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Bible Thought For Today

BE KIND TO THE ERRING:—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. — Galatians 6:1.

BILL IS A WHIZ AS A COME-BACKER

With no desire to be personal we mention our old friend, William Casey as an example of the man who was pegged to inactivity by his friends but who refused to carry out the program. Mr. Casey was for years a traveling salesman, then he purchased an interest in the Golden Rule store in La Grande and gave close application to business for a long period of time. His health went "haywire," to use the boy expression of today, and friends shook their heads. Month after month found Mr. Casey walking slowly. Finally he got hold of himself, began daily walking, not little lady-like walks, but walks that meant miles and miles each day. He grew better physically and he went to work on the highway where he actually worked and worked hard. The honest sweat flowed freely and Casey was improving daily. Today he is back on the road as traveling salesman and is the best example of the man who beat the undertaker and came back with a whiz that we have ever seen. No one looks at "Bill" Casey now and thinks of him as a man who is failing, for he is anything but that. The amount of goods he is selling and the business he is doing shows that he is in the ring permanently.

AND ONCE AGAIN.

That oft repeated story of city water for La Grande comes up again right here in the heart of the summer. Lawns and shrubbery surrounding the beautiful homes in this city are gradually dying because the city manager has issued an order on conservation of water. It is mighty discouraging for people to go to hundreds of dollars of expenses and put in several years' time to make their homes attractive and pleasant, only to see the results of their toil burn up for the lack of city water.

And this is all in face of a patent fact that La Grande as a municipality must have water sooner or later. The city is growing and will continue to grow, which means that a sufficient water supply must be provided for—why not now and save the lawns?

Our present water system has been discussed so much that the Evening Observer is free to state it does not know whether it is lack of water in the mountains, lack of proper pipe lines to convey the water to the city, or inefficiency in handling the problem.

We would like to know, and some of these days the people who love La Grande, who have their investments here, and who take pride in making this the most beautiful home city in Oregon will arise as one individual and demand the facts pertaining to the city water supply as it exists at the present time.

Platforms.

A woman says she is going to run for the Ohio state senate on a program which she announces as "Bobbed hair and bobbed taxes; short skirts for women and short hours for workers."

This sounds nice. But there are those who would like to see longer road taxes leading to wider and deeper roads, and many a worker with no working hours at all is kind of hoping for the good old eight or nine hour day with a nice little pay envelope attached to it.

Oxford.

In the process of "Discovering England," Stephen Leacock has come upon Oxford. He finds it totally unlike any American or Canadian university.

"Its methods are antiquated. It despises science. It has professors who never teach and students who never learn. It has no order, no arrangement, no system. Its curriculum is unintelligible. It has no president. It has no state legislature to tell it how to teach, and yet—it gets there. Whether we like it or not, Oxford gives somethin' to its students, a life and a mode of thought, which in America as yet we can emulate, but not equal."

After discussing the tutorial system, in which the student goes over to the tutor's rooms and "he just lights a pipe and goes over our exercises with us," with the conclusion that "men who have been smoked at for four years turn into ripe scholars"—and the kitchens built in the time of Henry VIII, and the rest of the ancient regime, Mr. Leacock drops his humorous attitude and decides in all seriousness that what counts for young people is the living and working together.

"The real thing for the student is the life and environment that surround him. All that he really learns he learns, in a sense, by the active operation of his own intellect and not as the passive recipient of lectures. And for this active operation what he really needs most is the continued and intimate contact with his fellows. Students must live together and eat together, talk and smoke together. Experience shows that that is how [illegible] And they [illegible] of bat, with [illegible] across the ceiling, [illegible] in the windows, and [illegible] or there to remind them between times of the men who went before them and left a name worthy of the college. If a student is to get from his college what it ought to give him, a college dormitory with the life in common that it brings is his absolute right. A university that fails to give it to him is cheating him."

Perhaps, after all, with our modern haste and our mechanics, our lectures, recitations, reference books and boarding houses, our American colleges are losing sight of things really important.

Skirts For Boys.

While this epochal question of knickers or no knickers for school girls is being debated, it is entertaining if not instructive to observe what happened in the high school at Painesville, O. When two girl students appeared in knickerbockers, the boys held a mass-meeting to vent their indignation, and then issued this ultimatum:

If the girls wore knickers, the boys would wear skirts and middy blouses.

With the school authorities still to be heard from, the girls seemed disposed to call the bluff. If both sides stand pat, the result will be interesting, indeed.

It's a safe bet, though, that the boys will surrender long before the girls do. That's usually the safe way in any feud that develops along sex lines, and it is to be expected especially in this case for reasons written large in sartorial history.

There was a time when men did wear skirts, as generally as women. They have discarded them now for a garment better serving, on the whole, the combined purposes of warmth, modesty and freedom, and are not likely to change again. As for women seeking the same benefits—well, if there is any sound reason why either skirts or trousers are naturally more appropriate to one sex than to the other, it does not seem to have been divulged.

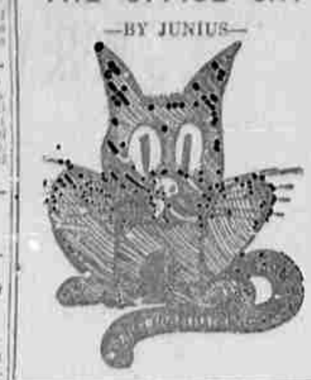
Philadelphia says maybe she can't be ready for her big exposition by 1926. That's all right—nobody expected her to.

Gasoline's getting expensive. But no wonder gas turns, the way people have been stepping on it.

By the time Chief Justice Taft gets his way through these [illegible] don banquets he'll be a bigger man than ever.

THE OFFICE CAT

—BY JUNIUS—



Despite the alleged shortage of money, there is no let-up in the business of buying and selling gold bricks.

He—"If I should kiss you, what would you do?"

She—"I never meet an emergency until the occasion arises."

He—"Well, if the emergency arose this very minute, how would you meet it?"

She—"Meet it face to face."

DEUCEDLY CLEVER

A young Englishman was walking up and down the platform of a country railroad junction, trying to see a car that had a vacant seat. He didn't find it, and assuming an official air, he walked up to the last car and announced in stentorian tones:

"All out here; this car isn't going."

There were exclamations low and deep from the occupants of the car, but they all filed out and made their way to cars ahead. The smile on the young man's face increased as he took possession of a seat and appropriated another for his luggage.

"Ah," he murmured. "It's a grand thing to be born clever! Now I wish they'd start."

By and by the station master put his head in at the door: "Are you the smart young man who said this car wasn't going?"

"Yes," said the clever one, smiling.

"Well," said the station master with a grin also, "it isn't. The brakeman heard what you said and he uncoupled it. He thought you were a director."

The man who says sugar is the sweetest thing known never slept until 10 o'clock in the morning.

THE KISS IN THE TUNNEL

They were sitting five seats back,
but I plainly heard the smack,
As we dashed into the tunnel near
the town.
And the currents of my veins ran
like gushing April rains,
Though I'm grave and gray and
wore a doctor's gown.

Once—alas, so long ago—on the
rails I journeyed so,
With a maiden in a jaunty Jersey
hack.
And I kissed her with my eyes as
the timid stars, the skies,
But I longed—oh, how I longed
for one real smack.

Did she know it? I dare say. She
had a sweet clairvoyant way
In the glancing of her eyes so
bright and blue,
Not a bee such honey sips as the
nectar on her lips,
But I longed and longed in vain
as on we flew.

Just as yearning reached its height
lo, there came a sudden night,
And like steel to magnet clove my
mouth to hers.
I shall never more forget how like
drops of rain they met
In the bosom of a rose that nightly
stirs.

"I-d—feel awful inside," groaned Johnny.

"What do you think it is?" asked his mother.

"Oh!" wailed Johnny. "I had French peas and German sausage at auntie's yesterday, and now they seem to be fighting along my whole front."

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SEDITIONIST IS HOPEFUL

(By Associated Press.)

AHMEDABAD, India, July 7. — Mahatma Gandhi, in prison here for sedition, declares his loss of liberty cannot materially affect the progress of India nationalism, and urges his friends to carry on the work in which he had so large a part. He has no complaint to make regarding his treatment by prison officials.

Gandhi remains loyal to the principle of Swadeshi, which he defines as "that spirit in us which restricts us to the use and service of our immediate surroundings, to the exclusion of the more remote." In religion he would follow only the forms of worship used by his ancestors; in politics, he would use only things produced by his immediate neighbors, and would serve only those industries which are native to his own country. He is at enmity with modern civilization.

Writing to a friend in India, Gandhi explains his beliefs and aims in these words:

"There is no impassible barrier between East and West. There is no such thing as Western or European civilization, but there is a modern civilization which is purely material. The people of Europe before they were touched by modern civilization, had much in common with the people of the East.

"It is not the British people who are ruling India, but it is modern civilization, through its railways, telegraphs, telephones, and almost every invention which has been claimed to be a triumph of civilization. Bombay, Calcutta and the other chief cities of India are the real plague spots.

"If British rule were replaced tomorrow by Indian rule based on modern methods, India would be no better, except that she would be able then to retain some of the money that is drained away to England; but then India would become only a second or fifth nation of Europe or America. East and West can only really meet when the West has thrown overboard modern civilization, almost in its entirety. They can also seemingly meet when the East has also adopted modern civilization, but that meeting would be an armed truce.

"Medical science is the concentrated essence of black magic. Quackery is infinitely preferable to what passes for high medical skill. Hospitals are the instruments that the devil has been using for his own purpose, in order to keep his hold on his kingdom. They perpetuate vice, misery, degradation and real slavery. If there were no hospitals for venereal diseases, or even for consumptives, we should have less consumption, and less sexual vice among us.

"India should wear no machine-made clothing, whether it comes out of European mills or Indian mills.

"India's salvation consists in unlearning what she has learned during the past 50 years. The railways, telegraphs, hospitals, lawyers, doctors and such like have all to go, and the so-called upper classes have to learn to live religiously and deliberately the simple peasant life, knowing it to be a life giving true happiness.

"There was true wisdom in the sages of old having so regulated society as to limit the material condition of the people: the rude plow of perhaps 5,000 years ago is the plow of the husbandman today. Therein lies salvation. People live long under such conditions, in comparative peace much greater than Europe has enjoyed after having taken up modern activity."

S. F. WANTS G. O. P.

(By Associated Press)

SAN FRANCISCO, July 7. — A strong sentiment has been created among the chiefs of the republican party in favor of Frisco as the scene of the 1924 national convention, according to word received here from Robert L. Webb, executive secretary of the San Francisco Convention league, who is in the east.

FOURTH OF JULY DEATH

(By Associated Press)

RIGBY, Ida., July 7.—John Wickburg, 63, resident of the Butler Island community, east of here, died Wednesday morning from internal injuries received when he was struck by a car while attending the Fourth of July celebration at Ririe Tuesday.

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