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UNUTILIZED POWER

During one of General Grant's campaigns somebody mentioned his stubborn persistence to his wife, who remarked:

"Mr. Grant is an obstinate man." There are other wives who have the same opinion of their husbands.

There is another Grant now, in California, who has been obstinate. The Dearborn Independent tells his story and a small scrap of that story appears elsewhere in this issue.

Mankind has always regarded hell as being located below us. Fire was seen spouting from volcanoes and the hottest place conceived of must be the locality whence that fire came. The old Episcopalian creed tells that Christ "descended into hell."

Though the sun is hotter than anything on earth or in earth, these terrestrial fires are sufficiently ardent to inflict on the most skeptical heretic all the punishment the pharisees of the day could wish.

The obstinacy of our friend Grant has carried his workings down to a temperature of more than 600 degrees, and he has only tapped the surface. He has harnessed these lower fires, as Franklin and his successors have harnessed the lightning, for the service of man. And now we can draw power from "the lake that burneth."

Who knows that this subterranean power—heat is power—may replace the coal mines and water wheels and oil wells in supplying mankind with artificial energy?

California, however, need not think she has very far got the start of Oregon in this game of tapping the infernal fires. In the Lakeview country, wells of the same kind have been bored.

The Italian wisacre who recently proposed to drill into the heart of Vesuvius and conduct heat thence direct to Italian homes may have got his inspiration from these Pacific coast pioneers in the art of literally raising sheol. He was halted by the fact that heat is lost very rapidly by radiation and cannot be piped long distances like cold gas. But let him turn his heat into power where he finds it and lay wires and carry that power as electricity and he may yet warm Italian parlors and run Ital-

The U. of O. gathered reports from more than 2400 housewives and heads of families on retail prices charged them and a court injunction was issued restraining the university from publishing it. We are not informed as to the grounds for the injunction, but the fact that somebody is so much afraid of the publication of the truth as to go to court about it indicates that the general public would be benefited by such publication. Vanderbilt was not alone in the sentiment, "The public be —"

The winning of a million or so from corporations by George Carson for infringement of patents he holds is cited as showing that our courts eventually do justice. The suit was won after long and costly litigation, that bankrupted Carson for the time. If Ida Tarbell is correct the Bell telephone company wore out an inventor with such litigation and robbed him by it. She cites this as a case where justice failed in the courts.

Management of Wood Lot Is Better in the East

Eastern farmers are ahead of their western brethren in the management of the farm wood lot. There the wood lot is preserved from fire and insects, and furnishes the owner with his fuel, fence posts, rails and even building timber for repairs. Many could improve and the average western farmer should do much better than is customary by making a study of the science of forestry as it applies to his own small tract. National Bulletin No. 42, issued by the forest service of the Department of Agriculture, gives much valuable information in the care of trees and how such a useful adjunct to the farm may be made to yield proper returns. The supply of timber in the United States is decreasing rapidly and an investment in growing trees is about as safe as government bonds and much more fun. The present annual consumption of lumber in this country is 50,000,000,000 feet. It will not last forty years at this rate. Better set out some trees.

International S. S. Lesson

(By REV. F. B. FITZWATER, D.D., Dean of the Evening School, Moody Bible Institute of Chicago.)

Lesson for March 1 CHRIST BEFORE PILATE

LESSON TEXT—Matt. 27:11-31. GOLDEN TEXT—"He was wounded for our transgressions; He was bruised for our iniquities."—Isa. 53:5.

PRIMARY TOPIC—How Wicked Men Tried Jesus. JUNIOR TOPIC—The Trial of Jesus. INTERMEDIATE AND SENIOR TOPIC—The Trial of Jesus. YOUNG PEOPLE AND ADULT TOPIC—Christ Before Pilate.

In order to have a proper perspective for this lesson it will be helpful if we view in their proper relations our Lord's trials.

A. Ecclesiastical. 1. Before Annas (John 18:13). 2. Before Caiaphas and the Sanhedrin (Matt. 26:57, 59-66; Mark 14:53, 55-64; Luke 22:54; John 18:19-24). This was an irregular meeting and held at night.

B. Civil. 1. Before Pilate (Matt. 27:11-26). The ecclesiastical powers had voted a sentence of death upon Jesus, but they lacked the right to inflict capital punishment, as this power had been taken from them by the Romans. For this reason they delivered Him to Pilate, the Roman governor. It was in the early morning after the mock trial before the high priests and Peter's denial that they bound Jesus and delivered Him to Pilate. It turned out, therefore, that both Jews and Gentiles were guilty of the crucifixion of the savior.

1. Pilate Questions Jesus (vv. 11-4). (1) "Art thou the King of the Jews?" (v. 11). When the trial was transferred from the Sanhedrin to Pilate they changed their charge of blasphemy to that of sedition or treason. (2) Jesus' answer (v. 11). He admitted His claim to being a king but explained that His Kingdom was not of this world, else would His servants fight to put Him on the throne (John 18:3, 37). He declared that He was born and had come into the world to this end.

(3) "Hearst Thou not how many things they witness against Thee?" (v. 13). The members of the Sanhedrin—the priests and the elders—joined in their accusation against Him. They brought a three-fold charge (Luke 3:2).

(a) Perverting the nation—guilty of sedition. (b) Forbidding to pay taxes to the Roman government. (c) Claiming to be a king, thus changing the charge from a religious to a political one.

(4) Jesus' Behavior (v. 14). His silence under such provocation greatly astonished Pilate.

2. Pilate Giving a Choice Between Jesus and Barabbas (vv. 15-23). (1) The offer made (v. 17). It was the annual custom at great festivals to release a prisoner chosen by the people. Because he knew that for any they had delivered Jesus he gave them the choice between Barabbas and Jesus. After several unsuccessful efforts to escape responsibility the expediency of letting the people choose between Barabbas and Jesus was resorted to. Pilate no doubt thought they would choose Jesus rather than the notorious Barabbas.

(2) A message from Pilate's wife (v. 19). She warned him against having anything to do in the condemnation of Christ.

(3) The choice made (v. 21). Influenced by the warning from his wife Pilate wished to give Jesus another chance by having the people choose between the innocent and the guilty. They actually chose the notorious criminal Barabbas instead of Christ.

(4) The demand that Christ be crucified (vv. 22, 23). Pilate, the judge, showed great weakness in asking the crowd in the court room what should be done with the prisoner. With one voice they cried, "Let him be crucified."

(5) Pilate washes his hands (v. 24). This was the sign that he was innocent of the blood of Jesus, but guilt could not be so easily removed. The blood of Jesus was on his hands.

(6) The people's awful choice (v. 25). The history of the Jews from that day to this shows how awful has been the execution of this curse upon them.

(7) Jesus scourged (v. 26). It seems to have been the custom to scourge before crucifying. This was so terrible that sometimes the victim died as the result of it. Pilate stands for the man of expediency. The opportunist is a most contemptible man.

11. Before Herod (Luke 23:7-11).

The Best Man

The best man is the one who wishes and seeks best. His ability to do may be limited, but he touches his restrictions.—Presbyterian Record.

In Our Prayer

In prayer it is better to have a heart without words than words without a heart.—Bunyan.

To Win Souls

If you want to win souls, love them, seek them, go where they are.

Daddy's Evening Fairy Tale by Mary Graham Bonner

PETER GNOME'S TRIP

Peter Gnome came back to Fairyland one evening just as the stars were coming out and as Mr. Moon was peeping down over the tops of the trees.

"Oh, such a splendid trip as I had," he said. All the Gnomes and Brownies and Elves and Fairies wanted to hear about it.

"First of all I went where it was quite warm. I wandered down to have a look at old Mother Ocean and there I saw, on the sand, the loveliest sand house I have ever seen. It was rather wet and it stuck together beautifully. I must say, and on the top was a little thatched roof made out of seaweed.

"It was a beautiful sand house. "Mother Ocean told me of some one who said he had seen a big space given over to her on the map, but he had no idea of how much space she took up until he took an ocean voyage and kept on going and going and still was on the ocean.

"He said, so Mother Ocean told me, that the 'Open Sea' was certainly very enormous, and it certainly meant something. For it was certainly open and nothing got in its way.

"And she said the boy seemed to be surprised that so many boats went on the ocean and yet, when they were out at sea, they saw hardly any—and only one or two as they were leaving.

"Mother Ocean was amused that the boy didn't begin to realize her great and enormous size until he took a trip with his family crossing the ocean.

"Then down by the bay (I wore my invisible robe—my suit which is made so human eyes can't see me), I watched some children playing among the stones.

"They were playing 'Castle' and days of long ago, and it seemed a beautiful game. They shrieked and squealed with delight over it.

"Then I went along the street of a little town and the street was named



The Loveliest Sand House.

Shoe Lane, but all the children playing along the street were bare-legged!

"They were playing by a narrow river stream and they were playing with a ball which constantly kept falling in the river.

"They really seemed to enjoy seeing it go in for the fun of getting it out, and they would lean down on the bank and try to kick out for it.

"Oh, one child wore shoes, but she went in the water just the same and when she drew her feet out she would jump up and down and try to push the water out. I was dreadfully afraid she would get cold, but it seemed these were old boots she was wearing to protect her feet which she had hurt on the stones the week before.

"Then I passed by a long, long row of gulls sitting on the narrow ridge across a long building, and on the fence in front of the building was another long row of gulls.

"It looked exactly as though they were having gull school and as though when some one sat on one leg that they were doing this to let the teacher know that they were putting up a hand to show they could answer the question.

"Other gulls I saw flying so beautifully with their feet tucked neatly under them and I heard one say to the other:

"With all their great ideas and inventions if a boat rocks the people rock too, but we are not bothered by a rough sea passage as our wings carry us where we wish to go."

"Then I saw an elephant in the zoo and it was a holiday. He was giving the children rides. And there was always a line waiting to climb upon his back. It was certainly his busy day, I said to myself.

"And again I passed by Mother Ocean. Only she was very rough and angry and I said to myself it was a good thing the Wave children didn't mind.

"Certainly real children could never stand so angry a mother. It was raining hard, too. I couldn't imagine that the ocean needed rain. She didn't have any crops to think about or any garden. And she had all the water she needed. But still it was pouring.

"I passed by a house and took a peep in the window where some children were having a party and they had their dolls with them. The dolls were dressed in all kinds of costumes and one in a party dress sat beside a doll in a calico jumper and I was glad to see that there was no foolish sub-

bery in the doll world. "And then, on my way home, I saw a beautiful rainbow which I thought was a lovely ending to my trip."

Barium Carbonate Kills Harmful Rats and Mice

According to Kansas State college authorities, rats and mice in the United States destroy \$200,000,000 worth of food and property every year. Rats are a menace to grain, poultry, household property, human safety, and human life. They ruin all kinds of food, clothing, and other property. Fires are started by matches gnawed by rats. They carry disease.

Barium carbonate is a cheap and effective control. It has no taste or odor, and it acts slowly on the rats. Rodents poisoned by it wander outside of buildings to die. One bushel of corn will buy enough barium carbonate to rid a farm of rats, and no time and money is better spent than that used in killing off these destructive and filthy pests.

Age for Caponizing

Fowls hatched any time of the year make fine capons, but the best age for the cockerels to be operated upon is when they are from two to three months old (not over six months) and weigh not less than a pound to a pound and a half. The size is equally as important as the age. June, July, August and September are the months generally taken for caponizing, for the reason that spring chickens arrive at proper age and weight during these months.

The first crop to be planted this year should be a crop of new thoughts about better farming.

Planting is next to orderliness, or orderliness is next to cleanliness, cleanliness—you know the rest.

Solution of Puzzle No. 10.

Crossword puzzle grid with solution words: ACCOMPANIMENT, ANA, T, NEW, A, NEB, THINK, EON, ON, ALE, AT, US, ATTAR, FA, N, ISLE, TEAT, L, CANED, ENNU, E, STEP, SLIT, Z, MA, RUES, PI, EG, BAR, IN, NEO, OSIER, EGG, T, HUB, VAPEL, L, SEMPITERNALLY.

HOW TO SOLVE A CROSS-WORD PUZZLE

When the correct letters are placed in the white space this puzzle will spell words both vertically and horizontally. The first letter in each word is indicated by a number, which refers to the definition listed below the puzzle. Thus No. 1 under the column headed "horizontal" defines a word which will fill the white spaces up to the first black square to the right, and a number under "vertical" defines a word which will fill the white squares to the next black one below. No letters go in the black spaces. All words used are dictionary words, except proper names. Abbreviations, slang, initials, technical terms and obsolete forms are indicated in the definitions.

CROSS-WORD PUZZLE No. 11

Crossword puzzle grid with numbers 1-44 in various positions.

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- Horizontal: 1-Ruinous, 10-First woman, 11-Jewish organization to further territorial aims, 12-Assessment, 13-Long hair, 15-Festival, 16-Period, 18-Artist's cap, 19-Point of compass, 22-Savory, 24-Greek letter, 25-Thus, 26-Human, 27-Impersonal pronoun, 28-Toward, 29-Race of central and western Europe, 31-Prefix meaning two, 32-Cushion, 33-Distress signal, 35-Benediction, 37-Construction, 38-Seasame, 40-Plan, 43-Anger, 44-One who overcharges. Vertical: 1-To show, 2-Girl's name, 3-Dispatch, 4-New England state, 5-First note in Guido's musical scale, 6-Association (Abbr.), 7-A paragraph, 8-Vessel, 9-Official slayer, 14-Goddess of dawn, 15-A passing fancy, 17-Domesticated, 18-Colors, 21-To court, 22-Chim, 23-Point, 28-Container, 29-Drunkard, 32-A hide, 34-Front part of leg, 35-Interangle, 36-Exist, 40-Polite salutation, 41-By, 42-Jumbled type.

The solution will appear in next issue.

Sweet clover will produce more pasture to the acre than any other legume. The farmer who says, "I don't know where my money has gone," should keep records in 1925.

Alfalfa pasture is the very first green thing on the farm in the spring, and remains green all summer.

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Any Girl in Trouble may communicate with Ensign Lee of the Salvation Army at the White Shield Home, 565 Mayfair avenue, Portland, Oregon.

The state fair begins Sept. 28.

The state highway commission will build no new pavements this year.

Mr. and Mrs. Jess Cross were in Eugene Friday.

Work is progressing again on the Harrisburg bridge.

The Linn county forum meets at Lacombe March 19.

The Shook family visited relatives at McMinnville Saturday.

T. B. Sprenger and wife of Shedd had a golden wedding last week.

Mrs. Francis W. Simmons of Corvallis, a native of Shedd, died Wednesday night, aged 27.

Mrs. Shotwell left for Portland Friday on receipt of word that her husband had been hurt in an automobile accident.

Norah Pehrson, Alberta Kootz and Ellen Vannice were home from Willamette university for the week end.

L. E. Blain, head of the 60-year-old Blain clothing company of Albany, passed his 83d birthday last week and is still on deck at the store.

William Wilson, 45, dropped dead from heart disease Wednesday at his farm home, between Jefferson and Crabtree. One of his children is named Woodrow Wilson.

In Linn county are 45,000 acres capable of producing high grade flax, according to a report made to C. B. Miles of Salem, president of the Miles Linen company, by Professor Hyslop of O. A. C.

The Lebanon cannery, which worked on prunes last winter, paid \$14,000 in wages during that time. Let's have one here in Halsey. There are some poor prunes here that ought to be canned.

Linn county was too late in applying to the North Pacific Fair association for a date for this year's fair. The week beginning Sept. 21, which had been allotted to Lane county, may be divided between the two counties.

By a typographical error last week Mr. Forster's setting eggs were advertised as "Rhode Island rod," instead of red. The number of people who have asked him about this new breed within the week indicates that people read advertisements.

W. W. Poland, Charles Sterling and Howard Jenks were named at a meeting of Brownsville, Harrisburg, Halsey, Shedd and Tangent people at Albany Wednesday to work for the adoption of the Tangent-Lebanon road as a part of the Santiam pass highway.

Halsey Happenings (Continued from page 1) Alex Powers of Lebanon left a \$90,000 estate. Trollinger Brothers of Scio have an order for 2100 baby chicks from the state hospital at Scio. Are all those cockerels destined for patients, (Continued on page 6)