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DAILY BIBLE THOUGHT

PURE RELIGION:—Pure religion and undefiled before
God and the Father is this: To visit the fatherless and widows
in their affliction, and to keep himself unspotted from the
world. James 1: 27.
PRAYER:—O Lord, may we daily aspire to be workers
with Thee in Christ-like ministries.

Going Too Far

The Evening Observer has ever stood for reform. We
have criticized the public service commission, and even at
times we have favored one man instead of three on the
commission, but now comes a movement to initiate a
measure to abolish and do away entirely with the com-
mission and all of its work.

No, this cannot be. It is a wrong principle. We can-
not as loyal citizens of Oregon turn the public utilities
loose without some restriction, without some means of
bringing to account the utility that is so situated it has
the people at its mercy.

The voters, we believe, realize that while there are
commissioners occasionally elected who are not suitable
for their offices, who know little of what is going on, yet
it is not wisdom for the state to let down the bars entirely
to the public utilities of Oregon, most of which are owned
largely by non-residents and who are financially interested
in this state as a business basis.

The initiative petition which is now being circulated
to abolish the commission has little ground to stand upon.
It is not sponsored by the Chambers of Commerce of Ore-
gon, nor the Grange nor the Labor organizations. It is
very plainly a movement of individuals who hope to issue
propaganda and at the bottom of it you will find some
selfish motive.

In all seriousness, let us all put the stamp of disapproval
on propaganda. It is the menace of the country today,
and we find it sticking out in this initiative measure like
a sore thumb.

Make the utilities live up to the proverbial square deal,
but let them live, is the best slogan that can be adopted
by Oregonians.

We are not in favor of losing the reins of restriction
on those who serve the public, neither are we in favor of
confiscation of their property.

Everyone of us has a place to fill in this great scheme
of life. Human selfishness is ever present, and that is
why we must have a public utilities commission of some
kind that will function.

Admitting that at times we have become exasperated
with some of the decisions of that august body, yet we
never have felt it was good judgment to do away with the
plan which every state in the union has adopted.

No, it is not the question of abolishing the commis-
sion, it is plainly a question of getting the right men in
office. As citizens and voters your obligation is apparent.
You can accomplish nothing by tearing down a house that
shelters you, or even partially shelters you. The thing to
do, is to get in and fix the roof. You can do this by exer-
cising the right of franchise which is freely given to
every American citizen, but you can't do it by advocating
the initiative petition which destroys all the work which
has been done for the past decade in attempting to estab-
lish protection to the public.

Not Welcome

We notice that La Grande has been picked as Eastern
Oregon headquarters by the I. W. W. organization and that
offices have been opened and literature is being dis-
tributed.

The Evening Observer frankly says to the misguided
ones who are fostering this organization that they are not
welcome here.

This community is forging forward. It is doing it with
honest endeavor and industrial effort, and therefore the
I. W. W. is a surplus quantity in this city.

The best thing that those interested in this to say the
least peculiar organization can do, is to move on to a com-
munity that welcomes them; a community that shares their
belief; a community that is willing to accept I. W. W.
doctrine. This community is not willing to do it.

The very presence of an I. W. W. layout is obnoxious
to people who work and earn their living, and La Grande
is not called upon to be headquarters by any means.

That Danish prince who is not sure he is engaged is
willing to be, evidently, but is in doubt about the girl's
feelings.

Even the pedestrian may have a flat or two, but he
never loses control of the steering apparatus.

THE OLD HOME TOWN

Ry Stanley



THE TRICK CIGAR ERNIE HICKS SENT AWAY FOR
EXPLODED IN HIS VEST POCKET TODAY.
BESIDES LOSING THE CIGAR ERNIE LOST HIS TOOTH BRUSH,
TWO PRACTICALLY NEW LEAD PENCILS AND A FOLDING RUBBER COMB.



BY JUNIUS

GOOSE FOR EVERY GANDER.
Girls who are large—girls who are
small;
Girls who are short—girls who are
tall;
Girls who are fat—girls who are
lean;
Girls who would classify just in
between;
Girls who are tight—girls who are
loose;
Girls who are new—girls out for
a thrill;
Girls who are young, or not young;
at all;
There are the girls for whom the
man falls.

Men who are kind—men who are
cruel;
Men who are spenders—men who
are savers;
Men who love pop—and men who
are slow;
Men who are speedy—and men
without any;
Men who are heavy—and men
without weight;
When the girls marry, these are
the men.

**SOME PEOPLE SAVE FOR A
RAINY DAY AND DRINK IT ALL
UP AS SOON AS IT STARTS TO
SPRINKLE.**

Miss Tohla says: "When I say
love, I'm going to hit you in the
nose, Fido."

AS GIRLS MAKE UP.
(New York Style)
"The lot of lightning came down
between Miss Carter and her suitor,
and rapped off a head deal of
plaster."

An old man in a "Southern news-
paper recently said: "Watches for
women of superior design and per-
fection of movement."

Chivalry has been described as
the noble quality in man that
makes him considerate of any wom-
an who is beautiful and isn't
married to him.

Poets' Corner

DID YOU?
Did you give him a lift? He's a
brother of man,
And bearing about all the burden
he can.
Did you give him a smile? He
was downcast and blue,
And the smile would have helped
him to battle it through.
Did you give him your hand? He
was slipping down hill,
And the world, so I fancied, was
using him ill.
Did you give him a word? Did
you show him the road,
Or did you just let him go on
with his load?

Did you help him along? He's a
sinner like you,
But the grasp of your hand
might have carried him
through.
Did you bid him good cheer? Just
a word and a smile

Today's output of
the Goodyear factories
offers larger, heavier,
stronger tires—and
more durable than ever
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Were what he most needed that
last weary mile.
Did you know what he bore in
the burden of cares,
That is every man's load and that
sympathy shares?
Did you try to find out what he
needed from you,
Or did you just leave him to
battle it through?

Do you know what it means to
be losing the fight,
When the lift just in time might
set everything right?
Do you know what it means—
just the clasp of a hand,
When a man's borne about all a
man ought to stand?
Did you ask what it was—why
the quivering lip,
And the glistening tears down the
pale cheek that slip?
Were you brother of his when
the time came to be?
Did you offer to help him, or
didn't you see?

Don't you know it's the part of
a brother of man
To find what the grief is and
help when you can?
Did you stop when he asked you
to give him a lift,
Or were you so busy you left
him to shift?
Oh, I know what you meant—
what you say may be true,
But the best of your manhood is,
what did you do?
Did you reach out a hand? Did
you show him the road?
Or did you just let him go on
with his load?

In New England-Craftsman
Greenland to Have Radio.
COPENHAGEN, (AP)—The
government has signed a contract
with a Danish firm to supply four
radio stations to be erected in
Greenland during the coming
spring. It is stated that the gov-
ernment's action has been greatly
appreciated in international ship-
ping and meteorological circles.

A Wholesome Physic.
"I tried all kinds of constipation
pills but never got any kind to
keep my bowels open until I took
FOLEY CATHARTIC TABLETS,"
writes Robert E. Smith, 447 N.
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Why Is It?

WHY is there more argument about coffee
than any other item of diet. Coffee
has always needed defense—one of the few
articles of diet that does.

No doubt exists about the fact that coffee
contains caffeine, a drug which doctors prescribe
as an emergency stimulant for the heart and
nervous system; and many coffee drinkers know
from experience that for them, coffee causes
nervousness, headache or stomach trouble.

Since so many people, including health au-
thorities, have reason to question coffee drink-
ing, can you afford to risk your health with it—
when you can have a safe mealtime drink,
such as Postum?

You will like the delicious flavor of Postum.
It fills every requirement of a hot drink; and
many former coffee drinkers even prefer it to
the best coffee.

With Postum as your mealtime beverage,
your system free of caffeine, and your sleep
sound and restful, you'll realize that Postum has
established its genuine value in health and
comfort.

Postum for Health

"There's a Reason"

Your grocer sells Postum in
two forms: Instant Postum
(in tins) prepared instantly in
the cup by the addition of
boiling water. Postum Cereal
(in packages) for those who
prefer the flavor brought out
by boiling fully 20 minutes.
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would adopt some system of
saving if they could do it
all over again.

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permission.

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