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

THOU HAST A MIGHTY ARM; strong is thy hand, and high is thy right hand. Justice and judgment are the habitation of thy throne; mercy and truth shall go before thy face.—Psalm 89:13, 14.

OUR FREEDOM'S SHIELD

The Constitution of the U. S. is the palladium of our rights and liberties. The fathers who drew it up, knew what they were about. They knew that the people are apt to suffer from brainstorms and become as despotic as any autocratic monarch dared to be. So they carefully guarded the principles which should insure a true liberty from infringement on the part of any, even of the majority. Time and again its inestimable value has been demonstrated, of which the recent decision on the school law is an example. A danger lies in a democracy from rash action on the part of majorities. From all this the constitution is a wall of defense and protection. The courts are for its interpretation in accordance with the principles therein contained, and not what a popular clamor may demand at the moment.

That the proponents of the school law had some laudable intentions in view, may be conceded, but these can be secured by constitutional means. The state has the right to set a standard in education and to insist that this shall be maintained in all schools, whether public or private. To this end they should all be subject to visitation and supervision by the state officials. This is vastly different from giving the government a monopoly in education and taking it out of the hands of the parents.

KING TUT'S TREASURE

The exploration for and exhumation of the treasures in King Tut's tomb, are severely criticised by some, as ghoulish work, and grave robbing. But the question comes up, can the dead retain possession of anything? We have it on good authority that naked a man comes into the world and goes out of it the same way. A dead man holds title to nothing, although he may dispose of what he leaves behind to his heirs and beneficiaries, and to a certain extent qualify this disposal by stipulations as to its use by them. If there are no heirs, either by kinship or will, the property reverts to the state. The immensely valuable treasures in King Tut's tomb, manifestly belong to the Egyptian government, which has the right to allow of their being exhumed and used as it sees fit. Common decency and sentiment prohibit, unless for weighty cause, the disturbing or removal of his remains, but he has absolutely no claim on anything else.

BIG REVENUE FOR STATE

The state income tax law has proved to be highly profitable, according to Earl Fisher state tax commissioner, \$0,000 have paid the levy. By April 15, he expects to have turned over to the treasury department between \$700,000 and \$800,000. Based on the returns thus far received,

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when the last installments of deferred payments are received in October, the total receipts will perhaps exceed a million and a half dollars. The cost of administration so far has not exceeded \$13,000.

While so far the result is very gratifying, its effect in keeping capital out of the state, is yet to be determined. Then there is the constitutionality of the law, which is under dispute. The advocates of the law hope that the adjoining states will pass similar laws. But will they?

There is a cloud considerably larger than a man's hand appearing on the political horizon which is causing worry to the political leaders, especially those of the republican party. This is the probability of a third party headed by La Follette.

Encouraging Approbation

An editor is human, and like other folk is gratified by appreciation. The following is particularly pleasing, as it comes from one who is no mean authority. He is a prominent Methodist minister in Idaho, and for years held the position of District Superintendent, and was honored by the Methodist General Conference, by being appointed to travel in the Orient to inspect the mission work of that church. In a letter he writes: "Your paper has been finding me religiously almost weekly for some time, and I have paid attention to your

editorial matter on that very vital human subject, our makeup. I am sure such reading, and in language so plain the children could be edified, is good for a newspaper constituency."

This is the second commendation the editor has recently received on his editorials, and in both the clearness of his style was stressed. This he considers a real compliment, for clearness of style indicates clearness of thought and vision.

County Audit

Julius R. Black, accountant and auditor of Portland, has completed the audit of the various county offices for the period from January 1, 1922 to December 31, 1923, and has filed the following report with the county court.

Total receipts of the office of Fred A. Miller, county clerk, were \$12,813. Of this amount \$2500 was received in fines and credited to the prohibition fund and \$51 to the dog fund.

Receipts of the office of E. A. Hackett, county recorder, for the year amounted to \$8659.10.

The report of the office of I. D. Taylor, deputy sheriff and county tax collector, shows a total turnover during the twelve months of \$1,565,523.78, with a balance on hand at the time the audit was made of \$6586.30.

The tax collector's office issued 5397 receipts. February 14, 1924, there remained uncollected of the 1922 taxes \$70,290.15.

Sheriff William J. Wilson earned \$1052.25 for the county in fees. County Assessor W. B. Cook turned in a collection of \$32.15 personal property tax in December.

Brenton Vedder, county school superintendent, received tuition fees from Marion county amounting to \$277.76; from Lake county \$11.06, and for the library \$32.16, making a total of \$320.98 turned over to the treasurer.

The county treasurer had a balance on hand at the beginning of 1923 amounting to \$132,735.45. Receipts from all sources during the year were \$2,234,063.87. Disbursements for the year were \$2,224,606.79, leaving a balance on hand December 31, 1923, of \$142,192.53.

Among the reports from the justices of the peace was one for \$100 fines collected by W. C. Bacon, district 14, Estacada.

S. S. Convention

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 TO OUR REPORT OF CONDITION ON MARCH 31st,
 made to the Superintendent of Banks, as the same appears elsewhere in this issue.
 This shows total deposits of \$240,974.27 as compared with \$201,121.87 on the same day last year, a gain of \$39,852.40 or nearly 20 per cent.
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