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Bible Thought for Today

PERFECT PEACE.—Thou wilt keep him in perfect peace, whose mind is stayed on thee: because he trusteth in thee.—Isaiah 26:3.

WAGES GO UP ANYWAY.

The Labor Board has again been ignored. All agreements with labor organizations have been treated as the proverbial scrap of paper, but this time there will be no row, for railroad companies are voluntarily increasing the pay of the men who took the striking shopmen's places, showing plainly that the cut made by the Labor Board was unjust and unfair, so much so that even the railroad companies themselves have stepped in and raised the wages of men who are working at the old jobs.

What has been gained by the Labor Board? It has been an utter failure—a trouble-maker—a fool hardy body possessing no power except to grumble and scold. Used as it was in the early part of the shopmen's strike for railroad executives to hide behind and talk about "striking against their country" because the board had outlawed the shopmen, now the same board is entirely disregarded by these same executives and wages of those who took the strikers' places have been voluntarily raised without even so much as consulting or informing Mr. Hopper's labor board back in Washington.

President Harding's organization reminds one of the six-horse team Joe Woods used to drive on the Elgin stage when a storm would turn the lead horses back and the drivers whip would send the wheelers forward—a mix-up would follow—just about such a mix-up as President Harding has allowed to occur in transportation circles.

WILL BE LIKE VANCOUVER.

The Episcopal church promises to be the great sheltering place for all those who desire to be wed and yet who detest the word "obey." Already reconstruction has begun on the church custom to obliterate the objectionable feature of the marriage vow as given at an Episcopal wedding, and if successful the Episcopal church will be another Vancouver, for Vancouver is the place where people go to wed to evade the demands of Oregon's laws. So the Episcopal church will be the sought for place to wed because the word "obey" will not appear in the ceremony.

But, say, down deep, does it not sound like a lot of mockery, a lot of lark, a lot of innate folly, this worrying about changing a marriage vow or a marriage ceremony which has stood since a church organization started? If people are going to wed on the technicality of the dotted "i" or the crossed "t," or the word "obey" in the ceremony or out of the ceremony, there is a fine chance that no matter how effective the rector may be, or how impressive the music, the ceremony will not make the couple stick to the marriage game.

To have a band of very fine bishops, such as are gathering in Portland, spend their time over the technical word "obey" reminds one of a bunch of Grande Ronde valley ranchers playing "fiddledewinks," if such a thing could be imagined.

WASTING TIME FIGHTING HIM.

When will the old chaps in California learn that they cannot beat Hiram Johnson? Each time he runs they organize the state, vote for him from top to bottom, tell how Hiram wrecked the G. O. P. and meet defeat when the votes are counted, just as they should meet defeat. Hiram Johnson is a big man, an earnest man and a sincere man who is making the self-sacrifice needed to serve the public. Selfish interests cannot beat him, and they cannot handle him. California had a senator in Johnson who stands among men. They should keep him right where he is as long as he can afford to stay.

THE OFFICE CAT



MISTAKEN IDENTITY.
According to a story told by a friend of Judie J. W. Knowles, once while trying a number of negro cases, he asked one Ethiopian what his name was.
"Joshua," replied the darky.
"Are you the Joshua who made the sun stand still?" asked Judge Knowles, to have a little fun at the darky's expense.
"No, judge," replied the blackfaced law-breaker, "I'm de Joshua What made de moon shine."

CHANGED.
He—"See any change in me?"
Mike—"No, why?"
He—"I just swallowed a penny."

Most motorists think repair shops have one mechanic and six accountants.
He—"A penny for your thoughts."
She—"Well, I guess they are not worth any more than that. I was thinking about you."

One thing those Blue Law scouts ought to discover is who put the "sin" in taint.

THE ZOO OF TRADE.
"But why is it called the Stock Exchange?"
"Because, Ethelbert, it is made up of huns, wolves, yellow dogs, wild cats, and many animals—bulls, bears, and lame storks. There are plenty of monkeys there, too, because, dear boy, a broker can make a monkey out of a trader any time he so desires."

HOW LIARS ARE MADE.
Some men are born liars, some acquire the habit, but most of them get married and have it thrust upon them.

CHOICE GIRL'S VERSION.
Kat, drink and be married, for tomorrow he may be sober.

Local News in Brief

Back to La Grande.
Miss Esther Gisher returned to La Grande last evening from a trip to Portland, Seattle, Seattle and other points along the coast.

Return from Baker.
Mrs. W. B. Sargent and children Helen and Merrill, have returned from a week's visit in Baker, where they were the guests of Mrs. Haladay.

Baker Visitors.
Mrs. H. Haliday and Mrs. James Harvey Graham, of Baker, were the guests of Mrs. W. B. Sargent Wednesday.

Disturbance Last Night.
A little excitement occurred last evening when two men, names unknown, engaged in a fist fight near the depot and were arrested under arrest by the guard. While bringing them to the police station through the back alley, another man stepped from a dark corner and hit the guard on the nose, stunning him, whereupon the three men all ran, making good their escape. No trace of the men have been found today.

Pre-Convention Sidelights

T. C. Friedberg, commanding officer of the Portland temple battalion of patrols, arrived in the city last night when all was quiet and still. He didn't let things remain that way long. He got attaches of general for headquarters on the telephone to register, according to the convention secretary. Mr. Friedberg will now have his whole battalion here but will have a complete patrol.

Sumpter Dokies were among the first to show, arriving Wednesday noon.

Garrison and Butte, Montana, sent their delegates in time to reach here this morning on No. 24.

The entire business section of La Grande will be roped off during the peak of the crowd so that no autos will be seen on the decorated sections. Exception is made for delivery wagons and drays, but no further.

"Eat at Home" is the slogan that the committee in charge have extended to La Grande people. "Please don't clutter up the restaurants by eating downtown when you have a home to go to."

Perry Oliver, vice president of the Pacific Northwest Association, who is a former resident of La Grande but now lives at Eugene, arrived in the city yesterday to report at headquarters. Mr. Oliver is accompanied by Mrs. Oliver, who was Miss Anna Alexander, an attaché of the county clerk's office for several years.

The public is invited to join in the stunt night program at the park to-morrow night. The doors open at 7:15 and the program begins at 8:00. First come get the seats, except that visiting fox wearers must be on hand by 7:40 to get the reserved seats. After that hour all seats are available. About 4500 can be seated.

The line of march: Up Adams from Hemlock to Fourth, down Fourth to O, down O to Sixth, down Sixth to Spruce and disband. This occurs Saturday at 7:00 o'clock.

Registration offices have been opened this morning. Every Kluks Kloppe Lookie in and about La Grande is particularly admonished to drop in to headquarters at the Y. M. C. A. tonight to register and obtain buttons and committee ribbons to not congest matters when the peak load comes tomorrow.

The official delegates and officials of the Pacific Northwest Association of D. O. K. K. Temples will be given a luncheon at the Country Club Saturday noon, at which time the local committee of the Dokie temple and the Ad Club will be hosts.

Popular Brotherhood Meetings to Be Resumed in La Grande This Year.
That the combined church brotherhoods of La Grande are to have their first meeting of the year about September 15th was determined at a meeting of the general committee held last evening. An outside speaker has been procured for the program.

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These institutions are organized for the purpose of promoting the general welfare of the Pacific Slope and providing capital for the development of its agricultural resources.

The Land Banks are allied with strong commercial banking institutions in the four cities. The Portland Bank, to which applications will be sent through this bank from Southwestern Oregon, is headed by A. L. Mills, President of the First National Bank of Portland.

First mortgage loans will be made on farm lands in amounts up to \$10,000.00 to any one borrower for long terms of years at low rates of interest, the present rate being 6 per cent.

All mortgages will be made on the amortization plan, which means that the loan is paid off by equal semi-annual installments of a fixed amount, which includes interest and a sufficient amount of the principal so that at the end of the term the entire debt, principal and interest, will be wiped out. For example, on a loan of \$1000.00 made for a period of 33 years at 6 per cent the payment of a semi-annual installment of \$45.00 will cover interest charges and completely liquidate the loan at the end of the period. Any amount may be figured on the same basis.

Under this plan the borrower escapes the annoyance, expense and dangers of short term mortgage loans which do not provide for reduction of the principal, for if the covenants of the mortgage are observed and the payments promptly met, the question of renewals or possible foreclosure is eliminated.

Privilege of prepayment of principal is granted after five years.

The proceeds of a loan may be used for any agricultural development, purposes such as paying off mortgages on farm lands, improvements, purchase of land, equipment, livestock, etc., but not for speculation in enterprises clearly outside of the realm of agriculture.

All loans are made direct to the borrower and no commissions can be charged against him by joint stock land banks, any agent or representative. Borrower must bear the expense of appraisal of his property and the determination of title. This expense will be relatively small. It is not a continuing charge, but once paid is good for the term of the loan.

The borrower is not required to purchase stock in the Land Bank, to join an association, nor incur any other obligation beyond that to the Joint Stock Land Bank making his loan. It is not required that he live on or personally operate the property mortgaged.

On approved farm and ranch property the Land Bank will loan 50 per cent of the land value plus 20 per cent of the value of the insured improvements, such value to be determined by Federal appraisers and the Loan Committee of the Land Bank.

As the purpose of these banks is to take care of loans not available from the Federal Farm Loan Banks and the State School Funds, applications will not be received for the present for loans of less than \$500.00.

Each application must be accompanied by a fee of \$25.00 as evidence of good faith. If the loan is not considered, fee will be returned to applicant. If, after appraisal is made, the application is rejected, the fee will be retained to apply on the expense of the appraisal. If the loan is made the fee will be credited to the applicant as part payment of the loan expense.

Application blanks and further information will be gladly furnished by the La Grande National Bank of La Grande, Oregon, which is authorized to receive applications from Union and Wallowa counties.

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