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### Bible Thought For Today

THEY SHALL NOT BE WEARY.  
They that wait upon the Lord  
shall renew their strength; they  
shall mount up with wings as  
eagles; they shall run, and not be  
weary; and they shall walk, and  
not faint.—Isaiah 40:31.

### GOODBYE, WALLOWA HILL.

Herbert Nunn, the state highway engineer, has brought joy to the hearts of the traveling public, with an order stating that very shortly the new grade around Wallowa hill will be opened for traffic even though the rock surface is not yet on.

This means goodbye Wallowa hill. Goodbye to one of the worst barriers Wallowa county has. No longer will the chicken hearted automobile driver shiver when the hill is mentioned, no longer will trips into Oregon's beauty land be cancelled because of the hill.

Speaking of that hill, without any kidding, it is a bad one. We have heard the stout hearted say they did not mind driving the hill at all, but we never believed them. Recently the writer was returning from Enterprise and had negotiated the hill to the point where it is the steepest and narrowest when right ahead of us appeared Ben Haisten's hearse. Wow! As we grabbed the emergency brake and brought the car to a standstill with its radiator high up in the air and looked straight ahead into the front of that dead wagon, there were seventeen kinds of chills played hide and seek on our spinal column. According to the rules of the hill the fellow going up has to do the backing, therefore it was our turn to back. Inch by inch we skew-geed that car down the grade with just wide enough for the automobile tread. Six inches over meant to tumble down the hill a thousand feet, while on the other side was the high perpendicular rock sides. Finally we reached a passing point where Ben's hearse slowly edged by us. But we noticed that Ben did not look right nor left, neither did he grin a cordial greeting, and Ben has lived in Wallowa a life time and has traveled the hill on many occasions.

We are glad to hear Nunn's edict that the hill is a thing of the past. From now it will be a marked pleasure to drive into Wallowa county.

SAMUEL COCHRAN.

When a good man dies there is left a vacancy for a long time to come. Such is the case of Samuel Cochran who has been called by death. His name is a part of the Grande Ronde valley for his life was spent here, his family was raised here, his interests were all located in this valley and he loved this part of the state.

Living a life of the honored American citizen this fine old gentleman gave dignity and honor to everything he associated with either in business or in a social way. His line of thought was clear and high minded and it was his hope to see his state and country advance, to raise his family according to the standards of American habits. All of these things he did remarkably well. In leaving this earth he could not but feel that his life had been well spent. His children were grown and all of them occupying important places among men doing things that are needful to be done. While not spectacular in the least the life of Samuel Cochran was nevertheless one to study and to appreciate.

### PAVING OR GRAVEL—WHICH?

Before the different residential districts of La Grande jump into the hard surface paving game, which means a bond issue for a long period of time, would it not be well to consider the new way of laying a macadam road? Nowadays the road is laid in such a way that it stands up in good shape. Very little maintenance will be needed on the residence streets and the cost will be a fourth of what the hard surface will be. Bring the street to grade, put in the curb and lay macadam. It will be good for many years and when the time comes to hard surface there will be no loss whatever.

### TAXATION WITH A VENGEANCE.

Sometimes people are inclined to think the wail about high taxes in Oregon is a matter of habit. Such is the case. There is ample reason for being alarmed.

Listen to this: Out near Summerville there is one of the best quarter sections of land in the northwest that was taxed in 1880 just \$70. The taxes this year were \$500. The land rents for \$600 a year, the owner paying out \$500 of the \$600 for taxes.

If a first class farm only brings \$100 a year over and above the taxes, and if the owner must pay insurance on buildings and pay the up keep on the ranch out of that \$100, have not we reached a point where there is just ample cause for alarm?

When the good land in Oregon will only rent for enough to pay taxes we are living in a fictitious, fluttering and butterfly method and the sooner we get down to earth the more nearly certain we will be that the state and nation will stand. There is danger if something is not done to make the good farms more attractive in the way of taxing power.

### THE OFFICE CAT



So why should I part with her just to please them? The neighbors all worry, they don't like my pet. They complain of the looks of my dear old Tinnette. And while patiently waiting, as meek as a mouse, They don't like to see her in front of the house. They may laugh at my "wagon," or call her a "sight." She's a noble old creature, her engine's all right. Her intentions are splendid, she's not failed me yet. So, why shouldn't I love her?—My dear old Tinnette!

Some men who cast their bread up on the waters expect it to come back in the form of a sardine sandwich.

### PERHAPS INDEED!

A home may be musical and still not have humming for breakfast.

And now Henry Ford is to harness the Hudson river. Henry is such a versatile chap that there isn't much use in anybody working. Why not let Henry do it all?

### SOB!

Here lies the body of Willie Jones, Who wouldn't mind his namer; A brakeloss auto broke his bones One fatal day last summer.

We don't care how much a man says if he only says it in a few words.

### Principle Follows Habit.

"Thrift is a matter of habit. To act from principle is hard, until it gets to be a matter of habit; then it is easy."—Dr. Frank Crane.

In thinking about Will Hays' three thousand simmons a week, don't forget that he will have to make an income tax report next year, that is sure to take some of the joy out of his life.

Buying new trousers to match an old coat and vest is getting more difficult every year.

WANT \$1,000,000? Ah, that some Parbank of the West Would patent, make and sell Spring onions with an onion taste— But with a violet smell.

Handing may have his faults; but he never gets photographed in a mug shot.

La Grande has a lot of promising young men—according to the bill collectors.

FOR WIVES ONLY. Seen in a window of a drug store; bathing suit.

INDEED! "An infant son was welcomed last week to the home of Mr. and Mrs. George Rubber."—South Bend, Ind. News.

A bouncing baby boy?

As for the weather, we're getting along swimmingly.

### TINETTE.

I love her, I love her, my dear old Tinnette, And why should one chide me, and why should one fret, Though it looks like a scrap heap, it goes like a gem.

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