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### Sible Thought For Today

**THE GOOD SHEPHERD:**—The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want. Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life; and I will dwell in the house of the Lord for ever. — Psalm 23:1-6.

### THE PART SHE PLAYED IN LIFE

In the news items comes the mention of the death of Mrs. Freeman Ladd, and those unfamiliar with early days and pioneer Oregon would probably dismiss the item with the thought that another good woman has been called to her long home. Such is true, but it is also true that Mrs. Freeman Ladd was a woman of outstanding character; a woman whose life reflected both the good and the courageous; her work was never done, for like all good women she found time and opportunity to help others. To her the world was not merely an abiding place, it was a place to do good and to help her neighbors and friends. For these reasons the name of Mrs. Ladd is legend in the homes of Union county. Her good deeds have endeared her to scores and scores of people.

Her type of womanhood is passing. It is to be regretted, Union county has been fortunate in having a number of exceptional women who experienced the pioneer days and helped to build the county to its present high state, and of all these none had a more sacred place in the hearts of the people than Mrs. Freeman Ladd.

### Back on the Job.

(Oregon Journal.)

A long list of precedents is swept aside by the restoration to their positions of Conductor Allison and Engineer Allen, who were dismissed by the railroad company on account of their connection with the Celilo wreck.

In case of wrecks it has very generally been the practice of railroads to lay the whole blame on employees. Frequently, the larger blame for an accident was the system of operation, the attempt to save money for dividends at the expense of ample safety devices or for other reasons. But it was the defenseless employe that was usually made the goat and offered up as a vicarious sacrifice to satisfy the public.

The dismissal of Allison and Allen was in line with this old time railroad policy. It was action based on precedents almost as old as railroad itself.

In restoring the two men to duty with all their rights preserved, the O. W. R. & N. company has set a precedent of its own. The officials of the company have broken away from the former universal practice and set up a standard of justice that is highly commendable, and that the public will heartily approve.

That the two men were not wholly at fault, if at fault at all, was claimed by The Journal immediately after the accident, and this position was later confirmed by the Oregon public service commission and by the findings of the interstate commerce commission. The contention is, now accepted by the company itself through the reinstatement of Conductor Allison and Engineer Allen.

The fine example set by the O. W. R. & N. will probably have a far-reaching effect in the railroad world. It should tend to remove an old practice in which the employe was blamed, not always because he was really at fault but because the higher-ups had the power, and arbitrarily exercised it in assessing the blame for wrecks.

The action of the company should inspire higher respect among employes, increase their morale and strengthen their loyalty to the service.

### The Railroad Rate Cut.

With a general cut of 40 per cent in freight rates, railroad stock does not slump. In fact, it shows such strength as would not have been expected from the doleful prophecies of railroad men.

The public, which supplies the market and the background for railroad securities, evidently believes that the rate reduction will not only benefit business in general, but will benefit the railroads themselves, through increased traffic. There are railroad operators who share this view. It is a view that has been urged over and over by disinterested experts during the last year or two. The rate raise of 1920 is held to have overdone the mark, making rates so high that they defeated their own purpose by discouraging traffic and reducing profits.

In any event, it seems reasonable to expect that the roads can stand this moderate cut at a time when business is steadily improving. If they cannot, they will confess themselves weaker and more inefficient than our other big industries, which for the most part have already taken a far more drastic dose of deflating than that administered to the railroads.

Looks like there's going to be considerable forestry in Pennsylvania.

The world today has unprecedented means of communicating intelligence.

## THE OFFICE CAT



Peter: "You didn't have a very good time at your birthday party yesterday?"  
Paul: "I did not!"  
Peter: "You did? They why ain't you sick?"

### DON'T BE TOO SURE.

A great employer once found it necessary to issue this caution to his subordinates—"Bear in mind, when giving instructions, that everyone is a J—n fool but you. And don't be too sure of yourself."

A California girl who whistled on her way home from church was arrested, but she failed to be convicted and got a verdict of two thousand dollars against the city. Whistling may have sounded very irreverent to the policeman who arrested her, but if the girl was whistling a hymn we can't see much difference between that and singing it or playing it on a musical instrument.

Don't flirt with success—Win her.

### MARY IS A GRAND OLD NAME.

Sign on soft drink parlor in Elgin: "Come in. Drink Our Cider and Be Mary."

Willie (to his father who had recently married the second time): "There's a shop in High Street just like you, daddy."  
Father: "Shop like me? What do you mean?"  
Willie (getting near to the door): "Why, it's under new management."

### DECEITFUL THING!

One of the disappointments of this life is to receive a letter addressed in a charming feminine hand and to find that it contains a bill from the plumber.

### THAT'S HOW!

"You say this canned milk is from contented cows?"  
"Surely; that's a part of their contents."

"Ma," said a La Grande youngster, "there's a man in the kitchen hugging and kissing the hired girl."  
When his mother started for the

kitchen he shouted: "April fool! It's only pa."

The public leads the life of a pan-cake. Always flat.

### TOO OFTEN TRUE.

The trouble with so many of those \$20 patent leather shoes is that the patent expires too soon.

### SMARTY.

There is a man in our town Much wiser than his sire; He ran into a bramble bush And punctured all four tires.

And when he saw his tires were wrecked,

With all his might and main He ran into a rubber plant, And had them fixed again.

"Is there anything you would like to do before I press the button?" said the warden of Sing Sing to the murderer in the electric chair.

"Yes, your honor," said the latter, "I would like to get up and give a lady my seat."

### Helium in Balloons.

Helium is an inert, monatomic, gaseous element occurring in the atmosphere of the sun and stars and in small quantities in the earth's atmosphere. In several minerals and certain mineral waters. It is used to inflate balloons, because it is a nonflammable, nonexplosive gas, sufficiently light to function as does hydrogen.

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