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Bible Thought for Today

HOW TO WIN.—Trust in the Lord, and do good; so shall thou dwell in the land, and verily thou shalt be fed. Commit thy way unto the Lord; trust also in him; and he shall bring it to pass.—Psalm 37:3, 5.

CHIEF LIKE HANNA NEEDED?

Mark Sullivan, special writer for the Portland Oregonian, is getting old and crabby; his mind runs in the old rut and plainly he believes things are not what they used to be when father was a boy.

When Harding was elected president he said plainly in his articles "now we have another McKinley;" now he turns back over the vista of fleeting years, thinks of the fireplace in the old home, the old peach tree in the backyard, the strains of music from the family melodeon and utters the exclamation that this nation needs a Mark Hanna.

If it were possible to fill the orders as Mark gives them we evidently would be changing officials very often and with probable bad effect.

Do we need a Hanna? Admitting that Mark Hanna was a great statesman and an able citizen, it is very doubtful whether Mark Hanna's type would fit in the present scheme of government. We have had a Roosevelt since Hanna and he shattered completely and forever all the Hanna precedents that had been established.

The best evidence that the country does not want a Mark Hanna as a leader is shown by the recent election of Beveridge, the defeat of Campbell and other political signs that have been appearing of late.

We could stand another Roosevelt and the country feels that it needs such a leader, but Roosevelts are not to be located in every generation. In the meantime a process of education should be started to teach the people to cease thinking so much about the "government doing it" and do something for themselves. Once that could be driven home, we would not worry so much about not having a Hanna or a Roosevelt but would be content and develop the natural resources of the country at the same time extracting from life contentment and happiness.

WHAT IS A FRIEND?

Two men were talking about friendship, and one of them had read Emerson's splendid essay. The other said, "I don't know what Emerson wrote on friendship, but I am willing to accept for myself the definition of a friend, written by some unknown writer, that I found somewhere the other day printed on a little slip of paper. Let me read it to you," says Thomas Drier in "Our Dumb Animals."

"What is a friend?" he read. "I will tell you. It is a person with whom you dare to be yourself. Your soul can go naked with him. He seems to ask of you to put on nothing, only to be what you are. He does not want you to be better or worse.

"When you are with him you feel as a prisoner who has been declared innocent. You do not have to be on your guard. You can say what you think so long as it is genuinely you. He understands those contradictions in your nature that lead others to misjudge you.

"With him you breathe free. You can take off your coat and loosen your collar. You can avow your little vanities and envies and hates and vicious sparks, your meanness and absurdities, and in opening them up to him they are lost, dissolved on the white ocean of his loyalty. He understands. You do not have to be careful.

"You can abuse him, neglect him, tolerate him. Best of all, you can keep still with him. It makes no matter. He likes you. He is like fire that purges all you do. He is like water that cleanses all you say. He is like wine that warms you to the bone. He understands.

"You can weep with him, laugh with him, sin with him, pray with him. Through and underneath it all he sees, knows, and loves you.

"A friend, I repeat, is one with whom you dare to be yourself."

WHEN A PIONEER MOVES.

The news item in yesterday's Observer stating that Mrs. M. A. Harris and daughters, Mrs. Rhoda Smith and Mrs. Cora Lewis, were leaving La Grande to permanently locate in Portland brings to mind what it means for a pioneer to move. Mrs. Harris is truly a pioneer of the Grande Ronde valley. She has lived in this valley since 1864 and has resided in La Grande for nineteen years. Her daughters and two sons—Frank E. and Joseph new of Canada—were born here, hence the ties of friendship and of neighborly affection are firmly fixed.

But the strong character of Mrs. Harris asserts itself now in removing to Portland just as it did a few years ago when she took over a ranch in Canada and ran it herself for some time. She is that kind of a woman—no task is too great, no obstacle too big for her to master. She is one of those good old mothers who believes that the back is fitted for the burden. But her La Grande friends sincerely hope that in her removal from the hills of Eastern Oregon to the sweet scented, rose laden valley of Willamette that there will be no burdens and her declining years may be passed in joy and perfect happiness which an old person experiences when surrounded by good, wholesome children who have never forgotten the lessons taught at another's knee.

The Hall-Oleott recount is not strenuous enough to attract attention and the amusement it was to afford during the hot weather is not to be found. Hall had as well go to the seashore for his vacation and Oleott might well proceed with his campaign for apparently results will not be changed. Let the court do the work this hot weather.

We would like to have seen the expression on Bill Hauley's face when he read Carl Gray's statement that there would be no more railroad building in Eastern Oregon anyways soon. Bill can swear when he wants to and we'll bet he did.

That spasm about the Portland boys equipping an automobile train to invade the country with exposition speeches seems to have had another backset.

It is bad enough for a woman to lose a husband but the Portland lady who lost her husband and \$700 in real money carries a double load of grief.

One Sunday passed without killing or crippling someone on the highways of the county. Put a red letter for that date.

What Coal Does.

The railroads and the coal operators are having their troubles, but the shipping interests are not complaining. It is an ill wind that blows nobody good. The United States demand for British coal is soaring, and hundreds of thousands of tons are being bought at Newcastle-on-Tyne and in South Wales for immediate delivery here. The United States shipping board is planning to utilize scores of the nationally owned boats which have been lying idle for lack of cargoes, and tramp steamers from every port are headed for the British Isles to pick off fuel cargoes for this country. Oddly enough, the grain shippers will profit most. International trade is slack right now, and Europe is not buying much in America in the shape of machinery. But there is always a brisk trade in food stuffs, and this is the time of year when it is most active. The movement of grain and other necessities to make British coal cost us less since it will enable outward bound vessels, which must otherwise have crossed the Atlantic in ballast, to leave our harbors loaded to the Plimsoll mark. That is, if the railroads can get the grain to the coast. (Gladys) An ocean freight usually stiffen in August, but this year the supply of available tonnage is expected to make them easier. For some months that rate has been about 14 cents a hundred pounds, as against 13 cents before the war. This fall grain is expected to cross the Atlantic at 10 cents a hundred. It will make a lot of difference overseas.

Fit Candidates.

Voters generally are beginning to realize that it is a candidate's fitness to serve which should determine his holding any office, and to inform themselves accordingly. There could be no more hopeful outlook for any people.

In this city a Citizen's Committee composed of representative men and women has been studying the field of congressional candidates and is now making public the names of those whom it recommends. The test of fitness is outlined as follows:

"The Citizen's Committee has not backed and does not know the qualifications of these candidates on any issue.

"The Citizen's Committee believes that legislative representatives from the standpoint of intelligence, character and training, should be thoroughly qualified to hear all sides of all issues, and then vote solely from the standpoint of intelligent investigation and sound conviction. The committee is convinced that the candidates recommended meet in all things the requirements specified."

Public officials chosen for such qualifications and living up to them would represent any community for its own good and for the good of the country at large.

The thing is for men and women so qualified to take their places among those willing to run for office, and then for the same sort of men and women to see that they get it. When intelligence and character are found at the polls and on the tickets, we shall have less of bad politics and more of good government.

Overheated Conscience.

Governor Miller of New York has met a financial deficiency in his department by paying a public debt of \$8,000 out of his own pocket. The ordinary procedure, of course, would have been to ask the legislature for an appropriation to meet the deficiency or to have let the latter hang over until next year.

The governor gave this reason for his action: "I paid because I had set my face against deficiency appropriations and had to observe the rule that I had established if I expected others to do so."

Here is a sense of personal responsibility not found too often in public officials. If it were followed generally it ought to help bring about genuine official economy. It should not only reduce government expenditures but should encourage more careful weighing of values of proposed appropriations and their purposes. Probably there will be a rush office holders.

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THE OFFICE CAT



SO TO SPEAK.
"How is she a dancer?"
"Always thinking up new steps and knows how to shimmy."
"I see. Stands above the other head and shoulders."

TAKE NOTICE.
You can be a helpful critic. As you motor day by day. Just by cleaning up the litter. When you picnic by the way.

MUTUAL PROTECTION.
"Girl's Father (allegedly)—
"Young man, are your intentions serious?"
"Suitor (hesitatingly)—
"Art-er yours?"

Honest Ike says ignorance of the law is no excuse unless she happens to be pretty.

HOW MIRANDY GOT OFF.
Traffic Cop—"Say you! Didn't you see me wave at you?"
Mirandy—"Yes you fresh thing, and if my old man had a seen you, he'd a knocked off your block."

The "Save the Surface Campaign" doesn't apply to the unvarnished truth.

Oh, every fly that skips our swatters. Will have five million sons and daughters.

Nephews and nieces, scores and dozens. And countless first and second cousins.

The teacher one day told the children the story of Socrates—how wise he was, how unhappy was his married life, and how at last he poisoned himself with hemlock. When she had finished she told the children to write down the story in their own words. She was amused to find one essay began up triumphantly: "And Socrates died from a dose of well-ock."

We heard a chap say he would see

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Our ladies shoe department is now showing several attractive new fall patterns in strap pumps and oxfords.

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Also there are shown the oxford illustrated here. It is a very new design and shown for the first time in La Grande. It is a dark brown lightweight calfskin with welt sole and is in the blucher style. Slightly perforated and broad toe. It is an "ARMSTRONG" and priced at \$9.00.

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GRANGE PLAY AT TELOCASET GOOD

Mr. Leland Hodgkin sang a duet. The play was followed by a pie supper which was greatly enjoyed. The play ends intend to present the play at Wolf creek sometime within the next two weeks.

Baker Will Hear Both Sides of the U. P. S. P. Railroad Row

BAKER, Aug. 8.—A. C. Spencer, of the Union Pacific system of Portland, will be in Baker Wednesday to address the Chamber of Commerce luncheon regarding the Central Oregon railroad situation. The following Wednesday the Southern Pacific side of the question will be outlined by Frank Miller, ex-public service commissioner of Oregon.

Cabbage in the British Isles. The bonanzas are credited with introducing cabbage into England, and the soldiers of Cromwell carried it to Scotland, and made it popular there, as they did also in Ireland, according to tradition.

to it that even the janitors in the churches would be arrested if he caught them sweeping or doing any work on Sundays. He will fail, as janitors don't do any work on any day, so it can be seen.

Honest Ike says the tightwad is unwept, unhonored and unstung.

WHY MEN LOSE THE TRAIL.
Little longer skirts and we men will be looking where we are going.

Ez.—"What's that cow you said you was a'going to sell me for \$200?"
Eph.—"She got well."

Some folks don't worry half as much about what the Lord thinks of them as they do about what their neighbors say about them.

WEEK'S WORST POEM.
Wouldn't it be terrible!
Oh, kind Fate, spare us, please—
What a disgrace to the nation
If Laddie Boy should have flea!

A La Grande doctor tells this story on himself: After writing a prescription for a patient the physician told him that the druggist would probably charge him 60 cents for filling it. Then the patient asked the doctor to lend him the money. Thereupon the physician carefully scratched out a part of the prescription and handed it back with ten cents, remarking: "You can have that filled for a dime. What I scratched out was for your nerve."

Small-Minded Woman.
Lodger (to landlady)—"Now, see here, Mrs. Fleck, on all sides of us great world industries are collapsing—state banks are failing and the postal service labors with a million dollar deficit, and here you come and make a scene because I owe you one month's rent."

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