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Daily Biblical Quotation.

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 9, 1919.

He was their Saviour. In all their affliction he was afflicted, and the angel of his presence saved them: in his love and in his pity he redeemed them. Isa. 63:8,9.

Come boldly to the throne of grace,
The Savior's merciful heart
Is touched with our afflicted case,
In its most tender part!
Come boldly to the throne of grace,
With all your wants and fears;
The Savior's hand shall kindly chase
Away the bitterest tears.

He that toucheth you, toucheth the apple of his eye. Zech. 2:8.

OKLAHOMA AND THE BRANCH BANK.

In a lengthy editorial in its issue of October 7, the enterprise Oklahoman assumes to speak for the state of Oklahoma in the matter of the branch federal reserve bank. There is nothing unusual in this assumption of authority on the part of the Oklahoman, but in this particular instance it is so impertinent and offensive that it can not be passed in silence.

In charging the officials of the Kansas City federal reserve bank with improper motives in failing to give Oklahoma City a branch bank merely because it wanted one and had asked for it, the Oklahoman may be accurately reflecting the views of Oklahoma City bankers, but it certainly is not reflecting the views of Oklahoma bankers. It is true that there are 325 member banks of the tenth reserve district in the state of Oklahoma, but it is not true, by a very considerable margin, that all these banks desired that Oklahoma City be given the branch bank, or resent the fact that it was not.

The crux of the whole matter is just this: Tulsa was an aspirant for the branch bank in the tenth. With Oklahoma City she presented her case before the Kansas City board; and it was then and is now the consensus of opinion that if the decision of the directors was for a branch bank in Oklahoma Tulsa would receive it on the merits of its case. The decision of the Kansas City board not to grant a branch at this time has been appealed in regular form to the Washington authorities and Tulsa is as confident as it ever was that it will be given the bank.

But no Tulsa banker has ever charged the Kansas City officials with improper motives in refusing to grant Oklahoma the bank. No Tulsa banker has ever charged Kansas City with impropriety in seeking to make the very best use possible of the distinction accorded it in being allowed to possess the tenth reserve bank. And, we feel safe in saying, no Tulsa banker will ever indulge in such absurd sentiments.

The complaint of the Oklahoman that the bank was not awarded it because of the "selfish wishes of Kansas City bankers to keep the business in Kansas City" comes with mighty poor grace from a town that has a reputation for selfishness—ruthless, inconsiderate selfishness—second to none in the entire country.

And for the Oklahoman to make it appear that it seeks the bank for Oklahoma City through a genuine interest for the welfare and convenience of the state without any selfish, interest motives is to excite the cibald derision of every county in the state.

"Let us secede from the mom district and join the Dallas district," excitedly shouts the Oklahoman. "Dallas is not envious, and Dallas will give Oklahoma City a branch bank." As a mere matter of barter and trade there may be some meat in that contention. But we see nothing in it to alter our objections beyond the fact that our esteemed contemporary again assumes to speak for the entire state without authority. Secession may be attractive to the bankers the Oklahoman is speaking for. It is not attractive to those for whom The World is speaking.

But in proposing it the Oklahoman appears to admit that Oklahoma City's chance to win the appealed decision as against Tulsa is considered nil. From that admission we extract some gratification. In conclusion we desire to counsel Oklahoma City to school itself to differentiate between the interests of Oklahoma City and the interests of Oklahoma. They are vast and not infrequently decidedly conflicting. And again to cultivate a frame of mind that will enable it to read the word "no" without spurting like a crushed beet that has been refined the most.

GENERAL WOOD ON GUARD

It has been claimed that the war department has deliberately set about "putting General Wood's name in nomination for the presidency" by giving him himself orders to proceed to any numbers that may be made up for disturbers to open fire and restore the threatened sovereignty of the government. That may be true. We think it probable, both.

But quite regardless of any effort it may make on his behalf towards any such goal, we believe we will be of value of the court that when we feel inclined to be governed more call him to whatever that duty may point. Then Leonard Wood will unquestionably get that distinction will set how he will perform—whether as the conqueror of a new empire, who had Napoleonic mind.

General Wood is now personally in command at the Omaha district and of Gary and other industrial centers threatened with mobs. The steel regions adjacent to Chicago—order has been restored, the law is again functioning and protection afforded both life and property. That is a condition that seems to follow specifically in the wake of Wood. The agitators may shriek of invaded liberties and the mob incline may appeal remedies to the prejudices of the rabble, but Wood will preserve order and he will apply the law as society made it and enforced it in him for enforcement. We will venture the assertion that the real Americans of Omaha and Gary are thankful that Wood stands on guard.

It may be that such a rare example of constitutionalism and courage will earn nothing more than public condemnation, but The Wood does not believe it. If America has come to that then God help America! For what our country needs is not a republican or a democrat at its head, but an American spoiled body and soul in America institutions and possessing the courage to do right without a moment's thought of how the decision will affect his personal fortunes.

EX-SENATOR LEWIS COMING

The citizens of Tulsa are gratified to know that they are to be accorded the opportunity of hearing J. Hamilton Lewis, ex-senator from Illinois, defend the league of nations. Mr. Lewis is said to be not only a very able advocate of the league, but also one of the most eloquent and pleasing speakers in American public life. To listen to him, whether one follows his reasoning or not, is a literary treat.

Tulsa has heard Senator Reed in a very great present against the league. He was accorded the greatest crowd ever turned out in Tulsa to listen to a set speech or a public issue. Tulsa will give the distinguished Illinoisan a great crowd, a hospitable reception and a most attentive hearing. And Tulsa will hope that Senator Johnson and other able and distinguished speakers will do her the honor to become her guest for a brief visit and address.

We can conceive no reputation more valuable than that of being a center of culture and hospitality, with doors wide open to men of letters, art and debate. In short, that we are a community ready to listen to any public man with a message to deliver if he has proven himself worth attending. There is education, refinement, culture and entertainment to be had in pursuing such a policy. We have been benefited by the visit of Senators Reed and Borah. We expect to be benefited by the visit and address of ex-Senator Lewis. And we will be benefited by the visit and address of Senator Johnson.

Tulsa's latchstring hangs out to every man or woman with a message really worth listening to, whether she is ready to accept that message or not.

OUR GOVERNOR AND GOVERNMENT.

The speech delivered by our governor to a gathering of Muskogee business men last Saturday was a most remarkable utterance. Remarkable, in that it seems impossible that such sentiments could originate in a brain or find expression by a tongue that had only a few days before given official endorsement to the things he was then condemning.

Governor Robertson told the Muskogee business men that the great danger of the moment was a growing disregard for law and its restraints. He asserted with truth that all the bolshevists were not to be found in the ranks of radical labor; that business men who through cowardice permitted their places of business to carry cards expressing sympathy with radicalism as expressed in strikes, were themselves bolshevists; that the time was here when all men, business and otherwise, must stand courageously by their conviction: that there were bolshevists in county courthouses and "at least one in the statehouse." "The mob spirit," declared the governor, "cannot be tolerated."

At Muskogee the governor was correctly stating not only the existing situation, but he was also correctly interpreting the constructive public opinion of his state. But if this is true—and it is—what are we to say of his utterance a few days earlier when he said of the disgraceful mob that denied Senator Reed a hearing at Ardmore—"Reed got only what was coming to him at Ardmore?"

The conviction is unescapable that our governor's Americanism is all that it should be until it comes in contact with his miserable partisanship.

OKLAHOMA OUTBURSTS

BY OTIS LORTON

In its concern for the welfare of its guests, a Chickasha hotel keeps a package of epsom salts in each room.

It has reached the point in Oklahoma City where no self-respecting burglar will permit himself to be arrested by a policeman who does not wear a union label.

As Cato Russell would put it, Governor Robertson's idea of the enforcement of laws is to pardon or parole a man as soon after conviction as the convictions will permit.

"My dear," said Mrs. Robertson to the governor, "how would you like your eggs this morning—straight up, turned over or hard boiled?" "Great Scott, said Ardmore. "Can't I hear nothing but eggs anymore?" irritably replied the great advocate of law and order.

If the president is right in his contention that the league and really part is a non-partisan question, see his speeches on issue, how can Oklahoma democrats be so presumptuous as to read Senator Gore out of the party because he voted with some republicans on issues on the Fall amendments?

Eli Greenwald was asked the other day to take a case in court. After looking over the papers and finding that Bill Cheatham of Boston and Charlie Street of Tulsa had formerly been connected with the case, he called up the office and asked: "After Cheatham and Street have had this case what do you expect me to get out of it?"

Here's a portion of the contract found on the desk yesterday: "I agree to the use of my name in Lewis's Greatest Newspaper this morning that Louie Wolf was in court yesterday on a charge of disturbing the peace. I wonder if he was off in a church building and when arrested at this performance, just what would happen?" Perhaps if the man charged had been in the act of singing a song it would be dismissed.

There is Dan Kirk of a news story in the Oklahoman the other day. Four more Oklahoman charge down in Texas, two Duffies, M. E. Shaw and E. W. Hicks, joined all differences generally when the Democratic preliminary and Republican convention brought in a well filled house, towards 300 and seven Berry's daily. The mathematician, Big Dave, accounted for the computation by saying the "soldiers and sailors wouldn't, the soldiers couldn't, the sailors don't and the Berry's don't."

Just to illustrate how the popularity of making unusual or unusually unusual gifts, the Oklahoman which some time ago, the Sooner Sentinel, which some time ago, the Sooner Sentinel, which some time ago, the Ardmore Ardmoreite, which some time ago, the Ardmore Daily Ardmoreite, which some time ago, the Ardmore Daily Ardmoreite, which some time ago, the Ardmore Daily