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EDITORIAL

WHY NOT TRY DIRIGIBLES AGAIN?

One great weapon which figured in the last World War is very conspicuous by its absence in this one. That is the dirigible airplane. The dirigible is the oldest form of military aircraft. It lacks in speed what the heavier-than-air craft can achieve, but its cruising range is enormous and Naval men who had experience with these vessels of the air in 1914-18 think very highly of their capacity.

A dirigible balloon, capable of being steered across oceans and out of range of storms, can be built for a fraction of the cost of a modern bombing airplane. It can carry a much heavier load and come closer to being certain of hitting its target.

That was demonstrated in World War I, though it is probable that the improvements made in the airplane since then have changed the comparative picture. At that time the dirigible was primarily the German weapon with which the city of London was bombed. All the other armies engaged soon acquired them, but the Germans had the advantage of an early start and extensive manufacturing facilities.

Today the only nation in the world which can use dirigibles is

the United States. The great weakness of the dirigible was its inflammability. Filled with hydrogen gas, a single tracer bullet destroys a dirigible like a puff of smoke. But about the time of the Armistice great deposits of another lighter-than-air gas were discovered in the United States. Our Government immediately took control of all the oil wells producing helium gas and Congress enacted a law forbidding the sale of helium to any foreign country under conditions where it might be used for military purposes.

The great German Zeppelin company continued to operate hydrogen-filled dirigible across the North and South Atlantic. The tragic death of more than 150 passengers when one of the Zeppelins was destroyed by fire at Lakehurst, N. J., put an effective end to the Navy's experiments with lighter-than-aircraft. We had lost three such vessels of our own manufacture and two which we had taken from the Germans as prizes of war. The public had begun to look upon these craft as too dangerous even for military use, and Congress refused to appropriate any more money to build them.

Now we are beginning to hear talk again of helium-filled dirigibles. For many uses, as a part of our program of National Defense, there does not seem to be any obstacle except the prejudice

of some Navy officers and of the public. Half dozen round trips from LaGuardia Field to the Templehof, the great German airport, probably would settle the question forever. Whether it is worthwhile for our Government to build these ships should be decided now.

This weeks

Sermon.

Jesus Teaches His Disciples to Pray.

Lesson for December 22; Luke 11:1-13.

Golden Text: Luke 11:9.

The Lord's Prayer is complete in itself. Ascription of praise to God, dedication to his service, plea for daily bread, prayer for forgiveness—these are the essentials of prayer.

To praise God is to recognize his goodness and to indicate faith in him. Only the reverent can truly pray for the hallowing of God's name. To pray for the coming of the kingdom a man must commit himself to its work and enter into a covenant with God to do his will. Bread is a symbol of all man's daily needs. Forgiveness demands one's forgiveness of others. God cannot forgive an unforgiving heart.

Some seem to think the petition 'Bring us not into temptation,' indicates that God might tempt men. It is rather a petition to be delivered from the temptations of the devil. God may try men to find how strong they are but he does not tempt men (James 1:13). Only the devil tempts men—

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Sandy High School News

(By Lois Shearman)

The Christmas Pageant which was planned by the Sandy High School Glee Club and Band to be put on December 19, has been called off due to too much sickness in the community. A great number of the students who were to be in the pageant are sick also.

At a senior class meeting held on Tuesday, December 3, the senior class motto was selected.

There was a general discussion concerning several mottos. Finally the class chose, 'A Quitter Never Wins and A Winner Never Quits' as their motto for the year.

Extensive work has been started on the 1941 Mee Ma, by Joe Wiese, editor, and his staff.

All the advertisements have been set and some of them have already been printed for the book.

The cuts of the classes and clubs were received by the printing department last week and are now being labeled. In a short time they will also be ready to

find how weak they are.

The man who persisted in his plea for the loan of three loaves of bread teaches us to keep on praying. If a sleepy neighbor finally responded, much more will God answer those who persist in prayer. Also, as an earthly father gives unto his children, the heavenly Father will surely give good things to those that ask Him.

These are examples of the power and the readiness of God to answer men in their praying. Jesus is himself an example of praying. Study Him in his prayer of life. And let an oft-repeated petition be, 'Lord, teach us to pray.'

The officers of the Sandy Grange were installed Saturday in a joint ceremony with the Eagle Creek Grange, at the Sandy Grange Hall. Fred Bates of Eagle Creek was the installing officer, assisted by Mrs. C. E. Linn, Mrs. John Roberts and Mrs. R. S. Smith, also Mrs. Mollie Bates of Eagle Creek. There were 22 visitors. A bountiful potluck dinner was served at noon.

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The senior class received their individual pictures this week, taken by Logan & Markham studios.

Miss Ellen Pemberton, Home Economics Instructor, Mr. Ace Irvine, Math and Bookkeeping teacher and Mr. L. Blatchford were all absent from school last week due to the flu.

The Freshman class party which was formerly planned for December 20, has been indefinitely postponed due to the great amount of sickness.

Mr. Orr, principal of Sandy High postponed all social gatherings pertaining to school activities until after Christmas, because of sickness.

This year a large number of boys who take shop are making their Christmas presents. Those things being made are candlestick holders, bowls, magazine racks and many others.

Glenn Koennecke who is making a boat is beginning to fit the bottom onto it now.

Bill Dyal, who is making an office desk has it near completion.

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