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"Flag of the free heart's hope and home!
By Angels' hands to valor given;
Thy stars have lit the welkin dome,
And all thy hues were born in Heaven.
Forever float that standard sheet!
Where breathes the foe but falls before us.
With Freedom's soil beneath our feet,
And Freedom's banner streaming o'er us."
—JOSEPH DRAKE.

BIBLE THOUGHT FOR TODAY.

A SURE GUIDE:—Commit thy way unto the Lord; trust also in Him; and He shall bring it to pass.
Rest in the Lord, and wait patiently for Him.—Psalm 37:5, 7.

THEY HAVE NOT STRUCK.

AMONG those injured by the present strike is the tiller of the soil. And it must be conceded that on the same basis as those upon which others have ceased in aggregates to labor, the farmer would have struck long ago. This would be a calamity. Without his continuous labor the remainder of the people would soon be without food and clothing.

Why should he not strike when he is affected by every other strike pulled off? When the railroads are crippled thus his products wait transportation and oft-times are a loss. If they are transported it is under circumstances which mean reduced returns. At any time under strike conditions, uncertainty baffles him.

Since 1913 the purchasing power of the farmer's dollar has decreased, while the wages of other workmen in the organized industries are higher than in 1913.

The purchasing power of the wages of the railway employe in 1921 was 51 per cent greater than in 1913; the wages of the coal miners in 1921 was 20 per cent greater than in 1913, while the purchasing power of the farm hand's wages was 4 per cent less in 1921 than in 1913, and the purchasing power of the income of the farmer himself had been cut down over 30 per cent during these eight years.

Hence, it is obvious that the farmers have suffered the most from deflation during this period. During the past year they have sold their products at a loss, when fair wages and interest on their investments in the farm itself are considered. They have endeavored to obtain relief and to better their condition by appealing to legislation and co-operation. They have worked on as a duty to themselves and to their country, while their problems are under solution. They have inaugurated in Congress the farm bloc. They demand consideration at the government's hands. They have not struck.

THE AFTERTHOUGHT.

AT the Argonaut mine, Jackson, California, more than two score of miners have been entombed for nearly two weeks. Their deaths by slow and indescribable suffocation or by creeping, torturing flames of fire, deep down in the earth away from human hands to stop or hinder, has probably taken place. If death has not come to their relief, the suspense, the anxiety, starvation and thirst have been utterly indescribable. Approaching the sufferings of these men have been the anxiety, the mental and heart torture of their wives and children.

As a last resort to save the entombed men, herculean effort was launched after six days had elapsed since the accident.

A diamond drill, the most effective for piercing rock, manned by picked men, in continuous action was employed to cut two holes through the 300 feet of solid rock intervening between the location of the entombed men and an adjoining mine from which the rescuers feverishly work. Two holes are drilled, through one of which fresh air may be injected and through the other food and drink may be forced in capsule form. These holes are three inches in diameter. At least five days remain yet between the men and the rescuers.

And now, after this calamity, we rehearse its lesson. We talk of what

MIGHT have been done to avert it. We shudder at the woeful plight of the men on duty for their employers and adding to the comfort of their fellow men and their families. We sympathize with the anxious, suffering wives and children.

And NOW we awake from our lethargy and note that it was all unnecessary. Forethought and provision against the possibility of the occurrence could have been taken. It would have cost less to bore those holes from one mine to the other under normal conditions than now, and there would have been communication through which suffering and anxiety could be relieved.

The California Industrial Commission NOW declares for tunnels or passageways between mines for safety in case of fire or cave-in. It's a case of AFTER-THOUGHT. A shameful excuse where human life is at stake. Laws have already been suggested for these safety devices and will, no doubt, be speedily enacted. Human life first and dollars second will receive from this disaster a new impetus and this is the one great lesson so tardily and so expensively learned.

THE PENALTY.

THE boy-father who had no keener perception of duty and decency than to express indifference to the judge's plea that he exert his manhood to the extent of providing for his off-spring, would disgrace the gang on the rock pile. However, society should be spared the dangers of his kind while the state should insist on his toil for his and the good of those whom he spurns.

THE RETURN TO SCHOOL.

THE opening of the schools again after the summer's vacation, calls attention to education as the great factor in the national life. Boys and girls are the future citizens of this republic. They will make or mar their own futures. The community and state will be measured by the breadth and quality of their intelligence.

The schools have a solemn duty thrust upon them in return for the tremendous equipment cost and opportunity. Their training should be more intensive than it usually is. Body and mind should be trained to accuracy, initiative and poise, in order to meet successfully life's problems, which are growing more intricate, more exacting year by year.

It is here that youths find themselves—their social and intellectual qualities. It is here they meet competition, the keenest and the greatest they have ever experienced, and here they learn to live and govern themselves as a part of the great social and political world about them.

May their educational development add greatly to their ability to achieve and to live genuinely their lives.

TRAP, POISON, FLYPAPER WILL HOLD FLY IN CHECK

The most successful weapons against the housefly, a man's deadliest enemy of all insect pests, are the screen, trap, sticky flypaper, poison and careful sanitation. Where poison can be used it is very effective offered as the O. A. C. Experiment Station recommends as follows: Formaldehyde—commercial strength—2 ounces; sugar, 2 ounces; water, 10 ounces. The solution is placed in a shallow dish where the flies can reach it with no other source of drink. After drinking of the poison they die near the dish.

Different makes of fly traps may be seen at stores and fairs, and most of them are inexpensive and effective. The screened in porch with screened windows and doors will keep most of the intruders out, and those that do sneak in may be killed with swatter or poison, or caught on fly paper or in traps.

Hordes of flies often breed in the manure piles, which may be covered or screened in. Care with the garbage and with litter about the home grounds will send the females further away to deposit their eggs.

Allowed their own way these house pests will carry on their hairy legs and feet such disease germs as they

come in contact with, notably typhoid, dysentery, tuberculosis and diphtheria. They drop some of these in walking about human foods and drinks, which under favorable conditions will cause diseases when taken with these substances.

The death of a single female fly may prevent the breeding of millions of descendants before the summer is over.

LOCALS.

Dr. Taylor F. Jackson, wife and daughter Miss Bernice, of Albion, Iowa, were guests of his niece, Mrs. E. P. Kitzmiller, of 503 Division St., on Sunday. Dr. Jackson is enroute to Los Angeles, Calif., where he expects to enter the practice of his profession.

Mr. A. M. Butt of Lafayette, Ore., was a caller at the Banner-Courier office on Friday.

Dr. Milliken, former pastor of the Baptist church in this city, was a caller at the Banner-Courier office on Friday.

R. E. Cherrick of Barton transacted business in Oregon City Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. D. Hammack of Mt. Vernon, Wash. motored to Oregon City last Saturday, bringing with them Mrs. Hammack's mother, Mrs. A. Holden, and niece, Miss Lillian Rob-

ertson, who has been spending a delightful vacation with the Hammacks at Mt. Vernon. While here they visited Mr. and Mrs. Fred Greenman, the latter a sister of Mrs. Hammack. They returned to their home on Tuesday of last week.

Miss Rose Ginther, who is connected with a large publication at Washington, D. C., has returned to her duties, after visiting her father, Mr. Ginther, and her sister, Mrs. Frances McGahuey, at Beaver Creek, and sisters, Mrs. F. Shoenborn at Oregon City, and Mrs. C. Grasier and Mrs. W. G. Benewa at Gladstone.

Mr. and Mrs. Carl Green and children, Mrs. W. C. Green and Miss Rose Marrs, who have been on a motoring trip up in Washington, have returned to their homes in Oregon City. Miss Marrs visited her brother, Charles Marrs and family, in Seattle. The Greens visited friends at Aberdeen, Seattle, Bellingham, Ferndale, Mt. Vernon, and at Anacortes they visited Rev. J. R. Landsborough former pastor of the local Presbyterian church, and his family.

Mr. and Mrs. George Ely and daughter Eloise left Oregon City for Bend, Oregon where they will visit their daughter, Mrs. H. W. McKenzie, and family. Mrs. McKenzie was Miss Helen Ely before her marriage. Mrs. Charles Ladd has gone to Corvallis, Oregon, where she will make her home with her son Birdsall, who was seriously injured while employed there, but has improved and will resume his studies at the Oregon Agricultural college this fall.

Mr. and Mrs. C. Scheubel, accompanied by Mr. and Mrs. N. W. Bowland, left Saturday morning for the Mt. Hood country on a hunting trip and fishing expedition. They expect to be gone ten days.

Ross Scott, a former Oregon City boy, a graduate of the Oregon City High school, and who is now making his home in Weed, Calif., where he is an accountant for the Weed Lumber Co., is visiting his mother, Mrs. Eva Scott, his sister, Mrs. Helen Morris, and his many friends in Oregon City.

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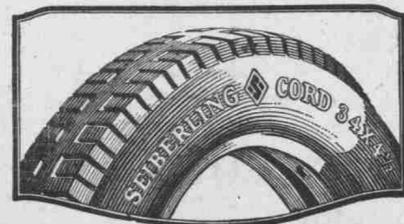
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