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BIBLE THOUGHT FOR TODAY
A MORNING PRAYER:—Create in me a clean heart, O God; and renew a right spirit within me. Psalm 51:10.

Send it on to Oregon

Just before the national election, when congress and a number of senators are to be named, it is noticeable that press reports of excellent business conditions in the east are being broadcasted. We do not say they are not true, for we so much hope they are true we are willing to forego even the least doubt as to their authenticity.

All the answer this newspaper can make to the Fourth Federal Reserve review printed in the dispatches yesterday is that we would like to have them send the wave of prosperity on to Oregon. Send it along, and we will all chip in and pay the express charges, if there are any. Send that prosperous wave to the country east of the Cascades where cattle is the paramount industry, where the large cattle ranches are threatened with immediate bankruptcy, where men who have run cattle for fifty years are for the first time finding their credit is gone and they owe more than they can pay.

Mrs. Brumfield, a Bride

Strange things happen in this old world. We have a right to utter these few words when contemplating the marriage of Dr. Brumfield's widow nineteen days after Brumfield committed suicide in the Salem prison.

A long string of "perhapses" present themselves: Perhaps the doctor had other reasons for committing suicide than the ghost of Dennis Russell which evidently haunted him; perhaps he was more or less demented and perhaps he had a right to be; perhaps his chivalry hid from the world his domestic relations and perhaps rather than be a piker regarding his wife he took his own life.

Anyway, the news of Mrs. Brumfield's wedding rather mellowed up to a degree the feeling against the doctor. No one can condone his crime, but there will be many who will agree that he either had a wife who was easily influenced or her life with the doctor was not what he pretended it to be in his dying statement.

It Can't be Done

All over the nation political speakers are at work. Harding's administration has pressed into service every man who can make a talk, depicting the cabinet, forcing new senators into the harness and calling upon the old-time spellbinders. But their interest is not there. People have changed since father was a boy. No more flambeau torches, no more blood-tingling oratory that tingles, no more glee clubs, no more red-hot partisanship which lines 'em up for election day.

It is all gone, just as Dobbin went, just as the country literary society went and many other of the good old agencies which gave people enjoyment and enlightenment.

The telephone rates of the Pacific company are bound to be an issue in Oregon for sometime to come, now that the public service commission has made its reduction order to remain in force for six months while the investigation continues.

The International Livestock show at Portland is next to attract attention after the election is over. There is where Floyd McKennon will show all of them how to drive the six horse team.

The ex-kaizer may think he is pulling something mighty cute with his wedding, but if he only knew just what people were saying about him he would be like the corpse—keep his mouth shut.

Secretary Hughes assures Europe that America is ready to help her, but the kind of help given all depends whether Europe ever will wake up and help herself a little.

H. E. Dixon announces that he has state school money to loan which is like a balm to the aching heart of some of the ranchers who have been paying a higher rate of interest.

Those fellows who tried to rob the Cove bank and did not get inside the money department had better quit the profession. There are too many at it who know the game better.

Italy has the "blackshirt" boys and they are capturing the country. Who knows but what the shirt a man wears may yet have something to do with his political belief?

Twenty thousand bucks and several men have been slain by the Oregon deer hunters since the season opened.

Come on wheat, come on, you are doing better, so make it a little stronger.

FORUM

FEATURES OF THE PROPOSED SCHOOL BILL.

Editor Observer:—It makes no difference what organization or what individual introduced the School Bill, or what political party or what churches or others of any kind support or oppose it.

The only important thing to consider is its advantages and its disadvantages.

If it is a wicked and injurious measure it should be defeated. If it is a measure for improvement or the correction of existing evils it should be passed.

It is easy enough for a man to denounce individuals and secret orders or church organizations for supporting a measure without offering one single reason or argument for or against it.

Such useless denunciations should, and I believe will be, totally ignored at the polls.

I am a Republican and believe in a strong political organization. And if I do not vote for Mr. Pierce it will be because I do not agree with him in politics. I shall not oppose Mr. Pierce on account of his looks. I see nothing especially frightful in the features of face. Most of us are so horribly homely that we are in extreme pain all the time except when we are asleep or drunk. Abraham Lincoln was not considered a handsome man but he was a pretty good citizen.

Mr. Pierce is a Democrat. He has a perfect right to be so. We Republicans expect to have votes enough to defeat him. But there is such a thing as being fair, even in politics. Mr. Pierce is not and never has been building for votes on his position on the school measure. He stated his position, then dropped the subject.

Let us oppose Mr. Pierce with all our might. But let us be fair.

Some of the best citizens I ever knew were Catholics. I have also known a few Protestants who were "strangers" to noble deeds. And one of these I have known in whose case children would be quite safe. I have worked in the public schools for twenty-five years and I have never been in a school and have never heard of one in which the children were taught the "non-existence of God."

This bill, "a combination of ignorance, stupidity and selfishness," is before the people. It is non-political and should be considered free from disagreeable religious controversies.

Who are hindering this campaign with controversy calculated to create ill feeling?

I see today a half-page paid advertisement in which there is not one appeal to patriotism or good citizenship. And another paid advertisement of 25 words which contains no reference to any lodge, church or any organization whatever.

It has been stated that this bill was inspired by religious prejudice. From some of the argument we hear, it appears that the opposition is inspired by religious zeal.

The public schools are not non-religious. They are non-sectarian.

I have no data but I believe I am safe in saying that 50 per cent of the teachers are Christian people and that more than 50 per cent of them belong to some church.

The state schools are not institutions for worship. They could not accommodate so many different forms of worship and cannot adopt any one form without great satisfaction. But a religious attitude prevails, and almost every teacher gives the opportunity for teaching some valuable lesson in morals, manners or good citizenship.

The adopted text books contain the 22nd Psalm and many other valuable quotations from inspired literature and the principles of the Golden Rule are taught and practiced in work and in play.

A. H. PERRYMAN.

Today's Anniversaries.

1732—Marie Antoinette, the ill-fated Queen of France, born in Vienna. Executed by the Jacobins, Oct. 16, 1793.

1775—St. John, N. H., was captured by the Americans under Gen. Montgomery.

1784—James K. Polk, eleventh President of the U. S., born in Mecklenburg county, N. C. Died in Nashville, Tenn., June 15, 1849.

1813—Captain William Benton, one of the first great lumbermen of the Puget Sound country, born at Pictou, N. S. Died at Port Blakely, Wash.

1904—Miss Eva Booth was appointed commander of the Salvation Army in the United States.

THE OFFICE CAT

—BY JUNIUS—



THE MARRIAGE APPLICANT

Andrew Jackson Brown, a colored man, has been intensely interested in a proposed marriage lottery and he hopes to win himself a wife—somebody who can wash up 'top and bottom' for him.

The other day Andrew got hold of one of the application blanks they are sending out from New Jersey and he wanted to fill it out. He went over his head, but he made a brave stab at the thing with the following results:

1. Name? Andrew Jackson Brown (no initials).
2. Age? Over 21.
3. Occupation? Colored.
4. Do you want a husband or wife? I prefer a single woman with impediments.
5. Residence? Somewhere here and sometimes on Seventh Avenue.
6. Complexion? Yes.
7. Where born? In the A. M. E. hospital.
8. Religion? Yes I got that, too.
9. Condition of health? Pretty fair, if I stay off my feet. The old doc says I'm all right.
10. Ambition? A couple of good bones and three square meals.
11. Have you ever been married? You'd a thought so if you had seen her. Some wife, wasn't it?
12. Who deserted the divorce decree? We didn't have no divorce. We had a decision. I won that on a bill.
13. On what grounds was the bill, force granted? 'Galt' laws.
14. How far advanced are you from an educational standpoint? (Silence)
15. What pleasures and pastimes? Galloping round in my little road road with little gray.
16. What are your special talents? Singing.
17. Do you insist that your taste come from the same community you live in? No, I can't seem none in my community that is worth mentioning.
18. Give two good references, first names and last names.
19. Do you prefer a heavy or light weight mate? Yes, one or the other.

If people put the same concentration and energy in their work that they do in their worries, their success is assured.

We don't believe that every dog has his day, or that every colored man steals chickens.

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Colgate's Cashmere Bouquet, per bar	10c and 25c
Jergens' Violet Glycerine, bar	10c
Joy-Rose Toilet Soap, bar	15c
Two for	25c
Pure Castile Soap, bar	25c
Martell's Foundation Cream	75c
Martell's Lettuce Brand Cream	60c
Martell's Whiting Cream	60c
Martell's Motor Cream	60c
Martell's Tissue Cream	60c
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Sullivan's Peckish Cream	50c
Martell's Peckish Cream	60c
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Laurin's Cream an Olfon	50c
Elkay Cold Cream	60c
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Azurea Face Powder	\$1.00
Martell's Face Powder	60c
Col A. L. Virgin Face Powder	\$1.25
Lacme Face Powder	75c
For Kiss Toilet Water	\$1.25
For Kiss Perfume, ounce	\$1.50
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