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LEST WE FORGET—"Remember all the way which the Lord thy  
God led thee." Deut. 8:2.  
PRAYER—Lead me, Lord, all my journey through.

SUNDAY AMUSEMENTS

The people of Salem are as well behaved, on the average, as those of Eugene or Corvallis. In Salem the theaters are open on Sunday. In Eugene and Corvallis they are closed. The writer does not believe there is any harm in the attendance of a decent theater on Sunday.

Indeed, moving pictures are shown in Salem churches on Sunday evenings, giving wholesome entertainment and teaching moral and uplifting lessons.

There is harm in an indecent moving picture or play on any day; as much harm on any other day of the week as on Sunday.

The newly organized "Salem Moral Welfare League" may do much good, if it will work earnestly to keep Salem a clean city; to give sympathetic help to the erring; to save the "submerged tenth," which is not a tenth in Salem, though it may have been in London at the time the term was applied there by General Booth, the founder of the Salvation Army.

If this newly organized league should be directed to stirring up factions, to setting people by the ears, neighbor against neighbor, it might do great harm.

This is not said in the spirit of the Pharisee or the smug and self-satisfied, but the fact is, Salem is doing very well now, industrially, in business growth and honesty, and along lines of public morality and decency, and, generally, our people are free from discord.

They are living together in peace and harmony; helpful one to another; supporting all good works; maintaining public play grounds, the churches, the Y. M. C. A. and Y. W. C. A., and the educational institutions.

Oh, yes, there is room for improvement. There will always be, right up to the time of the commencement of the millennium. We should all work constantly together for a better city in every way.

But we have no place for feuds and quarrels and narrow jealousies. Witness the lack of real progress and the low moral level of some of our neighbors given over to factions.

Salem has become a city to come to. It should remain in this category. We should take warning from the condition of some other cities, which are places to go away from.

There can certainly be no harmful effect upon a cultured American family from a neighboring city or town or the country motoring to Salem on a Sunday and attending a clean play at one of our theaters, and then taking dinner at one of our first class restaurants or hotels.

There is certainly no harm to a man, for instance, working in the paper mill all week taking his family on a Sunday afternoon, say, to one of our theaters running a clean screen play.

Then perhaps attending a moving picture exhibition teaching a great moral lesson in one of our churches; no harm to the man or to any member of his family.

Let's do constructive work constantly towards making Salem a better, cleaner, more progressive and prosperous city.

But let us not be narrow; let us not stir up bickerings and backbitings and hatreds that will do harm instead of good.

In Geneva, over a century ago, Voltaire, the French infidel, sat writing a book which he said would demolish the Bible forever, and that before a century there would not be a Bible on the face of the earth. During the past century over 200,000,000 volumes of the Bible have been circulated; in number far above any other book; in increasing numbers greater than any other. And Voltaire's house is full from floor to ceiling, being the Bible Society's depot in Geneva.

JULY FOURTH

(The following editorial in the Portland Telegram of last evening sets forth what ought to be the 100 per cent American ideals concerning our national holiday and its lessons.)

This year the celebration of our great national holiday has unusual significance. As the one hundred and fiftieth anniversary of our independence, it forms such a milestone as invites to a survey of the past and a forecast of the future.

Through a century and a half we have proved the principle of democracy. Perhaps nothing better attests its value and comparative success than the fact that this infant republic has survived to see the fall of the monarchies which were its first contemporaries and from the youngest, has come to be one of the oldest governments in the world.

In the years we have been forced by the insistence of material facts and by the mere pressure of numbers to modify some of our first conceptions of liberty, but we have not weakened in our belief in its essential rightness, or in the possibility of its attainment.

Our first great task was to wipe out the inconsistency of slavery. It was accomplished tardily and awkwardly, but it was done, and the foundation laid for the marvelous advances in economic development and material prosperity that have made the last fifty years in the United States unique in human history. Primarily, this progress has been due, not to the great natural resources we have enjoyed, nor to the mechanical inventions and executive leadership which have made them productive, but to the freedom of the individual, the confidence in opportunity, which is the cornerstone of our Americanism.

It is that spirit which has encouraged invention and justified great enterprises. The absence of class distinctions, with their restraints and inhibitions, the open door of the public school, and the common traditions of great accomplishment from humble beginnings, have inspired the courage and will which has made America great.

Our greatness has, of itself, necessitated some political adjustment. We have found it wise to extend the powers of the Federal government and to surrender certain privileges of the individual to the common interest. The mere fact that there are more of us and

we move faster than we used to has increased our momentum, but it has made more fictions and complications. The perfect freedom of an Alexander Selkirk, monarch of all he surveyed on his desert island, is no longer physically possible to the American citizen unless he would be a hermit.

We must conform to the general will, obey the common laws, give up, perhaps, some cherished personal "rights," but there must be no sacrifice of the right to think. The principle of spiritual liberty must be held inviolate. For it is in spirit that greatness lies, and it is in freedom of spirit that America has accomplished. Seeking that first, all these other things, of material prosperity, have been added unto us, and losing it, we should be poor indeed.

Every soldier of Napoleon carried a marshal's baton in his knapsack. So long as every American school boy carries in his heart ambition and confidence in his opportunity, July Fourth will remain a memorable anniversary of a glorious accomplishment for human progress.

Students Fail in Bible Test, Can You Answer?

Two Hundred Fifty-five Take New Testament Test, 108 Get Passing Grade, While 147 Fail; in Old Testament, 79 Pass and 105 Fail

Miss Retta Pratt of Enterprise and Miss Eva Baldry of Bay City both scored perfect grades in an examination on Bible study conducted on May 7, according to R. R. Turner, state superintendent of public instruction. Miss Pratt received a grade of 100 per cent in an examination on the New Testament and Miss Baldry's perfect grade was made in an examination on the Old Testament.

A total of 362 pupils, 242 girls and 120 boys, took the examinations which were conducted in 68 high schools over the state. Of 255 manuscripts submitted on the New Testament examination 108 were awarded passing grades and 147 fell below the required 70 per cent. In the Old Testament test passing grades were made by 79 pupils and 105 failed to pass.

Pupils entering the test made their preparation outside of regular school work based on a course of study prepared by the state department of education. The questions for the examination were prepared by the state department and the manuscripts graded in the state office. Successful entrants received one semester credit in the high school for passing the examination in either branch. Questions for the May examination follow:

New Testament  
What are the groups into which the books of the New Testament are divided?

Write the memory passage beginning, "Though I speak with the tongue of men and of angels, and have not charity..."

Describe the temptations of Jesus.

Tell how Peter was taught not to despise the Gentiles.

Tell of the visit of the wise men from the East to the infant Jesus.

Write the memory passage beginning, "When Paul stood in the midst of Mars Hill, and said..."

What connection was there between the work of John the Baptist and the work of Jesus?

Name eight of the Apostles chosen by Jesus.

Who betrayed Him?

Tell of the Transfiguration of Christ.

What the Book of the Acts record?

Give the memory passage beginning, "I am the true vine, and my Father..."

Tell of the incredulity of Thomas in regard to the resurrection of Jesus.

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What are the groups into which the books of the Old Testament are divided?

Write the Ten Commandments.

Tell the story of the Rebellion of Korah.

Why is the first book of the Bible called "Genesis" and the second "Exodus"?

Tell the story of Jacob and Esau.

How were the people of Israel governed previous to the establishment of the monarchy?

Write the memory passage beginning, "Blessed is the man that walketh not in the counsel of the ungodly..."

How did the first king of Israel die, and who succeeded him?

What occasioned the division of the kingdom?

Tell the story of Haaman, the captain of Syria.

What is meant by the Period of the Exile and Return?

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President Begins Signing Bills Early, \$51,000,000 Second Deficiency Measure Among Most Important, Six to Win Approval

WASHINGTON, July 3.—(By Associated Press.)—With the signature of President Coolidge to 151 measures, the total number of bills enacted into law was brought to 759 out of the 17,812 introduced at the session just closed.

The president began the task of signing measures today when he approved 63 at the White House and then went to the senate where he placed his signature to 86 more before the final gavel fell.

Among the more important bills given presidential sanction were the \$51,000,000 second deficiency bill carrying the first year's public building program with numerous other appropriations, and the veterans compensation measure which authorizes the expenditure of \$12,000,000 additional for former service men and their dependents.

Six measures, however, failed to receive the president's approval, and the question has again arisen as to whether his failure to sign them constituted a veto or whether he could legally sign them within ten days after adjournment, as Presidents Wilson and Lincoln had done.

The bills that were not signed included measures authorizing certain Indian tribes of the state of Washington to appeal their claims against the government to the courts to make effective the 13th article of the 1863 treaty between the United States and the Shawnee Indians, and to grant to the states of Oregon and Washington an amount equivalent to taxes lost by the reversion of Oregon and California railroad company land grants.

Measures signed by President Coolidge included: Bill granting the consent of congress to agreements between the states of Idaho, Wyoming, Washington and Oregon for the apportionment of the waters of the Snake river and the tributaries. A bill to authorize the loading of unallotted irrigable land on Indian reservations.

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