained, and kept him busy with baseball, football, track and field.

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WOOL PRICES IN MONTANA HIGH
(By Associated Press)
HELENA, Mont., May 25.—Forty-one cents was paid by a buyer for the American Woolen company for a pool aggregating 244,000 pounds of wool owned by Senator Herrin of Holtzer, Lewis and Clark county, and Ben Phillips of Malta, it was stated here Monday.
At the request of the buyer the owners of the wool agreed that they would not reveal the price they received, but the information was obtained from an authoritative source.

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The Observer, speaking from knowledge of conditions in the La Grande trade district, adds this advice to that of Mr. Babson:

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