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FRUITAGE OF SECRET PRAYER:—But thou, when thou prayest, enter thy closet, and when thou hast shut thy door, pray to thy Father which is in secret, and thy Father which seeth in secret shall reward thee openly. For your Father knoweth what things ye have need of, before ye ask Him. Matthew 6: 6, 8.

PRAYER:—O Thou who art life and love, we bless Thee for the key of prayer, freely given to each of us, and which unlocks for us the treasures of Thy heart.

SOLDIER MONUMENT FREE OF DEBT

The American War Mothers, when they took up the matter of having provided a suitable soldier monument on the Marion county court house grounds, to stand as a memorial to the soldier dead of this county in the World war, had it in mind to not call upon the members of the American Legion for special help in the undertaking—

They thought the members of the American Legion had done enough in sacrificial service and patriotic work of many kinds.

But the members of Capital Post, American Legion, noting that there was still a debt of \$1320 on the soldier monument, after long and devoted efforts by the American War Mothers, voluntarily, a few days ago, assumed the task of raising this sum—

And the task was consummated last night, with a check in full to wipe the slate clean.

What was not realized from the sale of tickets to the St. Valentine dance, and the concessions of the dance, was made up by members of the American Legion—

So the monument is clear of debt. That is a fine thing. The undertaking was a gracious act. It will endear the American Legion to Marion county people. The soldier monument will have a grander appearance this morning. It owes no man anything.

FIVE DOLLAR APPLES

(Portland Telegram)

A box of extra fancy Winesap apples grown at Yakima was sold at a retail grocery in New York City for \$5. A careful analysis of this price to the consumer was made with the following result: The grower got \$1.18; the retailer \$1.87; the jobber 49 cents; the wholesaler 39 cents; the transporting organization 80 cents and the shipping organization 27 cents.

If an equitable distribution of receipts on this box of apples were made, the retailer would be the first of the group to be asked to prove his right to the lion's share. If he received as much as \$1 for his share in the deal it would seem abundant. Let him give the apple grower the 87 cents, and this would give the man who produced the apples \$2 a box, which all who know the cost of growing apples would agree was little enough.

In this distribution the apple grower believes he can cut out the jobber entirely. Possibly this can be done. If so, it will add 49 cents to the grower's receipts, and give him nearly \$2.50 a box for his fruit. At this rate apples could be grown at a profit.

But it may be argued: "It is the retailer who has done the work of finding the man willing to pay \$5 for a box of apples. He is the salesman, the one without whom the trade in apples would fail." And to this the reply can be made. "If it were not for the fact that fruit at retail fruit stands and in retail stores is held too high, there would be a much larger consumption of fruit and a much better demand for it." When apple men can make a standard product and set a price to the consumer on their own goods, they may be able to make a better distribution of the money paid for a box of apples.

The above from the Portland Telegram presupposes complete, 100 per cent organization. Until that can be had, all the people down the line who take rake-offs will be necessary; and the retailer among the most important. There should be an adjustment clear down the line. The grower is not getting his share. Each one of the others is taking too much of a rake-off.

HILL IS YELLOW, SEES YELLOW

From Doorn, Holland, comes a hoarse note of warning for the civilized world. The ex-Kaiser rises to remark that years ago he prophesied the "Yellow Peril" and now, in the light of what is taking place in China, he sees its fulfillment approaching.

Unkind people might retort the chief "yellow" peril for Wilhelm was hidden along his own backbone and manifested itself on the inglorious day when he made a safety first exit across the Dutch border. But that is neither here nor there. He who fights and runs away may yet live to frame clever epigrams for international diplomats. And Wilhelm has just delivered himself of something rather smart.

"France is backing the black races," says the one-time wearer of the shining sword. "Russia is backing the yellow, and America and England are backing the white. Where will Germany stand?"

If it be true that on the roulette board of the world Madam France is playing her counters on the black, that Comrade Russia is risking his pile on the yellow and Uncle Sam and John Bull are alone betting systematically on the white, a sporting friend at the writer's elbow wishes to tip Frau Germania, before the ball stops rolling, to stake her future along with the last-named two respectable gentlemen—

Because it is a safe bunch that, as long as they back the white, the white will be fortune's favorite.

At the same time, since the late "All Highness" has failed to establish at any time a reputation for foresight, his belated revival of the "Yellow Peril" hardly entitles him to rank even among the minor prophets. At any rate, he is color blind. Because, if Russia were seriously to hook up with the millions of China, the resultant peril would not be yellow, but "Red."

Moreover, Wilhelm himself did quite a little color-changing in 1914 when he broke up the whites into warring factions and so made the world safer for the blacks and yellows and reds. The voice from Doorn, in its last utterance, has a doleful sound; but to fall from a tall throne to a small backyard is not conducive of an optimistic perspective.

A WARNING

It is a fact that our forests are being depleted. Congressman Davey has sounded a new alarm. He says it not only means the destruction of the forests, but it means the disappearance of the top soil which is the basis of agricultural wealth. He figures that it takes ten thousand years for nature to build an inch of fertile top soil.

We talk a good deal about reforestation and in some instances it is working, but we are not doing enough of it. We must take aggressive and positive steps to see that the forests are not only replenished, but that the young trees are protected.

The most effective and economical way to begin reforestation is to preserve the young growth remaining on cut-over lands after the commercial timber is taken off. To talk about reforesting these vast areas from seed is disheartening to one who notes the prevailing lack of interest in the remaining growth. The methods of taking timber from privately owned lands are wasteful and destructive of this young growth.

Much of it is knocked down in logging operations, and a great part of the growth left remaining is later burned when fire gets into the slashings left by the loggers. No discernible progress will be made toward reforestation until congress passes a law regulating the cutting of timber on privately owned lands, with a view to preserving the young trees of 10, 20, 30 or even 40 years of growth.

IT WAS EXPENSIVE

In closing up the books of the government's operation of the railroads, the startling cost of that procedure is made apparent. In addition to the large fund it will be impossible to calculate what the public suffered in impaired morale, both among the employees and the management of the railroads. It was a costly venture, and one the people will not get through paying for some time.

The final net cost to the taxpayers is officially placed at \$1,674,500,000. That is the cost that can be definitely expressed in dollars; but no one can measure the indirect losses the untalented penalties, that the public has been required to pay for its venture in government operation.

Higher freight rates resulted from inefficiency, easy working conditions exacted by the employees, strikes and the demoralization inevitable from constant and acrimonious negotiations, investigations, arbitrations and what not between government boards and the various organizations of railway employees.

HELPING VALE

It may not be good business, judged by the old standards of business, for the state to spend money at Vale, but judged by the modern standards of business, the standards that have prevailed since the service clubs have softened all business and taken away the selfishness, it was eminently right. It is also right for the national government to send aid to Vale.

Here is an emergency and the government ought to look after such things. It is the business of government to carry out the desires of the people. There is probably not a citizen in Oregon who would object to helping Vale when they know the need. The fact is that we are coming to have the government be a helpful instrument rather than merely a dead agent used for certain things.

BE FAIR

We heard a group of men at the state house the other day discussing railroad receiverships. They declared that the government was always wrong if it interfered to prevent receiverships; that it was not the business of government; that the railroads should be allowed to go on the rocks and take care of themselves. At least one of these men had just got through voting to furnish good wheat to the farmers of eastern Oregon. He justified it on the ground that it was his people.

IT IS TRUE THAT THE BANKS MIGHT

have financed the eastern Oregon deal, but it is also true for reasons of their own which the public can properly accept; they were not in a position to do it without putting something behind it more than the intangible credit warrant. The officers of banks are responsible first to their stockholders and they can not make loans where the security is not ample. Banks which do this do not last long. We see no reason to criticize the banks because they did not see fit to finance this, but we do see good reason why, having failed to finance it, the state of Oregon should furnish the seed. The need in eastern Oregon is an unusual need. It is urgent because of the frowning face of nature through six or seven years of misfortune. Of course the financial distress of the railroad discussion which is now before the public is primarily due to bad judgment, but that road is a public utility, a public necessity, and its collapse means not only loss to the stockholders which should be the concern of the government but it means also a loss to every patron of the road.

GOOD-BYE, DOCTOR

Dr. Blaine E. Kirkpatrick preached his farewell sermon Sunday at the First Methodist church and will leave shortly to take up the work of secretary of the Epworth League in Chicago. In the four and a half years he has been in the ministry here Dr. Kirkpatrick has made a place for himself that is of the highest importance. He is never spectacular, never unduly emotional, always common sense and logical. He has heart in his preaching as well as brains, and his ministry here has been wonderfully successful. There would be a general protest against his going both inside and outside the church but for the fact that he is going to a larger field where his talents can reap richer rewards. Certainly all his friends here wish him Godspeed and success in the enlarged field.

SEN. DENNIS SELLS PAPER

Bruce Dennis has sold the balance of his paper, the La Grande Observer, to his partner, Frank B. Appleby, and is now able to devote his entire attention to the state of Oregon. Senator Dennis is a newspaperman of marked ability, a forceful writer, a man of positive convictions, many times wrong but always honest. He is a good citizen and means to do what is right.

It is to be hoped that he will be able to find another newspaper in Oregon because the state needs him. It would never do to have every editor in the state progressive. And then again if Bruce stays out of the newspaper business, Claude Ingalls will be lonesome. Seriously, Oregon needs men like Bruce Dennis in the publicity game. They are good citizens and loyal to the state.

A drunken driver in Portland Sunday killed a boy. Has the new law gone into effect yet?

SAP AND SALT
 BY BERT MOSES
 Reformers overlook nobody but themselves.

Love sadly warps the judgment as to what constitutes beauty.

Truth hurts, which explains why so many folks avoid it.

Retiring from business is all right provided you don't retire from thinking.

Taking truth and making it interesting is all there is to successful advertising.

Sleep refreshes some people, while in other cases it appears only to make them more stupid.

Hey Heck says: "Faith, Hope and Charity is beautiful, but mixing your own business bests all three."

SAVE YOUR MONEY
 By Clifford H. Dunn
 It doesn't pay for married men to get too sentimental.

Or they might have to spend some dough
 For something monumental.—
 Like gravestones, for unless a wife is always used to petting.
 If hubby gets a loving streak in trouble he'll be getting.

I speak from sad experience. For last year I felt mushy. And sent my wife a valentine that had a verse quite gushy. Six weeks that woman suffered with
 Upheavals gastronomic; She was upset by what I sent— She thought she'd get a comic!

Higher Criticism
 Marie: "What is your objection to classical music?"
 Walter: "I can't pronounce it."

The Cross Word Financier
 Grant: "Cross Words have taught him frugality."
 Mitchell: "In what way?"
 Grant: "Why, now he's happy when he makes both ends meet."
 —S. B. Mendell

The Bright Lights
 Beatrice: "What is the Aurora Borealis one reads about?"
 Bernice: "It's the Eskimo's Broadway, I guess."
 —Helen Silberstein

VALENTINES BY KID BOOTS
 Funny valentines are the most fun to send, with pritty ones are the most fun to get.

Funny ones are a free way to insult people, and if they accuse you of it the next time they see you, all you have to do is look innocent and say, "Wat Valentine?"

Wen a fellow gets a pritty valentine from a girl it makes him feel grate but he dont go erround showing it and denies it if anybody asks him, but if a girl gets a pritty one form a fellow it makes her feel even greater and she goes erround showing it to everybody that wants to see it and some that dont.

Its not considered polite to sine your name to pritty valentines, so the next time you see the girl and she asks you if you sent it, the best thing to do is jest look gifty. In case, she dont ask you, you can start the conversation by saying, "Did you get any valentines?"

Another way is to put your initials under the stamp and leave the stamp kind of loose.

Whose Party?
 "You can't see Mr. White," said the sharp-faced woman to the political canvasser.

"But I want to find out what he belongs to," said the canvasser. "I can tell you that," said the woman, "rest you eyes on me. I'm the party he belongs to."
 —V. J. Mitchell

Symbolism
 Green: "Here's an account of a man who used a strip of bacon for a bookmark."
 Brown: "That's so he would remember to bring it home."
 —Rose D. Gordon

WALLY THE MYSTIC
 He'll Answer Your Questions, Somehow
 The game of love is surely tough; Sometimes it gets a bit rough. If with dark doubts your soul is racked, Let Wally tell you how to act.

Another Last Soul
 Dear Wally: Just the other day I kissed a girl, then ran away. Now I think I would like some more;
 I think I could stand
 —Three Or Four

Dear Three or Four:
 You now know why I said of girls you should fight shy.
 The trouble with this kissing stuff

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TURNER NEWS

W. T. Riches, Geo Moore and C. A. Bear, drove to Portland Thursday on business for the Turner Cream company.

Lloyd Hillary returned from Idaho a week ago, where he was called by the death of his brother-in-law, Mr. Bacon.

Mrs. Macon and children have arrived and will make their home on the Hillary farm.

Misses Marie and Dorothy Shaffer, of Salem visited former school mates in Turner Friday.

The prize winning essays on "Thrift Week" in the high school were written by Miss Ella Archibald, first; Clifford Eusby, second; and Miss Dolly Richter, third. Prizes were given by the Turner Tribune, the drug store, and confectionary store.

Wallace Riches was over from Tillamook for the week end. The W.C.T.U. held their annual "White Ribbon Tea" and program Wednesday, February 11 at the Christian church. The high school furnished music. About fifty responded to the invitations. Refreshments were served in the Sunday school room.

Mrs. Elizabeth Moorman of Portland was a recent caller on Turner friends.

S. H. Baker has installed a radio.

V. P. Erickson is moving back to California.

Mrs. Vinya Russel spent a few days with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Mayro McKinney.

Mr. and Mrs. Percy Liple spent Sunday at the home of Mr. Lyle's parents.

The girls glee club gave a program Thursday evening.

Boy Scouts Take Big Jump In Membership During Year

It is expected that the local Boy Scout organization will reach a mark between 600 and 700 members this year. It was announced at headquarters yesterday. At the present time the interest manifested in the organization makes this prediction possible.

Under the direction of Rex Sanford the Boy Scouts of the city have been divided into two divisions, and with a possibility of three being formed within the end of this month. Jess Mattoci, assistant scout-master has charge of one division with patrols Pine-tree and Flying Eagle under his

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direction. Assisting in the patrol leading are Perry Thompson and Kenneth Morris. Don King and Ralph Williams are active in the Eagles patrol.

Hugh Shattuck is active with the Wolf Patrol and is assisted by Roland Hardman and Phil Ferris. The beavers, another patrol of the Salem scouts is directed by Clinton Lovel with the able assistance of Milton Taylor.

The scout organization is gaining in popularity here and under the direction of Sanford the interest has grown in size. Under the present arrangement the local council are to have Harold Ware, experienced organizer and promoter of scouts, to be with them for a year. He is to move here from Seattle during the coming week.

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