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Bible Thought For Today

NEITHER POVERTY NOR RICHES—Remove far from me vanity and lies; give me neither poverty nor riches; feed me with food convenient for me.—Proverbs 30:8.

A BUYING NEIGHBOR

The Bureau of Foreign and Domestic Commerce announces that Mexico is becoming a better field for American enterprises than ever.

Some of the indications of improvement in conditions since the revolution are to be found in our own increased exports to Mexico. In 1920 Mexico bought 65 locomotives for us, valued at \$866,000. In 1921 the number rose to 357, with a total value of \$10,675,000. The value of passenger automobiles exported to Mexico rose from \$3,500,000 to \$5,183,000. American exports of commercial automobiles slumped in every Latin-American country except Mexico. There, too, bleached cotton goods, printed cottons and dyed yarns held their own as they did in no South American land.

Mexico, like Canada, is a foreign market which this country should not slight or overlook. Because of its position as next-door neighbor it is a logical customer and one easily reached at little expense.

WEATHER

We had just got our spring house-cleaning done, and had begun to concentrate our entire attention on the subject of canning raspberries, when we picked up our favorite newspaper and observed that railroad officials were expressing fear for the safety of a train lost in a blizzard. This was in western Wyoming where "one of the heaviest snow and wind storms of the year had been raging."

It's God's country, all right, and big enough for all kinds of weather to function in at once.

Leaders.

One cannot pick up a newspaper, these days, without seeing in it some demand for leaders.

The coal situation, we are assured, only needs leadership to be straightened out for all time. What was the trouble at Genoa? Lloyd George did his best, but the Russians have no proper leaders, and the leadership of France, we are told, is narrow.

What is the matter with China? With India? What is the matter with education, with women's clothes, with the building situation, with unemployment in general, with the South, the North, the East, the West, with the butchers' union and the cabbage growers' society and the crime wave?

Lack of leadership! Here are people, quantities of them, with all sorts of capabilities for good work and sound sense and constructive ability. People are people all over the world, some with strength in their backs and some with strength in their minds, but all of them working up to only a fraction of their powers.

If the back yards are messy and the streets muddy and unpaved and the general look of a town unkempt and God-forsaken, and there is no leadership, things stay that way and get worse. The town gets a bad name, the business moves and the rest get flabby.

But with a good leader who understands that people really want to have things right, what happens? He gets a small bunch of workers together and talks over the idea of improvement, and next Saturday afternoon everybody is planning up his back yard and the week after that the whole town is spreading cinders on the worst roads. Paving legislation is initiated, flowers are planted, everybody get a new access of self-respect, and the town looks and acts as does everybody in it.

But—who is the leader? Not a selfish man. Not a man brought up by lazy or self-indulgent parents. Not a man who was a spoiled child.

"He who would economical must first learn to obey" is the basic principle. The great duty of parents today is to train their children for leadership. The child who learns to obey without question, yet who is taught the reasons for obedience in general and in specific cases; the child who is taught to control himself, body, soul and spirit, that all three may grow strong; the child who is taught to be selfless and hence courteous in word and deed; the child who is taught to help before he always an ideal, for himself and for all men, because "without vision the people shall perish"; the child who is taught to grasp every opportunity for learning things and for learning how to do things, whether they seem likely to be of value or not—that child is being taught for leadership. He cannot be depended on in time of common trouble, to find the safe way out for his community and to help his fellows walk that way.

Can too many parents train their children to be leaders? Not at all. For one of the most important qualities of the real leader is his ability to recognize a greater than he, to fall justly into his proper place as assistant, or as private when the man

Hall will have no terrors for some of us sinners if we have the same firm in charge of the heating plant that we have had the past winter and the present past-winter. Alice seemed sold storage.

At times we suspect that a "complex" is just highbrow for darned meanness.

EVERY MAN HIS OWN WIFE.

How to Cook a Fish. You might suppose, intimately associated with water as they are all their lives, fish would need but little cleaning. And yet they need, oh, so much. But do not imagine it is an easy job. Fish have a profound distaste for being cleaned and make it as difficult as possible by hiding all their gills in the most inaccessible nooks and crannies and covering them selves with millions of small flat corns that get under your finger nails when you try to remove them.

But we will presume that you can remove these corns, or scales as the fish calls them and that you can separate the fish from their interior accessories. If I presume too much do not read further, but limit your piscatorial diet to salmon, which can be prepared with a can opener, or sardines, which need no preparation except a bath in lubricating oil to make them go down easily.

Having cleaned your fish, by following the above explicit instructions, you are ready to cook it. You may boil it, fry it, bake it (stew it, fricassee it or cook it on a plank. The latter is more spiffy. Pick a nice plank, nail your fish to it, surround it with mashed potatoes and put the ensemble in an oven. Bake until the plank is tender and juicy. Remove from the oven with a pair of tongs. Scrape the mashed potatoes off into the sink. You will recognize them as being that black fringe around the edge. Now scrape the fish into a dish. It will be that very blackness in the middle of the plank. Cut the plank into little cubes and serve with drawn butter. Or, if you wish, you can serve the fish. But the plank will taste better.

ALL THE MONEY SHE DIDN'T GET. Everybody's Magazine: A colored minister met one of his flock in the street a man who had just been married. Phyllis was muttering to him

self and appeared to be laboring under considerable excitement. So the minister halted him and asked what was the matter. "Lord!" said Rastus. "It's Mandy. Dat 'oman doan' do nothin' but want money, money all de time. In de mornin', fust t'ing, she ask foh money. When I comes home to dinner, she doan' talk nothin' but money, money, money. In de ebenin' it's de same 'in-wantin' money. Money, money, money—'assuh; nothin' but money." The minister was sympathetic. "Well, dat's too bad," he said. "It sho is a cross to have a stravin' wife. What she do wid all dat money?" "Do? I doan' know what she do wid it. I ain't give her nonn yet."

While the rest of us are hunting for truth in the book of life the critics are busy looking for little faults in the punctuation.

LARGE CROWD AT OLD TIME DANCE

Over 700 Attend Prize Competition at Affair Given By Mr. and Mrs. Pat Powers.

Over seven hundred people attended the prize dance given at the Zuber Hall last evening by Mr. and Mrs. P. J. Powers. Of the twenty couples that had been chosen to take part in the contest, several were able to attend.

The big occasion of the evening was the prize waits with the different couples in competition for high honors. Miss Sally Cooper and W. J. Lane won first prize, and Mrs. Johnson and Dr. J. E. Woodell received second prize. Several honorable mentions were made.

Possibly last night's crowd was a record breaker for any dance given in the Zuber Hall. The tabulation proved that about 105 couples and 120 ladies, in addition to the 165 couples, were on the dancing floor. Balcony receipts showed that 380 spectators were present.

Mr. and Mrs. Powers will continue their Thursday evening dances and have announced that the Zuber will be prepared for summer use by removing some of the windows and partitions, practically making an open air hall. Lindsay's orchestra, composed of seven pieces, furnished the music.

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ORGANIZATION TO BE FORMED

Ralph Huron, postmaster, has received a letter from the Post Office Department at Washington suggesting that he make arrangements for forming a county council of all post-office employees with the view of facilitating the efficiency of the various employees and also to confer on various problems that might come up.

Mr. Huron has communicated with practically all the postmasters in the

The local plant represents the very latest in sub-station construction and no expense has been spared in facilitating the handling of the many products of petroleum together, with an absolute view of safety.

Mr. Kerr states that practically every kind of petroleum product, including lubricants and other similar products used in this district, are in stock at the local plant.

Approximately 100,000 gallons of gasoline engine distillate and kerosene are carried in bulk storage at all times and a fleet of White trucks of the very latest design has been assigned to La Grande to insure swift, clean and safe-deliveries to the local surrounding trade.

New Oil Station Is Opened in La Grande

Simultaneous with the opening of similar plants at Ontario, Baker, Condon and Bend, the La Grande station of the Union Oil Co. of California opened its doors for business a few days ago and according to Robert J. Kerr, local manager, business is very good.