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Bible Thought for Today

A SURE DWELLING PLACE:—Trust in the Lord and do good; so shalt thou dwell in the land, and verily thou shalt be fed.—Psalm 37:3.

FIZZ SPRINGS.

Many people in La Grande and Baker know Fizz Springs, but most of those who have this knowledge are older people who at some time in the past have made one or two trips into the heart of the great natural park in the Eagle mountains where the springs are located.

Very recently the writer, accompanied by others, visited the springs and the regrettable feature of the trip was that we could not stay as long as we wanted to.

This wonderful spot which nature has dressed in her best is located in the northeastern part of Baker county, not inaccessible but neither is it located on a hard surface highway. When one leaves the good road from Baker to Sparta about four miles west of the latter place and heads into the hills the first thrill of the big out of doors takes possession and you begin to realize what a glorious country you live in. Following the crooked but interesting road to Lilly White mine, then to Martin's bridge on Main Eagle you get into the natural park which offers every feature of the out of doors enjoyment. But you have only fairly started for upon leaving Martin's bridge you begin a steady climb through a road made by the foresters up to Paddy's creek. There is located the old Whitaker mine. The mill and buildings are intact and with the return of gold mining it is quite likely the property will again become active. Still you climb and climb very abruptly until you reach the top of the mountain where you park your car and go on foot about three miles down the other side of the mountain into the basin which contains Fizz Springs. A beautiful camp ground with its gigantic pines and firs, with the murmur of Little Eagle creek constantly in the air, with the atmosphere laden heavily with the rich odor of wild flowers, presents itself to you for your approval. You immediately approve and begin drinking the water which bubbles up from the earth in a highly carbonated state. At first you do not particularly like the water, but you find yourself wandering back to the spring and soon you can drink a quart without stopping.

The [illegible] of this water is well known to those who have enjoyed it and the people of Baker and Union counties should find some way to improve the road into Fizz Springs in order that humanity might enjoy the beneficial features of this water.

RAY OF LIGHT FOR WHEAT GROWERS

[illegible] is a [illegible] editor of one of the metropolitan dailies. His visit to La Grande was refreshing to the wheat growers because of his opinion on price for this year's crop.

Mr. Cohen studies the wheat situation more closely than anyone in the northwest and he has been at this task for twenty years acquiring a store of knowledge and information that are both reliable and accurate. When he says there is a short crop of wheat throughout the world he should and does know what he is talking about. And applying the old law of supply and demand, which holds good to a large extent regarding wheat, it is but natural to contemplate a fairly good price for grain this year.

Grande Ronde valley wheat growers will be delighted at the information from Mr. Cohen, knowing that he is considered a very good authority on the subject.

Labor Board Has No Authority

When Samuel Gompers recently [illegible] the United States Labor Board [illegible] [illegible] to "outlaw" the strike [illegible] he performs a useful [illegible] indirectly in calling attention [illegible] of the recent transportation law.

It is true, as Mr. Gompers argues, that the law does not forbid railroad strikes, and does not confer authority on the Labor Board to forbid them. Its decisions have no legal compulsion behind them. Likewise, as interpreted by the government, it confers no authority on either the Labor Board or the Interstate Commerce Commission to make its decisions compulsory for the railroads themselves. Either unions or carriers may be cited to give information, under penalty, but there is no penalty for refusal to accept decisions based on such information.

Taking advantage of this situation some of the railroads have refused in the last year to act on instructions given by the Labor Board, though all the railroads have accepted the rate changes ordered by the Interstate Commerce Commission.

It is hard to see how the attempted regulation of the railroads by the government is going to succeed.

Vacation.

"See the little Day Star moving!
Life and Time are worth improving;
Seize the moments as they say!
Seize and use them, lest you lose them,
And lament the wasted day!"

So runs the stanza on the little sampler, but with the stern philosophy of its kind its object is to arouse the reader to work. With all due deference to the true mission of samplers, it is quoted here to urge the laggard to play while yet there is time.

Between the Fourth of July and Labor Day lies a stretch of nine short weeks in which the members of the average family must do their vacationing. One of those weeks is gone already. Only eight remain. Eight flying weeks of which one or two, or a day at a time, may be snatched for the out-of-door scheme that [illegible] nation of health and spirit and joy in life which vacation [illegible] and which do so much to fit the worker for the battle of the coming winter.

Only eight—count them—eight! as the ballyhoo artists bawl at the fair. "Seize and use them, lest you lose them, and lament the wasted day."

The Obsolete Wish.

When most of today's adults were children their perennial wish was to be "grown up" and to be able to do all the marvelous things the grown-ups did. Have the little folks grown wiser?

Some one, it is reported, recently asked about 50 youngsters if they would like to be grown up, and why. One lone child answered yes, because "then I could be my own boss." The other 49 were strong for the status quo. Their reasons were clear and firm. They ran something like this: "You have to worry about your kids." "You have to go to war." "You have to bother about whether there's enough for the family to eat." "You can't run all around when you want to." "You have to be solemn." "You get deaf and have to use glasses."

Perhaps this is a symptom of that precocious, calculating "wiseness" ascribed to the younger generation by their despairing elders. They are said to see life with cold, disillusioned eyes, and so prefer their irresponsible childhood to the harrassed existence of their parents.

Perhaps, however, this is really a

stern comment on adult discontent and failure. If a home is so full of nervous worry and obvious complaining that even children can see the petty annoyances and tragedies bigger than the joys and peace, then something is very much amiss with father, mother and grown-up brothers and sisters. This change in the children's attitude if it is general, carries a lesson and a warning to those who should be setting the example of rich and happy life today.

THE OFFICE CAT

—BY JUNIUS—

THE INFALLIBLE.
Patient: "What shall I do for insomnia, Doctor?"
Physician: "Every evening keep repeating to yourself: 'I am a night watchman, I am a night watchman, I am a night watchman'."

About the only thing that can be said of plush cushions in a closed car is that the garage mechanic likes to use them for a towel.

It is the frost that comes in a French box that has caused most of our peach blight.

ADMIRED THAT.
He—"You must have seen something in me to admire or you would not have married me."
She—"I did—your sublime nerve in wanting to be my husband."

HERE'S A WILD COLYUM CONDUCTOR.
It was a cold and wintry night,
A man stood on the street,
His aged eyes were full of tears
And his shoes were full of feet.

The boy stood on the burning deck
His feet were all in blisters
He burned the only pants he had
And had to wear his sister's.
—Lakeside News.

AS WE HAVE IT NOW.
"Dobbs is creating a tempest in a teapot."
"He'd better lay off that home-brew stuff."

St. Peter had had a busy day and Gabriel had not loafed any himself. Throngs had visited the gate and been looked over. Those who had answered their questionnaires successfully and satisfactorily were admitted. For others it was "Going down!" Finally when the books were about to be closed for the day, A soul that had belonged to a newspaper man when on earth came puffing along. "What'll we do with him—the books are practically closed for the day?" said Peter to Gabriel. Before Gabriel had any time to answer, the shade of the journalist spoke up timidly: "You might label me 'Too Late to Classify,' and let me in anyway."

HE WAS WILLING.
Wife—"Do you object to my having $200 a month for spending money?"
Hub—"Certainly not, if you can find it anywhere."

The time has arrived when a man can discard his alarm clock and turn the job over to the flies.

"Do you need any typewriter supplies?" asked the selling agent of the company buyer. "Yes," was the reply. "We are short of candy and chewing gum."

AND HE OFTEN SUCCEEDS.
Many a humorist is afraid of making himself ridiculous.
It is rumored that when Sir A. Conan Doyle asked a spirit how it got to the next world, the spirit replied, "Flu."

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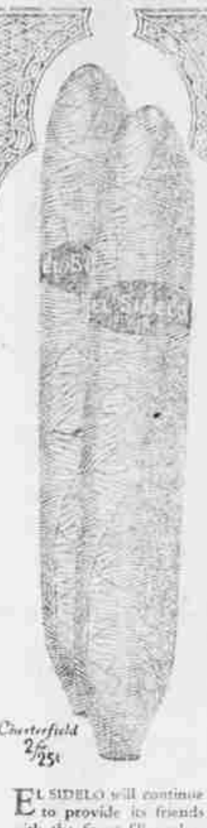

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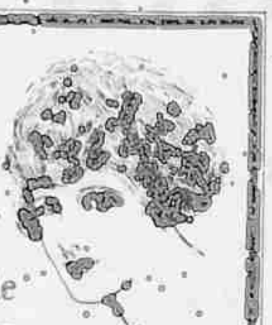

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