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BIBLE THOUGHT BETTER THAN MASTERY

"Be strong in the Lord and in the power of His might." (Eph. 6:10).

A poor old negro was once a helpless drunkard, and he tried again and again to get free, and others tried to help him, but he could not get rid of his drunkenness until he was converted. Then there was a wonderful change; and some one said, "So you have got the mastery of the Devil at last?" "No," he said, "BUT I'VE GOT THE MASTER OF THE DEVIL."—Moody Monthly.

WHEN OPTIMISM IS NOT MUCH HELP

(By BRUCE CATTON)

Suicide has a tragic quality all its own, unlike that which attends any other form of death.

Relatives and friends are not only left to mourn a departure from life; they are forced to think that life itself, through some mischance, had got so unendurably difficult that the strongest of all instincts, the instinct of self-preservation, had been killed.

Robert E. Farley, former president of the New York State Rotary Club, was found hanging from a rafter in his home the other day. And what gave his death a peculiarly tragic quality was the fact that only three years ago he had written, for the Rotary Club magazine, a code for living.

In it he included these rules:

"Don't worry—smile; laugh it off; serve with sacrifice; do it now and have peace; relax—ease mind, nerves and muscles; do not get out of poise; get next to God and stay there; think of the things that make you happy and not of the things that make you sad."

It was a good code. He had it printed on cards and hung them where he could see them constantly. And somehow, when things went very badly wrong, the code seems to have been a broken reed. There are philosophies that will carry a man through almost any despondency; this one, apparently, wasn't of that kind.

And one is moved to wonder if the code did not, perhaps, share a little too greatly in a very common American fault—the habit of persistently looking only on the bright side of things.

Such admonitions as "laugh it off" and "think of the things that make you happy" are very fine when all one's troubles are minor ones. But most of us aren't lucky enough to have only that kind of trouble. Sooner or later we get badly bumped; and when we do we are apt to go under unless we have learned how to look the very worst in the face without flinching.

We are, or we try to be, a nation of optimists. It has made us a likable and a friendly people. But it has also left us vulnerable to sudden shocks. The best preparation for trouble is the readiness to know the worst, to accept it, and to plug along in spite of it—not laughing it off, but grimly accepting it and making the best of it.

Would you say that the \$4,000,000 suit for alienation of affections of that B. V. D. millionaire was a union suit?

Detective is convicted for shooting a Capone lieutenant. Next thing we'll hear a public apology is due Al himself.

Hoot Gibson is broke and in debt, while no one but his creditors gives a hoot.

President of Yale says we are entering a new dark age. We know where he got that. He saw more smoke belching from the factory chimneys.

Bronx, N. Y., residents reported a gold strike in their own back yards, but not enough to entice the gold diggers from Broadway.

Denmark's citizens are going to have gas masks to prepare themselves against chemical warfare—and the talk coming from Europe's statesmen.

NEWSPAPERS' OPINIONS

A MATTER OF HISTORY

If and when the 18th Amendment is repealed, North Carolina is certainly going to have the burden of liquor control on her hands. Those who remember "Beaver Dam" with that odious smell and that diabolical influence wielded by saloons and their friends will never agree for open barrooms or saloons to return. The Gastonia Gazette gives some history as it relates to Gaston county that might be duplicated in this community to a great extent. This history is so impressive and applies to such an extent to this town and community that we quote The Gazette:

If there was ever, in America, a county which suffered crucifixion at the hands of King Alcohol it was Gaston county, North Carolina, your home and mine.

Until its people, in righteous wrath and disgust at intolerable conditions, arose in their might and drove out the nefarious business before the state or nation ever went dry, it was a county where poverty, ignorance, crime, immorality and every other degrading influence known to man made it little short of a hell on earth.

Drunken brawls, bloody fights and disgusting inebriety marked every public gathering, even those sponsored by churches.

Ignorance stalked the highways, as is proven by the almost negligible pittance spent on public education.

Women could not walk the streets of Gaston towns at night, and not in the day time on Saturdays and holidays, with any degree of safety.

No woman dared ride one of the night trains from Charlotte to Gastonia unless it were a case of absolute emergency. Drunks and bullies ruled the trains.

Liquor ruled local politics almost one hundred per cent. Government revenue agents could not hold their jobs without winking at the evasion of the payment of the liquor tax. There was ten times the amount of bootlegging and moonshining than there is today—and that's saying a good deal. The major portion of the citizenship of the county was either directly connected with this graft or had guilty knowledge that it existed.

These are not wild statements made by an outsider. They are the facts as given us by scores of the older citizens who know whereof they speak from actual experience and observation. They are confirmed by a reading of the columns of the county newspapers of fifty years ago.

Twenty-five years of prohibition, despite the laxity with which the laws have been enforced and despite defects of the laws themselves, has witnessed a transformation that has but few if any parallels in the history of American economics. From the "banter whiskey-manufacturing county in the South" to the "Combed Yarn Manufacturing Center of America" in a brief quarter of a century is a record that we can boast of with pride.

On November 7th Gaston county will vote on the question of the repeal of the 18th Amendment, the national law that gave us prohibition. Indications are that the nation as a whole will vote for repeal. It is hardly probable that North Carolina itself as a state will do otherwise.

Yet we maintain that Gaston county, in the light of its past history, can not do otherwise than stand by its guns and remain dry, though all the world goes wet. Right is right, regardless of time and circumstance. Gaston counties should give prohibition a vote of confidence for what it has done for her people through a quarter of a century, though the heavens fall.—Marshville Home.

KEPT THE SOURCE OF SUPPLY

The Houston Post, in favorable location to size up results of Secretary Wallace's proposition in getting rid of the pork surplus, is not disposed to claim much success for it, save on the single score that about 100,000,000 pounds of pork have been procured from the slaughtered pigs and hogs for distribution among the unemployed. The jobless are assured of bacon, ham and pork chops during the coming winter, the gift of the government.

The trouble is that the secretary had to deal with farmers whose wits are not a bit dull, and who practically scotched the theoretical plan—and this is "how." The administration originally set out to purchase 1,000,000 sows and 4,000,000 pigs. A bonus of \$4 per head over market prices was offered for sows and flat prices of \$6 to \$9 per hundredweight were offered for pigs. Later the quota for little pigs was raised to 5,992,000.

When the campaign for hog buying and killing ended Friday, nearly 6,000,000 pigs had been acquired, but the farmers had turned in only 150,000 sows—850,000 short of the number set in the original sow goal. Approximately \$50,000,000 of government money has been spent in the campaign. The Post believes that some other scheme will have to be advanced if reduction in hog supply is to continue long. With the sow contingent of the population only slightly curtailed, new pig crops virtually as large as those of the past will be coming along shortly, and the surplus again will be in evidence.—Charlotte Observer.

MEN AND JURIES

To the Hebrew Men's Club, Hamilton C. Jones defends the jury system of American courts and figures that "If business men would stop criticizing the system and quit excusing themselves from jury service, we would have a lot more justice."

And, to be sure, we would. Mr. Jones has hit a weak spot in the armor of the average good citizen, but the thing rebounds and lands back among the profession to which our estimable friends belong.

If the lawyers would quit trying to get rid of the good business men and the better class of citizens as jurors, they would be found more often sitting in these tribunals.

Too many of them don't want that brand of a jurymen sitting on a case in which he is involved as attorney.—Charlotte Observer.

No land is worth more than \$50 an acre. The thing that makes it sell at \$500 a front foot is the proximity of a lot of people.

Technocrats still have hope, but how can they run the country if they aren't even smart enough to stay on page 1.

School Teachers' Pay Is So Uncertain These Days



LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

The Times-News. Dear Editor: Before leaving your city I could not satisfy myself without expressing in brief the many changes I've seen here for the past ten years.

Western North Carolina conference of the Methodist Episcopal church when it holds its annual meeting here in November, Bishop Edwin D. Moulton said last night. The property is located at Brevard and will be used for Brevard College, the co-educational junior college the conference will establish by merging Weaver College and Rutherford College. It was secured for the conference by the educational commission appointed at the last annual meeting to arrange for the merger of the two institutions.

BEHIND THE SCENES IN WASHINGTON

EDITOR'S NOTE: This column "Behind the Scenes in Washington" is being conducted by Willis Thornton during Rodney Dutcher's vacation.

BY WILLIS THORNTON

WASHINGTON — The American Federation of Labor convention, opening here Oct. 2, will be the biggest, certainly, and probably the best, that the A. F. of L. ever has staged.

You can take that from Secretary Frank Morrison as he peers out from behind three secretaries, who are thrusting papers at him simultaneously. Meetings of the Building Trades, Metal Trades and Union Label Trades already are under way, and Morrison is making a last effort to crawl out from under a haystack of correspondence before setting up convention headquarters at the Willard.

Early registrations already are more than 100 over the usual list, and it would not be surprising to see nearly 1000 delegates, many from new federal unions, attending their first convention.

Many others will come as spectators, for this year's meeting, besides being vitally important to the future of labor, includes ceremonial dedication of a memorial to Samuel Gompers, at which the president is expected to speak.

THERE are more men with a sense of humor in Washington today than there have been for the past 50 years all rolled together. You see it everywhere.

WILL PATTERN NEW COLLEGE AFTER BERE A

Brevard Property Will Be Acquired at Next M. E. Conference

CHARLOTTE, Oct. 6.—Newly-acquired property valued at \$250,000 will be turned over to the

ALLEY OOP



By HAMLIN



Florida Votes On Repeal October 10

And Casting Dry Ballot Is Complicated Matter

TALLAHASSEE, Fla., Oct. 6. (UP)—The Florida dry is going to have a good memory when he goes to the polls to vote October 10 on the question of repealing the prohibition amendment.

For a complicated ballot will confront him, and if he wants to vote a straight "dry" ticket the matter is a bit involved.

The ballot carries three classifications of candidates to be named to the state convention to ratify the repealing amendment. Group A candidates are pledged to favor ratification and repeal of the 18th amendment; Group B candidates are against ratification and therefore in favor of the retention of the alcoholic liquor prohibition laws; and Group C are those candidates who are not pledged to vote either for or against.

Preliminary work on the report is being done now, Bishop Moulton said.

He reported satisfactory progress in plans for the new institution. It will be designed along the plan of Berea College in Kentucky and will be a college that will give young men and young women who need to work their way through school an opportunity to earn the money necessary for their schooling by working while in college.

against ratification if elected to attend the convention to be held in Tallahassee November 14.

Group A has qualified candidates—there will be 67 names named, and his ballot will be thrown out. However, with less than 67 names will be counted in the election.

The Group B candidates dry wants to fill out the names of 67 candidates, but into the Group C candidates favor retention of the prohibition amendment. It stated on the ballot whether the unemployed personally favors repeal, so the dry will have a bit of memorizing to do.

Secretary of State has ordered 600,000 ballots. He estimates that 200,000 and 250,000 will be cast at the 1275 polling places.

HERRIOT STILL BETTER

LYONS, France, Oct. 6.—Former Premier Edouard Herriot, suffering from acute rheumatism, sufficiently improved to confer briefly with Premier Laval.

"The chief is courageously, though on leaving."

Musical Genius

HORIZONTAL

1 Who is the Polish musician in the picture? (1809-1849).

15 Reproached.

16 Member of one of the foremost native tribes in the Philippines.

17 Limited.

18 The man in the picture was a master of — music.

20 American flatboats.

21 Recommendations.

24 Collecting at one point.

26 Folding bed.

28 Street (abbr.).

29 Company (abbr.).

30 Cavity.

32 To think.

34 Yes.

36 To lift up.

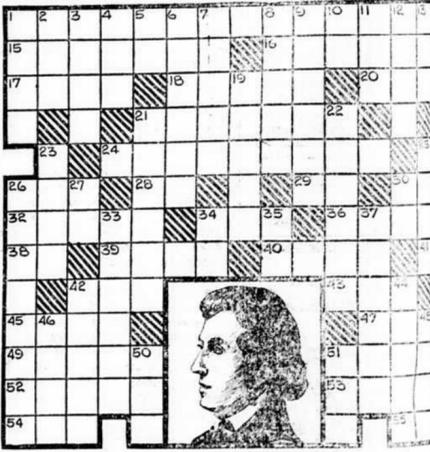
38 Myself.

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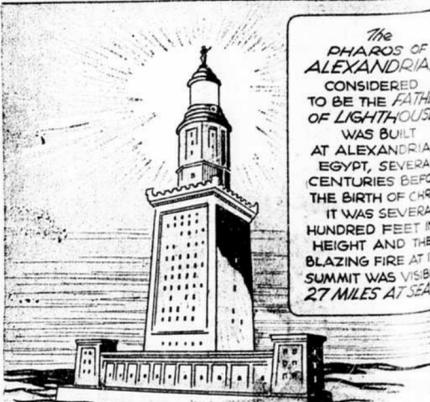
Grid puzzle with words: HELEN JACOBS, SOB, EVIL, ADORE, MORE, LEUK, MOWED, AALAR, L, C, P, EPOCH, HELEN, AMICE, NULLA, JACOBS, GAITELE, ISLAM, ANELLE, CHAMPE, IMMORAL, CLAMOR, D, TENNIS, RAVEN, BA, LOOSE, OVER, WILLIS, FEDIT, DARE, ONSET, ILETT.

VERTICAL

- 1 Combat.
2 Corded cloth.
3 Equable.
4 Accomplished.
5 Deity.
6 To feel regret.
7 Imbecile.
8 Less coarse.
9 Having an irregular motion, as a spasm.
10 Stop.
11 Wood sorrel.
12 Portion.
13 Writing fluid.
14 Organ of
27 Seventh.
29 1416.
31 But he earned his living as a — (pl).
33 Spined.
34 Like.
35 Each other.
37 Award.
44 Filthy.
46 To storm.
48 Cheerful.
50 Ocean.
51 Male.



THIS CURIOUS WORLD



IN ANCIENT TIMES, PERSONS SUFFERING FROM RHEUMATISM WERE MADE TO STAND BAREFOOTED ON THE BODY OF A TORPEDO RAY. A FISH WHICH IS CAPABLE OF PRODUCING ELECTRICAL SHOCKS! IF THERE WERE NO WORMS TO KEEP THE SOIL OF THE EARTH LOOSENED, THE FOOD PROBLEM OF THE WORLD WOULD BE GREATLY INCREASED.