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DAILY BIBLE THOUGHT

BEFORE THE CREATOR:—Thou art worthy, O Lord, to receive glory and honor and power; for thou hast created all things, and for thy pleasure they are and were created. Revelation 4: 11.

PRAYER:—Our Father, enable us to be peacemakers, and so be recognized and called the children of God.

Water

Last evening a sincere crowd of La Grande citizens met at the city hall and discussed the long-standing water question.

The Summerville springs were advocated by many, deep wells were advocated by others, but the combined thought of all was how to obtain a water supply for the city of La Grande.

The Evening Observer has printed many articles on La Grande water in the past ten years; we have witnessed many meetings called to discuss water; we have almost at times been convinced that action would be taken to increase the water supply.

Analyzing past history and present effort, here is the way the water situation looks to us:

Our first and immediate need is water.

To obtain it from Summerville springs means construction work on a project consuming at least a year's time.

To obtain water from the Minam will take longer.

To obtain water from deep drilled wells will also require many months, at least.

To obtain water from Beaver creek by laying a second pipeline means a long time job.

And during these periods we will have no more water than the present system will furnish.

City Manager Hayes stated last night that the present system furnishes abundance of water during eight or nine months and our shortage during the remainder of the year is what worries.

That being true, it is excellent judgment to proceed with the digging of wells to the gravel near the river so that abundance of water will filter through the gravel strata, and then erect a modern pumping plant, thus furnishing La Grande all the water she wants during the summer months.

This can be done for probably $50,000. It will require no bond issue, and then for a permanent and lasting supply of water let the people take their time in deciding whether it shall be Summerville springs, improvements on Beaver creek, deep wells or the Minam supply, and there will be ample time to build the new system without rush because the city will be cared for indefinitely by the present Beaver creek system augmented by a practical pumping plant which will pump river water chlorinated into the reservoir guaranteeing water for homes, lawns and industry during the driest periods of the year.

For Five Commissioners

A petition is being circulated in La Grande for the purpose of amending the city charter so that instead of three commissioners sitting as a deliberative body on municipal affairs there shall be five, and four of these commissioners shall be chosen from wards, while one commissioner shall be elected at large.

The plan is a good one. The weak point in our commission form of government has been that but three men were elected to handle the city's business. At present one commissioner becomes president of the commission and only two men are in session as a parliamentary body.

One has but to visit the commission meetings repeatedly to be convinced that there should be five commissioners. Take it in the days of Commissioners Grant and McKennon, both of whom have been called by death, there was a deadlock existing for months at [illegible], which is not a good thing to foster.

Let us have the five commissioners. It is more of representative form of government and will be better for all concerned.

We do not know whether this petition is active in time to get the proposed amendment to the charter on the special ballot, but the principle is correct and should prevail whether at this time or later.

With only seven first-class battleships and 57 admirals France probably would favor an agreement for the limitation of admirals.

Love letters read in a breach of promise suit tend to prove that the writer is not descended from the monkey, that he is one.

The boll weevil destroys cotton but what is left is turned into wool and silk by the lumber.

OFFICE CAT

TRADE MARK

BY JUNIUS

A La Grande woman thinks discovery of America pales into insignificance when compared to the things she has discovered about the poor fish she has just married.

It could be worse. Suppose the neighboring kids wore wooden shoes.

AN ESKIMO NEVER TAKES A BATH—BUT AT THAT HE HAS COMPANY, IN TEMPERATE CLIMATES.

When at last women boss the country we hope that they will give liberal support to homes for fallen men.

When a savage puts on pants and learns to love a dollar, we say he is civilized.

Somehow a classical dance reminds us of trying to dress in an upper berth—the contortions are similar.

Perhaps the highest recommendation for that cook who just got out of jail is that she stayed in one place over a week.

It's a case of real love if he can get the same thrill when he hugs her—fur coat and all.

"A man chooses his wife—" begins a philosophical editorial. This should get a laugh from the ladies.

"Is there any particular boy that you like?" asked the old maid aunt of her 17-year-old niece.

"I should say not—that kind is too slow!" was the rejoinder.

Editorials From Over the Nation

YOUTHS WHO MEAN BUSINESS.

Portland Oregonian: If father is wont to complain at the rising cost of educating his young hopefuls, let him read the recent report of the principal of Jefferson high school and reflect on how largely the burden is offset by increasing youthful capacity to earn.

Forty-six boys and thirty-four girls worked at money-making occupations during their school years.

The most of us who belong to an earlier generation the sums they earned are amazing.

The total of $53,875 received by the boys is an average of $1.17 for each—a tidy contribution, we should say, toward the cost of food and clothing and books.

The girls received less, but enough to convey the lesson that any youngster can help himself through school if he will.

These statistics as to one Portland high school are particularly worth bearing in mind because they are not exceptional.

We hazard little in saying that they hold good, with minor changes, for other high schools in Oregon and in the country at large.

It is estimated that 75 per cent of all the students in colleges and universities receiving public support are paying part or all their way through school.

The "Gold coast" social and scholastic standard evidently does not dominate education as much as it did two or three decades ago.

Earnestness of purpose, as manifested in self-discipline, industry and thrift, are important aids to basic intelligence in getting results from the machinery of education.

It may be doubted, indeed, whether the youth who means business will not travel farther and do more good in the world than his brainier brother who relies on his exceptional gifts to pull him through.

JAZZ NOT WHOLLY BAD

Rochester Herald: Those sensitive souls who are pained by the crude simplicity of a great people's common jazz will no doubt disagree violently with the view that there can be anything of merit in so naive a form of music as jazz.

The very barbaric simplicity of the average one-step would serve to condemn it in the eyes of a true musician.

Yet in that simplicity of from that abounding life, unrestrained and unconventional lies the secret of the popularity which jazz has enjoyed wherever it has been played.

America owes to jazz a debt that is only beginning to be realized.

It was in the dance halls of vice ports, the waterfront resorts along the wharves in New Orleans and on the Barbary coast of San Francisco that the first crude beginnings of jazz jarred on the world.

Since that time jazz has been taken out of its unkempt early environment and has been washed and combed, powdered and penciled, tailored and manicured.

It has become a thing of wild beauty, an alluring gypsy creature, colorful and dynamic.

No doubt, jazz has invaded many shrines hitherto sacred to the classic gods.

It has flouted musical conventions, defied prohibitions, led whole peoples astray from the paths marked out by the masters.

But it has interpreted life to millions who never before had conceived the beauty of perfect cadence.

It is not to be denied that there is much in the story of jazz to be regretted.

But to say that jazz is wholly bad is to overstate the case to an extent that leaves the critic open to a charge of superficiality, bias or insufficient observation.

THE AMATEUR ORATOR.

Mankato Free Press: About the worst predicament the average man ever finds himself in is when he is called on to make a speech. So the subject is worthy of discussion.

No one person in a hundred is a "natural born orator."

The rest of us have cold chills, mental vacancy and very dry throats when the official executioner—the chairman of the meeting—turns his relentless eye our way and announces that we are next.

It is a calamity when the speech-making job is thrust on us impromptu.

And almost as bad when we have been given advance notice, for most of our carefully-thought-out clever remarks vanish from memory as we rise growlingly, nervously, to our feet and swallow. Actors call this "lack of stage presence."

The speaker, when nervous, usually is too self-conscious.

He's afraid of disgracing himself.

It will help a lot if he keeps in mind that 99 out of 100 in the audience have just as great a dread of making speeches.

The expectant, joyful look on their faces is not in anticipation of what they are about to hear.

No, it's just glee that someone else is the goat. They appreciate your plight.

They are sympathetic and tolerant, and don't expect too much, so why be nervous?

PARIS HAS NO NIGHT LIFE

Paul van Dyke in Scribner's: Outside of certain strips and centers where arteries of travel cross, Paris has no night life. In a good 2,500 of her 2,722 streets one gets the impression at 9 o'clock that everybody has gone to bed and, at 10, that all the inhabitants have either moved to the country or died. In the little cafes and restaurants of my quarter, as it draws toward 10 the waiters begin to regard you with an evil eye, and at 10 they pile up the chairs on the empty tables and begin to sweep the floor. Even in the larger ones which keep open an hour or two longer you experience, at 11 o'clock, the very disagreeable sensation of the man in the old song who felt "like one who treads alone some banquet hall deserted."

THE OLD HOME TOWN - - By Stanley

NEWT. THE HORSE BREAKER DISLOCATED TWO PORCH POSTS AND A BARREL OF PICKLED FISH IN FRONT OF HOLLEYS MARKET EARLY TODAY.

Austria Has First Portia

VIENNA, (AP)—Fraulein Marianne Beth, an enthusiastic advocate of woman suffrage, claims the distinction of being the first woman to be admitted to practice law in Austria. Completing her university course, she studied law in her father's office, and recently passed the examination admitting her to practice.

Different

Here's something different both in line and in material. The bodice is white pussy willow moire and the long, full skirt is of black. That row of buttons down the front and high collar are reminiscent of earlier days.

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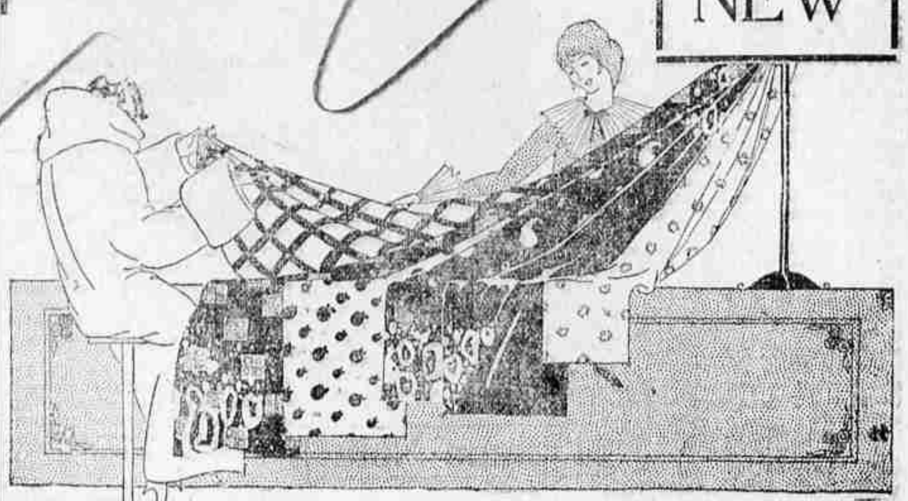

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