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Bible Thought for Today

AN UNLIMITED SUPPLY.—If ye abide in me, and my words abide in you, ye shall ask what ye will, and it shall be done unto you.—John 15:7.

A MIGHTY FINE TEN-YEAR-OLD.

Last evening a celebration was held at the La Grande Library building commemorating the birth of the library movement in this city.

It is a very healthy, well developed ten-year-old as a history of the work goes to show. The library has grown far past the expectations of its best friends. With Carnegie donation the city was able to erect a good home for the institution and with the united effort and co-operation of friends of the movement the library has acquired a fine selection of volumes. Not only that, properly directed energy has installed the habit in the younger people of going to the library reading, of taking out books to the home, and with the efficient librarian also knows what people should read, the community has been benefited by the existence of the library.

ALL HOPE FOR SETTLEMENT

The strike has lasted entirely too long to please either one of the controversy and all sides hope for a settlement at the earliest possible moment. There is not the least doubt of this statement, but the great question which is worrying both sides is how to settle the trouble without compromising to an extent that will be damaging to the stand either side has taken.

It is very apparent that the railroads and the men will have to settle their disputes regardless of the Labor Board. This being true, how could anyone consistently say to the shopmen that they are striking against their government. Nothing during the strike has evoked more criticism from the general public than the utterances of railroad officials who jumped to the foreground with the statement that the government was the agency making the new order and any man who saw fit to strike was striking not against the railroad companies but against the United States government.

The force of this well laid plan on the part of officials to use the Labor Board as a shock absorber has been lost as anyone who watches the public pulse will readily admit that the people as a whole did not fall for the charge against the shopmen.

Now, however, each side has had its say, rolling stock needs repairing, men need work, and it is high time that the companies and the men get together and settled their troubles which can be done if the Labor Board is eliminated so that neither side can depend upon that agency for further protection.

Editor George Putman of the Salem Journal joins William Allen White, editor of Judge, in the belief that a large percentage of voters are "morons"—they of undeveloped mind. Hush, you fellows, judge not lest ye be judged. But at that, there is something decidedly wrong somewhere, and if it is a case of moronites, why let's have a commission appointed to report to congress at the next regular session. That's about the kind of bunk we are hearing on every ill of the country nowadays.

The city of Portland is now fighting the State of Oregon in an endeavor to be relieved from the state tax of two cents a gallon on gasoline. Let's see, was it not the city of Portland that wanted to add two cents more to the state tax to raise money for an exposition in that city when the legislature was convened in foolish extra session last winter? How the big cities do change their minds, don't they?

It is reported that R. A. Booth and W. B. Barrett, two of the highway commissioners, are about to resign. This is to be regretted for besides being a lot of unfavorable business on the table, the road funds are about exhausted and the fate is in one of its biggest low suits with the Warren Construction company over use of alleged patents. Some quiet job now, boys.

Everyone who handles food in La Grande should use the greatest care during the warm weather to protect the people from poison, for the courts protect themselves. Confidence is the man handling the foodstuff brings him the business. Abuse of that confidence is next to criminal.

Senator McNary's press agent tells in the Portland Journal how the senator is going to have the air patrol established in the Pacific Northwest. That's the Post this outfit will keep of your ledger and don't forget to keep tab on development.

Editor Ingalls of Corvallis should make an excellent secretary for the K. K. K. of Oregon, for does he not come from under the shadow of the mighty O. A. C. where political science is taught in conjunction with cow milking and cornet playing?

Radio to Chart the Seas.

The latest adaptation of the radio is to register the depth a sea. Assistant Secretary of the Navy Roosevelt recently announced the completion of a successful trial on a government steamship crossing the Atlantic from Newport to Gibraltar. The depth was shown and recorded all the way with remarkable accuracy.

The invention consists of a device which measures the time it takes for a sound sent from the ship to reach the bed of the ocean and return to the ship. The sound is made by an oscillator in the after part of the ship and the rebound or echo is received by a sensitive ear placed forward and the elapsed time is recorded automatically. A glance at the record, therefore, will show the depth under the ship at any moment and the depth sought.

This instrument alone could be depended upon, it is said, to give a navigator the approximate position of his vessel from his general knowledge of ocean depths. It will also make possible the charting of sea routes with immensely greater ease and completeness than has ever been possible with the slow laborious method of "heaving the lead." It is expected that all ships will be equipped with it eventually.

Thus another element of safety is added to sea travel. And the Prince of Monaco, who devoted his life to charting the seas, and is now gone, may well rest in peace. He is no longer needed.

Mothers' Vacation

In lining up the family vacations has mother been overlooked? Father will get his two weeks which he can spend either on the porch or picking on mother in the kitchen, as suits his fancy, even if he cannot get away. The kids will work and be visited, paper and whine, so they are all fixed but what about mother?

Most of the other vacations still mean extra work for her. There will be the preparations of wardrobes, the prevalence of extra meals and a dozen other additions to her already crowded schedule. Even if the entire family flit to camp or cottage it will mean little rest for her. As one woman expressed it, looking wearily out over the placid waters of a mountain lake, "They call this the 'simple life'—but all I can see is that the family simply eat more and it is harder to get."

Mother isn't tired; she gets stale on her job. Just like other human beings she minds the heat. She needs a change just as much as anybody, if it cannot be arranged for her to leave home how about making that she gets a vacation at home—a vacation from her labors, the result of the other members of the family assuming every possible bit of her cares and responsibilities, and a vacation from the grinding and incessant selfish demands upon her strength and courage?

For if home is the place where you are fondest best and grumble most, too often mother is the girl who has the most soft stuff written and has had the most hard things said to her and the most hard work forced upon her. Remember Mother's Vacation!

Commendable Corner-Cutting.

Cutting corners when it means cutting an unsightly foot-path across a stretch of lawn is a vice, but cutting corners when it is done to the street curbs themselves at intersecting streets is another story.

When a motorist must swing out toward the middle of the street, as he nears to do in turning a sharp corner, the danger of collision with cars coming from the opposite directions is increased. If the apex of the corner is removed and the curb remodeled to flattened curve, the driver in making his turn keeps closer to the side, lessening the chance of accident. In one municipality where curbs have been remodeled from a sharp angle to a curve, and where the work was done, it is said that the number of mishaps has appreciably less after the change.

Aside from its value as a safety measure, the rounding curve at the street intersections is more artistic to the eye, giving a look of openness and spaciousness which is in line with modern ideas of civic beautification. It is not too much to predict that within a few years the sharp-angled street corner will have vanished.

Time for Action.

When the coal strike began, there were [illegible] tons of coal above ground. But August 1, at the present rate of consumption, that supply [illegible] to 4,000,000 tons. [illegible] more in less than [illegible] situated by the [illegible] to be essential [illegible] to the Great Lakes [illegible] been normal quantities [illegible] to supply [illegible] and the Atlantic [illegible] Instead [illegible] and there [illegible] or as cool [illegible] and delays [illegible] at there [illegible] in the [illegible] San Francisco [illegible] of the [illegible] and [illegible] and [illegible] and