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**BIBLE THOUGHT FOR TODAY.**  
FREE FROM WANT.—The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want.—Psalm 23:1.

## Getting Rich or Making a Living

When we stop to consider the trend of things it is not a fact that everyone wants to get rich? People are a trifle different from what they once were, for in the old days if a good living was made and if one was able to lay aside a little by frugal and careful living, contentment existed.

But, now, it is a case of make it and make it quick or go broke. There is no happy medium. The middle ground has sunk under the feet of the people. It is a case of grab and grab quickly. And if conditions do not permit doing business on a large scale with good profits, then there is discontent and something is wrong with everything. We look for a place to cast the blame. We know that our home is the one singled out by the manipulator for destruction. Too often these are facts. Especially is this true of farmer and stockraiser. His is the one class, though, that is entitled to howl and grow desperate. The reason is that nearly everyone else is organized. The farmer and livestock men are not. They have to play the game according to the old rules, while almost all other lines of business have a new set of rules they work by. And in most instances living with a little more is obtainable from business, other than farming and stock raising, but even then people are dissatisfied. They want to make it in a year and get through. But it can't be done.

## Lost in the Shuffle

A lot of things we believe are wise sooner or later turn up differently. When laws were changed forcing all elections, state, city and county to be held at the same day, it looked as though it was a sensible change. Not so. We have a city election on in La Grande—a very important one, if you please, but it can get no attention from the voters.

The reason is plain. State issues are focusing attention and there is no chance for city affairs. It would be far better if the city election were held on a different date so that the campaign could be gone into by the electorate more thoroughly and not be clouded by the issues and candidates running for state offices.

La Grande is about to elect commissioners under whose administration heavy improvements must be undertaken. Our manager form of city government is still on trial, and we need earnest consideration of everything pertaining to a city's welfare now. But it cannot be had with a red-hot gubernatorial fight on, a school bill amendment to be considered and the other state matters.

In our desire to get perfection we sometimes take the opposite course. That is exactly what has happened in placing all elections on the same day.

## Why The Silence?

On the ballot will appear an initiative measure regarding "Compulsory School Attendance." It is the fuse to the firecracker; it is the issue that has taken over the campaign, robbed the economic and tax questions of their entitled consideration, and the school bill struts up and down the state unmolested by the usual political speakers.

Why the silence? If it is the state issue, and plainly it is, why do not the speakers handle the question? Why this dumb silence on both sides of the political fence? Is it so dangerous that candidates are afraid to touch it? Surely not, for have we not brave men running for office on both tickets? Are they not the gladiators who are willing to buckle on the armour and fight for the people? Are they not one hundred per cent, plus? Then why not discuss the question? No one is going to be kidnapped, or sent to the scaffold for arguing a question so vital.

Oregon is interested in this measure, yet no candidate talks about it. Oregon would like to know the facts and details, yet no candidate for a public office sees fit to delineate on these facts.

Strange campaign—both sides refusing to discuss the main issue.

## Disgusting

The governor of Georgia is either a nut or a selfish man. When Senator Watson died he appointed a dear old lady eighty years old to hold the seat in the United States Senate until the governor could run for it himself.

For innate selfishness this is the worst we have ever known. It is an indictment of female suffrage; it is travesty on good government. Admitting that the lady may be possessed of intellect to justify her appointment, it would have been only an act of manliness for the governor to have appointed her in good faith, instead of appointing her for the brief interim which will permit him to groom himself for the campaign. There is no end to selfishness among men and it apparently exists south of Mason and Dixon's line, even though we have always heard so much about southern gallantry.

Conan Doyle, if he keeps on coming, will have the country upset as badly as has Andy Gump over his congressional campaign.

# FORUM

SOMETHING ABOUT FLOUR

Editor Observer:—We have in our valley a company owning and operating flour mills whose investments aggregate \$250,000, doing business in La Grande, Island City, Union, Imbler and Elgin besides having warehouses and handling grain at Alice and Conley spur and also receiving grain at Hot Lake and one or two other places in the valley. Practically at every point in the valley they receive the grain and make the receipts to the owner and he can hold on storage until he feels he wants to sell, and then bring in his or her receipts and sell, getting the spot cash for same, thus distributing to the growers thousands of dollars every year. They employ 10 to 12 men at each place the year round. They are also the largest users of the telephone and telegraph, light and power, and are heavy tax payers. The export flour calls for a cheaper grade of flour so that now and for the last two years it has been so they could hardly break even on a selling at the price offered, but by taking off a small per cent of high patent for home consumption or local trade have been able to keep the mills going part of the time. Then we have with us a number of people right here that own property and make their living here. All classes, even to the farmer himself, will come into the stores and ask for and pay more money for outside flour, and some merchants will even boost and talk it to their customers. Some have no other kind in stock, but outside flour when the quality of the home flour is fully as good and better than most of the outside flour and always at less price. We also have a first class bakery; sanitary and in every respect as good as Portland or any other place. Their bread and pastry are not excelled anywhere, and they use the flour made here. Still a number of our merchants sell and even boast the Portland bread shipped in 300 miles away from our own home city. The mills and bakery use everything in their manufacture that can be had right at home and get absolutely nothing that can be had here. A great many, we do not say all by any means, reciprocate by buying their flour and bread from Washington, Idaho and other cities.

A GRANDE RONDE RESIDENT.

## ODD AND INTERESTING.

The average depth of the English channel is 180 feet.  
A Frenchman has invented and constructed a wireless alarm clock. There are 124 miles of towpaths beside the River Thames in England.  
In South America grows a tree called the cow-tree, from which excellent milk is obtained.  
If a lemon is well warmed before being cut and squeezed it will yield twice as much juice as otherwise.  
The heaviest metal in common use is iridium, which is used chiefly for tipping the nibs of fountain pens.  
A tunnel is being constructed under the sea near Durban, South Africa, to recover treasure from a wrecked vessel.  
No rent or taxes have to be paid for land in Lord Howe Island in the South Pacific; it has an area of only five miles and a population of 120.  
To coal one of the largest trans-Atlantic steamships takes five hundred men five days; it can be refueled with oil by twelve men in twelve hours.  
Among the famous names in the New York telephone directory are Dante, Byron, Swift, Macanlay, Dickens, Aramis, Othello, Walter Scott and Pickwick.  
Scalpers were originally officials who collected salvage, a tax imposed in many English towns upon all goods exposed for sale within their boundaries.  
In the cemetery of a Pennsylvania town the following sign appears: "All persons are prohibited from picking flowers from any but their own graves."  
In France it is a penal offense to give any kind of solid food to a baby under a year old, unless it is prescribed in writing by a regularly qualified medical man.  
The British houses of parliament cover an area of eight acres, and have a river frontage of 240 feet. They contain more than 300 rooms, and about eighteen residences, the resident population being about 200.  
In Spain the law allows a debtor a year to pay up. Then, if he fails to pay up, the creditor can apply to the court for an order to seize him, when he is compelled to work without pay until he has worked out his indebtedness.  
The halo had its origin nearly two thousand years ago. To guard against the possibility of rain staining the marble faces of their gods the Greeks used to protect them with a large metal plate placed over the top of their head. These were mistaken by painters in later years for symbols of divinity. Accordingly our Christian saints are pictured with the ring which we call a halo.

**THE OFFICE CAT**  
—BY JUNIUS—  
"Who," asked the professor of the student, "was Homer?"  
"The guy I hate I just knocked out," was the reply.  
"Whether you believe in heredity or not," declares a local man, "you must admit that a boy whose parents can't work arithmetic is handicapped at school."  
We can't all be high fliers—somebody has to stay on the ground and look up.  
What is an undertaker?  
An undertaker is a man who follows the medical profession.  
We stopped little Alice who lives down the street the other day and asked her if her little brother could talk yet. "Yes," she replied, "but no one but mother and grandmother can understand him."  
FED UP  
Scene: Bush Corner. A traffic hold-up owing to a bus having run over a cat.  
Policeman on point duty, wearily, to an aged lady (the 12th) inquiring as to what had happened. "Ye, ma'am, a bus ran over a cat."  
"What, really? In the middle of the street?"  
"No, ma'am, the cat climbed up a lamp-post and the bus went after it and caught it at the top."  
BELLIGERENT YOUTH  
Reginald's a scrapper—of that there is no doubt.  
He scrappered his father's auto the first time he went out.  
At every social gathering he's right there with the punch.  
And he can kill more time than any person in the bunch.  
He did not fight the Germans—but he fought against the draft.  
He's smashed all the conventions, then, 'lightly, he has laughed!  
Ah, peaceful folk, breath easier when Reginald decamps.  
Why, I believe that he could lick his weight in postage stamps.  
Another reason why we like to get a postal card is because it doesn't come marked "Postage Due."  
She: "Oh, the monotony of this place! I fear before the day's over it will drive me wild!"  
He: "May I come around this evening?"  
"They are putting motorcycles instead of bicycles on special delivery stamps now, but the speed limit is the same."  
DIFFERENT  
A furious man rushed into a newspaper office. He was a local politician, and had been reported as present at a boxing match.  
"You referred to me as the well known lightweight champion," he snarled.  
"Well," said the editor.  
"And I'm not. That's my brother-in-law the real merchant!"  
An automobile ad says the Sunday morning keeps a man up to scratch.  
It does it by sending the day around the world in minutes.  
A mosquito is a great seven letter word and is always gets by.

**Today's Events.**  
Celebration of the birth of John B. Lindsey, noted Tennessee educator.  
Queen Victoria of Spain today celebrates her 25th birthday anniversary.  
Today begins the final fortnight of the political campaigns in the various states.  
John W. Weeks, secretary of war, to speak at a dinner of the Home Market Club in Boston tonight.  
The American Board of Commissioners in Christendom at Evanston, Ill., today for its 112th annual meeting.  
The annual general executive meeting of the Women's Foreign Missionary Society of the Methodist Episcopal church opens today at

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## West & Co. THE QUALITY STORE

### Manufacturers' FUR SALE

At This Store THURSDAY October 26

Visit Our French Costume Room  
The C. E. Carlson Co., Spokane's expert furriers, will conduct a manufacturer's sale at this store Thursday of this week. All fur garments and pieces will be sold at a 25 per cent reduction, and orders will be taken for any desired article to be made up according to your own specifications.  
There will be fur coats, capes, sets and neckpieces of all kinds on display. Come in Thursday if you're interested in furs.

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tion at the session of the Quebec provincial legislature which has been summoned to meet today.

**Today's Anniversaries.**  
1862—Albert S. White, United States senator from Indiana, born in Orange county, N. Y. Died at Stockwell, Ind., Sept. 24, 1864.  
1826—First patent for a friction match was granted to Alonso Phillips, of Springfield, Mass.  
1828—Joseph Lancaster, originator of the Lancasterian system of mutual instruction, died in New York City. Born in London, England, Nov. 25, 1778.  
1871—Fifteen Chinese were hanged by a mob in Los Angeles.  
1897—Turkey demanded the recall of two American missionaries from Aleppo.  
1911—Dr. Frederick A. Cook was hooted from a hall in Copenhagen when he attempted in a lecture to vindicate himself as discoverer of the North Pole.  
1918—President Wilson issued an appeal to the people to elect a democratic congress.

**Today's Birthdays.**  
Queen Victoria, the consort of King Alfonso XIII of Spain, born in England, 35 years ago today.

**One Year Ago Today.**  
The "unknown" American soldier was chosen, in France, Emperor Charles and wife captured and imprisoned near Budapest.  
Her Plans.  
We like Marie Curie's philosophy. "My plans for the future," she told a reporter, "are to do what I must do, and dream about the things I should like to do."—Boston Transcript.

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## Hon. Charles McNary

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On the Political Issues in the

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