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BIBLE THOUGHT AND PRAYER

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THE WAY TO FREEDOM—You shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free. John 8: 32. PRAYER.—O Lord, reveal thyself to us, for thou art the Truth, and we will rejoice in thy liberty.

NOT ONE NEGATIVE VOTE

There should not be a single vote against the charter amendment to empower the Salem city council to issue \$16,000 bonds for the purchase of an aerial hook and ladder truck and equipment.

For this is sorely needed— Needed for the protection of valuable property, and needed for the safeguarding of more precious lives.

Jay Stevens, outstanding authority on this coast in the field of fire prevention and fire fighting, told a group of men in Salem a few days ago that we did not have enough equipment, and he gave in words of warning a graphic description of what we might expect, some day, if we continued to neglect the matter.

And surely no one who heard Jay Stevens will fail to vote and work for this charter amendment; and no one realizing with what authority and experience he spoke would think of regarding this as a trivial matter, or one that might with safety be put off till a later time.

The only fire ladders now in use in Salem are carried on the combination machines and are only 20 feet in length; and our department is not equipped with fire net, and has no place to carry it on present equipment; and it is not supplied with covers to protect goods from water damage.

An aerial truck will carry all such equipment, also many miscellaneous tools for fighting fires.

The installation of this equipment would reduce insurance costs, and the plan calls for the payments to be spread over ten years, with a tax cost of less than 10 cents per year for each \$1000 worth of property.

So there can be no good argument for putting it off.

If you think there is, will you for a moment visualize a frantic relative of yours in the upper story of a burning building, cut off by the hungry flames from escape, and no ladder long enough to reach the one in imminent danger from a horrible death? That very thing may happen. It may happen any day, and at any time of the day or the night.

Would you want to consider yourself responsible? You surely would not.

Nor would you want such an indictment against your city.

This charter amendment takes a two-thirds vote; but that feature ought not to bother our people. The vote should be 100 per cent strong.

There is another charter amendment on the ballot, raising the limit of fine from \$100 to \$500. The \$100 limit was made when Salem was a small town, just taking on the official dignity of a city. It is too small now. It is proper, for the good of the public service, that the limit should be raised. This does not mean that such a limit would be used, excepting in extreme cases, and for the benefit of better order.

MAYOR GIESY

Mayor Giesy has given Salem a good administration. He has devoted absolutely all of his spare time to the duties of the office. His policies have been in the interests of good order, economy, decency, sanity. He has represented in a very creditable manner the hospitality and neighborly and helpful spirit of our city on all public occasions. He has failed in no single particular to set up to his honest judgment, and in the main his judgment has proven sound; though there is no one who can be entirely free from mistakes in judgment. By keeping in close consultation and touch with all the other members of the city government, and with the highest possible mutual cooperation, Mayor Giesy has been able to avoid the making of many serious mistakes.

As it is the general rule here that one good term deserves another, it goes without saying that Mayor Giesy will likely be elected on Friday to succeed himself.

A LINN COUNTY MAN

(Albany Democrat, April 2.)

Milton A. Miller of Portland, formerly of Lebanon, and a native of Linn county, who seeks the nomination on the Democratic ticket for United States senator, is entitled to the undivided support of the Democrats of Linn county. Mr. Miller has been a student of public affairs since his boyhood days and is known to be a man who can be trusted to serve the people's interest. In all of the public positions, both locally and as a member of the Oregon legislature, in the house and in the senate he has stood for the common interest of the masses of the people of Linn county. As collector of internal revenue at Portland he occupied the position during the world war when all was chaos and guided the duties of the office in a manner that was above reproach even by the most exacting partisan of the opposition. During the eight years of his administration the revenues advanced from a few thousand dollars annually to approximately \$27,000,000 annually. Mr. Miller is well acquainted over the state and is in touch with the needs of every leading section of the state, that is not equaled by any man in the political field seeking the position of United States senator. That he can be depended on and that he is big enough to represent the state with dignity and honor goes without saying by his friends or his native county. Mr. Miller is in the trend of thought vouched for by the leaders of the United States in promoting the welfare of the agricultural and horticultural interests now so much depressed and if elected senator would be in a position to render a service to the state that would be difficult to duplicate. Mr. Miller is a man of sterling integrity, sane judgment and sagacious leadership and will be loyally supported in his home county.

PHILIPPINE INDEPENDENCE

The proposal to pass a law making Philippine independence effective 30 years hence, reads well, but it is an airy nothing that will not appeal to the thoughtful Filipino nor to the common sense of the American people. We want to be rid of those islands, of course, but we want them able to take care of themselves before we let them go. That is all there is to it. This proposed measure simply sets an arbitrary date and means nothing. It is no wonder

we hear a vigorous protest. These people cannot be cut off with meaningless sop. It is up to us to make our position clear. When we are satisfied they are ready for independence it will be given without a moment's hesitation. The plan follows: It is proposed that there be set up in the Philippines a complete system of republican government, with the proviso that it be and remain under complete control of the United States for a period of 30 years. At the expiration of that time the people of the islands would have the right to determine by referendum whether the commonwealth should be continued or whether they should assume complete independence.

It is provided by the bill that there shall be held, when the government is established, a constitutional convention, composed of members elected by the people, to draft a constitution, which in turn shall be submitted to the qualified electors for approval or rejection. This constitution, if it is directed, shall provide for a representative republican form of government, with the executive power vested in a governor, who shall be elected by the people; the legislative power vested in a senate and house of representatives, and the judicial powers vested in the courts. But in the bill of rights which it is provided shall be made a part of the constitution is this clause, revocable only with the approval of the congress of the United States: All citizens of the commonwealth shall declare allegiance to the United States, and citizens of the United States shall have the same civil and political rights as citizens of the commonwealth.

Possibly to such a provision there would not be serious objection. But there are further restricting clauses which may not be so readily accepted. It is provided, for instance, that trade relations in the commonwealth shall be governed exclusively by the laws of the United States; that no foreign loan shall be contracted without the approval of the president; that tariff acts and acts affecting the currency and coinage shall not become effective until so approved, and that foreign affairs shall remain exclusively under control of the United States. In addition, the right of the United States to maintain armed forces in the islands must be recognized, and provision is made for the appointment of what is to be known as a resident commissioner who shall represent the United States. It may develop that to the proposed reservation of power to be exercised by this official there will be stubborn resistance, as it is provided that this commissioner shall have authority to suspend laws passed by the legislature which, in his opinion, "might result in a failure of the new government." Appeal from his decision would be to the president.

NOT LA FOLLETTE

Despite all the talk the Oregon Statesman is still of the opinion that La Follette will not run for president on any ticket this year. Senator La Follette is a semi-invalid. He has not been in the senate in months and is even now in Atlantic City recuperating.

Senator La Follette can but know that his strength is gone and that the power of his once powerful personality is ended. He is regarded as a common scold. Johnson tried running on that kind of a platform and did not get far from home. La Follette could not make a campaign and could not arouse the people. La Follette is no longer to be feared. He has run his race. During the years of his activity no man was stronger, no man was more feared, but he is physically down, and that lets him out in politics.

CHRISTIANITY AND WAR

To end all war we must have more christianity. Nothing else will do it. We read that in the face of all the disarmament sentiment that the invention of deadly explosives goes merrily on. The governments are not going to stop this until christian people demand that war stop and that peace be given a fair show. Here is the way Great Britain is doing it: Lord Parmoor at Birmingham declared that "Christian truth and Christian principle" are wholly irreconcilable with war. "May I be permitted to point out," says a well known writer, "that the government of which he (Lord Parmoor) is a member is at the moment experimenting, and at the sacrifice of animals, in order to make its poison gas more effective, and this in spite of the fact that Great Britain ratified the Washington conference condemning the use of poison gas. I feel quite certain that there is no prospect for peace ahead, and no hope for our civilization, while its politicians who are in theory wholly on the side of peace can consent

to a practice that must end in a war."

FARMERS AND ELECTRICITY

An item from Oregon City says that farmers are preparing to make larger use of electricity. This is good news. They have been showing a partiality for electricity for some time, but the movement should grow faster. Since the invention or discovery of the radio the farmers have found their homes more inviting. Further than that, the homes should be made more comfortable and attractive. The telephone and the rural delivery has done much to lessen the lonesomeness, and the paved roads have done more still. The farmers are envied now, rather than criticized. But the farmers need to make their homes brighter and their work easier by the use of electricity. Modern homes in the country ought to be as common as in the cities. Farmers are entitled to the creature comforts, and if they set themselves to it they can get all prevailing conveniences. Electric lights and bath tubs ought to be in all the homes. We have only one life to live, and that life should be lived in as much comfort as possible without being foolish in our expenditures.

UNFAIR ADVANTAGE

The insurgents in congress are receiving unfair advantage in publicity and public esteem. The regular republican majority is hanging back and is only acting when forced to do so. In this way the country gets the idea that the insurgents are the only friends they have. It is a shame the republicans do not get into their old form and rout the enemy or at least give the people the laws they are demanding. It is not fair for the republican leaders to stand back and insist upon being forced to every move for the public welfare. The fact seems to be that the beligerent democrats have buffalooed the republicans. It is time to wake up.

DRAFTING GOLD

There is the usual talk of drafting gold in the next war. There is nothing to it. That is the talk of every war. War is stronger than gold. In every war, war grafts gold and gets away with it. Gold has decreed against all the late wars, but in the end gold has always given in and gone to the aid of war. We understand the power of war and regret that gold is a coward.

These so-called international romances nearly always hit the rocks. The Rogers girl thought she had done something worth while when she cut out a widow and married a penniless Austrian count. They have parted and the father of the girl has brought her home.

Discretion isn't an inborn quality. It generally appears at about the time of the second blister.

WHY I WROTE "THE SHOW YOU THE TOWN" By Elmer Davis.

If apologies seem necessary, this is the way it happened: A long time ago, in 1916 to be exact, I had saved up as much as \$800 and thought I had better quit my job and live the care-free life of a fiction writer. So I got a four months' leave of absence (by some prudent afterthought I didn't quit outright) and sat down to write a story. I forgot what it was about now, but anyhow it doesn't matter, for I never finished it. That happened to be a good summer and I was a bachelor then, and all the women I knew from all over the country happened to feel that that would be a good time to come and see New York. So I showed them around and had a pleasant time, and then when at last they had all gone home and I was about ready to get around to that story again it was September 1, the end of my leave of absence, and my \$800 had been reduced to \$3.47, and I went back to the job. But several years later it occurred to me that the mishaps of that summer might be a fiction story in themselves, which with some help they have become. It is not founded on fact to any great extent, except that I did persuade the most agreeable of the girls I entertained that summer to marry me.

Cap'n Zyb

PRETTY SOFT Before you look at the illustration, it would seem difficult to burn a thread which was hanging inside a glass bottle from the cork, wouldn't it? Naturally, it is perfectly easy—



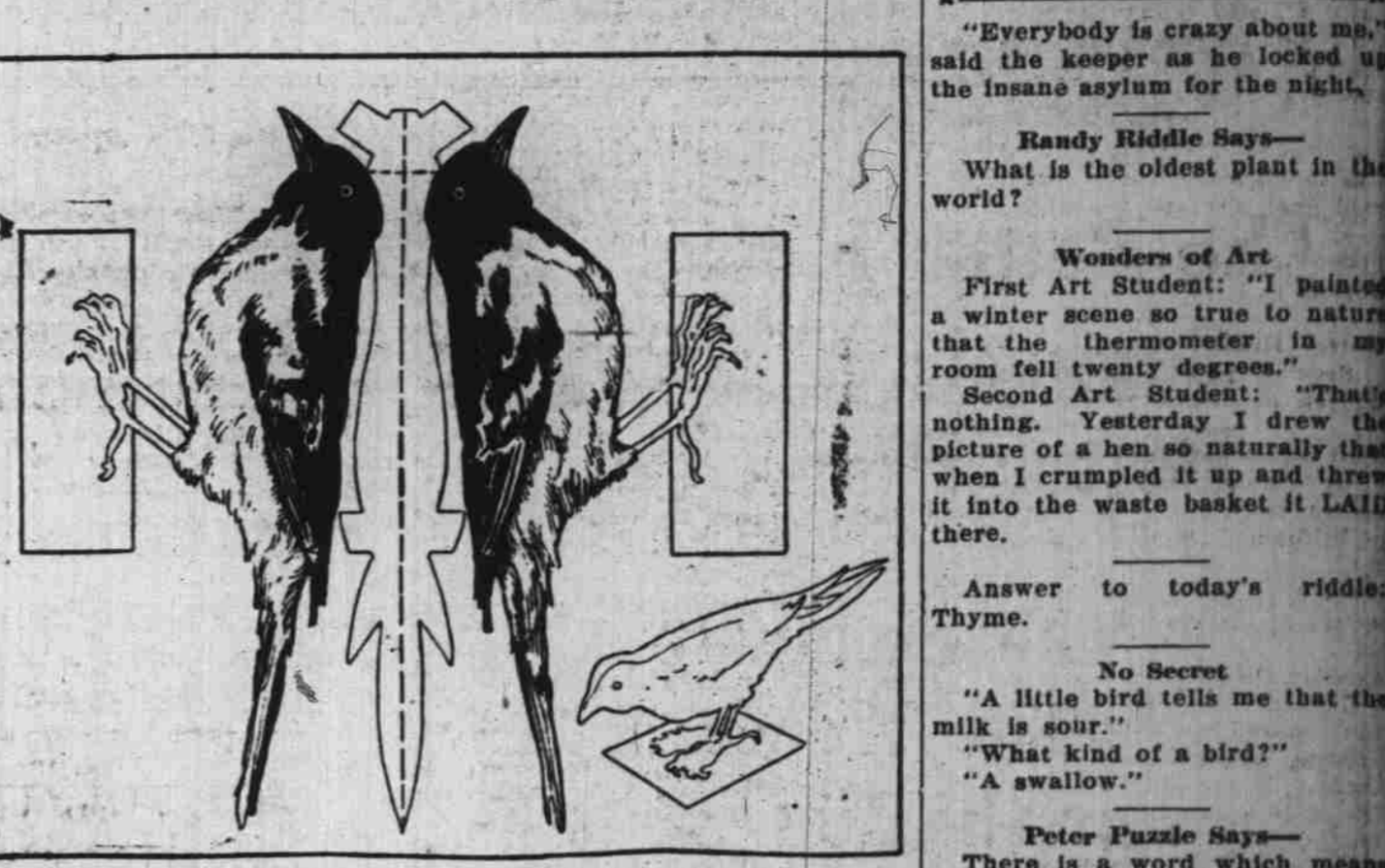
when you know how. Just take a burning glass and get it focussed on the thread right through the glass and you can do the trick. Of course, this trick has to be done outdoors, when the sun is shining so that the burning glass can "do its stuff." There are lots of other things which you can do with a burning glass if you have the patience and a steady hand. You can burn designs and pictures on wood and initials on wagons. The larger glass you have, the easier it is to make a fire with it. —CAP'N ZYB.

Silverton Business Men Want Army Bill Passed SILVERTON, Or., May 10.—(Special to The Statesman)—Silverton business men are taking

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Cut Out and Paste This Bird Toy



This bird won't fly and it can't sing, but it stands up, which is really more than you usually expect of a paper bird. Of course, you have to mount the bird on lightweight cardboard first, but it is easy to mark around it for a pattern. Before you cut, it would perhaps be best to color it. An oriole, and that's what this bird is, is orange everywhere that he isn't black. After you have colored it carefully, cut on the outline and paste together. The small picture in the corner shows you how it should look. Fold on dotted lines, and paste the flaps inside. The feet and the beak on the side pieces come together. Fold the standards on the sides out flat. These gaily colored birds make pretty party favors. You can trace other birds from bird books and make them stand by following this pattern.

THE CANDIDATES FOR THE OFFICES

Following are the announcements of the candidates for nomination at the primaries May 16th. The list will be extended from day to day.

NATIONAL

GEORGE L. BAKER Republican candidate for United States Senator. If elected he pledges that he will represent all of Oregon.

MARION COUNTY

GEORGE F. JONES is a candidate for County Judge of Marion County. Equal and Exact Justice to all, is his slogan.

CARL E. WEBB is a candidate at the Republican primaries May 16th, for Sheriff of Marion County. If nominated and elected, he will investigate without prejudice all cases coming under his jurisdiction. Slogan: Service Above Self.

JOHN H. FORSTER is a candidate in the Republican primaries May 16th, for County Commissioner of Marion County. His slogan is: Strictest economy in public expenditures.

J. T. HUNT Will be a candidate in the Marion County Republican primaries May 16th for County Judge. If nominated and elected, he pledges to a strict business administration and fair treatment to all.

T. R. WEBB is a candidate for Justice of the Peace of Salem district at the primaries May 16th. Believes this office should be put on flat salary. Stock buyer.

LANE MORLEY Republican candidate for County Assessor of Marion county. Has an American family of five. Heavy taxpayer. School teacher for 12 years; five years successfully in grocery business in Salem.

SPECIAL TO VOTERS Each of my opponents have served eight years or more in the County assessor's office. Vote No. 80 for a man not connected with the County Ring, and who has never aspired for a political office. Signed: LANE MORLEY.

A. G. McMILLAN is a candidate for Constable of Salem district. Recommendation by Judge Busby: "As true an officer as ever wore a star." About 25 years experience as a peace officer.

F. M. ANDERSON is a candidate for the Democratic nomination for Constable of Salem District at the May 16th primaries. If elected he will perform the duties of the office in a prompt and courteous manner.

(STUB) SMITH Will be a candidate in the Republican primaries May 16th for Constable of the Salem district. Resident of Salem nearly 40 years. If nominated and elected, he will do his duty and play it favorites.

FRANK T. WRIGHTMAN is a candidate as the Republican nominee May 16th, for County Judge of Marion county. His slogan: Strict economy on business lines, with fair treatment, lower taxes and enforcement of the law.

CARL T. POPE Republican Candidate for District Attorney of Marion county at the primaries May 16th. Stands for enforcing the prohibition and all other laws.

JOHN E. GIBBY Will be a candidate in the primaries May 16th for reelection as Mayor of Salem. If chosen, he will devote his time to giving the city a business administration.

P. L. FRASER is a candidate for City Recorder of the city of Salem at the primary election May 16th.

M. POULSEN Will be a candidate for City Recorder at the primary election May 16th. He promises, if chosen, efficient service and strict and impartial law enforcement.

G. O. RICE is a candidate for City Treasurer at the primaries May 16th. He promises the same efficient service he has always given.

SEO. W. STONER Announces his candidacy for City Recorder at the primaries May 16th. His slogan: Give honest and fair treatment to all.

BHAZIER C. SMALL A Qualified Candidate for Justice of the Peace of the Salem District, on the Democratic ticket. Practicing Attorney, and taxpayer in Salem.

FUTURE DATES

- May 16, Friday—Primary election in Oregon.
May 20, Tuesday—Salem Boys Club concert. Benefit YMCA.
May 24, Saturday—Yemen to sail from Oregon for Rindamanthus.
June 10, Tuesday—Republican national convention meets in Cleveland.
June 14, Saturday—Annual High County Sunday School picnic.
June 22, Sunday—Idaho County picnic at fair grounds.
June 24, Tuesday—Democratic national convention meets in New York.
July 16 to 22—Chautauque season in Salem.
June 27, Saturday—Marion county Sunday school picnic.
June 27-29—Educational conference at the St. James Hotel.

Mr. EMPLOYER A Recent Ad. for a Salem Carpenter Brought Sixty Applications Why? Why So? Because Salem owners do not require home labor in their contracts. Suppose all employers should hire non-resident labor—where would our prosperity be? It is up to every Salem man, woman and institution to buy Salem labor, buy Salem wares and sell Salem prosperity to the world. This bank encourages every legitimate ambition to build a more self-dependent Salem and keep prosperity home. First National Bank Salem, Oregon

BITES-STINGS Apply wet baking soda or household ammonia, followed by VICKS VAPORUB Over 17 Million Jars Used Yearly