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**CITY AND COUNTY OFFICIAL PAPER.**  
**Bible Thought for Today**  
**STAY WITH THE LORD:**—The Lord is with you, while ye be with him; and if ye seek him, he will be found of you; but if ye forsake him, he will forsake you.—II. Chronicles 31:21.

## THE OFFICE CAT



—BY JUNIUS—  
"It's the little things that tell," said the young lady as she pulled her younger brother from beneath the sofa.  
**SHE INVESTIGATED**  
A woman was entertaining some friends at a small afternoon tea party. Her irrefragable little daughter behaved faultlessly until the party was nearly over.  
One particularly guest had not ceased to arouse the child's curiosity. Finally she walked twice very slowly around the guest's chair.  
"Well, dear, what is it?" the guest asked curiously.  
"Mamma said you were too fat," replied the child, "so I was just trying to find the other one."

Of course if you have water on the knee you might try wearing pumps.  
Money makes the motor go.

We know a chap who has three daughters and every morning he has to take a grape basket and go over the front lawn and pick up the cigarette butts the admirers of his daughters leave there every night.

**PERTINENT QUESTION**  
"Say, pa."  
"Well, my son?"  
"I took a walk through the cemetery today and I read the inscriptions on the tombstones."  
"Well, what about it?"  
"Where are all the wicked people buried?"

What would happen if the women of this country would go on a strike and do no cooking or other household drudgery until certain things were agreed to. That kind of a strike would not last one day.

Some are born fools, some achieve foolishness and some do not stop, look or listen at a grade crossing.

Little four-year-old Margie, whose big sister brought her chum home to spend the night, thought it would be a great treat to sleep with them and having gained permission, she took her place in the center of the bed. She soon found it uncomfortable and was wishing to appear self-ishly naked.

"Daddy, have you plenty of room?"  
"Yes, dear," was the reply.  
"Then to the sister's room?"  
"Have you plenty of room, Miss Margie?"  
"Sure, dear."  
"Well, then, both of you move over."

If she didn't  
Have her hair bobbed,  
If she didn't dab with paint,  
If she wore her dresses made to reach  
To where the dresses ain't, if she didn't  
Have that baby voice, and spoke  
Just as she should;  
Do you think she'd be as popular?  
I hardly think she would.

Politicians like to live a long time in case if everything comes out as badly as they expected.

In politics third parties are mostly platforms.  
"If your husband up?" asked the wife of a lady.  
"Yes, dear," was the reply.  
"Then to the sister's room?"  
"Have you plenty of room, Miss Margie?"  
"Sure, dear."  
"Well, then, both of you move over."

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## TAKES ISSUE WITH EVANGELIST JERRY JETER.

PORTLAND, Ore., Aug. 18.—Editor Observer: I am informed that the Rev. Jerry Jeter has been attacking Christian Science in his evangelistic meetings recently held in La Grande, and I will appreciate the courtesy of your columns in which to say a word in reply.

In assuming to explain to his audience what Christian Science is and what it teaches, Mr. Jeter exposes, not Christian Science, but his own prejudice and ignorance of the subject; while the disrespectful and insinuating character of his statements about Mary Baker Eddy, the discoverer and founder of Christian Science, is, to say the least, astonishing, coming from one who professes to follow and teach the precepts of Jesus, the Master Christian. Certain it is, that Mrs. Eddy herself never set our critic any such example of hatred and intolerance. Christian Scientists are taught not to attack or abuse persons or their religious beliefs, for they endeavor to practice the Golden Rule and respect the rights and privileges of their fellow men; nor do they enter controversy with those who may not agree with them, but reply to critics only in defense and to correct misrepresentations.

The fact is that Mrs. Eddy—pure, gentle and self-sacrificing—lived a consistent Christian life, and was so spiritually-minded as to have been a worthy channel for the discovery and establishment of Christian Science in this age. Her unselfish and untiring life-long service of love and devotion to all mankind has been the means of lifting up a standard of conduct and character that is working easily to the improvement of the moral standards of the world, as well as bringing joy, better health and higher aspirations to millions of humanity, sick and weary of life's burdens.

"For which of these good works do ye stone me?" said Jesus.  
To deny that Christian Science heals displays gross ignorance of what it is accomplishing, or else indicates a prejudice so blind as to refuse to acknowledge well-established evidence. Mrs. Eddy organized her church "to commemorate the word and works of our Master, which should restate primitive Christianity and its last element of healing." The Master healed all manner of disease and sin, and did so by utilizing his knowledge of God, the divine Mind, and what he himself did he declared "ye shall do also." Christian Scientists are finding this to be as true and possible today as 1900 years ago, proving to the satisfaction of others as well as themselves that the divine knowledge of Jesus applied so successfully is also available to each one of us here and now, if we will but learn and obey. Referring to God, Job said, "Acquaint thyself with him and be at peace."  
In the preface to the Christian Science textbook "Science and Health With Key to the Scriptures," Mrs. Eddy says "The those lessons on the sustaining infinite, today is big with blessings," for they are proving for themselves that such statements in the Bible as the following are not idle promises but are humanly practical and demonstrable: "God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble" (Psalm 46:1); "who forgiveth all thine iniquities; who healeth all thy diseases" (Psalm 103:3); and "the word of God is quick, and powerful" (Heb. 4:12).

Does our brother think God can heal sin but is unable to heal sickness? or does he think Omnipotence can heal only certain kinds of diseases and cannot cope with others? Jesus healed one kind of disease as readily as another and made no distinction between organic and functional diseases, or chronic and acute, and neither does Christian Science. Chronic ailments are being successfully healed by Christian Science as well as other forms of illness, and well-authenticated cases of complete and permanent recovery by Christian Science treatment have been proven in open court—what our critic has said to the contrary notwithstanding. Sincere and unprejudiced seekers for Truth can probably find right there in your home community many living witnesses to verify the effectiveness of Christian Science in meeting all phases of human ills.

THEODORE BURKHART,  
Christian Science Committee on Publication for Oregon.

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## AMERICAN CLAIMS AGAINST GERMANY.

While the Allies are making another despairing effort to collect something from Germany in the way of claims for war damage, it is interesting to consider the agreement just entered into between Washington and Berlin for the collection of American claims. There is a striking contrast.

By the agreement referred to, there is a commission appointed, with Germany and the United States each represented by one man, and with a third man, Justice Day of the United States Supreme Court, acting as umpire. Germany is satisfied with this one-sided arrangement—and well she may be. For there is nothing in the whole history of American claims against Germany growing out of the World War that shows anything but the most astonishing generosity on the part of this country.

What are the claims in question? They are of three kinds. They arise from the seizure of or damage to American property in Germany, from debts owed as between nationals of the two countries and from damage in general connected with the war. And be it noted particularly that nearly all of these claims are not national claims, but individual claims, such as might have been presented by American citizens if this country had remained out of the war.

They are mostly claims for mere casual business losses, and they amount at most to a few hundred millions. As for the 40 or 50 billions of loss suffered by the American people as a whole, from the necessity of fighting a war forced on them by Germany, no claim has ever been made for any part of that, or ever will be. There is probably no such instance of national magnanimity on the part of a war victor recorded in history.

## STRENUOUS LIFE.

It may be doubted whether this modern civilization is so complex and strenuous as it is often represented. The supposedly simple and indolent savage may live, and probably does live, under a greater nervous strain than the average American does.

The life of the savage has been much misunderstood. It is really very complex. Merely getting his breakfast is, to the savage, usually a pretty complicated proceeding. And there is always the element of personal danger. He never knows when some enemy hiding behind a tree will brain him with a club or some wild beast will bite him in two. Psychologists testify, accordingly, that savage minds are more unstable, more easily upset, than civilized minds.

Life is a very simple thing for a civilized man with a quiet mind and a little money. Perhaps the very simplest life there is may be found in a modern city hotel. There one's fundamental needs are supplied at a word.

The material machinery of life, indeed, is growing complex, as anyone can see. But what most of the critics of modern civilization do not seem to see is that the whole vast, elaborate mechanism is really tending to the simplification of human life itself. Having built the engine, man can run it at his leisure and take it easy.

## MODERN SPIRIT-WRITING.

Typewriting from an airplane by radio has been carried to the point where it is practical. Recent experiments by the navy department have resulted in the direct transmission of typewritten messages from flying planes to receiving stations below.

The sending board of the device is much like an ordinary typewriter. Each key is connected with the radio apparatus. As a letter is struck an impulse is flashed to the receiving station, where the letter is recorded on paper. Only a few added details are necessary before the process can be reversed and letters radiotyped from earth to air.

The importance of this modern spirit-writing can hardly be overestimated. The accuracy of the written statements is far more dependable than that of the one transmitted by Morse code or telephone. In the transmission of military orders or reports, or in business communication, it would be most valuable. It will be easier to avoid blunders with this method of communication and at the same time easier to place responsibility for blame if anything goes wrong. This science places one more mighty tool in man's hand.

The Spanish count who was discovered acting as floor-walker in a New York department store says he would rather be a floorwalker in New York than a count in Spain. Whatever Spain may offer a count, he spurns for New York's counter offer.

Maybe one reason why the St. Lawrence waterway project finds such support in the interior is that the Middle West hopes the Shipping Board will send its vessels up the Great Lakes with their wet cargoes.

A Chicago woman has brought suit to compel her husband to support her as abundantly as he does his dog horses. Shades of *Leopold and Louise*! A wife better than his dog; a little dearer than his horse.