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

HE THAT PASSETH BY, and meddeth with strife belonging not to him, is like one that taketh a dog by the ears.—Prov. 26:17.

THE SKYLINE TRAIL

A picturesque volume bound in tan and skyblue has come to our desk. It is a volume of western poetry written by a native Oregonian and a descendant of Oregon pioneers. "The Skyline Trail," as it is appropriately entitled sings of the West, of Oregon, of the lure of high places, of the mountain trail, of the cowboy who laughs at death. It is redolent with accents of Oregon forests, of the perfume of the pine and fir. It is resplendent with Oregon coloring, and melodious with the rythmical drip of Oregon rain. Here are a few extracts:

The Skyline Trail.
 It's the song of the great outdoors;
 Come out,
 Where your hand can touch the sky!
 Let ambition and hate and doubt
 And black despair go by.
 And then you'll know there's a God below,
 As well as above in the blue.
 There are stars about! Come out!
 The wild song calls to you,
 Come out.

Autumn in Oregon.
 Autumn in Oregon—I'll never see
 Those hills again, a blur of blue and rain
 Across the Willamette. I'll not stir
 A pheasant as I walk, and hear it whirl
 Above my head, an indolent, trusting thing.
 When all this silly dream is finished here,
 The fellows will go home, to where there fall
 Rose-petals over every street, and all
 The year is like a friendly festival.

Pioneers.
 OH, PIONEERS, that live within this brain
 And body; drivers of the slow ox-train,
 Settlers who built with muscle, axe, and gun,
 Neighbors to danger, friends of plain and sun;
 Let me find unknown worlds, nor be content
 Till I, too, have with pain and slow torment,
 Stumbled across some trackless continent.

Miss Mary Carolyn Davies, the gifted authoress, has published fourteen volumes, all verse with one exception, a novel, "The Husband Test." She is the recent prize winner in the Circuit Rider Poetry contest. We hope it will not prove true of her, that she was not without honor save in her own state.

OUTLAW BANDITS

The Younger Bros., whose history was depicted at the Gem theatre Saturday night, were the star boarders in the Minnesota state penitentiary, when the writer lived in Minnesota. Many stories were current about them and their exploits in the state. The especial crime for which the Minnesota authorities wanted them was the raiding of and shooting of the cashier of the Northfield bank. This was a cold blooded murder and aroused the intensest indignation. But it was believed that the Younger boys did not do the shooting, but a man who rode a buckskin pony. This was supposed to have been Jessie James the famous bandit who was the ring-leader. If they had turned state's evidence they would have got off with a comparatively light sentence, but with all their faults they were true to their comrades. What saved them from hanging was that they pleaded guilty, Minnesota then having a

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STATE MARKET AGENT DEPARTMENT
 BY C. E. SPENCE, MARKET AGT.
 Realizing the benefits to producers from the potato grading and inspection law, local granges are endorsing it, and the state market agent has received many indorsements from farmers in many parts of the state. Boring grange is the last to take such action. March 8 it passed a resolution as opposing any change in the law that would eliminate the growers' names and addresses from the sacks, and that the law was protection to both grower and producer. The law is rapidly gaining in popularity.
 If cooperative marketing associations never increased the selling prices of commodities a dime; never accomplished more than a system to get the products to the ultimate consumer by the very shortest route; if they never did anything more than become their own middle men and retain the profits of the speculators and commission interests, they would be most successful. Such a system would save waste, needless expense in distribution and would standardize products. Cooperation is simply business, good business. Its purpose is to get more for what is sold and to pay less for what it bought.
 Fear of the spread of the foot and mouth disease into Oregon and Washington from California has resulted in drastic preventative measures being taken by the state livestock sanitary board and Governor Pierce. At the Portland public meeting held before the sanitary board the sentiment was unanimous to give the board unlimited authority to take any action necessary for precautions. State Market Agent Spence's resolution for an absolute embargo on all vegetables from California until the disease was under control, was unanimously supported. All citrus fruit is barred unless accompanied by a certificate from the state board of horticulture; and autos will not be permitted to enter Oregon until they have been thoroughly fumigated at the stations on the Oregon side of the border. California is practically shut off from the rest of the country by the rigid quarantines, but if the situation improves the drastic measures will be modified. Otherwise they will be tightened.

products through a cooperative organization than through the present marketing system. That organization will never get very far. There are too many of them in that condition. They have their organizations, their offices, warehouses and officials, but when returns from the marketed products come in they are no better, and often less than could have been received by marketing through the regular commission houses.
 Cooperative organizations are not going to be very successful until they are able to take over profits between the grower and eater. Between these is the field for real cooperative results. Collective selling to the same old agencies doesn't get the farmer anywhere. It simply makes it better and easier for the agencies.
 These organizations have got to have embraced in their program the wholesaling end, the commission end, the distributing end. They have got to find their own markets and handle their products all the way through to those markets. When the grower gets but five cents for his prunes and they are retailed in the Willamette valley, almost in sight of the orchards where they are grown, for 27 cents, it is time to go further with marketing associations. It is time to do business direct with the heads of the great chain stores and other big concerns and lop off this almost 500 per cent between the prune orchard and the kitchen. And this great "spread" applies to almost any product of the farm.
 This change cannot be brought about in a day, but if organizations would make the selling end of equal importance with growers' contracts, results would come quicker. A manufacturing concern knows where it is going to sell its goods before it builds its factory, and it knows it is going to have a profit on the output.
 Two thousand American advertising men will visit England this summer, and will be given free passage over all tram, bus and tube lines in London. They will be entertained by the Lord Mayor of London and heads of other great cities.

law that in case of murder if the accused should plead guilty, he should not be executed.

While in prison they behaved most exemplarily, and won many privileges. They would have been released on parole a good deal sooner than they were if it had not been for the strenuous opposition of the Northfield people, who to the last resisted any attempt at clemency.
 As a sort of an aftermath, along about 1898, two youths tried to copy their example and looted a bank at Sherburn, Minnesota, shooting a clerk. They were promptly pursued. One of them shot himself in the head when cornered and the other was arrested and sent to state prison where he died a few years later.

President Coolidge has the courage of his convictions. It would have been so easy for him to have signed the bonus bill, but he did not, knowing that his veto would cost him a large number of votes. This shows that he has a backbone.

The biggest show on earth, is being staged at present in England, which is an exhibition of all the resources of the British empire. The initial cost was \$200,000,000, but it is expected that this will be recouped. The Prince of Wales is president of the board of directors, and King George attended in state to open it. If the clerk of the weather is favorable, the chances are that it will prove a huge success.

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