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BIBLE THOUGHT AND PRAYER

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ALWAYS PROTECTED:—When thou passest through the waters, I will be with thee; and through the rivers, they shall not overflow thee: when thou walkest through the fire, thou shalt not be burned; neither shall the flame kindle upon thee. Isaiah 43:2.
PRAYER:—We are glad, Lord, that Thou dost keep us dear unto Thyself as the apple of Thine eye.

WHAT WOULD YOU DO?

"In Oregon nuisance taxes in time of peace? A return to war taxes when no army threatens the shores of the state? Of course, it is easy to see why sources of revenue other than the tax on already overburdened property are sought. A ban on inheritance taxes, which yielded \$474,000 of revenue in 1922, means still more added to property. So the Legislature thinks of restoring the nuisance taxes always imposed in time of war. Why not tax straw hats? Something must be done to protect the big inheritances and big incomes from being taxed."

The above is from the Portland Journal of last evening. Well, under the circumstances, what would you do— If you were a member of the Legislature, what would you do?

It is a condition, and not a theory. What good is scolding, in the present situation, if in any situation? The institutions of the state, and the state government itself, must run. There are excrescences that ought to be lopped off; but this cannot be accomplished under the present circumstances; and more especially at this late date—

When members of the Legislature are being held over time, without pay, in order to work out the problems of a difficult situation—

And some of them not financially able to give up so much of their time.

The joint ways and means committee is composed of some of the best business and professional men in Oregon; honest, decent, upstanding, straightforward men. They have done the best they knew how in formulating a program; weighing all the reasons; knowing all the difficulties—

And the writer believes the wise thing is for the Legislature to follow that program; absolutely; without a single change.

Some gink working at writing bulletins in the United States Department of Agriculture, in a screed of a few days ago, advised against the extension in this country of the sugar beet industry and beet sugar manufacturing. He has been duly jumped on by some of the beet sugar interests. He should be fired. He has no place on the government payrolls. President Coolidge is on record as in favor of making this country self sufficient—and we send out more money for sugar than for any other one food product. And we can grow and make every pound of it in this country.

THE "REAL" GEORGE WASHINGTON

(Los Angeles Times)
This is the day of the "Real Ben Franklin," the "Real George Washington," the "Real Abe Lincoln," "Warts and All."

The spirit of the time is, if you can unearth anything salacious, dig it up. We are keen on mastodons and slanders. If you have to peep through the keyhole to get it, it is much more piquant. Smashing holes furnishes especial thrill. Snatching the clothes from man or woman is not unethical; this is the age of the nude. It is art! Even if they be grave clothes of a hero; there is increased excitement. Do we want our heroes desecrated? Do we want shrouds trampling the graves of our dead or poking around among their bones for gossip? Does it serve any good purpose to hold post mortems over the great and good 50 or 100 years after they are dead? Is even science or truth largely promoted? Do we want "Mirrors of Washington" reflecting even upon the living? Is there not a better way of making a living?

Weem's "Washington" was written by a preacher. Would it have been better if written by a garbage man? Maybe he did not tell what George Washington said when cravens were flinching in battle; or even what the Father of His Country kept in his cellar. That was another age. What if he did idealize him and say he could not tell a lie about the cherry tree? At least he has furnished hatchets and other decorations for Washington's Birthday banquets from that honest hour to this. And even that is more than some of the critics will do Weem's "Washington" was one of the six books which made Abraham Lincoln the idol of his countrymen.

Can it be that the ideal Washington, after all, is the real Washington? Do you judge Emerson by his poorest essay or by his "Compensation"? Do we pass upon Hawthorne by his notes at odd hours that were never developed into stories or by his "Great Stone Face" and his "Scarlet Letter"? Does Millet occupy first place in the hearts of the artists because of the vagrant sketches of idle moments or by his "Angelus"? Is Hoffman superb because he left a few faces contorted in his sheaf of unfinished works or by his "Christ Among the Doctors"? We would rather have a scamp Jimmy into our home and loot our few possessions than to pry into our ideals and rifle them of all that is sacred and noble. This may be the age of the robber; but let him confine himself to gold and garments. If men must be vermin and parasites, let them devote themselves to dogs and monkeys.

Lincoln may be painted warts and all; however, it is not necessary to hang a red lantern on the wart. We insist on the vandals leaving our most priceless treasures, our Washington and Lincoln, untouched and unscathed.

A SERIOUS QUESTION

I. N. Day of Portland has raised the most serious question in taxation ever raised in Oregon. This was quoted in the Statesman a few days ago. Four per cent of the taxing power of Oregon pays 80 per cent of the taxes. We must revise our taxation laws. We have reached the bottom of the ways. It is no longer possible to blind

earn it. If we in Oregon could get the right to enact inheritance taxes without having to divide with the government we could wipe out our direct tax. We must do something like this in order to get relief because the farmers cannot continue to pay taxes out of their principal.

The most absurd thing ever proposed is the amendment offered by the machine organization of the legislature to prohibit income and inheritance taxes for a period of 15 years. The invitation is made general for all tax dodgers to come here when it is admitted on all sides that the trouble is we have too many tax dodgers at home. The farmers' land can be seen and it is taxed, but the intangible securities are not taxed. That is doing more to hold Oregon back than all other things put together.

SOUND SENSE

Judge Samuel H. Sibley at Atlanta, Ga., recently gave an unusually fine discourse about the enforcement of the prohibitory law. "The real trouble," said Judge Sibley, "is with the drinkers who furnish the money to run the entire traffic and give it moral and even active encouragement and support. The heavy burden of responsibility for present conditions now rests on otherwise respectable citizens, men and women having standing and influence in society, who buy and furnish intoxicants to others, who uphold and screen those from whom they buy and, by their practices and conversation, make mock of the law. They not only finance the distillers and bootleggers in their operations, but make them feel safe and respectable."

To these citizens the Atlanta Judge appealed to "think oftener of the wasted wealth, of the broken health, of the wounded hearts, the ruined homes and the endless trail of crimes and woes that intoxicating liquors have always left."

There are two parties to all law violation, the vendor and the buyer. Both should be made criminals by statute and until both are made criminals a man will think he has the right to violate the law with impunity.

DINING CAR MEALS

Just why the public should be taken into the confidence of the railroads on the question of dining car service is hard to understand, but the Great Northern sends out a letter declaring that it loses forty cents on every meal that is served. According to the statistics collected by this railroad all the roads in the country lose, on an average, 26 cents on every meal served.

We are in no position to combat this or to give any argument in favor of it. Goodness knows railroad meals cost enough and it takes long to serve them. Merely as a suggestion from an outsider however, we would say that by hurrying people, through and not letting them stay there an hour or two, they could serve more people and possible thereby keep down overhead expense. Loitering in dining cars is so conspicuous that it is taken as a matter of course by the public. Those who get there first take their time and some people never get in.

Dining cars are a necessity, although there are railroads that still have eating houses like the Harvey houses but that takes too much time and the average passenger wants to eat, as he goes. We do not have any conclusions to present on this, no information to impart, but we just state what the railroads have to say about it and that is all.

LOOKS DUBIOUS

There are a good many people who realize that the narcotic habit is as bad if not worse than the liquor habit and since liquor was abolished many people have turned to narcotics. The present legislature came near taking the enforcement of the narcotic law out of the hands of the prohibition agent and putting it in the hands of the pharmacy board. This certainly would have been a mistake because the prohibition director is in best shape to know what to do and the narcotic board would mean an independent board operating in a state nearly crushed with boards now, and their field men would travel right along with the prohibition men and duplicate every dollar of expense.

The Oregon legislature has not devoted itself so critically as it should to saving the people money. A careful study of the state's business during an almost daily attendance at the sessions convinces us that it is possible to save at least one-third of the state expenses and that Governor Pierce was right in saying he could cut expenses if he had a legislature committed to the same policy and working for the same ends.

The Fun Shop

MAXSON FOXHALL JUDELL

STUMPED
As I was walking down the street I met my boyhood friend, Bill Feet:
"Come on," said I, "and let's go eat."
Where we can talk together."
"No thanks," said Bill, "I'm off my feet."
I think a doctor soon I'll need; I must confess I'm far, indeed, From being in fine feather."

WALLY THE MYSTIC
He'll Answer Your Questions, Somehow.
It is a pleasant thing to know That when in trouble you can go To Wally, who will give advice That fixes things up very nice.

Avoid Inconsequential
Dear Wally:
I've been greatly shocked; My Sweetie's knees are badly knocked. 'Twas on the beach I saw their bend. Should I still love her?
Yours, A FRIEND

Then He Got It
Al: "I know your favorite word, dear."
Anita: "What is it?"
Al: "The last one."
—Edna May Bush.

Sew Sew
They were in the old Fleet Street office. Sherlock Holmes, looking up from a foot-print on the table which he had been examining, demanded: "Watson, the needle!"
Doctor Watson, looking in the direction of the sleuth, said: "And pray, where is the button off this time?"
—P. P. F.

THE CAR SMASHER
A Tongue-Twister
Carlos Arliss with his car, Was too careless, yes, by far. Carlos speeded "zim!"—like wire-less. Soon his wire wheels were tire-less! Carlos stripped his gears—and gear-less. Careless Carlos still was fearless. Then he hit a tree, in Corliss; Said a Corliss cop to Arliss: "Careless Carlos, you are car-less!"
—Faith Taylor.

Harold's Diagnosis
Harold, five years old, when asked by his Sunday school teacher:

When Billy Sunday Comes
Editor Statesman:
If a series of revival meetings were conducted in Salem, during the time Billy Sunday was holding meetings in Portland, what kind of an evangelist should be called, and why so? It goes without saying that a great awakening along spiritual lines will be the result of Sunday's meetings in Portland. Many people from Salem will take advantage of these meetings by their presence, and what a wonderful help they could be in Salem meetings thereafter.

TO BE CONTINUED, WITH NAME LATER.

DISASTER ESCAPED
WHEATLAND, Ind., Feb. 24.—One hundred and fifty miners employed in the Standard Coal company mine here, narrowly escaped the fate that overtook the victims of the Sullivan mine disaster when a similar blast shook the local mine today.

Membership Drive Ends—The Baracu-Philathes, a newly organized class, composed of college and young working people, has been participating in a red and blue membership contest. The reds won and they were delightedly entertained by the blues at the First Baptist church, last night. A short business meeting was held and the rest of the evening was devoted to games and refreshments, the last much enjoyed by all.

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Dear Friend:
Things might be worse, you know:
It's awful when a girl's legs bow. Don't worry o'er the knee condition:
Watch for a knocking disposition.
No Pic Nic
Life for me is sad; What shall I do to make it glad That I may talk and laugh like you?
I am, Sincerely, VERY BLEW

Dear Wally:
How do you get that way? What makes you think I'm bright and gay?
I wish you had this job of mine; You then would have real cause to whine.
A Silp
Mary: "What made Agnes so angry when she returned from the barber shop?"
Dorothy: "Oh, when she got in the chair the barber absent-mindedly lathered her face."
—Hazel Smithers

We Must Eat, Too, You Know
"If a man really loves a girl,"

she told him, "he will stop drinking."
"Yes, and if he loves too many girls, he'll have to stop eating."
L. O. Light

DRY LAW BILL EASILY PASSES
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suit that it will remain under the jurisdiction of the state prohibition commission. Only four affirmative votes were cast. In opposing the proposed change Representative Woodward said that the board of pharmacy, while estimable gentlemen, were not law enforcement officers and knew nothing of this. Their duties were to pass upon the fitness of an applicant to receive a license.

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