

BIBLE THOUGHT AND PRAYER

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BETTER THAN SILVER AND GOLD:—Godliness with contentment is great gain. For we brought nothing into this world, and it is certain we can carry nothing out. And having food and raiment, let us therewith be content. I. Timothy 6:6,7,8.

PRAYER:—O Lord, we thank Thee that when we have Thee we have all and abound.

ALIS VOLAT PROPRIIS

Most of our troubles are those we never meet. They are the anticipated troubles which we worry about but which never materialize. A lot of people have been encouraging the growth of gray hairs by pondering over the difficulties we shall have in providing food for a population of 300,000,000.

When we get that number of inhabitants. Secretary Wallace, of the Department of Agriculture, gives some consolation to this class of worriers by asserting that available land resources of the United States are fully capable of producing food for three times our present population, and any careful study of the situation would confirm the opinion thus stated—and much more than double the estimate. There are few farms in the United States that are subjected to intensive farming. By far the greater part of the tilled area is farmed in the easiest way, by the production of crops requiring a minimum of manual labor. By careful rotation of crops, in which animal husbandry has its place, and by adoption of methods that increase the average yield per acre, the total output of food can be multiplied without any material increase in acreage.

And this is especially true of Oregon.

An Oregon Agricultural College authority has stated that of all the millions of acres of land under cultivation in this state, a strip less than three miles wide extending from Corvallis to Portland would represent in number of acres all the land in Oregon upon which there is practiced the proper rotation of crops.

The Willamette valley alone could maintain in comfort more than ten times the present population of Oregon; and produce vast quantities of food supplies besides to sell to outside markets. Not only this, our valley could produce in addition the flax and the by-products of flax and hemp to supply a nation of twice 300,000,000 population, to say nothing of the wool and mohair for the garments to clothe her own people and many more.

And Oregon can supply the wood and brick and tile and mineral products to build the homes of vast numbers outside of her own people; and the potato flour and starch and dextrine for the whole country; and the celery and lettuce and asparagus and other vegetables for millions more than her own folks; and the paper to print the newspapers and books of multitudes outside of her own people—and the seeds for the gardens and the milk and cheese and butter for the homes of great numbers besides her own people; and the sugar for the canning and preserving of all her fruits and the supplying of all the demands of her home folks and many others; and the peppermint oil for the candies and chewing gums and medicines of the two continents of the New World.

And the list might be extended almost indefinitely. "Alis volat propriis" (she flies with her own wings) is the motto of Oregon, chosen from the Latin by the men who laid the foundations of the commonwealth.

And when Oregon shall come to the time when she will live up to this motto, she will be living far beyond it—she will be flying with her own wings and bearing up with the strength of her mighty and multitudinous resources millions of others in places not so blessed; not living in such a land of diversity; not envied in such a country of opportunity.

Sugar is still going down. It may go much further down, and still leave opportunity for the building of a beet sugar factory in Salem, supplying all our canneries and fruit packing concerns and all our people for their other needs in this time of modern necessity—and at a profit. The growers of sugar beets and sugar cane in this country, and the manufacturers, too, not only in continental America, but in our insular possessions, would be much better off with a stable price for sugar, year after year. The fluctuations, due largely to gambling in the staple, are what make the men engaged in both the production and manufacturing ends of the sugar industry walk the floor and invoke the worries that induce the growing of wrinkles on their brows.

THE BIRDS

Birds offer a pretty fine example to humanity. Just outside our window a pair of robins built a nest in a tree, and in due time hatched their young. The old birds have a helpless, hungry pack on their hands, but they do not object. As soon as it is daylight they start out hunting worms, and work until night without a complaint. Their urge is the hungry mouths that reach up so high and open so wide whenever the slightest noise indicates the presence of their parents. These birds are developing very fast and in a few days will be gone. The parents are all tenderness and attention now, but in a time will force the young birds out of the nest and make them take care of themselves. If they were human and left to their own devices, they might cling to the nest long after getting their feathers and remain soft and helpless. But the parent birds have knowledge concerning a long voyage that must be made, to the south when winter snows conceal food and drinking water turns to ice, and they take the matter into their own hands. At the proper season they force

the young fellows from the nest and the first lessons in flying begin. Soft fat gives place to respectable muscle, and in a little while the youngsters are able to forage for themselves. When chill winds come they are ready to travel with the best of them. All this is as it should be. But suppose the parent birds, being overfond, should permit their progeny to inhabit the nest, and should bring them fine morsels to eat through the long summer, the young fellows would remain fat, weak and helpless, and something would get them.

BACK TO THE FARM

The Oregon Statesman has never urged a back-to-the-farm movement. It has never sympathized with such a movement. It has pointed out, however, the possibilities of successful farming and left the conclusions to the people themselves. Frankly, our desire has not been so much to get men back to the farm as to keep the boys and girls who are intelligently growing in farming experience to remain on the farms. We have no desire to have two stalks of corn where only one is needed. Our desire is for every farmer to appreciate the fact that he is a business man and that he gets results largely as he plans and executes. In other words, the day of hand farming alone is past. The day of head farming is coming. Farmers are business men and they must conduct farms as businesses. The farm is a mighty poor place for a man who falls in town. It is a mighty good place for a young man full of strength and ambition to imbibe the ideas of agricultural progress and work them out from year to year.

If people can live in town and be supplied by the farmers, it is certainly all right. Why some of them want to do this is a mystery, but they do, and it is their own business. There will always be enough people on the farms to supply the products that the markets can handle. The idea is not to merely increase production, but to get better products and increase the price by better market facilities. A weakling who has grown under the bright lights does not have much chance in the strenuous competition which farm life demands.

RAILROADS AND THE COMMISSIONS

The Corvallis Gazette Times does not catch the point. We stated that the public utilities commission must be toothless because the Southern Pacific railroad backed it off the boards and caused the commission to eat its own words. The Oregon Statesman does not know anything about the merits of the case; perhaps the Southern Pacific was right. All we know is that the state commission issued an order for the railroad to make a showing to see if eliminating trains was necessary. The only showing the railroad made was one of defiance. Not only did it not make any answer, but took the trains off in the face of the order and the commission has never said a word. If it had any teeth certainly it would not stand this humiliation.

RATE REDUCTIONS

Every emergency in all crops demands freight reduction. Yet in every event the railroads oppose this. Just why cannot be told. However, some of these days the railroads will be an operating proposition rather than a stock-jobbing one. Men who know nothing but finance have no business running railroads. They cannot meet the popular demand because their minds run in different channels. As a matter of business it would pay to grant special rates whenever an emergency existed. Every other line of business does this with profit. It is not possible that railroading alone is an exception.

CHILD LABOR

It seems incredible that any senator should oppose child labor legislation, yet they do oppose it, and oppose the constitutional amendment which authorizes congress to legislate nationally. State regulations are very well in their way, but they work a hardship to the employers. If one state has prohibited child labor and another permits it, it is readily seen that business will be better in the state where children labor. This is not an argument in favor of child labor. It is an appeal for national legislation.

We have no sympathy with those senators who take the view that child legislation should be left to the humane educational influences. The need of the employer and the necessities of the parent's override all such considerations. In the senate 23 members voted against this legislation and 61 for it, which is not such a bad showing in a body that is notoriously influenced by special privilege.

LOOKING TOWARD LOWDEN

Former Governor Lowden, for whom Oregon instructed, is looming large as a candidate for vice-president. Governor Lowden does not want the place, but he is not

in a position to refuse it. He has the confidence of the country and especially the farming interests. He married his money, but since that time has shown a wise use of it and shown a devotion to the public service that is to be commended. It has been determined that no progressive need apply. We know of no better man than Governor Lowden.

ENFORCING PROHIBITION

In the southern part of the state a son of a prohibition enforcement officer has been sent to jail for having a still. Ordinarily this would be a great scandal, but is an ordinary thing in Oregon. Governor Pierce insists upon strict enforcement of the law. It cannot be done as long as the state and federal officials are under suspicion and not infrequently under arrest.

Men with clean hands and honest purpose must be selected to enforce this law.

EXACTLY

The republican central committee of Yamhill county unanimously decided for an amended primary. The same county central committee unanimously re-elected Walter L. Tooe, Jr., whom our readers will recall, as county chairman. Exactly.

Write Your Own Headline!
Neil Owens records the following little happening which occurred in a Kansas village of a thousand inhabitants. No need to add that he changed the names!

The young pastor and his wife were arranging the furniture in a new house they had rented, located near little John's house, when Johnny himself (aged six) walked in unannounced.

After making their little visit or welcome, the Reverend Wal-laces continued their work, but also noticed that Johnny was busily engaged in touching each article of furniture accompanied by a low, rumbling tone.

Finally, tiring of what he was doing, Johnny explained the matter thus: "I've touched everything in here and nothing is hot at all. Mamma told papa, when he came home from work last night, that you had certainly moved, in a bunch of hot looking furniture."

Speaking of Bobbed:
Hair that used to reach to the waist, now goes all the way to the floor.

The Modern Maid
The Bard of Avon oft-times said: "Who steals my purse, steals trash."

He little knew the modern maid, Who to her purse must dash; And could he come to life again, "Who steals her purse—steals half her face."
—Margery Beyer.

Our Own HOROSCOPE Department

Mr. Philip Hinton:

Dear Phil:—If you were born on June 6, your destiny is governed by the planet Saturn, meaning you should, with the exception of Saturday night, be temperate in the use of water and should, under no circumstances, invest in watered stocks.

Aquarium people have great business ability, and make a marked success as glassblowers. You have a very pugnacious nature; consequently your favorite color should be black and blue. Pay day has always been your lucky day.

It Seems That Way
Kris: "I see the youth of America has taken strongly to the new Chinese game."

Kross: "Oh, yes. Every father is proud of his Mah-Jongsters."

VERSES AND REVERSES
By Samuel Hoffenstein

1. I like to watch the little ones

Fire off their nonsense and their guns; I watch them, and I too, aspire To hold the kitten in the fire; To slip and shed the sunny tear Upon the broken chandelier. Ah, joy to see their sport divine— Provided that they aren't mine!

2. Sleep, my little baby, sleep; You'll have cause enough to weep— Slumber is a precious boon: You'll be getting measles soon; Mumps will claim you for their own; Croup will change your infant tube. So, BE WISE, my lamb, AND SLEEP!

Station WOMAN
Marie: "What do you think of Peggy Smith?"

Ethel: "Peggy Smith? Why, she seems like a nice girl."

Marie: "No, no, but really now, just cat to cat, what do you think of her?"

—Donald Wenzel.

JINGLE-JANGLES

Any funny, nonsensical rhyme that will make Fun Shop readers laugh is a Jingle-Jangle. It must be in two lines. For example:

1. After winter comes the spring; Tommie hurt like everything.

2. Cows have horns and sheep have wool; Dennis have a lot of pull.

You will undoubtedly contribute Jingle-Jangles than these. Address them separately to Jingle-Jangle Department, Editor The Fun Shop, The Oregon Statesman, Salem, Or.

Joy-Killer

Doctor: "Now this operation will come to \$800. Please open your mouth and say 'AH!'"

Astonished patient: "Impossible!"
—Henry Fisher.

Jingle-Jangles

Our dogs are straying far and wide And powder puffs have much to hide.

—Mrs. Gertrude Van Praagh.

Readers are requested to contribute. All humor, epigrams (or humorous mottoes), jokes, anecdotes, poetry, burlesques, satires and bright sayings of children, must be original and unpublished. Accepted material will be paid for at regular rates. All manuscripts must be written on one side of the paper only, should bear name of this newspaper and should be addressed to the Fun Shop Editor, The Oregon Statesman.

EDITORIALS OF THE PEOPLE

Elderly Lady Joins Protest
June 4, 1924.

Editor Statesman: Your protest against amusements on Decoration day ought to fill the hearts of all who lost near and dear ones in war. I thank you for the protest in behalf of two brothers, two uncles and three cousins who gave their lives to their country. With best wishes, I remain Yours truly,
—Mrs. W. J. Morris.
(75 years old)
2340 Court St., City.

Editor Statesman: I was pleased when I read the stand that Jefferson Myers is taking in connection with the state reform school. I helped build the first buildings on the present reform school site. Have had that farm under my eyes ever since I came to Oregon, or ever since 1881. Have closely observed crops that were raised there, and I will say that with good tillage and reasonably good weather conditions they have raised good crops, the contrary notwithstanding. Having farmed for 40 years I know what a good crop is. When Chester Cannon was farmer there they not only raised everything that they needed to feed the boys that can be raised here but had quite a surplus to sell. Quite a contrast to hauling heavy loads of potatoes from Salem and breaking bridges down before reaching the school. When I read in the papers what the delegations from Portland who quite occasionally visit Salem to advise our state officers what they must do, and what they must not do, it seriously sets me to thinking whether or not I voted for men that have not good common sense, or men who are quite capable of attending to their own business, which is in itself quite an accomplishment. The present reform school site has bottom land and hill land, which, in my opinion, and for various reasons, is necessary to make an ideal farm. If I were not as old as I am now and wanted to buy another farm in Oregon, my 40 years of farming have taught me to buy a farm with both hill land and bottom land. As we are allowed to believe what we please, it looks very much to me as if those who seem so very much interested in the selection of a new reform school site that they are afflicted with the same disease that the Multnomah county commissioners were afflicted with when they awarded bridge contracts, especially those who never had no practical farming experience.

We occasionally read in the papers about those poor boys en-

HOW TO MANAGE A TEAM A Lesson in Baseball

good healthy wallop and find that the ball is a cheap one which will not travel no matter how you hit it.

Don't Buy Fancy Stuff
By getting the best equipment I do not mean that you must have all fancy stuff. I know one of the greatest big league pitchers who habitually uses a glove for which he paid \$2.85—it is a good glove just the same.

If you can get good stuff to play with, and most boys can if they really want it had enough, take decent care of it. A good glove will last anywhere from three to seven seasons. I have one at home which I shall use this year—as its eighth season.

Select a Manager
If you play regularly with a team, select some fellow for manager and be sure he is a hustler. When you play a game it is the manager's duty to bat the hat for money. This money should be used to buy new equipment for the fellows who need it and in almost every town or city the sporting goods houses will give a discount of from 10 to 33 per cent to a boys' team which will buy from that one sporting goods house exclusively.

This manager should also take care of all the equipment which belongs to the team after every game or practice. There's a lot of work to a job like that and you fellows who play on the team should try and help the manager out as much as possible.

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JOHN GIRARDIN.
Portland, June 4.

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Henry Bower of Portland visited at the home of his grandparents a few days last week.

Mrs. John Lueders and daughter, Mrs. Elmer Thomas, and her little son of Newberg are visiting relatives in this section.

Several persons from North Howell attended Memorial services at the Pioneer church last Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. D. W. McKay and daughter Bessie of Vancouver spent the week-end with Mr. and Mrs. George Vinton.

Sunday, June 1, the Morgans and Bowers held their family reunion at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Patterson of Salem. Those present were Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Baughman and four children, Virgil and Arthur Morgan, Mr. and Mrs. R. O. Dunn, Mr. and Mrs. Chester Jefferson and little son, Agnes Morgan, Miss Olive Baltimore of Portland and Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Patterson and two children.

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The iron pots of Gondricourt

JUST after daybreak a traveler along the narrow byways of a small French village can see the housewife beginning her day. Through the open doorway her fireplace glows like a forge. A heavy iron pot, which she has filled with water from the town pump, is lifted and swung upon the crane. At the other end of the village, perhaps, runs the little stream where she washes her family's clothes upon the rocks.

Throughout the village life of much of Europe, such pictures are multiplied by thousands. Quaint, to be sure, but what grinding and incessant toil these primitive household arrangements mean!

In contrast to this, even the remote districts of America boast comfort unknown to the rural life of other countries. Conveniences are found that could not be duplicated in any save the wealthiest city homes of foreign nations.

Adequate heating systems, the farm lighting plant, the washing machine, the vacuum cleaner, the telephone, and numberless labor-saving devices have lifted modern life in America to unprecedented levels of comfort and ease.

To a large measure this has been due to advertising. Advertising has familiarized all of us with new inventions. Advertising has made possible the wide distribution of new products. By increasing sales, advertising has reduced the price of modern household utilities to the reach of the modest purse.

By reading advertisements we keep abreast of modern progress