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## Bible Thought for Today

**THE LOVE THAT SAVES:**—For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life.—John 3:16.

## TRIBUTE TO ORDER AND RESPECT.

Last evening Charles J. Dillon, representing the railroad executives of the United States, talked in the city hall. His audience contained few business and professional men whom he had hoped to meet, but it was a large audience just the same and it was practically composed of men who are out on a strike protesting the decision of the Labor Board.

Mr. Dillon defended the railroad officials as he is their representative, but the point the Evening Observer wishes to drive home is the orderly, respectful manner in which the strikers listened to this gentleman giving him every courtesy that a public speaker could expect. The speaker was appreciative of this reception and his talk was inoffensive. Even when he showed the attitude of officials of whom he did not approve he used language that was ordinary. Instead of being met by bristles from an audience of strikers he was met with polite argumentative questions from the men, and the meeting resolved itself into a forum wherein both the speaker and the men, each realizing the attitude of the other, argued on points of national interest and points of welfare both to the laborer and the transportation companies.

This newspaper wishes to add right here that the stories now afloat in many places that La Grande is a seething bombshell due to the strike is a malicious falsehood and has no ground for existence. This city is orderly, the men out on strike are orderly and there is none of the rampant, red-free stuff to be found among any of the different organizations.

The Dillon meeting proved that last evening. Citizens of La Grande already knew it, but the gossip vendor who starts things up and down the line evidently sought to bring discord and chaos to a peaceful community by whanging away on the "La Grande situation" when there was no such thing.

## DO PEOPLE WANT THE REAL THING?

Funny, isn't it, how the oldtime saloon and gambling house nowadays become intensely entertaining, and seemingly no gathering can have any other kind of entertainment except that and the wild west show, or something of such a strenuous nature.

Baker might have advertised for months that she would hold an old fashioned Fourth of July celebration and the town would not have been half filled that day. But when she pulled Whiskey Gulch and the roulette wheel, the Indians and cowboys and a lot more of the early stuff she had a record breaking crowd. Pendleton's success at the Wild West show business is known the country over, and now comes Portland businessmen who, in order to put forth entertainment with a kick in it, have settled upon an old time saloon and gambling house to be installed in the municipal auditorium during Bayers Week when hundreds of people from over the northwest will be guests of that city.

What does it all point to? Cannot people be entertained without reckless, dare devil stuff? Can't they forget the days when John Barleycorn was having his inning and the gambling house flourished? Do people want the real things in this line brought back? If not, why is the enjoyment so great at imitation?

Surely humanity is a great problem—a problem that few have been able to solve.

## EVILS OF THE INITIATIVE.

Perhaps the utterances of Carl Shoemaker, master fish warden, are arousing some to a realization that the initiative can be used for blackmail purposes, and then there are those who have long felt that the initiative is a dangerous thing when improperly handled. It has a side to it that, so long as it does not affect one or anything one is directly interested in, may seem harmless, but in truth the initiative can be used to work ruin to almost any line of industry in that cunning people are equipped with power to start propaganda and initiate laws that will prove damaging even though they do not carry at the polls.

It is very much like the gossip's story about the young lady. It may be as false as the teeth the gossip wears, but nevertheless there is a something that clings to the girl throughout her life simply because the story was started.

The best bank in Oregon can be the victim of scandal and the best industry in the state can be held up to ridicule by making enemies who seek to right an imaginary wrong or shove down coin with the initiative.

The Oregon Legion uses excellent judgment every time judgment is in order. This was evidenced when that organization selected George Wilbur of Hood River as its commander and Fred Kiddle of La Grande as vice-commander. Both men are of the "old school" and are of the Wilbur is a clean cut fellow possessed of brains and general ability, and people of Union county will say to the Legion that it made no mistake in our fellow citizen, Fred Kiddle.

## THE OFFICE CAT

—BY JUNIUS—



Last evening while sitting on our porch we noticed fifteen automobiles, etc., floating by with one light in front and some also with one light and a spotlight. If there is any case of criminal that should be nipped it is that kind, but our beautiful little city is full of such violators every night.

**YOU KNOW THE KIND.**  
Barber—"Honor all right, sir?"  
Victim—"My good man, if you had not mentioned it I should never have known there was a razor on my face."  
Barber—"It's very kind of you to say so, sir."  
Victim—"Not at all I thought you were using a file."

**SOMETIMES A SNAPPING TURTLE ANSWERS US.**  
The Young Girl—"Ma, why do they keep animals at the telephone office?"  
Mother—"Why, child, what gave you such an idea?"  
The Young Girl—"Because when I called up the lady told me the phone busy."

**OUCH!**  
We suppose that even a woman could run a cigar store successfully, if she had enough to back her—if you follow us?

**MARCHING ALONG.**  
The encouraging thing about the future is that there is so much of it.

Judged by the attention that other people give our business it is evident that almost nobody is in the right business.

**TAKING THE MESSAGE.**  
"Take the message and I'll get it from you later."  
"Your little girl wants to kiss you over the phone," explained the stenog demurely.

**THOUGHT OF A MIDDLE AGED GUY.**  
I think of the janes of the nine-ties and eight-ies.  
I'm a middle-aged guy.

Intelligence is wasted on ignorance at a critical time. Mirabeau captured a turbulent assembly with a sentence. He said:  
"I know it is but a step from the Capitol to the Tarpaulin rock." This is sublime, but one must know history to understand it.

My squashes are turning out to be yuccas.

Mother: "Daddy, how many times have I told you not to beat that drum?"  
Bobby: "Six mother."

Even an amateur gardener can raise an astonishing variety of blights.

**SAFETY FIRST.**  
"I want," said the little girl, entering the general store, "five pounds of sugar, a bar of chocolate, a bottle of milk, a pound of butter and a pound of shell-ed nuts. Then I want a roll of extra batting, some paper, a tube of vasoline and a bottle of olive oil."  
"Why, what's going on up at your house?" asked the storekeeper, "domestically?"  
"No," replied the child, "sister's going to make fudge."

With dreams telling the past and deeds defining the future, the only thing doubtful is the present.

A local tailor says he saw a certain married man kissing a girl at Cascade Park the other evening and also says unless he will print his name in his ad in our newspaper. We don't blame the tailor for ramming a duck like that.

## MAY BE CITY WITHOUT SLUMS

On August 1st (Wed.)  
LONDON, July 27. (By Mail)—Twenty years of the worst slum areas in London are to be wiped out by the London County Council. The work is to be spread over the next ten or twelve years and the government will assist in it.

"When the scheme, which involves the clearance of the slum areas in London, is completed," says Colonel Lester, chairman of the housing committee, "it will have entailed displacement of some 45,000 people, and an expenditure of many millions of pounds. The main idea is to make London a slumless city."  
"Such work cannot, of course be done on a strictly economic basis but London will benefit greatly by the increased sanitation it is intended to procure. The better housing all round will mean better health and therefore a happier people."

**FIND SOME OF OURS!**  
LONDON, Aug. 1.—Intelligences which are for the Chamberlain's...  
The re-election of Maxton county precinct failed to materialize today when a resolution by the board on the precincts—Berk, Champer, King, and...  
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## TENNIS TOURNAMENT BEING PLAYED

The first round in the senior singles tournament in the Union County Tennis Tournament was played off yesterday afternoon when last year's champion, Lyle Wilson of Imbler, won two straight sets from Charles Binger by the scores of 6-0 and 6-3. Another match will be played this afternoon but owing to the failure to get into communication with the entries before the Observer went to press, the participants in the match are not known.

In the junior singles Floyd Smith eliminated Everett Bennett by winning two straight sets by the score of 6-1 and 6-0, which will entitle him to meet the winner of the Lynch-Robinson match for the right to play in the finals. Joan Taylor won the right to represent the first division and will play the winner of the second division, whoever it may be.

More interest is being shown in this tournament than ever before and the tennis fans are attempting to bring tennis into the foreground in La Grande as one of the popular sports.

Entries in the senior events from La Grande, Union and Imbler indicate the county-wide interest in the event and predict a much greater interest, to be shown in coming years.

## ROAD PROGRAM GIVEN A BLOW

Market Road Money Cannot be Used for Highways, is Ruling of Supreme Court.

SALEM, Or., Aug. 1.—Oregon's road-building program received a severe blow, officials said, when the supreme court affirmed a decree of Judge G. F. Skylesworth of the Lane county circuit court in which he held there is no provision of law whereby market road money may be expended in the construction and improvement of state highways. The opinion was written by Justice Bean.

The case originated when the Lane county court, some time ago, made provision to expend \$25,000 of market road funds in the construction of a bridge on the Pacific highway near Cottage Grove. S. M. Calkins objected to the proposed expenditure and filed injunction proceedings against the Lane county court and the state highway commission.

"The state highway commission has no authority over the construction of market roads," said Justice Bean's opinion, "except that the commission is required to furnish plans and specifications therefor upon the request of the county. It does not change the matter that the county court of Lane county has by resolution designated a portion

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of the Pacific highway as a market road. This does not authorize the county to construct the same out of the market road fund.

**Funds for Specific Purpose.**  
"The Pacific highway was established by law. The market road fund is established for a specific purpose and therefore not for any other purpose than provided by the statute. We think the law in question is a plain expression of the will of the law-makers of the state, and there is little necessity for construing the act," said the opinion.

As a result of the opinion, officials of the state highway department here said today that co-operative work on the highways now in progress in Polk county probably will cease, and that much other road work contemplated in different parts of the state this year will be abandoned.

In the past counties have prepared the grades for highways out of market road funds while the state, under the direction of the highway department, has laid the pavement and constructed the bridges. Under the supreme court opinion this cooperative work will not be possible, and as a result many of the counties will find themselves unable to finance improvements contemplated for this season.

**Smeller for a Perfume Factory.**  
The scent smeller is as essential to perfume manufacturers as the tea faster is to the tea merchant. The gift of scent smelling is a thousand times more rare than the gift of wine sampling.

**EMPLOYEES GET EDU'S.**  
SCHENECTADY, N. Y., August 1.—The General Electric company announced Monday it had paid \$1,011,368 to employees of its plants who

have been in the company's service five years or more. The sum represents per cent of the earnings of the employees for the six months ending June 30.

## PILGRIMS KILLED GOING TO SHRINE

(By Associated Press)  
PARIS, Aug. 1.—Forty persons were killed and fifty were injured in a collision today between two trains of pilgrims going to the Grotto of Lourdes, a famous shrine.

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