

The Oregon Statesman

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BETTER THAN RUBIES:—Search the Scriptures; for in them ye shall find life eternal...

PRAYER:—O Thou, Who art Wisdom Divine, open our eyes that we may behold wondrous things out of Thy law.

HOPING IT IS TRUE

"There is not the least probability that the sugar duties will be reduced, but the law that created the tariff commission provided for the representation of the minority upon it, and the flexible provision in the present tariff law contemplated, professedly, the lowering as well as the raising of duties.

The above is from the Philadelphia Press, Democratic. In other words, in the opinion of the above writer, the thing to do is to keep the tariff in politics.

And to constantly play politics. The Philadelphia writer goes on to make a great uproar because President Coolidge held up the matter of the report of the tariff commission, asking for further facts.

Merely seeking to make political capital out of the matter. Under the flexible provision of the tariff law, it is the duty of the President to decide. The tariff commission is charged with the duty only of investigating and recommending.

And, for the good of the whole country, it is hoped the statement is true that there is not the least probability that the sugar duties will be reduced.

And this means consumers as well as producers. One of the most encouraging signs of the times in this country is the disposition generally to treat as back numbers the mere players of politics, like the writer quoted above.

And one of the next most encouraging signs is the disposition to quit treating the tariff as a political matter. It never should have been so.

If it had been treated as a business matter from the first the people of the United States, using a fifth of all the sugar of the world, using five million tons of it this year, would now be growing and making all their supply, instead of importing nearly all of it from other countries.

AMERICA'S BIGGEST PROBLEM

(Los Angeles Times.)

Herbert Hoover, Secretary of Commerce, won universal commendation on the result of his traffic conference in projecting a nationwide drive against reckless and incompetent drivers of automobiles. The conference was considered of such vital importance that it was attended by representatives of police departments, automobile associations, insurance companies and many other organizations throughout the country.

Mr. Hoover, in his address at the conference, called for "much stronger punishment for the violation of the rights of others," and said that the time has come when every accident must be looked into and "punishment meted out that will impress the mind of the reckless for the balance of their natural lives."

One result of the conference will probably be a movement to bring about uniformity in traffic laws under state supervision, so that residents of one state may not be the innocent violators of the regulations in another. There can be no doubt that the great majority of accidents are caused by careless, reckless, ignorant and drunken drivers, and to the elimination of these the laws must point in no uncertain way.

MORE JOCKEYING

It doesn't look fair for the American nation to want to imperil the treaty obligations by raising the guns. President Coolidge has very emphatically discountenanced this. The world is tired of the manipulations of the navy clique, who are always trying to put something over on the country and in doing so are imperiling the spirit of Americanism, which means humanity, a square deal, fair play, and also means to be entirely devoid of offense in any way that will make war.

Indications of a jockeying spirit have been noted in Great Britain and the United States. A technical question has arisen as to our right under that treaty to raise the guns on the capital ships of our navy and thereby increase their range of fire. Experts of the United States navy have been protesting that unless that is done Great Britain and Japan will have won a jockeyed advantage over the United States.

President Coolidge disapproves that suspicious view. He fears that gun elevation would renew the old international competition in armaments. He insists that the spirit of the treaty must be observed; and his earnest views have been impressed on the senate and house naval committees.

Now we shall see whether Great Britain and Japan will respond in kind to that generous and friendly gesture.

HELPING THE CHILDREN

It is a fact that the state fair has outgrown its limitations. This is especially true regarding the children's exhibits. This being virtually a new department there was no way to provide for its

growth. It simply started in a stall and swelled out everywhere until it overflowed into three buildings and kept on going.

The children are the hope of Oregon and their displays at the state fair show how splendidly they are responding to that hope. The time has come when they must have more room. They have a right to demand an opportunity to make their displays and enter into their competitions. Their spirit is splendid. It is the spirit of excellent without envy, and as such it ought to have the sanction of the legislature.

The present legislature owes it to the children of Oregon to make an appropriation sufficiently large enough to provide a building for the children and it would take a big one to accommodate them.

FARMERS' RELIEF

Senator Borah is right in saying the question of first importance before the senate is farmers' relief. The situation has been temporarily relieved by a shortage of crops in other countries, but in no sense can that be construed into a solution. It means that the farmers will have a breathing spell and if they do not lose their heads they will not get quite as far back as they were before. But the danger is always there, and that danger must be met by capable and comprehensive legislation.

We are a great people to let things solve themselves, and sometimes we continue an injustice. At the present time we ought to take advantage of the lull to provide against a recurrence of the sad condition of the last few years. The federal reserve act saved the situation for the banks and it saved many a situation in the country. A similar act can be passed that will save the situation for the farmers.

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SITTING PRETTY

The reports from Washington have it that President Coolidge is stronger than Roosevelt ever was. The president came into power at a time when the most turbulent congress in history was at its wildest peak. He went to work gradually but kindly and patiently, with the result that the country sustained him. It took a lot of courage to make the quiet resistance he made.

However, now it is stated that the president is firmly entrenched and that his leadership is liable to last for a long time. He is the sort of man who bores deep and keeps on boring. He is going to have a policy, and that policy will be as clear and emphatic as that of any previous president.

TIME TO ACT

It is hard to understand the desperateness of those who are opposing a business-like disposition of Muscle Shoals. Certainly the plan proposed is business-like. Certainly it is in the spirit of America and also certainly it is being opposed by the fertilizer trust which has penalized the south for half a century.

Fertilizer is needed, and it can be best secured under private initiative. At the same time our investment in Muscle Shoals is so huge that we must retain our hold for any military purposes that may unfortunately arise. But the time has come when Muscle Shoals should be disposed of, and the petty fusers who are so afraid something will be put across are themselves liable to be the most suspicious. They are playing into the hands of the fertilizer trust as certainly as if they were conscious of it.

MY MARRIAGE PROBLEMS

Editorial of the People

Editor Statesman: Thirty-three years has made many changes down on the farm, and some little change during that number of years is noticeable in the appearance of the author of that most inspiring character book entitled, "Down on the Farm," but no change, to the writer's notice, is in evidence in the characteristics of the author.

It was in the Capital Journal printing office about thirty-three years ago that the writer first had the pleasure of an intimate acquaintance with Ella McMunn, who, at that time, as ever since, gave evidence of character not easily influenced.

A mere incident in her life's experience well illustrates, and I hope to be pardoned—being an old time friend—for telling of the experience in clinching my point.

Ella was taking off her wraps and chatting with the other girls. All were telling of the experiences of the evening before. Ella's experience was to the effect that while she and another girl were passing through Marion square—which had no lights at that time—were accosted by a young fellow who suddenly stepped out from a dark spot. No attention was paid to him, whereupon he said, "Aren't you going to be sociable?" At this moment Ella spied a fallen branch from a tree and grasping it made for the familiar character, and the way he ran, she said, would have put the fellow to shame that beat the superstitious nigger running.

"Down on the Farm" portrays the character of the author in many ways. A soul so big can hardly find expression between the covers of so small a book, but this small book speaks volumes to an old time friend.

EUGENE T. PRESCOTT.

Mr. Purdy Again

Editor Statesman: It would be wise on our part to study out just what we are to do in this world, and what this world is to us. We are told in the third chapter of I Corinthians and the 19th verse that the wisdom of this world is foolishness with God.

This wisdom of the world that God is speaking about through Paul doesn't, I am sure, mean the wisdom used in the enterprise and pursuit of life, but it does mean the wisdom of the world that conflicts with the divine laws of God.

In this world there is nothing, I dare say, more alluring than to serve the people in an official capacity. It is real astonishing how far people of this world will go, or how much they will do without money and without price to gain honor of the world. Is it any wonder that some of our great men of the world collapse when they realize that this honor heretofore bestowed upon them by the people of the world is being withdrawn. Every human being is a part of this world as long as we remain in a part of us, for we read that God created man from the dust of the ground. So as far as the world goes whether we are willing to admit it or not, we are part of one another, and we have a perfect right to require that each of us walk together circumpectually, before God, which is man's duty while in this world.

We should understand that the better lives we live in every sense, the more it improves the world, and the better we have it for our loved ones when we pass out the happier they can be.

This is a wonderful world, it

"I think I'd better take the first whack at them," she said. "I've had more experience than you have, although you had enough last summer when Junior—but this is different, remember," she hastened to say. "At that time we wanted all the publicity we could get in our hunt for him. Now we want to throw them off the track and make them think the story isn't worth while. And believe me, fooling a reporter is no kid's game!"

Lillian restrained Madge.

"Don't appear reluctant," she smiled, "nor yet too eager, and as far as you possibly can, tell

them the truth. Remember these vital facts, however. This thing isn't serious. It's a natural thing for Dicky to have taken Clair Foster for air rides, and she is a dear friend of yours. Minimize the whole thing as far as possible. Yes, Katie, come in."

Katie was breathless as she came into the room. "Dere's three funny peopies downstairs," she said resentfully. "Dot is," she amended honestly but reluctantly, "two of dem all right but van man, he shoost beg bunch of soup greens."

"Who are the people, Katie? I asked.

She handed me three cards. I read the names aloud. "Mr. James Rickett, Morning Star; Miss Jean Cargill, Morning Record; Mr. H. Edouard Smythe, Morning Gazette."

"Born Harry Smith," Lillian commented caustically. "And the bunch of soup greens or I miss my guess. How about it, Katie. What's the name of the one you don't like, and what did he do?"

"He take five-dollar bill from hee's pocket," Katie said resentfully, "and show eet to me, so, so, she pantomimed expressively, "and he ask me ef I can find some new photographs of you and Meester Graham, and dot Mees Foster vot was here. He say he shoost vant to borrow dem."

"Oh!" I sprang to my feet indignantly, but Lillian put out a restraining hand.

"What did the other say?" she asked.

"Dey awful mad," Katie returned, "and de order man, he say, 'Vot you trying to do, Smil, spoil the whole game by pulling rough stuff like dot?' But the first man he no care, he ask me agin."

"What did you say to him?" Lillian asked.

"I told heem to go quick to de bed place," Katie rejoined nonchalantly.

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The Fun Shop

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A Golden Rule of Matrimony By Wallace M. Bayliss

I've always had profound respect, For those who do our teaching. Contending that their true effect is lasting and far reaching; And so when Mary Ann, my niece, Took up her normal training, I said: "That girl's as slick as grease; Much honor she'll be gaining."

One day when to a friend of mine About her I was crowing, He said: "Alas, you should repine Instead of silly blowing; For know you not that teachers get Left in the marriage gamble? Men pass them by; they let them sweat; Alone through life they ramble."

At once about poor Mary Ann I spent much time in worry, But needlessly. She found a man bountifully decorated with everything to make us happy and good, we certainly could not ask for anything grander or better than this world to spend our lives, and when we stop to think about it we could not help but to feel grateful for the companionship of such good people as reside in this world. Oh, that we could use our tongues so as to properly express our appreciation to God for these blessings bestowed upon us right here in this world.

Some of us are thinking that this great world was built for us to enjoy ourselves while on earth without any remuneration whatsoever, we who think that way will some day see that we were greatly mistaken, just as long as we are in allegiance with God and His sovereign or government we are right at home in this world, and this world is ours, but if we are aliens and not naturalized there is a mortgage against our rights while in this world, and this mortgage is properly recorded, and some day will be foreclosed and each of us must pay principal and interest and costs for our neglect in not settling when we were prepared and able so to do.

On the other hand every alien that becomes naturalized are free and clear of all encumbrance; as far as this world goes they are entitled to enjoy themselves from the fruits of this world until such a time as they are called from this world to enjoy a grander and more bountiful country, if it be possible, than this world.

WILL E. PURDY.

And grabbed him in a hurry. Said I: "Dear Niece, Pride of my heart, Pray tell me how you mated?" Said she: "I made men think they're smart, And I was empty pated."

To Be Precise Mildred: "Did Tom kiss you 'good night' when he brought you home from the dance, dear?" Betty: "No—goodmornink." Edward H. Dreschnack.

Liberal Terms Brown: "Do you see that fellow over there? Well he hands out life terms." Gorham: "Oh, so he's a policeman?" Brown: "No, he's a 'dollar a week' furniture salesman."

Work and Pleasure By Kid Boots No matter how hard a thing is to do, its pleasure if it dont seem like work. Most fellows would think they was having a grate time if they ran for a hour without stopping in a jimjazzium with running pants on, but as soon as you expect them to run a errand even for 5 minnits they wawk there and back as slow as they can and even then they feel mizerable. This shows as soon as you haff to do a thing it stops being a pleasure.

When your father comes home at nite and wont take nybody to the movies because he says he feels too bum after working all day, if somebody calls him up after supper he's libel to go around to the bowling alley and bowl for 3 hours with fears heavy balls and never stop smiling. This shows as long as you think yours having a good time, maybe you are.

Werk is no diskrace, and by the way some people act that's all there is in favor of it.

We're Publishing It Irene: "There goes Gertrude. They say she's engaged to young Nelson. I wonder what the outcome will be." Abigail: "It's not the outcome she's interested in, it's the income."

—Ruth Oliphant.

Conveniences Prospective Boarder: "Do you have hot and cold water in this room?" Farmer's Wife: "Yes, hot in the summer, cold in the winter." —Henrietta Schwab.

Sometimes a speaker has to talk at random because he has prepared no memorandum.

Wally the Mystic He'll Answer Your Questions, Somehow

A Mystic mind is Heaven's gift. Designed to give a friendly lift To puzzled folks, so write to me; I'll help you very willingly.

Too Timid Dear Wally: Gosh, it was so nice I kissed the little lady twice. Today she will not speak to me. What is the matter? C. D. Q.

This Is Not Fish Day Dear Wally: You made a mess in kissing her, would be my guess. It's probably, my boy, that she is sore because it wasn't three.

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MISS GOLDIE FISH My dear Miss Fish: Do not lose heart. This place is not a lover's Mart. You catch your own fish. Soon or late You'll hook a Sucker with good bait.

Short and— Five-year old Minnie was asked by a visitor if he might kiss her. She looked dubiously at his heavily bearded face, then said: "Yes sir, but make it snappy." —Mrs. Edith Wood

Rock-a-bye-Baby She put him to sleep, And she rocked him, I saw; He'd said not a peep As she put him to sleep, Into slumber deep 'That I watched her with awe. She had put him to sleep, With a right to the jaw! —Frank M. DuRan

Old Story—In New Words What the school girl of this generation calls "sweet papa" love the former generation called sweet puppy love.

Paulus Refuses to Sell Prunes at Shaded Price Robert C. Paulus declares that he will not sell dried prunes at a shaded price and is standing firm on his prices of 11, 9 1/2, 8 1/2, and 7 1/2 for sizes running from 30s down to 60s. Consequently he has missed disposing of 150,000 pounds of prunes, because he refused to take the shaded figure. Three inquiries during the past 48 hours have been received by him for prunes running from 2000 to 5000 boxes in each case. He states that this indicates there is a firm export demand. Paulus has also received inquiries about a carload of Royal Anne cherries in brine to be used for maraschino purposes.

FUTURE DATES January 16, Friday—Marion County Pioneer rally, Salem YMCA. February 7, Saturday—Johns, Williams university vs. University of West Virginia. March 12 to 14, Thursday to Saturday—Annual Oregon State Championship basketball tournament, Willamette university. March 14, Saturday—Oregon Physical Education association meeting, Willamette university.

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SIR WALTER and THE SPUD

IN Ireland, they still point to the place where Sir Walter Raleigh planted the potatoes he brought with him from America. The venturesome knight was much impressed with the edible qualities of potatoes and touted them highly to his friends. But in spite of his efforts to popularize the spud, it was half a century or more before it became an article of general consumption abroad.

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