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BIBLE THOUGHT FOR TODAY

DEATH OR LIFE.—To be carnally minded is death, but to be spiritually minded is life and peace.—Romans 8:6.

Mr. Meier's Fair

When Julius Meier got into Portland Saturday he made it plain that he was not going to support the present plans for an exposition. He insisted that delaying the fair was a good thing, but would rather have it delayed to an indefinite date. His statement that Europe was broke and that the United States was in no humor to enter into the spirit of world's fair party was no surprise. Legislators told Mr. Meier that very thing during the special session last winter.

But he goes one step farther and says there should and probably will be no fair unless the state of Oregon levies a tax and pays its part. Mr. Meier had as well cease thinking about a fair, if that is the case, for there will be none.

Oregon positively is not going to tax herself and raise money for a Portland fair, and that is the end of the story. The state has saved Portland from her folly once or twice on this question, and the next time it comes there will be no bickering, neither will there be any special session of the legislature called. Oregon as a state will not pay for a fair, but if Portland would pay for it as she has lately agreed to, the state would very likely not oppose it. The thing has been muddled up so now and Mr. Meier has taken such a different stand that it looks to us like the end of the story.

Leaders in Sport Come Forth

The Giants won the world's series through the work of a North Carolina boy's pitching. He is an obscure kid from the south and none knew him or had heard of him until he startled the country with his excellent work as a pitcher.

A few days ago the automobile race up Pike's Peak was won by a North Platte, Nebraska, boy who drove a machine which he assembled from a junk pile. He beat all the high priced, beautifully painted racers of the different makes.

That is America with a whizz. They come from where we least expect them. And now the country is waiting anxiously for the political leaders and statesmen to come from the by-ways, just as the tow boys did who lead the sporting events.

In All Her Beauty

It is autumn in the Grande Ronde valley. How beautiful, how grand. Yesterday was that "perfect day;" yesterday was a day when all mankind should be glad that life still lasts, that nature smiles even in the face of world troubles, of financial reverses, of man's selfishness to man. A trip over the valley yesterday was an inspiration. God's bounteous [illegible] emphasized to the person who will think; His ever present blessings are so numerous that we as a people should be able to adjust our differences without discord; we should be able to appreciate what has been done for us. But do we?

Editorials From Over the Nation

THE IMMORTALITY OF LAUGHTER.

Minneapolis Tribune: A profound admiration for the stillness of the New York and Pennsylvania boards of censors should not blind us to the fact that a gifted competitor has arisen in Kansas. The sinless state's board of motion picture review has just barred the comedy cop from the silver screen. His banishment has been decreed with the following immortal words:

"Any burlesque of an officer of the law or any scene which would tend to create disrespect for any law, federal or state, or indicate against its proper enforcement shall be eliminated."

At the next meeting of the Kansas board, we may confidently expect the following edicts:

1. No alone will be tolerated in any of the dialogue represented to the captions. The use of along is objectionable and calculated to poison the young and undecided. Children of our young All the characters must speak in Johnson's Dictionary, so that models for correct speech may be kept constantly before us.

2. No title will be permitted to appear in any scene without his cane. The spectacle of a character wandering about in quite shocking fashion in checkered hose and unfavorable dress.

3. While the picture of Kate Smith, the pioneer of short skirt, will be permitted, it must be definitely understood that hose is not to be shown in the nights. It must be clearly shown that hose belongs only in the daytime.

4. No water scene must be staged as water will be wasted some people of habitual and such a display may be a prelude to an [illegible] able drought in consequence.

5. Married people must be shown as unfortunately happy as the law shows at 50.

6. Under no circumstances is the word "sin" ever to be employed.

When these simple additional restrictions are added, movies about the state and nation will reach Through the beneficent influence of the censorship hands, man will have become perfect.

LOOKERS ON.

Rochester Times Union: In the American people a nation of lookers on?

Consider: We do not play baseball we go and look on while others play for us.

One here and there with more time or money than some in the street and sometimes we watch a movie.

In church we employ clergymen, soloists, and expensive choirs, and then we sit and listen instead of singing.

Few of our county people are studying the plans or taking great lessons these days. It is so much easier to wind up the Lizzie and go joyriding in the automobile.

But the only form of mass activity still participated in by the people themselves is standing.

Where will the pendulum begin to swing the other way? When will the American people become tortified enough to rather take a chance?

One more in the right direction is being made in some of the movie theatres where a policy of requiring each student to take his turn in the form of operatic music is being tried out.

The fully charged movement, although beside as yet is encouraging the formation of clubs for amateurs.

But now I turn from these reflections to a matter of our most recent as a nation of lookers on.

Our authority in Washington is not an [illegible] nor, unfortunately, as well as much as we wish to a leader and humane result when her sports and music and we always [illegible] upon the affairs of the nations. Our interest in the Near East, in the Dardanelles, in the Balkans, in Mesopotamia, in Palestine, in Persia, in Russia, in Siberia, in Mexico, in Cuba, in Haiti, in Santo Domingo, in Nicaragua, in Panama, in Europe, in Asia, in Africa, in Australia, in the Philippines, in Japan, in China, in Alaska, in Hawaii, in Porto Rico, in Canada