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BIBLE QUESTIONS
BIBLE THOUGHT FOR TODAY
Bible Thoughts memorized, will prove a priceless heritage in after years.
GIVE THANKS:—Bless the Lord, O my soul; and all that is within me, bless his holy name.
Bless the Lord, O my soul, and forget not all his benefits.
Who forgiveth all thine iniquities; who healeth all thy diseases;
Who redeemeth thy life from destruction; who crowneth thee with loving kindness and tender mercies.
—Psalm 103:1-4

THANKSGIVING DAY

As the American Thanksgiving day rolls round again, one thinks of the significance of that occasion in the early days of our land. Among all people thanksgiving days have always been, but the American annual celebration is unique. There looms up beside visions of fat, savory turkeys and tempting mince pies, the pictures of harvest gathering as we have learned to think of them in the days when the Pilgrim Fathers instituted the holiday as a holy day, signifying their appreciation of the blessings which America afforded. As early as 1621, when Governor Bradford sent forth men to procure game that the New England colonists might enjoy a day of thanksgiving in remembrance of the fruits of their labors during the year, the annual celebration was instituted. It did not become an official public holiday until 1631, and even the day of that year set apart was not at first intended to be a day of rejoicing and thanksgiving. It was a day of fasting and prayer for relief from the famine which seemed imminent. Just then everything for the white man's necessity was produced upon American soil, and a vessel laden with provisions had been so long at sea that the colonists began to fear that they should suffer want before help was near. The ship arrived just before the day of fasting, and from that the day was changed to one of thanksgiving and rejoicing. Thanksgiving days were occasionally observed also in the Netherlands after this, but not until 1664 was another official proclamation made to this end. A Thanksgiving day was declared in honor of the victory of the colonists over the Indians.

The first national Thanksgiving day, by proclamation of President Washington, was set for November 29, 1789.

In the interior various days in various months were set aside by state governors.

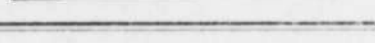
From time to time other presidents of the United States proclaimed thanksgiving days, and for many years past it has been the annual practice of the executive official to name the last Thursday of November for a national day of rejoicing and expression of gratefulness to the Giver of all good and perfect gifts.—Brooklyn Eagle.

THE FLY IN THE OINTMENT

Many a good scheme designed for the remedy of evils has proved in the end more detrimental than the abuse it was designed to cure. Why? Because in some particular, either in method or principles it was a transgressor. So this fault, like the proverbial dead fly in the ointment, caused the whole mass to become unsavory.

There are two big organizations at present which are be-

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coming so powerful that professional politicians are bending their ears to the ground to learn their behests. Both these organizations have laudable ends in view. One, trade unionism, is for the purpose of securing the laboring man his just rights and an adequate return for his labor. Trade unionism has done much to better the lot of the working man, and we believe in it. But it follows the tendency of all big organized bodies, to become a law unto itself, and to become as arbitrary, or more so, than those which it organized itself to oppose.

We read a letter recently from a noted lawyer, who put the case in a nutshell. Referring to Mr. Samuel Gompers, who is the pope and embodiment of trade unionism, he said that he had had several conversations with Mr. Gompers on the labor questions and in them all the latter had entirely ignored the duty of an employe to his employer and the public. This is the fly in the ointment of trade unionism, which is bound in the end to vitiate all its good qualities, and cause it to become, in the pursuit of its aims, tyrannical towards those who are without.

Tyranny is just as vicious, whether exercised by state, church, corporation or individual.

We have watched trade unionism for years with a great deal of interest and sympathy, but of late it has filled us with the most gloomy forebodings. We

had our first shock, when a few years ago, there seemed to be a possibility of a general strike throughout the country of the railroad engineers. We caught glimpse then of what might be the logical result of such action if it had eventuated, and that was civil war. Fortunately the wiser heads prevailed and the danger averted.

The other organization we have in mind, is the Ku Klux Klan. Why should there be any opposition to a body which claims its purpose is to insure a 100% Americanism to uphold the law and in every way promote civic righteousness? For its ostensible objects it has our best wishes, but it has adopted methods which are subversive to life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness of the people of the United States of America. The case against the Klan in this particular is thus aptly stated by Stanley Frost in the New York Outlook for November 21. He was sent by the editors to investigate the Oklahoma trouble, and his articles are particularly illuminating. He gives credit to the Klan for having done much to clean up the state which needed a thorough cleansing, in fact without the Klan this would not have been accomplished. Why then should any good citizen object to it, or consider it inimical to the welfare of the state? At the conclusion of this article he enumerates those who oppose the Klan, and after mentioning Catholics, Jews and Negroes, he adds:

"And from purely patriotic motives there were all those citizens who do not believe that a democracy can thrive, or even exist, under a class, or invisible or secret government of any kind; those who hate terrorism and espionage, believing that they are worse than the evils which they can correct even when used in the best cause; those who fear that any irresponsible power which has grown dominant must inevitably at least be prostituted to evil purposes, and those who believe that unwritten law and private justice (even when it is justice) are in the end worse than the wrongs they are supposed

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to correct." We commend this to the intelligent and sober consideration of our readers, whether belonging to the Klan or not.

The criticism has been made that the editors of the state are afraid to speak minds their on these subjects and are soft peddling. We do not believe the accusation is just, for the majority will speak out when the opportune moment arrives. We have liberated our soul here temperately, dispassionately and justly, we hope, to all concerned.

SICK BED REFLECTIONS

While taking an enforced rest on a sick bed the writer indulged to pass away the time, in sundry reflections:

1. You cannot fool Dame Nature. You may think you can flout her with impunity, and apparently for a time you can put it over. But there is a limit to her patience, when she will collect her bill against you, but she is a generous old soul, and if you make an effort to satisfy her just demands, she will be lenient in settlement.

2. There is a marked analogy between the course and cure of physical and moral transgressions. In both the wages of sin is death. Physical sickness is due to transgression of the laws of health, and the consequent suffering is the sanction of these laws. The road to recovery, physically as well as morally is by reestablishing the supremacy of the law of health over the transgressor. This necessitates repentance, confession and amendment of life. The physician is the priest to whom the patient confesses, who prescribes suitable penance in the way of medicine and disciplinary restrictions, all of which are grievous to the patient, but if cheerfully endured and followed will prove remedial and hasten his recovery. The sincerity of his repentance will be shown in his strictly following out these directions and conforming his life to the law of health.

3. Folks are kind. When all is well with a man, his neighbors and friends may seem to be indifferent, but when he is down on his back, they quickly come with offers of help. The writer takes this occasion to express his most grateful thanks to his neighbors and friends who

A Lady in Chicago Telegraphs for Rat-Snap

Read Mrs. Phillips' wire: "Youell's Exterminator Co. Westfield, N. J. Rush \$3.00 worth of RAT-SNAP." Later received following letter: "RAT-SNAP arrived. It rid our house of rats in no time. Just moved here from Pa., where I used RAT-SNAP with great results." Three Sizes, 35c, 65c, and \$1.00. Sold and guaranteed by Estacada Pharmacy.

NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION 06945 Department of the Interior, U. S. Land Office, at Portland, Oregon, November 22nd, 1923. NOTICE is hereby given that John W. Dillinger, of Route 1, Estacada,

helped take care of him, do his chores, sent in supplies, made kind inquiries and assisted his wife. Their kindness will not be forgotten.

4. That a man realizes when he is sick, The truth of the old hymn:

"Frail children of dust, And feeble as frail."

This truth is pressed on him especially when convalescent, as it is then that he feels his physical weakness most. When he is down sick, he just lies still, but on returning to health he is restless and wants to get into action, and on trying to, finds that he soon gives out, so he is forced to the uncomplimentary conclusion that after all he is but a poor, weak creature.

Just received a good line of Marswell Paints in the popular shades, at Pointer's, Estacada. If

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ESTACADA STATE BANK A THANKSGIVING TIME LET us pause for a moment in the rush of our everyday affairs and be thankful for our many blessings; that we live in a free and enlightened land; that peace and prosperity prevail; that some of the good things of life are ours, and, above all, for those good friends with whom we are surrounded; and let us resolve anew to become more worthy of the good things which are ours.

Oregon, who, on August 3rd, 1918, made Homestead entry No. 65945 for SE 1/4 Section 25, Township 3 S, Range 4 E, Willamette Meridian, has filed notice of intention to make final Proof, to establish claim to the land above described, before the Register and Receiver of the United States Land Office at Portland, Oregon on the 30th day of January, 1924.

John Keller, William Myers, all of R. 2, Estacada, Oregon. Notice will be published for five consecutive weeks in the "Estacada News" Act 6-9-16, Not coal land, Clackamas Co. ALEXANDER SWEET, Register. 11-15-12-13

Claimant names as witnesses: Walter P. Snuffin, Richard G. Palmatear, Walter B. Lammon, James Botkin, all of Route 1, Estacada, Oregon. Notice will be published for five consecutive weeks in the "Estacada News." Act 6-9-16, Clackamas Co. ALEXANDER SWEET, Register. 11-29-12-27

NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION 06176 Department of the Interior, U. S. Land Office at Portland, Oregon, November 16, 1923. NOTICE is hereby given that Joachim H. Finster, of Route 2, Estacada, Oregon, who, on September 7th, 1918, made Homestead Entry, No. 06176, for S 1/4 SE 1/4, NE 1/4 SE 1/4, SE 1/4 SW 1/4, Section 23, Township 4 S, Range 4 E, Willamette Meridian has filed notice of intention to make final Proof, to establish claim to the land above described, before the Register and Receiver U. S. Land Office, at Portland, Oregon, on the 10th day of January, 1924.

Claimant names as witnesses: John Henry Probasco, of Route 1, Colton, Oregon, who, on May 10th 1920, made Homestead Entry, No. 06672, for W 1/2 SE 1/4, Section 1, Township 5 S, Range 3 E, Willamette Meridian, has filed notice of intention to make final Proof, to establish claim to the land above described, before the Register and Receiver of the United States Land Office, at Portland, Oregon, on the 23rd day of January, 1923.

Claimant names as witnesses: Anton Hobelt, Gus. Schonburg, W. E. Myers, J. W. Marrs, all of Route 2, Estacada, Oregon. Notice will be published for five consecutive weeks in the "Estacada News." Act 6-9-16, Clackamas Co. ALEXANDER SWEET, Register. 11-22-12-20

NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION 06974 Department of the Interior, U. S. Land Office at Portland, Oregon, November 9, 1923. NOTICE is hereby given that John Henry Probasco, of Route 1, Colton, Oregon, who, on May 10th 1920, made Homestead Entry, No. 06672, for W 1/2 SE 1/4, Section 1, Township 5 S, Range 3 E, Willamette Meridian, has filed notice of intention to make final Proof, to establish claim to the land above described, before the Register and Receiver U. S. Land Office, at Portland, Oregon, on the 23rd day of January, 1923.

NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION 06706 Department of the Interior, U. S. Land Office at Portland, Oregon, November 16, 1923. NOTICE is hereby given that Rex E. Gordon, of Colton, Oregon, who, on August 3rd, 1918, made Homestead Entry, No. 05706, for S 1/4 NE 1/4, E 1/4 SE 1/4, Section 1, Township 5 S, Range 3 E, Willamette Meridian, has filed notice of intention to make final Proof, to establish claim to the land above described, before the Register and Receiver U. S. Land Office, at Portland, Oregon, on the 12th day of January, 1924.

Claimant names as witnesses: Will H. Scheiffer, Rex E. Gordon, Alex Johnson, Ole Rask, all of Colton, Oregon. Notice will be published for five consecutive weeks in the "Estacada News." Act 6-9-16, Clackamas Co. ALEXANDER SWEET, Register. 11-29-12-27

NOTICE is hereby given that Fred S. Baldwin, of Route 2, Estacada, Oregon, who, on October 11th, 1920, made Homestead Entry, No. 06974, for SW 1/4, Section 25, Township 4 S, Range 4 E, Willamette Meridian, has filed notice of intention to make final Proof, to establish claim to the land above described, before the Register and Receiver U. S. Land Office, at Portland, Oregon, on the 9th day of January, 1924.

Claimant names as witnesses: David Horner, James W. Marrs, 11-22-12-20

NOTICE is hereby given that John W. Dillinger, of Route 1, Estacada,