

NATAL DAY THOUGHTS

RESPONSE TO ADDRESS OF WELCOME DELIVERED BY A. W. MYERS AT NATAL DAY MEETING OF THE ORDER OF THE EASTERN STAR IN MYRTLE POINT, SEPTEMBER 1, 1911.

The following address delivered at the Natal Day celebration of the Order of Eastern Star held in Myrtle Point on September 1, by A. W. Myers is printed by request of many friends who regard it as one of the finest ever delivered on an occasion of this character.

Madam President, sisters and brothers: We welcome this opportunity to meet with you on this occasion, in commemoration and celebration of this day so fraught with significance to all members of the Order of the Eastern Star.

In founding and organizing this beautiful society, it was well and wisely named, for we as Christians and fellow members do well receive our inspiration from the Star of the East.

Two thousand years ago, "In the beauty of the lilies Christ was born across the sea." The star that guided the Magi to His Majesty's presence; the song of angels that told of the peace he brought to the men of earth, were but the guiding hands in ushering to the Throne a new King. But, His kingship was not to be a proud triumph of war conquests, by the clash of arms and clang of steel,—but the meek rule of peace and love.

Napoleon, the most selfish of all earthly rulers and statesmen, once said: "Other conquerors founded their empires upon force. Jesus alone founded His empire upon love, and millions would die for Him today."

Even in the dark and dreadful times during the proud and selfish reign of Napoleon, the One who is the inspiration of our Order, was recognized and admitted,—even by the enemies to Christianity, as being a mighty conqueror, in whom the conquered find rest and peace.

And so, sisters and brothers, it remains for us, the living, to so fit our minds as living stones, for that spiritual temple to which the faithful are guided by the Star of Bethlehem,—that city not made with hands, eternal in the heavens. I say, it remains for us to promulgate and emulate the truths as exemplified, first in the Star of our Hope, and then in the lives of those beautiful characters as represented in the five points.

What a magnificent temple can be erected and dedicated to God with these stones as foundation stones for the building of a human life!

In seeking for an enduring foundation, where else can we go but to Jesus, the Christ,—our elder brother? A human life, like everything else involving responsibility, must have foundation.

Our Saviour guarded us here when He told us about the man who built his house on the sands, and when the rains and storms beat upon it, it fell, and fell just at the time when the poor fellow most needed a house. Then He told us of the man who built His house upon the rock, and when the storms and winds came, it stood and stood just at the time when he most needed the house. However calm and quiet this day may be for us, friends, we may be sure that the storm, like the mighty surging of the sea, will come by and by. Therefore, we as Eastern Stars do well in looking for an enduring foundation.

Now, having a secure foundation, I would build this life like they builded the Temple of old, without the sound of hammer or any tool of iron; and the first stone I would put on this foundation would be the lesson drawn from the first point of our Star: "Fidelity." Faithful until death in the discharge of every moral and religious duty. Faith in God, faith in His promises, faith in my fellowmen and faith in myself. Ever looking out toward the heavenly hills with a firm and steadfast determination to die in the light of His word, suffering no stain to rest upon my memory.

With the stone of "Fidelity" well laid, I would fit into it the lesson drawn from the second point: "patience." Patience has to do with the temper, and temper gives ring and resistance to mettle. No matter what passions may have manifested themselves in vengeance or hatred, patience tempers and tones and regulates, so that even a woman can be an anvil, to be struck, as well as to be the hammer that strikes; to be an anvil when she ought to be an anvil, and a hammer when she ought to be a hammer.

Patience and quiet are twin sisters. He who is most patient has the best control of the tongue, for we scarcely ever let temper get from under control until the tongue has started on its mission of deadly work. Patience is the gentle hand we lay upon the turbulent spirit and calm it, like the strokes of a master horseman calms the spirit of a wild and vicious beast.

Give me plenty of temper, oh God, but give me absolute mastery of it, and I will do no harm! There is no more unseemly sight than a woman on a tear with her temper; a man giving vent to unseemly passions.

The next stone I would put into this building would be the one representing the purity and love of Esther. Every man my brother; every woman my sister. Each members of a common family, for we are all brothers and sisters, descendants from the one Adam.

Now, my idea of brotherly love is this: I have three brothers in the flesh. If either of them had a bed in his home, a plate at his table, a dollar in his pocket, or a drop of blood in his veins too good for me when I should need it, the same I would not call my brother at all. We are brothers and sisters and we should be kind and loving.

There is not a better, sweeter, fuller, deeper work in all the world than kindness—human kindness. It was this kindness that made Esther's voice sound as sweet as an aeolian harp to her people. It was her spirit of love and purity, dominating her whole character so much as to be unmindful of death, that influenced her to go before King Ahasuerus to plead for her brothers and sisters.

Someone has said the "Pen is mightier than the sword." But I am inclined to think that kindness will go where the pen cannot touch.

What is more thrilling than a mother's kindness and forbearance to her child. It was always mother's kindness that made the touch of her hand to me as soft and gentle as the zephyrs put in motion by the angel's wings. For kindness is the mother of sentiment, and sentiment is the divinest element in man or woman. For it is sentiment that lends beauty to the landscape, glory to the sunset and fragrance to the rose. He who has the most of sentiment is closest akin to his mother, and he who is closest akin to his mother is closest akin to God.

The next stone I would set in place would be the stone of Electa: "Charity." We read in the inspired Book: "Add to godliness, brotherly kindness, and to brotherly kindness, charity."

Again: "Though I speak with the tongues of men and of angels and have not charity, I have become as sounding brass, or a tinkling cymbal."

Charity is the crowning virtue of a human life. It is a principle of prevailing love to God and good will to men.

A person endowed with charity does not interpret doubtful things to the injury of a brother or sister, but to the best. He is sorry for the sins of his fellowmen, rejoices when anyone does well, and is ever ready to bear with their failings and infirmities, and, lastly, this grace is never lost, but goes with us into another and larger world, to be exercised there.

And now, friends, the building is finished, except the keystone which we now drop into the arch: Immortality.—Martha's hope.

We are daily reminded of the uncertainty of human life,—that someday this earthly house must fall. But, having builded on the enduring foundation of Jesus the Christ, death is robbed of its sting, and the grave of its victory. And, when our labors in this earthly lodge over, we have the assurance that our spirits will be caught up on the wings of the morning, and born to that magnificent lodge on high, from whence no traveler returns.

And, so, sisters and brothers, in closing let me add that as we work in this earthly lodge; as we go among our brothers and sisters and our fellowmen,—everywhere,—let us constantly strive to emulate in our work and in our lives the lessons we have received in these stones,—or points.

May our daily prayer no longer be at even tide, as we were taught in childhood: "Now I lay me down to sleep, etc.," but may our daily pray-

HUMOROUS QUIPS

She Giggled.

I went out to walk with Miss Nellie one day, And as we two strolled through the park I noticed she seemed quite contented and gay— More happy by far than a lark. And whenever I made a remark even plain, She would always a giggle outpour; And then when I asked her to kindly explain, She giggled—then giggled some more.

Then in the evening we went to the play, And though 'twas a tragedy deep, She did not the slightest emotion display. But giggled while others would weep. She giggled a bit when the hero was killed, And as the bride came through the door To marry the villain whose conduct had thrilled, She giggled—then giggled some more.

So I asked the young lady to tell me just why Her system contained so much mirth, And why she could giggle when others would cry. And when happiness seemed at a dearth, So she said her new hat had the latest shaped frame, The only one like it in store, And that no other lady could get the same. Then she giggled—and giggled some more.

—John L. Hobbie in Puck

Obliging.

There's a pretty cashier lady in a certain Boston restaurant. The other day a fresh stranger approached this cashier and asked, "Are the waiters here attentive to you?"

"Sir?" she squeaked, and her liquid eyes flashed fire.

"I asked, are the waiters in this place attentive to you?" he calmly repeated. "Are you hard of hearing?"

Then the haughty beauty shouted for the manager, who came on the run. "This pup has insulted me!" she sobbed. "Is it any of his den business whether the waiters is attentive to a perfect lady or not? I'd like to know if just because I'm a poor working girl a fresh guy can—"

"Now, calm yourself," said the stranger, unabashed. "I am merely being polite and complying with a request printed on your bill of fare. Here it is; read it for yourself." The line at the top of the menu card read as follows: "Guests will oblige the management by reporting any inattention on the part of the waiters to the cashier."—Boston Traveler.

Wherein Willie Was Favored.

Dorothy, Della and Daisy, three youngsters of a New Jersey town, were discoursing about the baby brothers who had taken up their residence in the three families during the past year.

"My little brother Tom's got a lovely silver mug that grandfather just sent him," said Dorothy. "It's a beauty, and he had a silver knife and fork from grandma too."

"My little brother Harry's got a beautiful carved rattle that Uncle Dick sent him from Japan," said Della. "It's the prettiest rattle that ever was."

"My little brother Willie's not so big as your brothers," said Daisy, with an air of endeavoring to conceal a feeling of triumph, "but the doctor says he's had more spasms than any other baby in this whole neighborhood, so there!"—Lippincott's.

Perfectly Simple.

No apologies go with this. It is the invention of former Mayor Baxter of Baltimore, and he most take all responsibility for it.

"Why," asks Mr. Baxter, "is the Prince of Wales like a baldheaded man, a monkey and an orphan?"

Well, there isn't any answer to a question like that, of course. Whereupon Mr. Baxter answers it himself, with every indication of enjoyment.

"The Prince of Wales," he elucidates, "is the heir apparent. A bald-headed man has no heir apparent, the monkey has a hairy parent, and the orphan has nowhere a parent."

Comment would be superfluous.—Herbert Corey in Cincinnati Times-Star.

Run Short.

Old Friend—How is your wife, Captain Ploverjogger?

The Captain (who has recently buried his fourth)—Wa'l, to tell the truth, I'm kinder out of wives just now.—Boston Transcript.

An Up to Date Girl.

"I asked her to marry me, and she gave me a supreme court answer."

"What kind of an answer is that?"

"Said she would give me six months to readjust myself so as to be acceptable."—Puck.

Explained.

"How is it that you are back at the office? I thought you said you wanted a day off to enjoy yourself."

"So I did, but my wife wants some ribbons matched."—Baltimore American.

Look Before You Leap.

Agitated Old Gent—Quick; my daughter is overboard! Save her, and she shall be your wife!

Blase Person—Wait till a wave rolls her over and I can see her face.—Puck.

HINTS FOR THE BUSY HOUSEWIFE

Ironing Cabinet That Folds Into Small Space.



The Iowa man who designed the ironing cabinet herewith shown arranged an ordinary ironing board with a sleeve ironing board within it and two racks on which to hang the clothing and then so contrived that the whole affair could be folded up. The cabinet, a flat one, stands against the wall. The lower portion is a hinged door, and the board slides into it in a vertical position and is concealed. When in use one end of the board rests on the top of the lower part of the cabinet and a pair of folding legs is straightened out and supports the other end. In the center of the large board is a sleeve ironing board pivoted on metal arms on which it can be raised several inches above the main board and used handily for its special purpose. The racks also are pivoted at the side of the cabinet so that when they are not in use they can be pushed up toward the ceiling and will look like a couple of sticks there.

To Hull Corn With Ashes.
Take one pint of good, clean wood ashes, put them in a cheesecloth bag and put in an iron or granite kettle that holds six or eight quarts of water. Then put in two or three quarts of shelled corn, cover with water and boil until the hulls slip off the corn easily. You will have to try the corn after boiling twenty minutes to half an hour, by taking out a spoonful and throwing it into cold water and rubbing it with your fingers. If the hulls or outside skin of the corn slips off easily, it has been cooked enough in the eye. Now strain the water off the corn and pour the corn into a large dishpan or tub and cover with cold water. Take up the corn and rub between the hands until it is free from hulls. You will need to put it through several waters. When the corn is free from hulls put it on to cook in clear, cold water, which should be changed several times while cooking to free it from the taste of lye. Cook until tender. When it is almost done salt to taste and cook half an hour longer.

Squabs on Toast.
These birds are a favorite dish for luncheon. They may be broiled, in which case they should be split and cleaned and the wings and feet bent and skewered into place over the breast, or they may be drawn and seasoned with salt and butter inside and baked in a hot oven, first plunging a slice of fat salt pork over the breasts to baste them with. Cook about twenty minutes and then arrange them on squares of hominy which have been browned delicately in hot butter. Garnish with fried potatoes and serve plain lettuce dressed with French dressing at the same time on separate plates. If they are to be broiled wrap them in buttered paper, each one by itself, and by turning the edges over securely the juices and fat may be kept inside and will baste the bird as it is turned. The paper will not ignite unless it breaks and some of the fat escapes.

Gluten Bread For Diet.
Mix together a pint each of sweet milk and lukewarm water, stir into it half a cake of compressed yeast broken fine and a dessertspoonful of melted butter. Lastly add enough gluten flour for a soft batter and set to rise. When it has doubled the original bulk beat in an egg and, when this is well mixed with the sponge, enough gluten flour to enable you to knead it into loaves. It must not be stiff. Mold into small loaves and set for the final rising. This is the recipe recommended by a well known dietitian.

Old Virginia Corn Bread.
Make about a quart of mush and while it is hot pour in half a gallon of cold water. Stir in meal enough to make rather a stiff dough and set where it will keep warm until it rises. Before baking put in half teaspoonful of soda and some salt. For breakfast bake on griddle in cakes. Have griddle hot and well greased. If you wish to bake in pone let it raise awhile in pan until light.

Dressing For Fruit Salad.
Put into a double boiler one-half cupful of lemon juice, one-half cupful of orange juice, a cupful of water, a cupful of sugar and three eggs, beaten very light. Cook until the mixture begins to thicken slightly, then take from the fire and set aside to cool.

Sour Milk Biscuit.
Into two cupfuls of sour milk stir two teaspoonfuls of melted shortening and a teaspoonful of baking soda dissolved in a tablespoonful of hot water. Stir in enough flour to make a soft dough, roll out quickly, cut into rounds and bake in a quick oven.

WILL IMPROVE ROAD AT ONCE

Coos County Commissioners and Marshfield Committee Agree on Plan.

As a result of an inspection of the old Coos Bay wagon road near Sumner yesterday and a conference between County Commissioners Hall and Armstrong and Messrs. Hugh McLain and R. M. Jennings, arrangements were made for the temporary improvement of the highway. This morning, the first shipment of planks to be put in at the worst places was made and the work will be rushed as rapidly as possible.

Under the arrangements, the county commissioners simply loan the use of the planking for the old road and the cost of laying it is to be met by subscriptions from Coos Bay people. Besides the temporary repairs on this side of the Sumner mountain, about \$300 is to be raised by parties along the road and on Coos Bay for repairing the road on the east slope of the same mountain.

"County Commissioners Hall and Armstrong after seeing the situation and the necessity of some temporary work being done agreed to cooperate with us as much as possible," said Messrs. McLain and Jennings last evening. "The commissioners have a new road surveyed around the mountain, which when completed will reduce the grade to a maximum of less than six per cent while much of it on the old road is now about eighteen per cent. However, it will take about three years to get this completed. We explained to the commissioners that it was necessary that something be done in view of the establishment of the free delivery in Marshfield. Furthermore, we explained that we wanted to cooperate and assist them in it and they readily agreed to do their share. The fact that they ordered lumber to be sent out immediately so that the improvement can begin at once was an action that should entitle them to the praise and approbation of every resident of Coos Bay. While it is impossible to make the road a fine one, the work agreed upon will be of much benefit until the new road is finished. Then the planking can be taken up and used on it."

Favors Permanent Roads.
County Judge Hall is endeavoring to carry into effect his plan for expending more of the road funds in permanent work on the main highways of the county each year and less on temporary work or opening of new roads. He believes that this will result in more being secured for the money expended and also in more benefit to the majority of the taxpayers and residents. However, he says, as each community is continually insisting that they be given their proportionate share of all the road funds, if the bonding scheme can be carried out and the bonds issued for specified main highway work, this trouble will be eliminated.

The county commissioners have adjourned until September 15 when they will meet to take up road matters near Bandon. On September 13 and 14, the commissioners will inspect roads.

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PREVENTING PUNCTURES.

An invention for preventing punctures in pneumatic tires has been patented by a Frenchman. He calls it "a puncture-proof metal band for pneumatic tires." The chief feature of the invention is a band of canvas covered with small hexagonal metallic discs. These discs are arranged to fit close one against another, and are riveted to the canvas so as to form a flexible armor. The band of canvas thus prepared is placed in a sheath of rubber. In order to safeguard the tire this sheath is placed between the air tube and the outer cover. In this way puncturing the air chamber becomes impossible, and even cuts in the outer cover are in no way harmful. Experiments have shown that there is considerably less heating of the tire and that resilience is the same.

Different experiments have been made before responsible witnesses to prove that nails, broken glass, etc., cannot cause punctures when the air chamber is thus protected, and the results are reported to the consulate to have been entirely in favor of the invention.

For example, two one-inch nails were driven into the outer cover and the automobile, with four passengers, was driven five miles before an examination was made. Then the tire was removed and it was found that the air chamber had not been touched by the nails, and that even the armored device had not suffered, the nails having met the quite imperforable steel discs.

The inventor is on the point of selling his French rights in the invention, and application has been made for a United States patent. The experiments were witnessed by the editors of the three Havre daily newspapers, several members of the municipal council and other authorities who signed a certificate of proof.

SOLD OVERRIPE EGGS.

Farmer Near Iowa Falls Assessed \$17.85 For Selling Aged Eggs.
IOWA FALLS, Ia., Sept. 6.—It cost E. A. Carriel, a farmer living southwest of this city, \$17.85 for selling some eggs of questionable age to a merchant at Buckeye. While investigating pure food matters in this county, Chris Ottosen, deputy food inspector, discovered what he thought to be a violation of the pure food law and investigated. He caused a warrant to be issued for Carriel, and the same was placed in the hands of Acting Chief of Police K. C. Curtis, and after some delay the case was haled into Judge Ross Comly's court, and the matter was given legal investigation resulting in the assessment of a fine and costs against Carriel. Ottosen located a similar violation north of Eldora which resulted in a lady paying the penalty of disposing of ben fruit past the legal age.

TEA WILL BE HIGHER.

New Law Prohibiting Importation of Colored Tea Causes Advance.
Not only are sugar and coffee prices on the rise, but the tea market is also advancing and very high prices, especially on China teas, are likely to prevail this season. The reason is the enforcement of the new law which prohibits the importation of colored teas.

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