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EDITORIAL PAGE

A Daily Bible Thought

GOD'S REQUIREMENTS:—He hath showed thee, O man, what is good; and what doth the Lord require of thee, but to do justly, and to love mercy, and to walk humbly with thy God.—Micah 6: 8.

FAULTY EDUCATION.

THE editor of The Tribune received a personal letter the other day from an old-time friend in St. Paul. This man has served the city of St. Paul in many important ways. He has been postmaster, a leading member of its commercial club, and for many years a member of its board of education. He is much alarmed over what he thinks is the failure of our schools and colleges to make good and useful citizens of the boys and girls who graduate from them. He writes: "Of late I have been wondering if you have been using your power and influence as a newspaper editor in your state to secure the right kind of training for boys and girls." Our correspondent adds: "Perhaps I see things now through colored glasses and in that light they appear worse than they really are, but I see and hear so much that sounds alarming, that it seems Edison's warning to 'stop, look and listen' should be heeded.

"The pope in his last letter to the archbishops, made an alarming announcement which deserves serious consideration. He said 'The world is infested with five plagues: "1.—Negation of authority. "2.—Hatred among brothers. "3.—Thirst for pleasure. "4.—Disgust with work. "5.—Indifference to the spiritual objects of life."

"Whatever opinions we may hold on the others, there is no room for argument on plagues Nos. 3 and 4, and very little on 1.

"Another great authority who has given this question a great deal of thought recently, said: 'The present civilization is rapidly drifting toward the channels which led to the ruin of ancient Babylonia, ancient Persia, Egypt, and to the decline and fall of Rome. History will repeat itself, unless we check this drift at its source by educating our boys and girls right. All classes must be trained to work.'

We don't like to assume the role of "knocker" of our public schools, but we have long noted some of the "fruits" of education that alarms our correspondent. We feel that we have in a measure lost sight of the fundamental ideal underlying our whole school system. It rests on the proposition that every taxpayer is in duty bound to contribute according to his wealth for the support of our educational system in order that the future citizenship of the republic may be qualified to carry on the republic on the high principles laid down by its founders. We do not pay taxes to confer a benefit on our neighbors' children, but to confer a benefit to the nation. We pay taxes not to endow the new generation with accomplishments or to add to their pleasures, but to make a better citizenship. When we pay school taxes we perform a duty to the republic. It is the membership dues we owe to the nation as citizens. The schools who receive and spend the money are under an implied contract to make better citizens of their pupils because of the money they receive from the taxpayers for that special purpose. It seems to us that our educators have to some degree lost sight of their primary duty to the taxpayers in their desire to benefit and please the individual student. They have altogether failed and cheated the taxpayer out of his money if they do not first of all strive to make a good citizen out of him.

How many graduates of high schools and even of colleges, can tell you off-hand what rights as a citizen are guaranteed in the bill of rights contained in our federal constitution? How many can tell you how we raise taxes, or where the money comes from that pays for his education in state schools? How many know the history of parties in the United States, and how we have come to govern the nation through political parties? How many know the constitution of the United States and the constitution of their own state and their relation to each other? How many are posted on the personal views of the leading politicians and statesmen of the day and what they stand

for? How many keep track of the current events of the day outside of athletics, sports, and amusements? In other words, how many well informed, able, efficient citizens are turned out from our schools, competent to take a man's place and do a man's work in governing the republic founded on democracy? And, it is to get such men and citizens, that we pay our school taxes. We do it to benefit the nation and not to benefit or please the individual. If the latter were the object, then the individual benefited should pay for it and not the general taxpayer.

THE CRIME OF WASTE.

NEW citizens of the republic who have recently come to this country, nearly always tell us that the thing that impresses them most about the country is the gigantic waste that is going on. Millions upon millions of dollars of food stuffs are dumped in swill barrels and refuse heaps. Clothes and shoes, half worn or scarcely worn at all, are given to the rag man or destroyed. And like waste goes on in our industrial plants. We are told that fertilizers with a crop producing value of more than 800,000,000 bushels of wheat are annually being wasted as a result of the practice of burning raw bituminous coal instead of coking it, according to figures presented to the senate finance committee's hearing on the chemical schedule recently.

Basing his figures on an annual production of 585,883,000 tons, Henry B. Rust of Pittsburgh estimates that the annual loss of ammonium sulphate, due to present methods, is 5,900,626 tons worth at current prices \$354,037,560 or enough to fertilize 118,000,000 acres of land. Agricultural experts estimate that an acre of land fertilized with 100 pounds of ammonium sulphate will show an average increased yield of seven bushels an acre.

A four-foot seam of coal contains enough ammonium sulphate to fertilize the land above it for 500 years, declares Floyd W. Parsons. By burning raw bituminous coal all of this ammonium sulphate is wasted.

The total capacity of our coke ovens is approximately 60,000,000 tons a year, of which only one half comes from by-product ovens, the remainder being burned in bee hive ovens. The ammonium sulphate wasted by these bee hive ovens would, it is estimated, increase the country's wheat production by more than 60,000,000 bushels a year. "Prior to the war" says Mr. Parsons, "the Germans were the leaders in the practice of extracting the by-products from coal through coking. When the world war commenced, Germany was coking 10,000,000 tons more coal in by-product ovens than the rest of the world combined. The policy of the Teutons in extracting the highest possible value out of their coal supplies is largely responsible for Germany's supremacy in dye stuffs manufacture."

Agriculture is not the only industry that has been affected by our waste of coal tar products. The manufacturers of paper, printing inks, electro plating and photo engraving supplies, water proofing materials, glass, glue, leather, paint, varnish and oil cloth products, and rubber goods as well as the metal industries of all kinds are dependent upon chemicals that are coal tar derivatives. With the establishment of a coal tar industry in America, the chemical output has, according to department of commerce figures, increased to such an extent that the United States is no longer dependent upon foreign countries for the chemicals necessary in its general industries. Without a well developed and adequately protected coal industry the United States would again become dependent upon foreign sources of support.

Flathead Pioneer Dies; Lodge Funeral

Special to The Tribune. Kallispell, Oct. 6.—Sam Poole, a pioneer of the valley, died Tuesday at the Sisters' hospital after an illness that has continued for several months. The deceased came here 30 years ago from Kallispell since that time. He has no relatives except a sister and nephew in Kansas. He was a member of the Odd Fellows and Elks and those orders had charge of the funeral services, Wednesday afternoon.

CULBERTSON DEFEATS SIDNEY Special to The Tribune. Culbertson, Oct. 6.—The Culbertson high school football team won from Sidney here last Saturday by a score of 35 to 0. The game was a good exhibition of straight football, with an occasional flash of the open game. Culbertson plays Glendive on the home grounds, Oct. 15.

The Haskin Letter

By FRIDERICK J. HASKIN

RUBBERNECK REMARKS

Montreal, P. Q., Oct. 2.—The rubberneck wagon, which a few years ago was confined to cities with unique sight-seeing features, is now, without exaggeration, ubiquitous.

Practically every town of any size or distinguishing features is equipped with at least one line of buses to show strange to the millionaire row, city hall, and normal school.

The rubberneck wagon is typically an institution of the day. Imagine, if you can, any one of your Victorian ancestors with his ideas of dignity and reserve, climbing up on the seat by the driver and rubbernecking with animation while a megaphoned individual shouted facts and jokes in his ears. This is what travelers want nowadays. If there was any doubt of this, a glance at the neatly packed buses rolling over the streets of any big city would prove it.

Here in Montreal, an unusual situation prevails. The quaint old cabs and victorias have stood out against the invasion of the big, efficient looking buses with their megaphone speakers. But it is no use, the buses are here, and the cabs will go eventually, though a few people do still prefer their old-world atmosphere.

The real reason why the cabs have been able to hold out against the autos is Mount Royal. This mountain that rises back of Montreal is a pleasure electric lighting to the city. It is a favorite drive, or climb, with residents of the city, and strangers never miss driving to the top to enjoy the broad view of Montreal below and the St. Lawrence winding below the city.

They drive up because the city permits no automobiles to climb Mount Royal's winding roads. At different intervals a sign has been aroused in favor of removing restrictions on automobiles. But the constantly curving roads are regarded as too dangerous for swiftly moving vehicles, especially if the drivers should be inexperienced or reckless. So the cabs are in their element here and do a quietly bustling business up the mountain.

Montreal varies the monotony of the usual assortment of green, red, blue and white buses, by having its own sight-seeing street car. This car is gaily decorated in gold paint and electric lighting, so that it resembles the chariot on the merry-go-round. It goes round the base of Mount Royal and offers an hour ride for 25 cents. But elsewhere in the city, and in other cities, the sight-seeing automobile is what might be called the tourists' delight.

The interesting thing about the buses is the people who do the spicing. Generally they know their language by heart and deliver it in stentorian tones with about as much expression as a boy reading the newspaper editorials to his grandfather.

Court Bars Notary From Quizzing Kelley

Special to The Tribune. Butte, Oct. 6.—Judge William E. Carroll has issued a permanent writ of prohibition in the case of C. F. Kelley, president of the Anaconda city public, against Flurry Sullivan, notary public, restraining the notary from answering questions as to his holdings in stocks, bonds and securities which might be listed as taxable property.

State Corn Growers to Band Permanently

Billings, Oct. 6.—Montana growers plan to form a permanent organization at Miles City during the corn show to be held there November 17 to 19. A preliminary organization was formed at a meeting held during the recent Montana Empire fair here. The organization is to be known as the Montana Corn Growers' association.

Missoula Bidder Gets Residence Hall Job

Helena, Oct. 6.—The state board of examiners Tuesday let the contract for the construction of the foundation and the first floor slab of the men's and women's residence hall at the State university at Missoula.

4 ENTER BAIL IN BOOZE CASE

Special to The Tribune. Lewistown, Oct. 6.—Four parties formerly listed as John Does and Mary Roes, charged with violating the liquor law, gave bonds of \$1,000 each to appear in the district court, the defendants being Cleve Durnen, Walter Dumont, William Durnen and Mildred Clark.

HOLD COURT AT STANFORD.

Special to The Tribune. Lewistown, Oct. 6.—Judge Roy Tyers and Court Reporter H. B. Gibson went arranged to hold court there.

RELIEF FOR HAVRE SCHOOLS PROVIDED BY LAND BOARD CASH

Installment of \$15,000 Sent on Purchase of Funding Bonds of District.

Helena, Oct. 30.—Financial relief for the schools of Havre was promised by the state board of land commissioners at a meeting Thursday, when an order was made that \$15,000 be at once sent to Havre, to be followed by another allowance of \$15,000 within the next 30 days.

The board at a meeting several weeks ago, had authorized the investment of \$30,000 in funding bonds of the Havre school district No. 10, but as the money was not available, no money had been forwarded. For several days members of the board have been besieged with requests from the school board, it being stated that unless the money was furnished the schools would have to be closed. It was stated after the meeting that the money for Havre would be sent out on Thursday morning in a train of Thursday.

Similar conditions appear to be confronting other schools about the state, and the board was informed that the Wolf point schools are unable to pay teachers' salaries and that many are threatening to resign if relief is not furnished.

Rotary Club Backs New Scout Executive

Special to The Tribune. Lewistown, Oct. 6.—Gerald Gibson has just been appointed Boy Scout executive for Lewistown, succeeding Prof. Charles R. Mattill and at a Rotary club meeting Wednesday he was introduced and outlined the scout program for the year. The Rotary club, by a unanimous vote, pledged itself to support the scouts and will give a picnic for the boys at the end of the week.

Statutory Charge Renewed; Girl Denies

Special to The Tribune. Lewistown, Oct. 6.—George Tripke, a well-known Pine Grove man arrested last month on a statutory charge and released on \$3,000 bonds, was re-arrested last night at the instance of Attorney E. J. Baker, who had caused the bond to be increased to \$5,000. Tripke has not yet furnished the new bond. The Pine Grove girl named in this case positively denies the truth of the charge.

Walsh Has Vacancy at Annapolis to Fill

Special to The Tribune. Washington, Oct. 6.—Senator T. J. Walsh has a vacancy to fill at the Naval academy. A competitive examination will be held Oct. 29 to fill it. All young men of Montana eligible are invited to participate, and should communicate their desire to Senator Walsh at once.

Farmers Rush Wheat to Ft. Benton Elevators

Special to The Tribune. Fort Benton, Oct. 6.—A great many farmers in this district have completed the seeding of fall crops and are now taking advantage of the favorable weather conditions to haul wheat. The result has been that many teams are now coming in daily and the elevators are scenes of increased activity. It is estimated that between 300,000 and 325,000 bushels will be marketed at the Fort Benton elevators this year.

Puppies Are Dogs in Matter of Tax

Billings, Oct. 6.—Puppies are dogs and subject to license fee under the city ordinance regardless of age, according to a ruling given by the city council here to the police department. A woman had protested against payment of a tax because her dog was but two weeks old, and the police asked for a decision.

ANACONDA WILL DROP SANITARY OFFICER.

Special to The Tribune. Anaconda, Oct. 6.—Having attained the distinction of being one of the cleanest cities in the northwest, Anaconda has decided to discontinue the services of Denver Shortlin, sanitary officer. Hereafter the duties of his office will be distributed among other city officials, who will look after them in addition to their own duties. This is in addition to the fact that the city council is said to be in the interests of economy.

RAILROAD COMMISSION AGAIN APPEALS FOR CENT RATE

Helena, Oct. 6.—The state railroad commission Wednesday again wired the Western Passenger association of Chicago, asking for an answer to its request that a flat one-cent rate be granted to all western states to American legion members who will attend the national convention of the organization in Kansas City, the first of next month.

BISHOP VISITS LEWISTOWN.

Special to The Tribune. Lewistown, Oct. 6.—A parish conference of St. James Episcopal parish was held here this evening. Bishop Herbert H. Fox presiding. The bishop delivered a very interesting and important message to the members, the attendance being large.

HAVRE HELLO RATES INCREASE PROPOSED WITH PARTY LINES

Company Obtained Signatures to Proposal Laid Before State P. S. Commission.

Helena, Oct. 6.—The state public service commission has received the formal application of the Mountain States Telephone and Telegraph company for an entire revision of the company's rates and service in the city of Havre.

At present all lines in Havre are one-party lines, for which a monthly charge of \$8.50 is made for business houses and \$2.50 for residences. It is proposed to operate two-party and four-party lines under the following schedule of charges: For business houses: single lines, \$5; two-party lines \$4.50. For residences: Single lines, \$2.75; four-party lines \$2.25. Extension phones for business houses \$1 each; for residences, 50 cents each. The present rate is \$1 for both business and residence.

Flathead Fair Was One of Big Ones of Season in Montana

Special to The Tribune. Kallispell, Oct. 6.—The Flathead county fair closed Saturday night after three days of perfect weather and a record attendance. Friday was the big day, with an attendance estimated at 8,000 people. A splendid racing program, in which Indians were the chief performers, was carried out each day and airplane stunt flying by Lieut. Manner, with acrobatic performances on the wings by Roy Saaki, a Japanese, were features of the entertainment. A sports program on the street and a mask carnival furnished the evening's amusement. The Flathead band and Whitefish Boys' band played during the week.

Pioneer of Anaconda Dies; Ill Few Hours

Special to The Tribune. Anaconda, Oct. 6.—Ludger St. Jean, a resident of Montana for 42 years and one of the pioneer business men of this city, died Monday evening at the home of his son, Dr. F. L. St. Jean. He was about the city as usual Saturday afternoon and on returning home about 8 p. m., he was taken suddenly ill. He lingered until an early hour in the morning.

Lewistown Takes Over Existing Job Office

Special to The Tribune. Lewistown, Oct. 6.—The city announced that, in accordance with the state law, the employment bureau, maintained for several years past by the Chamber of Commerce, and for some time past in charge of Assistant Secretary H. M. Halvorson, will be taken over by the municipality and hereafter conducted under the direction of City Treasurer W. W. Wheaton, at his offices in the city hall.

PAYS \$150 GAMBLING FINE.

Special to The Tribune. Lewistown, Oct. 6.—Before leaving for Stanford, Judge Ayers disposed of the last of the Winnett gambling cases, Charles Jarrett pleading guilty and a fine of \$150 being imposed and paid.

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