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BIBLE THOUGHT FOR TODAY

And I will give them one heart, and one way, that they may fear me for ever for the good of them, and of their children after them.—Jeremiah 32:39.

Completing the Rail Map

Purchase by the Southern Pacific of the Nevada, California and Oregon, extending from Susanville, California, to Lakeview, Oregon, and of the Oregon, California and Eastern, or Strahorn railroad, projected to connect Klamath Falls and Lakeview, will, with the Natron Cut-off, provide the Southern Pacific a short-cut to the Ogden gateway which will be the main line for future transcontinental business from Oregon, 413 miles shorter than the circuitous route now traversed via Roseville. The new line will branch from the present route at Eugene, thence via Klamath Falls and Lakeview, connect with the main line at Susanville, near the California-Nevada border.

The Southern Pacific thus annexes to Oregon the south central portion of the state, the business of which now goes to California, which has furnished most of the capital for its development, and which has had the advantage of rail connection. It opens the Portland and valley market to the livestock and produce of this region and provides a direct route east for lumber and other products of western Oregon.

Activity of the Southern Pacific is due to the announced intention of the Great Northern-Northern Pacific interests to extend to Klamath Falls to secure a share of the lumber business, and from thence probably into California to invade Southern Pacific preserves. As it was the Hill invasion that stirred up the Southern Pacific and Union Pacific activity of fifteen years ago, so it is the tardy carrying out of James J. Hill's plans now that is responsible for the present construction and expansion era.

Announcement of Southern Pacific plans, will in all probability only strengthen the determination of the northern lines to invade the same region. Surveying parties are already in the field for an extension from Bend as an alternative to a common user privilege of the Southern Pacific lines. If the latter can be forced, the Oregon Electric could then utilize the Natron Cut-off as well as the builders.

These moves will eventually force the Union Pacific to complete its line across the state via Ontario and Burns and probably over one of the Santiam passes into the Willamette valley, thus completing the railroad map of Oregon—a consummation devoutly to be wished.

Dissolution a Mistake

The last legislature amended the high school laws so as to permit adding to the itemized cost of maintaining high school during the year for which taxes are levied the cost of transportation and the interest on investment after deducting depreciation. This will therefore increase the high school tax in individual districts to an amount greater than in union districts.

The union high school at Gervais is an example. Because the union high school tax was 3.4 mills this year as against a county high-school tax of 3.1 mills, an election has been called upon petitions to vote upon dissolving the union district. However under the new law, when transportation costs and interest are included in the county tax, the levy for the separated districts will another year be higher than in the union district.

Union high schools are of great advantage to the youth of the country. There are not enough pupils to justify individual district high schools, even if the maintenance cost was not excessive, but the union of several districts solves the problem and it is a mistake to dissolve union districts where the results have been satisfactory, even if taxes could be slightly reduced—which they will not be.

POLITICS COVER WASTE OFFICIALS ARE SILENCED

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the way were pointed out by the board of higher education in the present controversy admit of applications and point the way to numerous economies.

Have Political Machine. The governor's only comment is to deplore the fact that the issue of extravagance in the conduct of the schools has been raised.

There is the added excuse for a positive attitude on the part of public officials holding elective or patronage offices, in that they cannot afford to offend the educational political machine that centers around and has been built up by the university and the college. Whatever protestations in the contrary may be voiced there does not such a machine, and it is, in fact, the most powerful and closely controlled machine in the state, through the graduates, former students, extension agents, school chaps and others has ramifications in all sections of the state. Any and all attempts to curtail or regulate the activities of the institutions serve as an automatic call to arms to all of the cogs in the machine.

Control Candidates. Opposition to and criticism of the college and the university on the part of a candidate to public office of consequence is the first step toward political suicide, and most of the press of the state is subservient to the wishes of the machine, as is evidenced by the failure of newspapers generally to give any expression to their views in the present controversy.

Before entering into a detailed discussion of the detailed duplications and frills in the course of study of the university and the college it should be made clear that the writer holds the position that the people of Oregon intend that the two institutions should serve separate and distinct fields—the college as a trade and technical school and the university as a professional and liberal arts institution. Where the line of distinction is to be drawn is immaterial, but once drawn it should

be strictly enforced.

State's Responsibility Limited.

It is also assumed that the taxpayer desires to provide the youth of the state with adequate facilities for good general education at public expense, but that it is no part of the state's responsibility to provide the frills and luxuries that should be paid for by the individual desiring them.

Further it is contended that while certain duplications in fundamental work are unavoidable where separate institutions are maintained 40 miles apart, there is no justification for two complete courses in English, history, commerce, journalism, home economics, sociology, economics, political science, art and architecture and the like with all of their various necessaries simply for individual students who desire a hybrid education at public expense.

The argument that confining the arts and sciences and professions in one institution and the trades and vocational training to another is breeding class distinction is nonsensical. The selection of his school and course of study is optional with the individual student, and there is no inhibition placed upon the lengths to which he may carry his education. To contend that a student taking a technical course in engineering at the college, or one taking a law course at the university could or would take advantage of one-tenth of the liberal arts and science courses offered in either institution is a slur.

(Tomorrow—To What Extent the Duplication of Work Extends.)

NEW PROCESSES MAKE LOW GRADE ORE PAY

Seattle—Ten years ago mining companies had to send ore valued at \$19 a ton or more to the mill to receive a profit, but new methods make it possible to mine and mill ore at a small fraction of the former cost. Falcon Justin, a Seattle mining operator, has explained the innovations.

"New milling methods permit the working at a profit of low-grade ores that are to be found throughout certain sections of the United States in almost unlimited quantities," said Mr. Justin.

TODAY'S CROSS WORD PUZZLE

HORIZONTAL

1. Earth
4. Siren
8. Light brown
10. Equality of value
11. Year
12. Foot covering
13. Bellow of cattle
14. South America (ab.)
15. To dissolve
17. Group formed to foster special interests
19. Behold
20. Dried grass
21. To yoke
22. British India (ab.)
23. Neither
25. Is able
26. A color
27. Refrain

HOW TO SOLVE THE CROSS WORD PUZZLE

The way to solve the Cross Word Puzzle is to fill in the white squares of the diagram with the words which agree with the accompanying definitions. The definitions are numbered to correspond with the numbers on the diagram. Any word defined in the text under "HORIZONTAL" will begin at its number shown on the diagram, and will extend all the way across to the first black space to the right of that number. That is, the word must begin in the square that contains its identifying number, and extend as far as the white squares continue uninterruptedly. Any word defined under "VERTICAL" will also begin in the white square that contains its number, but will extend downward as far as the white squares remain uninterruptedly.

SOLUTION OF YESTERDAY'S PUZZLE

S	A	P	L	I	N	G	S
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N	I	P	A	D	I	N	
P	A	I	N	L	E	S	S

VERTICAL

1. Alarming
2. Grain
3. Within
5. Quick to learn
6. Master of Arts
7. Discouraging on religious subjects
9. To cut down
10. To bend in reverence
13. Sixth note musical scale
14. South (ab.)
16. Exclamation
17. Evil
18. Suffix (used in forming adjectives from nouns)
20. Coolly
21. Before (prefix)
22. To put a stop to
24. Either
25. Company (ab.)

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My MATRIMONIAL VACATION

by Violet Dare

TWO BIRDS WITH ONE STONE!

It alarmed me to see how much Nathalie liked Phil Leland. He was at her apartment frequently, and they went out a great deal together. Of course, I should have been delighted. I had wanted her to go out with other men, thinking that her own husband might realize that she was very attractive. Having other men appreciate her might awaken him to her charms. I had thought...

But Nick refused to go. "It will make her much more eager if I don't," he told me. "And besides, I'm not so keen about going." "You still care for her?" he asked. "More or less. But—well the truth is, Nancy, that I'm beginning to be pretty fond of you. I don't want to give you up."

Yet I had nothing definite against Phil Leland. I couldn't be sure that he had taken my gold watch and Nathalie's bracelet. I couldn't go to her and say that it was because of her money that he was attracted to her. I was delighted to see her having a good time. Jordan had neglected her for so long, and been so unkind to her, that it was ages since she had gone anywhere. She loved dancing, going to new plays, meeting new people. It was making her years younger, as it does any woman.

I wished he hadn't said that. Somehow, playing a matrimonial hop-scotch doesn't appeal to me. All my life I've seen men and women trading wives and husbands, marrying without much thought of sticking together if things don't go just right. And there's an old-fashioned strain in me that doesn't approve. I've never told people that. When I let Jim go off to the islands I pretended to everyone that I didn't care, that I was glad to let him go and be comparatively free again.

Now, if I wanted to, I could get a divorce from Jim and marry Nick. What a farce. I resolved once more to patch things up between Nick and his former wife—and the fact that Nick had partly changed his mind about wanting to have things patched up didn't matter a bit. A way of killing two birds with one stone occurred to me. Nick mustn't see me so often, if he thought he was falling in love with me, and Nathalie must not see Phil Leland so frequently. "Nick, I wish you'd help me to see her."

"Sure—more or less. But—well the truth is, Nancy, that I'm beginning to be pretty fond of you. I don't want to give you up." "Oh, Nick, don't fall in love with me!" I exclaimed. "—well, it wouldn't do the least bit of good." "Because I haven't any money," he said. "I know, but I'm going to have a lot more very soon, if a little deal I'm interested in turns out as it's pretty sure to."

with Nathalie Jordan." I said presently. "I'm worried about her." "She certainly doesn't look as if she needed anyone's assistance," he answered. "I know it, but she does. She and her husband have sort of separated, and she's living in her mother's apartment. And she's going about too much with your friend Leland. Now, why don't you devote yourself to her? She's a charming person, very interesting, really. And you'll be doing a good turn if you do."

"Meanwhile what about you?" he asked. "I thought you were going to let me go around a lot with you so that my ex-wife would be jealous." "Well, we've made her jealous, and you won't follow up your lead there," I answered. "I've done what I tried to, and she's written and telephoned you, and you won't go to see her. That lets me out."

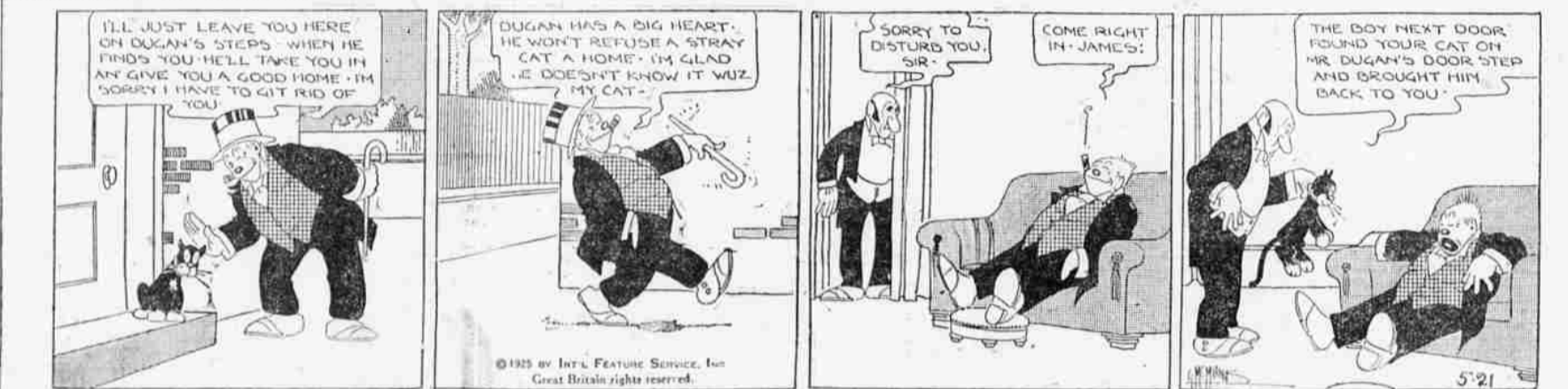
"Do you mean that—do you mean that unless I take advantage of that you won't go out with me any more?" "I needed my head. Then—then, by George, I'll go to see her tomorrow!" he exclaimed. "And if I do, will you dine with me tomorrow evening?" "Yes, with Nathalie and Leland, also," I answered. "So the die was cast. If Nick's wife couldn't win him away from me, with my assistance, at least I could blame myself for not having tried to straighten out that particular tangle. Tomorrow—The Mesh Bag Appears."

JAZZ DANCING HELD WASTE

Glasgow—Scottish trade unions and socialist organizations have started a movement to ban jazz dancing at their social functions on the ground that they are not only immodest but result in altogether too much wasted energy as well. Pagan dances also are being urged in some circles to retain the "good, old-fashioned dances which the city folk have forgotten all about."

By George McManus

BRINGING UP FATHER



BARNEY GOOGLE AND SPARK PLUG



KRAZY KAT



MUTT AND JEFF

