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## Bible Thought For Today

**BE CHARITABLE.**—Brethren, if a man be overtaken in a fault, ye which are spiritual, restore such a one in the spirit of meekness; considering thyself, lest thou also be tempted. Gal. 6:1.

## WELCOME, EZRA MEEKER, WELCOME.

La Grande is honored today by the presence of Ezra Meeker, trail blazer, who comes to renew his acquaintance, to tell of things that occurred in years gone by, to urge the necessity of preserving the memories of the men and women who had the grit to make the trip into the great Oregon country before there were highways, railroads or any means of travel other than the covered wagon.

Ezra Meeker is a modest gentleman. He is the true type of man we all love for he has nothing boastful in his nature, but his heart beats first for his country and secondly for his Oregon Trail.

"I don't want you to think I am entitled to great distinction," said Mr. Meeker to the Evening Observer today, "for I am a Johnny-come-lately as compared with the first men who came this way. I did not get here until 1852 and some came in 1833, the year I was born. Of course when my caravan crossed the plains we had plenty of excitement and hardships, but listen to me, those hardships were of a kind no one now has to be sure, and yet humanity has its hardships which perhaps cut as deeply as did those of earlier days. I mean by this that the class of humanity which does things has hardships; there is a class, I repeat to say, that do nothing, try to do nothing and only live along the path of the least resistance—but they are not people, they are just things. They may have human form but they are not there when it comes to being men and women. America never was made of the spineless chap who lags and loiters—America was made by the class of humanity that does and dares. Be careful of the young generation else you will take from them that responsibility which is rightfully theirs. The path of ease and the bed of luxury has ruined many a good man and woman. Give the younger ones some hardships; that is what will make them strong."

Ezra Meeker is hitting right around ninety years and he is some skookum fellow yet. He is as gallant as a French dancing master and when introduced to the ladies today he was on his feet instantly with his white hat held aloft in a Chesterfieldian manner that would do credit to a Kentucky colonel at a county fair. None of the old man stuff in Mr. Meeker—he is still the peppy fellow ready to take on any new thing which seems to have merit and ready to combat the world for his country's honor.

## MILITARY TRAINING FOR THE YOUTH.

At the risk of bringing down heavy criticism upon our head; at the risk of being charged by a lot of spineless people that we are for militarism; at the risk of being classified with the blood thirsty class of humanity, the Evening Observer wishes to openly advocate military training for the youth of this land.

Eliminating the war features, although should war come every parent would feel glad that his boy had been trained in a military way—but cast aside all war features taking at face value the statements there will be no more war—even then, let us argue the military side.

Take two boys, raised in the same community, boys who have largely followed the same course in life—send one of them to a military school or a school that has strict military discipline, and let the other drift along about as all of us live. In manhood notice the difference between the two boys—one is erect, on his toes, ready to respond to command, ready to render assistance in an agile, quick manner; the other may be just as willing, he may be just as good a fellow, but he lacks that "go-get-'em" pep which military training puts into a boy. And besides the one who had months of training knows what it means to obey a command. He does not cringe and rebel inside when he is ordered to do something—that's what training does.

We would like to see compulsory military training for the boys and girls of the land. We would like to go a step farther and see the school children in simple dress, call it uniform or what you may desire, but let the march to plain and simple. What do you think of the idea?

## The Suspender Revival.

A good deal has been said recently about the prospect of lengthening skirts for women. Rumor has it that fashion decrees long skirts, and many a scolder at the fashion-tempting con-tingent says bitterly that we shall soon see that women don't wear short skirts because they are hygienic, comfortable and so forth, but only because it is the style.

Now fashion is making incursions into the coveted freedom and good sense of women. An observer reports that suspenders are coming back. As Paris leads the way in establishing women's attire, so does London for men's, and "English gentlemen have come back to suspenders." New Yorkers are wearing 'em already, and the rest of the country is likely to follow soon.

A disinterested onlooker might have a little fun watching to see which comes back with the greater strength—the long skirt or the ugly suspenders.



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## THE OFFICE CAT

—BY JUNIUS—



**PUNCTURED.**  
"Here, waitress! This doughnut has to talk in it."  
"Well, I declare! I'll bet the ambitious little thing thinks it is a fly-car tire!"

It's what we learn after we think we know it all that counts.

**CAN THE GOSSIP.**  
Every man is expected to give an account of himself, not of his neighbors.

**WHY THEY LEAVE THE FARM.**  
I left my dad, his farm, his plow, because my calf became his row; I left my dad—'twas wrong, of course, because my calf became his horse; I left my dad to sow and reap because my lamb became his sheep; I dropped my hoe and stuck my fork because my pig became his pen; The garden truck I made to grow was mine to sell and mine to lose.

What is cat's tire are you letting that old rickety all that infernal boogies go? I've got a hypothetical neighbor who has come over to borrow a wheel.

"Awful man is away from spell," ruffled Cap Johnson of Kumpus Ridge, "and giving him them two cow-bells and telling him to tear loose is the only way to keep him quiet."

The "cat" wife the chickens wear are never kind enough to dole out the sound of an invitation to go motorin'.

You cannot go far on sentiment. It is a weak battery. Charge it with conviction and arrive.

Johnny—"The exam can go eight days without water."  
Feeder—"So could I if I had would let me."

**MURDER!**  
A blinding flash!  
A grinding crash!  
A scream from Max Cooper  
"Heaven! She's dead!"  
We're blame for Ned!  
You, Ned had killed the mouse.

A St. Louis family has named the baby Buba. It is probably about at head-quarters.

A man is only as old as she thinks he is.

**THEY MIGHT SERVE.**  
The florist says "Say it with flowers"; the candy man wants you to say it with candy; the jeweler advises you to say it with pearls, but, strangely enough, Heinz doesn't suggest that one ought to say it with pickles.

**TECHNICAL TERM.**  
"Where is the clutch in a car."  
"In the back seat."

Dodging automobiles is a health exercise—if you are quick enough.

**A RECIPE.**  
To avoid a colorless existence, live in the pink of condition, do things in brown, treat people white, be well read and get out onto the gold greens under the blue occasionally.

**THE HUMANITARIAN.**  
"I see this horrible shriek born on my ear for humane reasons," explained Gilmore Hoff. "If I can paralyze a pedestrian with fear, he will stand still, and I am less likely to run over him."

## NEW TODAY

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## Boy Scouts

The second troop, under the leadership of Mr. Hogan held their regular weekly meeting in the canyon this side of the Country Club. The boys left the viaduct at fifteen minutes after six on Monday evening and returned about ten-thirty. They played games until dark, then held their business meeting around a large camp fire. After the business had all been finished, they told stories and sang songs until time to leave. Judging from the noise the boys made on the trip home, they had a very good time.

A new member, Lloyd Burnett, was voted into the first troop last Thursday. He was assigned to the first patrol under the leadership of Edward Fitzgerald.

A Scout display, consisting of badges, flags, neckerchiefs, scouting insignia may be seen in the lobby of the Y. M. C. A. These are intended to show the awards for advancement in Scoutcraft. Anyone who is interested is invited to come in and look them over.

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All these have hand turned soles—making them very light and flexible. They are all priced at \$2.50.

A very new pattern arrived yesterday. It is of very fine cloth, having two straps cut-out forming a sort of sandal effect. The heel is medium. It is priced at \$4.50.

**MANY NEW AND ADVANCE STYLES NOW IN OUR SHOE DEPARTMENT**

Black and white sport pumps, white kid in plain or with straps are priced from \$7.50 to \$12.

A brown calf and beige suede combination has a very low heel, two straps and buckles. It is ARMSTRONG make and priced at \$15.00.

A black kid pump with white inlaid strap, a good welt sole and military heel is priced at \$9.00. It is an Armstrong. Also in brown priced at \$9.50.

**Ladies' and Misses' Pumps and Oxfords \$2.49**

The remainder of the sale of 100 pairs held two weeks ago at about twice this figure. They are nearly all low heels, plain and with straps—brown and black.

Broken sizes ranging from 2 1/2 to 9 1/2. Regularly these were priced at \$9, \$7 and \$5 pair.

Your choice of any white they remain at \$2.49.

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