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Bible Thoughts for This Week

Sunday.
RESTORE THE ERRING:—Brethren, if a man be overtaken in a fault, ye which are spiritual restore such a one in the spirit of meekness; considering thyself, lest thou also be tempted.—Galatians 6: 1.

Monday.
SAYING GOODBYE:—Finally, brethren, farewell. Be perfect, be of good comfort, be of one mind, live in peace; and the God of love and peace shall be with you.—2 Corinthians 13: 11.

Tuesday.
FREE FROM WANT:—The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want.—Psalm 23: 1.

Wednesday.
SEEK TODAY:—Seek ye the Lord while he may be found, call ye upon him while he is near.—Isaiah 55: 6.

Thursday.
THE ONLY GOD:—Hear, O Israel: the Lord our God is one Lord.—Deuteronomy 6: 4.

Friday.
CHRIST'S BENEDICTION:—Peace I leave with you, my peace I give unto you; not as the world giveth, give I unto you. Let not your heart be troubled, neither let it be afraid.—John 14: 27.

Saturday.
THE ASSURED HARVEST:—Be not deceived; God is not mocked: for whatsoever a man soweth, that shall he also reap.—Galatians 6: 7.

Gov. Oleott has asked his friends to assist him in raising a fund of \$50,000 to take care of his interests in the election contest to be instituted by Hall, who is receiving a like sum from the Ku Klux Klan of the northwest. It looks now like a political battle where the lawyers play the winning hand.

THE political pot will soon begin to boil. Congress will soon adjourn and the brethren will scatter to the four corners of the domain and proceed to administer laughing gas to the constituents until they are duly mesmerized and will "vote 'er straight." Politics is a great game for the congressman to remain on the public payroll and promise much and do nothing. But the people like it, so it seems.

ALL legislative candidates in Linn county have promised greater adherence to and activity for law enforcement. Fine and commendable. Law makers pass the laws, enforcement officials are elected or appointed, but the final disposition of the

law-breaker lies in the hands of the laymen. So far there has been no public pledge of a single layman to uphold the law and assist in its enforcement. True, public meetings have been held, but only candidates have been required to put their signature to the pledge. Let every law-abiding citizen put their signature to the same pledge and by the grace of God live up to it. Any official is just as good as the people behind him, or just as bad. The editor of this paper pledges his support to law enforcement, but does believe in the mushroom variety.

WHY NO FRIENDS?

In nearly every paper one picks up there is hardly a good word to be found for the man who works and earns his bread in the sweat of his face. Why is it there are no friends for them in the papers of this "land of the free and the home of the brave?"

If it were not for the man or the woman who toil there would be no wealth, for all wealth is based upon the production of the workers. If it were not for these workers there would be no stores, no farmers, no factories, no market for the products of the farm, no railroads, no automobiles, no airplanes, no farming tools—in fact, nothing of use or convenience that we are accustomed to, for the man with plenty of capital neither spins nor does he toil, and if he did, there are so few of them that the dent they would make on the productive horizon could not be noticed.

In the railroad situation, in the coal mines, and in other marts of trade, there are and have been strikes. Why the strikes? Because of reductions in wages allowing only a living and barely that, because of hardships and dangers that are necessary to be relieved, because of shod conditions that are a menace to life and health, and because of many other things that enter into physical well-being of the worker and his family. These things are never told in the press of the country—they would rather discredit the worker and thus poison the mind of the public in favor of riches, than to help the poor man to a better plane of living, a better citizenship and happier home life. No strike has ever occurred in later years except after all efforts at arbitration have failed.

The present railroad strike, that of the shopmen and maintenance of way men, is against reductions of wages that allow now only a bare living, and if they accepted the present cut ordered by the Railway Labor Board, it would mean next to starvation to them and their families—and this is what is wanted by the magnates. The markets on foodstuffs is rising, the wages are being reduced and pray tell a long-suffering public how the reduction can be justified in the face of these facts. A poor man now working on the section wants a pound of bacon. The farmer has a hog to sell and the packer buys it at a nominal price. He cures the meat, sells it to laboring man, and for that pound of ba-

con he pays more than one hour of his labor earns under the present wage, let alone the reduction. He must have flour. Wheat is low in price, but flour is high, and when a sack must be purchased it takes a day's wages to get the flour and a pound of bacon. Shoes are still too high to be purchased, but if a pair is needed for himself or any member of the family, the worker must dig up the better part of his week's wages for them. And the landlord—bless his dear heart—he doesn't know the war is over (and never will) comes along and says \$20 or more for a month's rent, and it must be paid. There is the other household necessities, which takes money, and the month's pay does not go around—and then he is classed as a deadbeat. And these are facts any one can prove.

The daily press and most weeklies are engaged in fighting the toilers, laborer and farmer, from whom they really get their subscriptions, and if they did not get these subscriptions they would not get the advertising—and they know this to

be true also. Most country editors are poor men, and are so because of their unwillingness to maintain a living-rate, and thus fight the men who want more than a living wage (a living wage is only an existence, nothing for a trip to the movies or the visit of a doctor). Good wages mean good times, as does also good prices for the products of the farm. These two go together and should cooperate. Men with money can find plenty of champions, but the poor man has few champions for his cause; and when he strikes it is for the protection of his loved ones. To be sure, a huge sum is lost in wages during a strike, but this is not always the fault of the worker—he must be kept in subjection, and if he has no money the task is easier. Some day the social justice problem will be solved, we know not how, but as the great public studies the question and decides to do unto others as they would be done by, justice in industry and to the toiler and farmer will come about. And the press of the country better awake, for their attitude is not moulding public opinion today.

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