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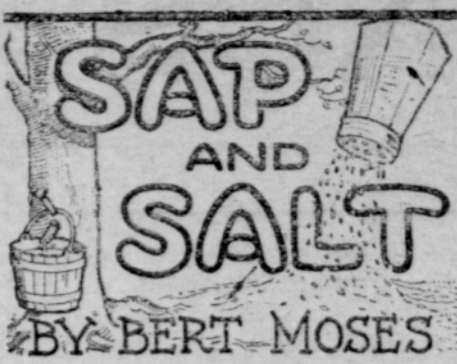
BIBLE THOUGHT FOR TODAY
 Bible Thoughts memorized, will prove a priceless heritage in after years.

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 23
JESUS SAID:—And I, if I be lifted up, will draw all men unto me. John 12: 32.

SATURDAY SERMONETTE
B. R. GREY
 NOTE—This column is not written in the spirit of dogmatic criticism. It represents the personal views of the writer on the subjects treated, and readers are expected to accept them with whatever reservations they like. In the main, it is the hope of the writer to do good. This column is the writer's pulpit. Being a mere layman, ordained ministers, who have given the subject much thought and investigation may take issue with us on many points. If they do, they are welcome to correct them from their pulpits. These sermonettes will in no way open the columns of the Tidings to religious disputation. Our view is that Christianity is a vital experience, not an intellectual philosophy.

Regeneration comes to the natural man as a great mystery—a miracle as it were. It is so simple, compared to the complex philosophies of the intellect, that it is no less than startling. In the twinkling of an eye the old man has been born into a new life—he experiences a powerful, transforming influence and spiritual uplift. The old things are passed away, and he is full of new desires. Truly, the things he before loved, he now sees as a festering sore on his soul. The Word of God, before so dark and meaningless, is filled with new light and meaning, and he starts, with joy, on a growth in knowledge and understanding of spiritual things which before meant nothing more than ridiculous superstition. He sees the world about him in a new gown—clothed in beauty and glory. He sees his neighbor in a different aspect—even his enemies. He has a new goal, and is able to rightly discern the narrow way that leads to it. And, above all, to his understanding, these words have a clear meaning: "Not by might nor by power, but by My spirit, saith the Lord." It is an experience, so marked and remarkable—so mysterious and transforming—that he yearns to have it come to all the people of the world. In it he sees the only means of establishing right relations with mankind. He sees society permeated with harmful selfishness, which brings suffering and woe. He sees this selfishness demonstrating, in national life, in wars and rumors of wars—the world turned topsyturvy, struggling for a false and transient goal. He sees the continued struggle of mankind to free itself from this thralldom through dead and barren philosophies, and the futility of it all—man attempting to reform himself in contradiction of all history of the race. He did not comprehend all this before. Now he has found the fundamental—he is given a new view, a new consciousness, a new life—the vision of a new and proper relation of mankind, and he goes forth joyfully to re-adjust himself to his new environment. Above it all, he fully realizes his own insufficiency. His past experience clinches that. He now recognizes a new force behind the natural man, the intellect, the reason, creed, dogma and philosophy and he feels mightily humbled in the face of it. The night of intellect and the power of knowledge did not bring him to this conscious state. He realizes that it came through contact with spiritual power and recognizes himself as a part of the great spiritual plan of the universe. Science, mechanics, art, music, knowledge takes on a new meaning, and his heart is in tune with the rhythm of nature and the solace and power of it. He has contacted with creative thought and action, beyond the limits of intellect and reason. He has come into a real experience, conscious and sublime. The spiritual world has become a reality to his soul. He has been transformed from a dead natural man to a live spiritual entity. And surely as the sun shines bright through a cloudless sky so will the light of his spiritual heritage shine through him, brighter and brighter to the perfect day.

Brother, get the experience that comes through "justification by



Popularity has more money in it than fame.

The truth has to be repeated many times before it is believed.

Take a bad thing and make it worse, and the world will call you a "reformer."

The credit for making the most noise lies between a motor cycle and congress.

You take money from others; others take it from you; and this arrangement is given the name of "civilization."

It is becoming more and more evident that divorce coupons on marriage licenses are what "society" will eventually demand.

HEZ HECK SAYS:
 "They ain't much fun in buyin' Christmas presents if you hev to go in debt for 'em."

faith," not that empty and lifeless thing that comes through scientific philosophy, dogma, creed and worldly knowledge. Such is barren and unsatisfactory. There is no life in it. Religion is a growth. Regeneration is an experience, an awakening, a living, vital thing.

The new born babe begins to grow in knowledge of the world about him only after he is born into the physical world. The new born soul begins to grow in knowledge of the spiritual world only after he has been born into it. Get the new birth first, then your growth will be toward the sky, and the fruit of this new birth will gladden and perfume the world about you, and lend charm and constancy to your life.

Let a man once make a false move at the edge of the abyss of public opinion, and he is lost forever. In spite of the fact that others have sinned and been found out, and later "came back," a movement is on foot to prevent Roscoe ("Fatty") Arbuckle from showing any picture he may make. The former film comedian has stated he intends to live a life beyond reproach and above any censure. Though the Christian thing to do is to assist him in his new determination to live down and make amends for the past, there are too many willing to give the under-dog one more boot in the wrong direction. In the past, Arbuckle has brought joy into the lives of many thousands by his acting on the screen, and why prevent him from doing so in the future? There are as black sinners in every community as he, though they manage to "get by" because their dark deeds have not been brought to light.

CHRISTMAS DAY
 'Tis Christmas Day—a glorious day!
 A day of love, to rejoice and pray!
 A holy day, for it brought our Lord—
 The facts we prove by His true word.
 It is the day when all the earth
 Will celebrate the Saviour's birth.
 The Wise Men knew it from afar—
 Their guide we call the "Bethlehem Star."

They brought Him gifts of gold and myrrh—
 Naught was too good they had in store.
 They found Him in a manger old—
 To them the cradle seemed like gold.
 It held a prize, O, dearer far
 Than mints or mines or spoils of war—
 It held a King—the Prince of Peace,
 So great His reign will never cease.
 We think the message of the gift
 Was "Help the poor—the weak uplift."
 This is God's legacy to man
 Bequeathed to us by His great Plan.
 —Elizabeth Yockey, Ashland, Ore.

At the Churches

Catholic Church
 Midnight mass will be held at the Catholic church, beginning at 12 p. m. the night of December 24th. Services will be held Christmas day at 8:30 o'clock and 10 o'clock in the morning. Father Conaty.

First Congregational Church
 Boulevard and Main street. Sunday school at 9:45 a. m., with classes

Christmas 1922
WORLD'S BEST NEWS
 The angel said unto them, Fear not for, behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people.
 For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, which is Christ the Lord.—Luke 2: 10, 11.

for all grades and ages. Bring your Bible. Morning service at 11 a. m. Subject, "The Shepherds, the Child and the Wise Men." Mid-week prayer meeting Wednesday evening at 7:30 o'clock. The theme for consideration is the "Small Enemies of Usefulness." There will be no evening service. In its place will be given a Vesper Christmas program by the Sunday school at 5 p. m. The public is cordially invited to all these services. W. Judson Oldfield, minister.

Presbyterian Church
 Subject for Sunday morning, "The Guiding Star." Subject for the evening, "The Practical Aspects of the Christmas Idea." Sunday school at 9:45 a. m. Junior Christian Endeavor at 3:45 p. m. Y. P. S. C. E. at 6:30. Prayer meeting, Wednesday, 7:30 p. m. Topic, "The Holy Spirit in the Gospel of John." The Christmas program of the Sunday school will take place this (Saturday) evening promptly at 7 o'clock.

Christian Church
 Corner of Second and B streets. John F. Leggett, minister, 243 Mountain avenue. Sunday school at 10 a. m. Morning worship at 11 a. m. Subject, "The Five Points of the Christmas Star." Christian Endeavor at 6:30. The Christmas program, "White Gifts for the King," will be given at 7:30 Sunday evening. The prayer meeting will be Thursday at 7 p. m. The public is cordially invited to all these meetings.

Methodist Episcopal Church
 The Sunday school Christmas program will be given Saturday evening at 7:30. At 9:45 Sunday morning, the Sunday school will meet in regular session for the study of the Christmas lesson. A Christmas sermon by the pastor at 11 o'clock. At this service the choir will sing, "Room for Thee," and a quartet will sing "Arise and Shine." The young people will meet at 6:15 for their devotional meeting. A Christmas cantata, "Yuletide Memories," will be given at 7:30 by a choir of 40 voices. The chorus has been working hard for several weeks in preparing this special music for Christmas eve, and some excellent music is promised. All are cordially invited to all the meetings at the Methodist church. S. J. Chaney, minister.

Trinity Episcopal Church
 Vicar the Rev. P. K. Hammond. Holy communion at 8 a. m. Sunday school at 9:45. Morning service and sermon at 11. Monday being Christmas day, services will be held at 8 a. m. and 11 a. m. Strangers and visitors cordially welcomed.

Baptist Church
 The White Gift Christmas with appropriate exercises under the direction of Mrs. V. O. N. Smith, and her corps of helpers will be given at the church tonight, the 23d. The public is given a cordial invitation to these exercises. "The Greatest Theme of the Ages," sermon Sunday morning. Evening evangelistic services and baptism following. Sunday school at 9:45 a. m. All friends and members are especially invited to be present. Let us make this the greatest day of the year. Junior B. Y. P. U., 5 p. m. Senior B. Y. P. U. at 6. Tarry meetings Monday and Wednesday evenings next week. Prayer for the sick after services. B. C. Miller, minister.

First Church of Christ, Scientist
 Pioneer avenue South. Sunday services at 11 o'clock. Subject of lesson, "Christ Jesus." Sunday school at 10 o'clock. Wednesday evening meetings at 8 o'clock. Reading room open daily from 2 until 5 p. m., except Sundays and holidays.

Fruit cake and mince meat time is here. For citron, orange and lemon peel, raisins, currants, figs, spices, sugar, etc., Detrick's Groceria sells for less. 48tf

MITCHELL PIANO
STUDENT WILL MAKE MORE MUSIC

ADDITIONAL LOCALS.

Here from Grants Pass—
 R. L. Burdic Sr., of Grants Pass is visiting in the city.

Bakery Goods—
 Graham bread, rolls, home made mince pie, cakes and cookies. Home Bakery and Restaurant, 69 North Main. 92-tf

Jack Enders Coming—
 Jack Enders, son of H. G. Enders Jr., will spend Christmas day with his father. He will come over from Medford.

Crater Lake pictures, 50 cents up. Darling Studio. 90tf

Shoplifters Busy—
 During the rush of shoppers at the holiday season, shoplifters have been active in the city. Among those reporting losses are the Enders Company, who lost, among other things, two rifles, several silk dresser scarfs and other articles.

Don't neglect it. Xmas vacation is your opportunity to have those photos made. See our work. Studio Ashland. 91tf

Coming from Weed—
 M. M. Gault and family, of Weed, Calif., will spend Christmas with W. A. Dougherty, on Oak street.

For sale at Needlecraft Shop, baby doll sets, garden sets, bloomer suits. 80tf

Visiting with Cousin—
 Miss Thela Carney, of Los Angeles, is visiting with her cousin, Miss Ruth Osmun, over the holidays.

Why not have that photograph made while the children are home for vacation? Studio Ashland will please you. 91tf

Returns Home for Holidays—
 Miss Wilma Chattin, who is attending the University of Oregon at Eugene, has returned to Ashland to spend the holiday vacation with her mother, Mrs. C. W. Chattin.

Crater Lake pictures. Darling Studio. 89tf

Will Plat New Townsite—
 One hundred acres of government land in the north end of Chiloquin, east of the Williamson river, will be platted as a townsite immediately, according to Fred A. Baker, superintendent of the Klamath Indian reservation. Baker has received instructions from Washington to proceed at once with the platting of the area. He expects that it will be divided into lots and ready for opening by spring.

NEW KIND OF LIGHT

Inventor Discovers Way of Producing Whiter Light than Electric from Kerosene Oil

A new lamp has recently been invented which burns common kerosene oil and produces a soft, white light said to be even better than electric or gas. Tests by the government and leading universities prove this new light is superior to ten ordinary oil lamps. It burns without odor, smoke or noise, is simple and economical, requires no pumping up and has been approved by the underwriters for insurance.

The inventor, V. M. Johnson, 31 N. Fifth St., Portland, Or., is offering to send one of these new lamps on ten days free trial, or even give one to the first user in each locality who will help him introduce it. Write him today for particulars. Also ask him to explain his agency proposition. —adv.

W. A. SHELL
BARBER
 Safety blades resharpened like new. Single bit, 30c doz. Double bit, 60c doz.
 Children's Work A Specialty

NOTICE
 The annual meeting of the stockholders of the Ashland Fruit and Produce Association will be held in the city hall, Ashland, Oregon, at 2 p. m., Saturday, January 6th, 1923. A full attendance is desired. 95-3-sat A. C. BRIGGS, Mgr.

Grandchild Had Croupy Cough
 "My grandchild could get no relief whatever from a very bad croupy cough," writes Peter Landis, Meyersdale, Pa., "until I gave him Foley's Honey and Tar. It is a great help for chest and throat trouble." Coughs, colds, croup, throat, chest and bronchial irritation quickly relieved with Foley's Honey and Tar. Contains no opiates—ingredients printed on the wrapper. Stood the test of time serving three generations. Sold everywhere. 89tf

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 By William J. Locke
 - Babbitt \$2.00
 By the author of Main Street
 - In the Days of Poor Richard \$2.00
 By Irving Bacheller
 - To the Last Man \$2.00
 By Zane Grey
 - The Breaking Point \$2.00
 By Mary Rinehart
 - The Shadow of the East ... \$1.90
 By the author of The Sheik
 - Gentle Julia \$1.75
 By Booth Tarkington

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The Rexall Store

A Merry Christmas
 May it find you with
 A song in your heart,
 A smile on your lips
 And a burden of kindness
 To share with those who
 Touch shoulders with you.

Ashland Laundry Co.
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Mary McAvoy
Starburst Picture
the top of New York

VINING—SUNDAY ONLY

1.50-Xmas Dinner de Luxe-1.50

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- Relishes**
 Chilled Celery Radishes Ripe Olives
 Oyster Cocktail
- Soup**
 Cream of Corn
- Fish**
 Crab Meat au Gratin
- Roast**
 Young Oregon Turkey—Cranberry Sauce
 Celery Dressing
- Vegetables**
 Mashed Potatoes Browned Sweets Garden Peas
 Creamed Cauliflower
- Salad**
 Tomato and Lettuce—Mayonnaise Dressing
- Dessert**
 English Plum Pudding—Hard Sauce
 Hot Mince Pie—Cheese Pumpkin and Apple Pie
 Nuts Raisins Fruit Cheese
 Coffee Tea Milk

Christmas Greetings

Wishing All Our Friends

A Merry Christmas
 and
Happy New Year

The Automotive Shop
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