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Bible Thought For Today

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

THE COOPER PLAN.

Now comes J. C. Cooper, head of the Tax Reduction League, an institution that has sprung up for the commendable purpose of fighting taxes but which has got no place as yet, and outlines a policy to do away with political parties in Oregon.

His breezy contentions are not new as they have been advocated before, and it must be admitted that without platform or guidance Oregon might as well have no political parties and no primaries but hold one general election in the fall of the year letting everyone into a big hurdle race, the winner being declared by receiving the largest number of votes.

However, the people will not do that. They want political parties. It is a custom of too long standing to be done away with by Mr. Cooper and his league. Every four years the national election takes place which holds political parties in line even in Oregon to a certain extent, making it doubly impossible for them to be abolished.

Cooper has vague dreams just as U'Ren had, the difference being that U'Ren was a tireless worker and finally got his dreams enacted into laws. But Oregon wants none of the Cooper stuff, neither does the state want to continue the simon pure U'Ren doctrine. There is plainly a demand for middle ground, which does not mean a return to old convention days and corrupt methods, but is also just as far removed from the Cooper notions and ideas.

BROTHERHOODS' COAL VENTURE.

There is some hope seen in the venture of the Railroad Brotherhoods in their late decision to enter the coal mining industry. The belief that it will be a successful venture is shared by the Evening Observer. Contrary to usual rules of business, the Brotherhoods have entered into an undertaking which as a rule would bring forth the comment that they cannot succeed because they are not coal people.

It takes common business and plenty of money to mine and market coal. The Brotherhoods have both of these requisites, and they have another feature—they are in the coal business only for a reasonable profit and carry the desire to give the miners a square deal as well as the ultimate consumer. Their venture will doubtless be dubbed as rank socialism and it will be ridiculed by the coal interests, but just the same there will be a long line of coal miners and a longer line of consumers that will watch with intense interest the development and will give to the undertaking moral as well as financial support. The coal question is plainly getting beyond the control of even the government and if the Brotherhoods can solve it, they will emerge from the fight as benefactors even though their plans may be called socialistic.

Still Far From Normal.

Generally improved business conditions in recent months have led many to the conclusion that the world of 1922 is well on the way to that indefinable goal which we have been accustomed to refer to as "normal conditions." The latest figures of the Research Division of the Bureau of Domestic and Foreign Commerce should be proof enough of the mistake.

The value of last year's world trade, it is true, was practically the same as that of 1913. But its physical volume—a far better criterion—showed a shrinkage of approximately 30 per cent, and this despite the fact that the capacity of the world's shipping increased 27.5 per cent between 1914 and 1921. Of the existing world tonnage—more than 55,000,000 tons—less than 65 per cent was actively employed, while ship entrances and clearances for ports of the leading maritime countries were barely 80 per cent of the pre-war normal.

Business is good in the United States, and it will improve steadily, no doubt, for some years to come. But the volume of our American business is not to be compared to what we would enjoy in a normal world. However much we enjoy our isolation, however proud we are of our national self-sufficiency, it pays to remember how much more prosperous we might be if our neighbors were a little better off.

The Lid at The Hague.

One thing is sure about that international conference at The Hague. If it cannot succeed with newspaper publicity, it certainly cannot succeed without.

The effort to prevent publicity made by the conference, at the instigation of Foreign Minister Karnebeek of Holland, shows a curious state of mind and one which would not be expected of any modern diplomat. It is especially curious because Karnebeek is president of the League of Nations Assembly. That Assembly is the "popular" branch of an international organization whose cardinal principle is supposed to be "open covenants openly arrived at" and full publicity for international affairs.

The Holland diplomat and some of the delegates from other countries blame the failure of the Genoa conference on the news correspondents. That, too, betrays a curious state of mind. In fact, curious states of mind appear to be characteristic of professional diplomats. When a bunch of them act according to the dictates of ordinary intelligence and common sense, it is usually under the influence of some practical men of affairs like Lloyd George.

It hardly needs to be pointed out that the failure of the Genoa conference was due to the combined difficulty of the problems presented and the failure of the statesmen present to measure up their opportunity. As far as any special group of men can be held responsible, it is the men who represented France and Russia. What the news correspondents of the various countries did was to print the facts about the situation, with unusual frankness. No doubt their revelations were embarrassing in some cases; the truth is often embarrassing. No doubt it was sometimes impolitic, from the diplomatic point of view, but in the opinion of the world public it served, on the whole, a very useful purpose.

Cotton Prospects.

Rapid consumption of last year's carry-over of raw cotton, together with a general increase in the demand for cotton fabrics, has brought an encouraging increase in the price of both spot cotton and futures. This year's crop is a small one, but the prices which it promises to command can hardly fail to make it a profitable one for the growers.

Their prosperity is a vital element in that of the country. Cotton is normally the largest item in our export trade. Two million farmers devote most of their attention to its cultivation and its price is the dominant factor in the economic life of an area of 700,000 square miles which contains nearly one-third of our population.

It is very possible that southern farmers will regret, before the year is out, the drastic limitation of this major crop, but those inclined to criticise their policy should bear in mind that European buyers are now unable to purchase the bulk of American cotton at crop-moving time. Europe used to take our surplus as soon as it was ready for delivery, and finance its movement. For two years past her purchases have been only of the hand-to-mouth order, and they may continue so for some years.

Facilities for storing a large proportion of the crop, and for financing its sale in smaller quantities, would prove of enormous value at this time.

Surely it can't be many more decades until Samuel Gompers becomes president emeritus of the Federation of Labor.

Every spendthrift knows he could live within his income if it were just a little larger.

Lenine is said to have lost his mind, but Trotsky needn't worry. He lost his long ago.

Lenine is sick—but not half so sick as his country.

THE OFFICE CAT

—BY JUNIUS—

An account which you lose money on is a "no account."

THE LITTLE BIRD

Customer: "Waiter, a little bird told me this coffee was not strained."

Waiter: "A little bird, sir?"

Customer: "Yes, a swallow."

Prestige and good will, reputation and influence, hopes, dreams, programs and ideals are mighty sweet and handy to have about, but after all, it requires something more tangible than good wishes to keep the wheels turning.

Mary had a sheath skirt,
'Twas cut too short by half.
Who cares a damn for Mary's lamb
When he can see her calf?

GOOD BIZZNESS

"I vish I vas as religious as Abie."

"And vy?"

"He clasps his hands so tight in prayer he can't get them open ven der collection box comes aroundt."

Many men who say they would like to die with their boots on probably mean they would like to die with a boot-leg jag on.

The world gives its admiration, not to those who do what nobody else attempts, but to those who do best what multitudes do well.

Line Forms on the Right

Just before the service the minister was called into the vestibule by a young couple, who asked that he marry them. He answered he had not time then but that if they would wait until after the sermon he would be glad to accomodate them. Accordingly, just before the benediction, he announced.

"Will those who wish to be married today please come forward?"

Thirteen women and one man stepped up.

The modesty of my lady fair climbs upward by degrees. In years gone by 'twas ankle high, but now it's reached her knees.

Lives of great men all remind us,
Life is really not worth while,
If we do not leave behind us
Some excuses for a smile.

Juris-Prudence

An alien who was trying to be excused from jury duty said to the Judge: "I can't understand good English."

"Never mind," snapped the Judge. "You won't hear any in this court"

The reason there are so few good husbands is that the test is so severe. A really good husband will register something which looks like genuine grief on learning that the households favorite fern has died in spite of everything that could be done for it.

Ours Looks Bad Enough Now

Let Wexler brothers crate and ship your furniture all over the United States.—Ad in Chicago News.

Girls err who try to drink and work. The stewed chicken of tonight is the canned peach of tomorrow.

Did you hear the chimney swallow, Freddy?

That wasn't the chimney, Esther, that was I.

Be sure you are right—but don't be too sure that everybody else is wrong.

SHOP NOTES

Items of Interest from the O.-W. Shops.

D. J. Thomas, blacksmith, who has been spending a few weeks visiting coast cities is again back at his work in the shops.

Machinist Earnest L. Bryant left last evening for Portland to attend the last day of the rose festival.

J. P. Caldwell was called to Freewater to be with his father, who is critically ill.

Machinist George Newman will leave this evening in his car to spend a ten-day vacation at Spokane.

WHITE TAILED DEER PRESERVE

Last Band in State to be Protected by Formation of Protective District.

ROSEBURG, June 22.—Creation of a game reserve for the preservation of the only white tailed deer left in Oregon, is provided for in a contract being drawn up here this week and which will be signed by the owners of the property involved. The restricted area will be a strip about five miles long fronting on the North Umpqua river between Winchester and Oak Creek and running back about three miles from the river. In this district it will be a crime to even carry a gun and to kill one of the white tailed deer to be found there will bring a very heavy penalty.

At one time white tailed deer were very plentiful in Oregon. They receive their name from the fact that they have a slightly larger tail than the ordinary black tailed deer. This tail is white and when the deer runs the long white hairs on the tail are spread making the tail appear fan-shaped and much larger than it really is. They are easily distinguished from the ordinary black tailed deer.

At the present time the white tailed deer have been exterminated in this state except a very few in this county. It is roughly estimated that there are between 75 and 125 left in the proposed reserve, but so far as is known there are no others in the state. They are crafty when hunted and are much more difficult to kill under ordinary conditions but the fact that they inhabit the open oak timber lands rather than the land covered by heavy brush, and that they always remain in the same territory has proven their undoing.

The black tailed deer may easily be driven from any community. If they are hunted in any one locality or are dogged they will soon move, but this is not the case with the white tailed deer. Even if driven from their home locality, they quickly return and can never be driven afay for any great length of time. This makes it possible to create a reserve where they will be protected until their numbers have increased.

The ranches to be included in the reserve are the Sunshine Ranch, the J. H. Short place, the old Dumbleton place, now owned by the Lovejoys of Portland, Mrs. G. W. Jones' ranch and the old Leadbetter place. All of the owners living here have expressed a desire to have the game reserve created and papers are being sent east to those who reside in other states so that their signatures may be obtained and the proper contract drawn.

Under the law property owners may bend themselves together and create a reserved area for the protection of any special species of game animals. They sign certain contracts and the state then provides protection. Hunting is prohibited except on the part of the property owners, who, however, are allowed to hunt only to protect their property from the ravages of varmints. Even the property owners are prevented from hunting the protected game animals. Any other person found with a gun on the reserve, whether it is proven that he has killed any or the animals or not, is deemed a poacher and is subject to a fine of $50.

The creation of this game reserve has been proposed and advocated for some time. People who are familiar with the wild animal life, protested against the killing off of all of the white tailed deer of the country and with none left in the state except the few remaining in Douglas county, it was decided that something should be done.

Deputy Game Warden Ed. Walker took the matter in hand and interviewed the property owners, finding them all willing and even anxious to see the reserve created. Mr. Walker has taken charge of the affair and has had the necessary papers drawn up and is now having the signatures affixed. As soon as the contract is signed, notices will be printed and posted at frequent intervals along the boundary of the district.

The next legislature will be asked to provide the same penalty for killing white tailed deer as applies to the killing of elk. It is believed that in three years the species will have increased greatly and there will then be no danger of the deer becoming extinct as there is at present.

Market News

(By Associated Press.)

PORTLAND, June 22.—Livestock was steady today and eggs weak. Butter was firm. Wheat was $1.09 to $1.15.

LIFE IMPRISONMENT.

JACKSON, Mich., June 22.—George Straub, confessed slayer of Alice Mallett, pleaded guilty to first degree murder in the Jackson county circuit court and immediately was sentenced to solitary confinement at hard labor for life in Marquette prison.

DINES WITH ROYALTY

(By Associated Press.)

LONDON, June 22. — William Howard Taft was the guest of the archbishop of Canterbury at luncheon Wednesday. Together with his host he participated in the welcome of the Prince of Wales Wednesday afternoon and at night they were the guests of the king and queen.

HAND-PAINTED GLOVES.

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MR. and MRS. T. L. FELKER,
MR. and MRS. J. I. RICKETTS,
MRS. R. PLUNKETT,
MRS. H. LYNK 6-22-1tp

ANYONE Having information regarding Harold Schellberg's whereabouts, please notify John Hood, Walla Walla, Washington. 6-22-3tp

HELENA PATTERN M M CHINA.

Those who have White Haviland Dinner Ware will be delighted to know that they will now be able to fill in their sets and renew the pieces which have been broken. For the first time since the war this pattern is again on the market and Richardson "The Art Man" has a complete assortment of this white Ransom Pattern, in open stock. The price is right and those who need fill-ins will be able to make them at a reasonable rate. 6-22-3t

ICE CREAM SOCIAL.

The Christian Endeavor of the First Christian Church will give an ice cream social at Mrs. Harris' home, 1908 Fourth, Friday night. A cordial invitation is extended to the public. 6-22-2t

FOR SALE—Two lots with five-room house with cement cellar under house, large front porch, closed in back porch, pantry and clothes closet. Large garage and woodshed in one building. Box 157, La Grande, Ore. 6-223-tp

FOR SALE—Big type Poland China boar, Wonder Clan 123188, $50. Also young pigs. Bert Knight, Union, Oregon. 6-22-1tp

FOR SALE—Haynes car, 1919 model. Good condition. Call 303-M. 6-22-1tp

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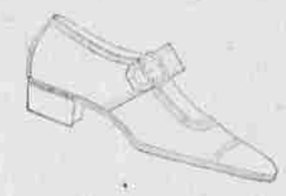

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