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### GREAT AND PRECIOUS PROMISES.

Whereby are given unto us exceeding great and precious promises, that by these ye might be partakers of the divine nature, having escaped the corruption that is in the world through lust.—2 Peter 1:4.

## Simple But Eloquent

Lincoln's Gettysburg address is recognized as a classic. It is couched in simple language but it spoke the very soul of its author—that's why it has lived.

A friend to the Evening Observer has unearthed another document which breathes the eloquence of sincerity. It is a speech delivered by Chief Joseph, for whom the town of Joseph was named. Here it is:

My friends, my name is In-nu-too-yah-lat-lah (Thunder-traveling-over-the-mountains). I have been asked to show you my heart. I am glad to have a chance to do so now. I want the white man to understand my people. The white man has many words to tell how my people look to him, but it does not require many words to speak the truth. What I have to say will come from my heart, and I will speak it with a straight tongue. The Great Spirit is looking at me, and will hear me.

Good words do not last long until they amount to something. Words do not pay for dead people. They do not pay for my country, now overrun by white men. They do not protect my father's grave. They do not pay for my horses and cattle. Good words will not give me back my children. Good words will not give my people good health and stop them from dying. Good words will not give my people a home where they can live in peace, and take care of themselves. It makes my heart sick when I remember all the good words and broken promises. There has been too much talk by white men who had no right to talk.

If the white man wants to live in peace with the Indians he can live in peace. There need be no trouble. Treat all men alike. Give all the same law, give them an even chance to live and grow. All men were made by the same Great Spirit Chief. They are all brothers. The earth is the mother of all people, and all people should have the same rights. If you tie a horse to a stake, do not expect him to grow fat. If you pen an Indian on a small spot of earth and compel him to stay there, he will not be content, nor will he grow and prosper. I have asked some of the great white chiefs where they get their authority to say to the Indian that he shall stay in one place, while white men go where they please. They cannot tell us.

When I think of our condition my heart is heavy. I see men of my race treated as outlaws, and driven from country to country, or shot down like animals.

Let me be a free man—free to travel, free to stop, free to work, free to trade where I choose, free to choose my teachers, free to follow the religion of my fathers, free to think and talk and act for myself—and I will obey every law, or submit to the penalty.

When the white men treat the Indians as they treat each other, then we shall have no more wars. We shall be alike—brothers of one father and one mother. There will be one sky above, one country around us, and one government for all. Then the Great Spirit Chief will smile upon this land. He will send rain to wash out the bloody spots made by my brothers' hands upon the face of the earth. For this the Indian is waiting and praying. I hope that no more groans of wounded men and women will ever go to the ear of the Great Spirit Chief, and that all people may be one people.

In-nu-too-yah-lat-lah has spoken for his people.

Kentucky is trying nine men charged with killing four others in an election day fight. Kentucky seems to have reached the point where it is taking seriously what once would not have been much more than a pleasantry.

For an individual who gets it so often in that spot, the ultimate consumer has very little in the pocketbook.

Summer is called the foolish season, but of all the months of the year March is the most dizzy headed.

The Germans have not claimed that the French have destroyed any coal mines in the Ruhr. That's a Hun's job.

The mother begins the task of making a man of her boy, but some other woman usually finishes the job.

It is fortunate for dealers that every woman has her own ideas of what constitutes style.

The old-fashioned boy who had to drink sassafras tea was not, however, a tea hound.

Even up to the last day of March, it is possible that the worst is yet to come.

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The sanctuary differs from the parish church in that it is to be a place of pilgrimage where special service are to be conducted for those seeking aid.

### KICK ON SUNDAY FAIR

(By Associated Press) RIVERSIDE, Calif., Mar. 30.—The Southern California fair will not open on Sunday this year. Strong protests by pastors of local church-

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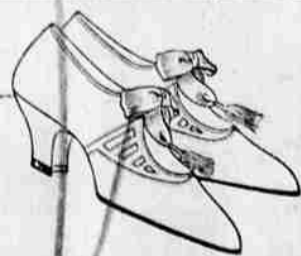


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