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BIBLE THOUGHT FOR TODAY

Bible thoughts memorized will prove precious heritage in after years.

ASCRIBE YE GREATNESS unto our God. He is the Rock, his work is perfect: for all His ways are judgment: a God of truth and without iniquity, just and right is He.—Deuteronomy 32:3,4.

OUR NATIONAL DEVELOPMENT

Anniversaries in the lives of individuals and nations form milestones in the journey of life. As the years go by and they become numerous we can look back and review the ground which has been traveled. Such reviews of life are valuable both for the individual and the nation. The author of a recent book which enjoys a brisk demand among college students, scouts the value of the findings of human experience. He would have each start almost at the cultural point of the untutored savage and blaze his own way. But history has a profound value, which it is the height of foolishness to ignore. Whether of secular or religious history, it is true that "whatsoever things were written aforetime were written for our learning." The reliable historian earns gratitude by reliably recording past events for the use of future generations, and the student of history should discover and unfold the philosophy which underlies the events of history.

When the history of the various nations which have populated the earth is studied and reviewed, a remarkable sameness is disclosed. It is not mere chance which caused one to rise from small beginnings and another to fall from heights which it had attained. The serious student of history will conclude that a law governs the poet.

As a great Christian poet puts it:

"One God, one law, one element
And one far off divine event
To which the whole creation moves."

All nations are under this one God, forming part of the one element and governed by the one law. Their individual rise and progress are dependent on the manner in which they fall into line towards the consummation of this far off divine event. As a rule they failed to sense this though there were never wanting those who more or less clearly perceived the truth, and lifted up warning voices. The history of Israel is typical of all. The prophets warned but their messages fell on unheeding ears.

This week we celebrate our own nation's birthday. There will be much shouting and jubilation, and much boasting of the high place we hold among nations of the world. This is all perfectly natural and perhaps we are entitled to do. But the question arises which is fraught with serious portent: "Is not this rejoicing and national self complacency and congratulation purely materialistic?" Our rejoicing is mainly over the fact that we are richer and not that we are more righteous than other nations.

This is a question which it is most important for us to face, because on it depends our continued rise or the beginning of a decline. Many a man, many a family has been ruined by too much material prosperity, instances of which are obvious,

and it is true of nations as well. The fall of the Roman Empire started when it gave itself over to luxury, and this is just the danger which confronts us now. Though many have not the means to indulge in it, yet luxurious tastes are becoming symptomatic. The average child today lives in luxury compared to what his grandparents or his great grandparents enjoyed. Watch the crowd going to the national celebration in any of our towns, and no barefooted boy, no girl in a calico dress, no family riding in a lumber wagon will be seen, and yet forty years ago these would have been quite common.

A Fourth of July orator may make note of this, and point to it with pride as proof of our national prosperity. If he does he should point out also that our present prosperity is due to the labor and efforts of the former barefooted boy, calico clad girl, and family which rode in the lumber wagon. Will the well shod boy, the silk dressed girl riding in the motor car do as well for the good of their country?

The law for both individual and national development, is a moral one, and it is best perceived and observed by those who live on the plane of high thought and plain living.

It would have been entirely appropriate if the band had played "There will be a hot time in the old town tonight," at the democratic convention in New York City. The clerk of the weather must be republican in politics, for he gave them the torrid kind of atmosphere, which combined with the warm

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subjects of debate, was almost unbearable.

Library Association

There was a very good attendance at the meeting of the library association Tuesday afternoon. In the selection of officers, Mrs. W. J. Moore the president, was unanimously reelected, and Miss Gertrude Dillon was the unanimous choice for vice-president. Mrs. C. S. Allen was re-elected secretary and Mrs. H. C. Stephens treasurer with no opposition. Some bills were ordered paid and a few new members enrolled. Suggestions were made in regard to raising money for library expenses, but it was decided to do nothing until fall.

Announcement

I WISH to inform my friends and patrons that I am now located in my new drug store, corner of Broadway and Second street. I take pleasure and pride in that it is a thoroughly modern building in every respect, which enables me to render more efficient service than ever to the public. Although it will take a little time longer to get everything settled and in place, I am now ready for business and will be glad to welcome all my old patrons and many new ones.

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Engagement Announced

At a luncheon given Saturday afternoon by Miss Elizabeth Wiggins the engagement of Miss Wiggins to Mr. Kenneth Bartlett was announced. College folk are especially interested in the surprising news, as both Miss Wiggins and Mr. Bartlett are prominent in university circles.

Miss Wiggins is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Wiggins and is an attractive and popular girl. She attended the University of Washington where she was a member of the Gamma Phi Beta sorority.

Mr. Bartlett is a graduate of the University of Oregon where he was a member of the Beta Theta Pi fraternity and is prominent in sport and club circles as an all-star football player and athlete. He attended the Olympic games in Antwerp in 1920. He is now in Seattle where they will make their home after the wedding. His parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. W. Bartlett, are making their home in Colton, California.—Oregon Journal.

Ford Notes

With Ford Car No. 10,000,000 now in service and making a trans-continental trip from New York to Chicago over the Lincoln highway, the man who enjoys figuring can have a world of practice.

The other day one gifted gentleman worked out the tire problem. He figured that the 40 million tires used on the 10 million Fords, if stacked up would make a rubber column 2,000 miles high.

Then, looking for road trouble, he punctured each of the tires, and then figured that one man working eight hours a day except Sundays and holidays and repairing a tire every five minutes would finally finish the job in 400 years.

NOTICE

The Reorganized Church of Jesus Christ of the Latter Day Saints has organized a Sunday school at Springwater which meets at J. W. Byers' home at 10:30 every Sunday morning. Everyone is cordially invited to come and get acquainted with us. We are not Mormons. Come and learn the difference. 6-19-7-9 B. H. STOWELL, Supt.

Among those who are enjoying new cars are Theo. Ahlberg, Raymond Lovelace and Harry Sarver.

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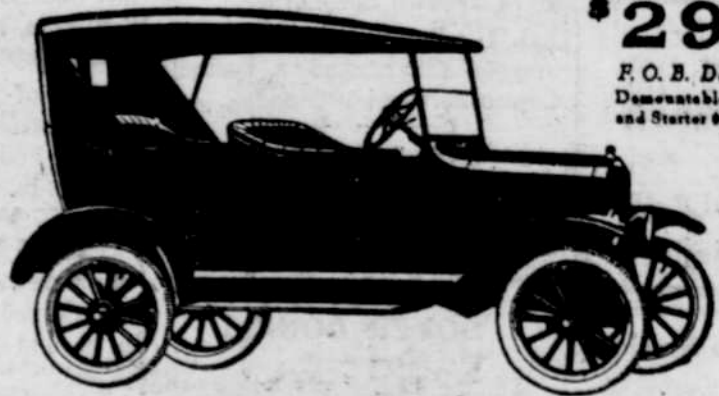
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