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**HEAVENLY TREASURES.**—Lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust doth corrupt, and where thieves do not break through and steal.—Matthew 6:20.

## Forecasting Earthquakes

Professor Baily Willis, of Leland Stanford University, who has gone to Chile to study the effects of the recent earthquake, hopes through his study to devise a plan whereby the disastrous consequences of such cataclysms can be avoided. His expectation is not so unwarranted as might be supposed. A great deal has been learned about earthquakes lately, and Dr. Willis has been well to the fore among the investigators. It was he who mapped, through photographs taken from an airplane, the celebrated San Andreas fault line on which the San Francisco earthquake of 1906 occurred.

There is not the slightest possibility, of course, that mankind can do anything whatever to prevent the occurrence of these convulsions. But there is considerable reason for believing, in view of recent discoveries, that the time may not be far distant when it will be possible to foretell more or less accurately where and when earthquakes are likely.

The fault lines in the earth's crust—that is, the rifts or weak seams whose collapse is responsible for seismic disturbances—are being determined in California, and in course of time probably will be indicated on maps of all regions subject to earthquakes. Even when the faults are on parts of the earth's surface covered by water they likely will be shown, as the bottom of the sea is also being mapped. The Federal government at the present time has two crews at work off the coast of California, mapping the ocean bed through a new device by which sound waves are reflected from the bottom. In this way they are trying to locate lines from which seismic waves may pass.

But the most important factor of all in the situation is the discovery by Dr. Leo A. Cotton, of the department of geology of the University of New Zealand, of the cause of earthquakes. He has put forth the theory—and it is generally accepted as correct by geologists—that seismic disturbances are produced by the strain placed on the weak seams in the earth's crust—the faults in the lithosphere, as the geologists would call it—by the pulling power of the sun and the moon.

With this information scientists may be in position to warn the people when to be on guard. If there is advance knowledge of the coming of an earthquake there can be saving of lives, if not of the property, that otherwise would be destroyed.

## Handicaps

Deaf persons have a compensating keenness of eye, and most of them are accomplished lip readers. One movie audience was startled by a deaf man who broke into a great guffaw at the most tragic moment of an exciting film. He had lip-read the remark of the star who played the hero role, and the remark was not at all in keeping with the scene.

Now announcement comes from Paris that deaf persons are to be shown the films of the Siki-Carpentier fight, so that if possible they may detect just what managers, referee, fighters and others were saying at the battling moments. Their evidence will be used in court in deciding the appeal of the Senegalese for restitution as champion, and in fact the whole case seems likely to hinge upon it.

Handicaps are only relative things. Blindness produced a Milton, the loss of legs a Henley, consumption a Stevenson, eye-strain a Nietzsche, Edison, creator of the phonograph, is partly deaf. The majority of men are color-blind. Each being has some minor flaw in his make-up.

But no individual should let physical things stop him. It makes human beings better fighters if they are not perfect physical specimens. Such can say with the hopeless cripple, Henley:

"In the fell clutches of circumstance, I have not winced nor cried aloud." Handicaps are often spurs to achievement.

After carefully noting all the merits of the long skirt, one is forced to conclude that the short skirt is a sign of a long head unless bowlegs enter into the problem.

Dr. Cone says he is saturated with healthful thinking. Well, if a man has to get saturated, that's better than liquor to do it with.

Most traffic rules instruct pedestrians to cross at street intersections, where the chances of being run down are multiplied.

Girls whom the Prince of Wales denies he is to marry at least have the honor of being among those mentioned.

A jay town once was one in which a man could park his car anywhere, but there are no such places any more.

As in other years, more persons probably will die in 1923 from over-eating than from any other cause.

## Editorials From Over the Nation

### LIFE-MASTER DRAMATIST

Newark News: Ever and again comes living proof that fiction has no monopoly on romance, that the mind of the creative artist can devise no situation more filled with human interest than can life itself. Such evidence inheres in the reunion of the family of Wilson Fox at Dover and the incidents leading up to it. Four years ago a woman and her two daughters disappeared, leaving behind her husband and two sons. The girls were small—nine and eleven years old—secretly fitted to contend with the storms that buffeted them as they were taken on and on by the mother. The father searched vainly for the trio, the boys were taken into the home of friends. Then the father disappeared. The dissolution of the family, apparently, was complete.

Four years past, the boys—now young men—are returning from work. The scene is Dover. Out of the door of the house the youths have learned to call home spring two girls, arms outstretched. A moment of consternation and brother and sister are in each other's arms. Nearly one-third of the way across the continent these children—they are thirteen and fifteen now—had come to join their brothers, unwilling to remain longer with the mother they felt had not been true to her parental trust.

It is not the last act. Two days later a man, eyes slight with hope, approaches the house. It is the father, whose four-year quest for his children is about to end. The fictionist, doubtless, would ring down the curtain here on a happy ending. An ensemble of joy it is no doubt, but not the end. Life must go on for the father and his children, and for the mother who is excluded from their little circle. The mystery of the future is still before them, hiding what?

### PATRIOTISM: A SPIRITUAL INFLUENCE

Benjamin Harrison: I believe that patriotism has been placed in a higher and holier form in many hearts. These banners with which you have covered your walls, those patriotic inscriptions, must come down and the ways of trade be resumed again. He may not be the end. Life must go on for the father and his children, and for the mother who is excluded from their little circle. The mystery of the future is still before them, hiding what?

## THE OFFICE CAT

Warless people would work. They are international agreement telling us to get on with each other.

There is one fatal mistake in the office. It is to let the cat out of the bag. The cat is the secret. The cat is the secret. The cat is the secret.

THE POINTS WINTER PRAYER  
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## INJUNCTION IS ISSUED AIDING ALIEN SCHOOLS

### Temporary Injunction Restraining Curtailing of Activities of Foreign Language Schools.

(By Associated Press)  
HONOLULU, T. H., Jan. 19. — A temporary injunction (restraining the local attorney general and the school department) from enforcing the recent order curtailing the activities of alien language schools was granted recently by Judge J. J. Banks of the circuit court on the petition of the Palama Japanese language school.

The Palama school, one of many alien language schools, will be aided by several other institutions in its efforts to have the regulation declared unconstitutional. It has been indicated that the regulation is unconstitutional because it violates the treaty between the United States and Japan which was concluded November 22, 1904, and provides that citizens or subjects of each "shall enjoy full and perfect protection for their persons and property."

The petition further contended that the regulation violates the 14th and 15th amendments to the constitution of the United States and that it is "confiscatory, unreasonable and oppressive." The regulations exceed the authority granted the school department by the legislature, in that the regulation seeks to abolish the alien language schools, and not to regulate them, as the legislature ordered, the petition declared. The regulation provides for the gradual elimination of the kindergarten, first and second grades of the alien schools with the elimination of kindergarten and first grades on January 1, 1923, and the abolition of the second grade on September 1, 1923.

There are 146 voluntary schools, unincorporated associations, and the schools are owned and constructed by approximately 3,000 persons, and the total property value is \$250,000, with a Japanese enrollment of approximately 20,000 pupils, according to the petition.

The temporary injunction, as issued, restrained the territorial officials from enforcing the regulation only insofar as the Palama school is concerned. Other alien language schools desiring to become a party to the proceedings must obtain permission from the court, and if this permission is granted, the restraining order also will apply to the schools, according to the counsel for the Palama institution.

Judge Banks did not set a date for hearing arguments on the question of making the temporary injunction permanent.

## BANKS GAIN RESOURCES

### Report Shows That Engineers Banks Increase Resources to \$19,000,000

(By Associated Press)  
CINCINNATI, Jan. 19. — Co-operative banks in operation, a half dozen more in process of organization, including one to be organized in Spokane and another in New York, establishment of two branches in Cleveland of the parent institution and an increase of resources from \$11,000,000 to \$19,000,000 are the results of the conference 25 months ago of the Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers into the banking field.

In addition to its bank, the Brotherhood has extensive coal properties, a mill, brick, dry goods, hardware, a department store, a bank and a number of other co-operative businesses in the hands of the engineers' brotherhood and its members.

The growth has made the Locomotive Engineers' bank one of the most powerful ones financially in the country and an outstanding financial factor among the largest banking institutions of the nation.

Half-dozen other banks and banking interests have been organized at early the Rochester conference, and in the entrance of industrial workers in the financial and banking field.

Banks, which stocks of the Brotherhood Bank, organized in 1901, reported the Peoples' Trust Bank of Hammond, Ind., The San Bernardino Valley Bank of San Bernardino, Calif., with branches in Berkeley and Needles, Calif., The Trochard Co-operative National Bank at Minneapolis and the Federated Bank & Trust Company of Birmingham, Ala.

That of the Cleveland members have also grown co-operative banks owned by the workers, but not connected with the Cleveland institution at Philadelphia, Chicago, St. Louis, Tulsa, Ark., and other cities.

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# JAN. CLEARANCE SALE

Ends Tomorrow

Supply Your Every Day Needs for Months to Come From This Condensed List!

- Men's Hart, Schaffner & Marx (Wolton reduced ONE-FOURTH).
- Men's Clapp Shoes, regular 15, now \$12.75.
- Men's and boys' underwear, Hosiery, pajamas, Gowns, etc., all reduced for January Clearance. Having average 20 per cent.
- Men's John B. Stetson Hats, the newest.
- Men's black felt hats, Gordon and Stetson, medium—\$1.98.
- Entire stock Men's Shirts reduced 20 per cent.
- Men's and Boys' Underwear, Hosiery, Pajamas, Gowns, etc., all reduced for January Clearance. Having average 20 per cent.
- Men's Work Suits, 10c pair.
- And many other articles, in fact, one article of stock is reduced. Supply your needs now and profit by the savings made possible now for the only time during the year.
- Ladies' and children's shoes in many special sale lots at \$1.85, \$2.98, \$3.98 and \$4.95. Entire regular stocks including many new styles in ladies average 15 per cent to 18 per cent savings here.
- Ladies' stock blouses and comfort reduced 10 per cent to 15 per cent.
- Ladies' Turkish Bath Towels, 48c each.
- Ladies' Huck Towels, 15c.
- Ladies' Pure Silk Hose, all sizes, in black only—65c pair.
- Men's Work Ribbed Hose, light colors, 84, 17 per cent.
- Ladies' one-fourth to three-fourths inch width—entire 50 yard.
- 27-inch White Outing Flannels—18c yard.
- 36-inch White Outing Flannels—27c yard.
- 42-inch White Outing Flannels—38c yard.
- 22-inch White Outing Flannels—18c.
- And hundreds of items like these to supply your household needs for months to come at great savings.

WOMEN! Buy for the Men Tomorrow.

Phone Orders, Given Prompt Attention

Two Deliveries Daily 10 a. m. and 3 p. m.

## YANKEE GIRLS AID GREEK REFUGEES

ATHENS, Dec. 17. (By Mail)—The lost and found bureau of the Near East Relief has received \$2,000 in donations for misbegotten, penniless Greek refugees during the past month. A large number of them came from relatives in the United States and England.

More than 2,000 misbegotten refugees have been traced by the relief officials through the system of semi-weekly bulletins issued from the offices at Athens, Salonika, Mytilene and Chios, and posted in the 300 refuge centers.

One of the most interesting sights of Athens is the crowd of several hundred persons who gather from dawn to dusk about the American bulletin board. The Near East officials in Athens have been given the rooms formerly occupied by Dowager Queen Olga to serve them as headquarters. Two American girls, Myrtle Nolan of Minneapolis, and Louise MacLachlan of Detroit, have charge of the lost and found bureau.

Two persons taking the short course in butter-making at Oregon Agricultural college were badly burned Saturday when the milk tester with which they were experimenting exploded.

America's best loved character actor in the most beloved play of the American stage.

## Extra Fine

Three-acre improved tract set out on the city limits, one block from the paved highway. Will make a trade for house in town.

A five-acre tract, improved and good, on a bargain price, and good terms, one-half mile from city limits and paved highway.

A two-acre tract in May Park. This is one of the best improved and paying properties in the valley. Extra good.

A four-acre tract in May Park with extra good improvements. Acre and lot of land and fruit. Eighteen modern houses.

Three fine modern homes. Well located, beautifully furnished, want to sell complete. If you want something extra good let us show you these fine homes.

## Pyramid Land Co.

## RADIO STARTED 33 YEARS AGO

(By Associated Press)  
CHICAGO, Jan. 19. — The recent burning of the old Dearborn station here recalls the fact that the clock tower, which suffered particularly from the flames, stood in the beginning of radio development. In the summer of 1890, according to John W. Clarke, assistant chief engineer of the Chicago Eastern Illinois railroad, notes were rigged up from the tower and experiments were performed which were only partly successful, consisted of the experimenters that wireless messages could be sent. "Benjamin Thomas was general manager," said Mr. Clarke. "Permission was obtained for a professor from Notre Dame to string aerials from the tower to the Tribune building. Wires were exchanged, but the messages were broken. It was concluded that the aerials were too low and that the noise of Dearborn street interfered."

J. E. Murphy, treasurer of the railroad company, said he remembered that such experiments were conducted from the old tower. Mr. Murphy and Mr. Clarke are among the oldest officials of the road.

## Announcing

The change in our firm name, etc. are the most up to the minute, ready to serve you with the best obtainable in the line of meats and poultry.

## The Crescent Meat Co., Inc.

1011 1/2 Street Market  
Next to Harris Grocery.  
Quality Market,  
Stagg's Grocery

## La Grande National Bank

Statement of December 31, 1922.

THIS BANK OWNS:  
To Depositors \$1,449,072.23  
To the U. S. Treasury Department, account of circulating notes 269,000.00

TOTAL \$1,718,072.23  
We have our assets arranged at all times so as to be able to meet any request for payment immediately.

WITH THEIR PURPOSE WE HAVE:  
(1) Cash in hand and deposited with legal depositaries \$279,412.02  
(2) U. S. Government bonds 241,268.99  
(3) Notes of individuals and corporations 1,238,175.42  
(4) Real estate 166,894.44  
(5) Shares in Federal Reserve Bank 7,550.00

TOTAL TO MEET DEMANDS \$1,822,240.94  
THIS LEAVES AVAILABLE \$294,268.71  
Which becomes the property of the stockholders after the depositors are paid, and is guaranteed fund upon which we solicit new deposits and retain those which have been lodged with us for many years.

Our bond owners mentioned in this statement do not get any part of the assets of the bank and the profits of the bank, but are the property of the board of directors, the officers and employees. The new assets which pay dividends to our persons in service and satisfaction.

## Crane's Argentone

The new creation in stationery we want you to see. A beautiful new paper offering the dignity of white and the novelty of a tint. It includes many smart styles. Come in and see them.

## Red Cross Drug Store

Most of the other officials entered the service of the company since 1880 and were therefore unaware of the part played by the Dearborn tower in the early history of wireless invention.