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Bible thought for today

THE RESURRECTION:—
Jesus said unto her, I am the resurrection and the life: he that believeth on me, though he were dead, yet shall he live: And whosoever liveth and believeth in me shall never die.—John 11: 25.

MISSING THE MARK

One argument that has stood the ex-service men in good stead in efforts to secure bonus legislation is that many men who stayed at home far from where the bullets were flying made fortunes out of things they sold for use in the war, while others reaped rich wages and salaries for services not so hard or dangerous as the soldier performed for a dollar a day.

Their argument carried further was that this class of citizens should be reached through a tax that would make them divide the benefits they received with the soldier who served in camp or field.

But if the plan of President Harding is carried out the mark will be missed entirely. It will not be the beneficiaries of the war who must pay. President Harding has rejected about every suggestion made except that for a general sales tax. Such a tax would fall most heavily upon those least able to pay, those who are now ground between the millstones of high living costs and lowered earning capacity. It would fall upon the soldiers themselves, upon their fathers, mothers, brothers and sisters, and would further burden industry that has been slowed up by the necessity of raising large taxes to pay off the war debts already incurred and would therefore lessen business and industrial opportunities for the ex-soldiers. This tax would have to be spread over a period of years in such manner that the return to normal prosperity would long be hindered. The people who were real beneficiaries of the war would in the meantime "pass the buck" to the shoulders least able to bear it.

Several days ago a business man who has interest here but who does not live in Lexington stated that he had been forcibly impressed by a remark he heard repeatedly by Lexington business men. In discussing business deals, said this gentleman, the thing that frequently comes first from Lexington business men is the question, "Is it right?" This man went on to say that there were groups of business in some communities who always first asked "is there any money in it?"

It is not necessary to say which of the two remarks appeals to this man. This is a high tribute to Lexington business men general. There are, probably, some exceptions to this rule here, but we are confident that this fine sentiment is the guiding star in Lexington business. It should be the aim of every business man in Lexington to determine his steps by the answer of his conscience to the question "is it right?" There could be nothing finer said about any community than this. Nothing can assure the growth, prosperity and influence of any community than a rule of action in all business transactions based upon righteousness.

There is no such thing as good business that is not strictly righteous. Unfortunately there are a good many people in this country who do not hold this view, or who, admitting such really to be true, think they can "out one over" and "get away with it." Wrong is wrong, and there is no such thing as "getting away with it." The man who thinks he can do such is a fool. He may gain the dollars but he will lose more than he gains in the respect and esteem of his fellow men. A man may have money and lose it, but yet be rich if he retains the respect of his fellows. But that man who gets wealth and loses the respect of others is poor, and he who loses both is thrice a beggar. We might not have to search far to find that this is a startlingly true.

ARMFIELD CASE TO BE TRIED AT COMING TERM

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wife is a sister of the defendant. Attorney J. Allen Austin, of High Point, will appear with Solicitor J. C. Bower on behalf of the state, while Attorney L. M. Swink, of Winston-Salem, will represent depositors of the defunct bank in the prosecution. Local counsel of Zed Griffith include Attorney J. R. McCrary and the law firm of Slink and Brinkley.

While it has been generally understood that the amount of Armfield's alleged shortage approximated \$154,000, it is stated by one who has made a list of the items making up the total obligations that about \$25,000 of this amount does not concern Armfield, in that he was the maker of notes or mortgages to this extent that had been accredited against him. This list shows his obligations as approximately \$129,000, all but about \$25,000, it is claimed, having been covered by mortgages secured by real property. Credits of \$4,000 appear on one mortgage. The \$25,000 is said to include overdrafts and notes not considered of value and the grand jury indictments are based largely on those.

It is said that the receiver of the institution expects to realize a considerable sum from some of the property named in these mortgages. In a good many instances, it is understood, that there are other obligations resting against such properties but it may be that in most instances the paper held by the bank will come in first. The property in question is largely in Thomasville, Greensboro and Anson county. The tabulated list of obligations held by this bank against Armfield is a most formidable one and covers items all the way from a few dollars up to as much as \$25,000.

Armfield's financial involvements through the bank are known to have been only a part of what he owed as there are said to be outstanding obligations from a number of other sources. A bank in Eastern North Carolina is said to have lost as much as \$4,500 on a loan made to him.

Union. The general idea that we have a law against polygamy is a mistake, said the speaker. We have a law against bigamy but not against polygamy. The Mormons are shrewd and active propagandists. They do not confine their operations to Utah by any means but have their wily agents in every state in the Union, and their literature may be found wherever the mail goes. No state is so thoroughly dominated by one church as Utah. They have in the Senate of the United States two strong and loyal members. Senator Smoot is a Republican and Senator King a Democrat. Party with them is nothing; church is everything, and these two able Senators stand guard in this high and honorable place over the Mormon interests. Three alert representatives from Utah are in the House of Representatives, and every state office that carries either salary or influence is filled by a Mormon. They are intelligent people, and thrifty. Many of the Mormons are millionaires. Some of them multi-millionaires; and they spend their money freely for the spread of the poisonous doctrine that they hold. We talk about the dangers of Catholicism—here is a cancer on the body politic that makes Catholicism look saintly. Mrs. Shepard has dedicated her life to warfare against the menace of Mormonism, and she is shedding a flood of light upon the dark and dangerous problem.—Charity and Children.

Drama of Dishes and Discontent

A firm believer in the theory that a characterization must be attractive and convincing in a plot means anything, John M. Stahl has woven an effective net of fascination about his actors and actresses in "The Song of Life," which comes to the Lyric Theatre on Tuesday. The characters are types that stand out as distinctive but not eccentric figures, and under his direction Mr. Stahl has made them natural, true-to-life folks, favored with just enough of the unusual to sustain keen interest. Georgia Woodthorpe's portrayal of Mary is the pivot about which the theme centers. In the opening scenes she is seen as a young wife upon whom the drudgery of domestic life begins to pall.

Twenty-five years later she is an old woman, repentant of her youthful folly and sadly wiser for the bitter experiences of life. A cruel Fate places her near her son but prevents her from making herself known to him.

Gaston Glass has the juvenile lead while struggle for recognition as an author is handicapped by poverty and the wavering affection of his young wife. The latter, played by Grace Dornand is a frivolous beauty easily won over by the promises held out by a wealthy but unprincipled publisher.

Wedgewood Nowell, the perpetrator of many screen villainies, was well cast as the tempter. Another principal in this all-star array of talent is Edward Peil, who portrays the hard-hearted railroad man whom Mary deserted in her hysterical flight from drab existence.

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TWO CHAMPIONSHIP GAMES AT ERLANGER TONIGHT

Erlanger "Y" basketball court will be the center of interest tonight for four communities, when Tyro, Churchland and Kannapolis and the Jamestown meet there for elimination games in the state high school basketball championship. The second game will be between the Tyro and Churchland quintets. Preceding this will be the Jamestown and Kannapolis set-up.

It is indicated that large bands of rooters will accompany each of the four teams, and especially those from Tyro and Churchland high schools, which are keen but friendly rivals. Erlanger and Lexington are also expected to turn out big delegations for these contests. The first game is expected to begin at 7:00 o'clock.

Tyro and Churchland have met twice this season and each team has won a game, Tyro winning the last contest. Both teams are reported on edge for the match and enthusiasm in the rival communities is reported running high. Kannapolis and Jamestown high schools both have fast teams and this, too, should be a great game. It is planned to sell tickets separately for each of the games.

LEXINGTON HIGHS WIN FROM BURLINGTON IN ROUGH GAME

Burlington, Feb. 17.—In a game marked by rough playing of both teams, the Lexington high school basketball five defeated the Burlington high, 29 to 24, here tonight.

The first half was especially hard fought, ending with Lexington leading, 19 to 10. During the last period the locals made desperate effort to overcome the lead of the visitors, but they were unsuccessful.

Jones was the star for Burlington, while the entire Lexington team played a splendid defensive game but Everhart, at center, was the star. The line-up: Lexington Miller, Burlington Jones, Smith, Richardson, Everhart, Webster, Farabee, Scosner, Phipps. Substitutions: McIntyre for Webster, Leonard for Miller.

SOUTHERN OPERATED ITS TRAINS ON TIME IN 1921

During the year 1921 the Southern railway system operated 179,835 passenger trains, of which number 196,277, or 92.5 per cent, reached their final terminal on time, according to information received from Henry W. Miller, vice-president of the Southern in charge of operations.

Mr. Miller's telegram reads as follows: "During the year 1921 the Southern railway system operated 179,835 passenger trains many of them being through trains and operated in connection with other lines and covering distances of from 1,000 to 1,500 miles; of this great number of trains 172,182 or 95.1 per cent ran on schedule or made-up time while on the Southern and 166,277 or 92.5 per cent reached final terminal on time, Henry W. Miller in charge of operation announced today."

The Southern's operation department, under Mr. Miller, has adopted the policy of making up special trains to replace those running unduly late, thereby reducing any necessary inconvenience to the traveling public to a minimum. The record made by their trains last year is a source of much pride to officials of the Southern.

ELECTION SOON ON SCHOOL SITUATION HERE

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year. Moreover, those in the sixth and seventh grades that use the old books this year will, as a rule, be required to buy new books any way next year.

The list adopted is as follows: Scott Foreman & Co., Second Grade Arithmetic; Language and Grammar, Grade 4-7. Ginn & Co., Arithmetic for Grades 5-7.

D. C. Heath & Co., Fifth Grade History, Seventh Grade History, Silver Burdett & Co., History for Sixth Grade; Music Series Co-Basal, Grades 2-7.

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University Publishing Co., Readers, Grades 4-7. Troquois Publishing Co., Spellers, Grades 1-7.

Houghton Mifflin Co., Health Education, Grade 4. Charles E. Merrill Co., Health Education for Grades 5-7.

Allyn & Bacon, Civics for Grades 6 and 7. Zaner & Blosser Co., Writing (co-basal) Grades 1-7.

A. N. Palmer & C., Writing (co-basal) Grades 1-7. Laidlaw Brothers, Drawing (co-basal) Grades 1-7.

Atkinson, Mentzer & Co., Drawing (co-basal) Grades 1-7. Practical Drawing Co., Drawing (co-basal) Grades 1-7.

GASTON B. MEANS NOW ON REPUBLICAN PAY ROLL

It will be of interest throughout North Carolina to know that Gaston B. Means of Concord, whose name has been much before the people of the State in the case of the killing of Mrs. Maude A. Robinson King and in connection with the will of that lady, is now on the government pay roll, connected with the Department of Justice, as an assistant to William J. Burns, director of the Bureau of Investigation, his salary being \$2,000 a year. In noting the activities of Means a staff correspondent of the New York World, speaks of "one of the mysteries of the investigation of the Department of Justice of the contract cases is the activities of Gaston B. Means, former secret agent of the Imperial German government. The article says that Means has been encountered of late on errands for the Department that greatly puzzled the person he has been assigned to interview." His appointment is said to have been on the personal recommendation of Burns and at the time that Means was in the employ of Burns, his work with the Burns detective agency, with which he has been associated since 1914. The New York World heads the article from its staff correspondent thus: "G. B. Means, ex-spy, turns up as agent of the Department of Justice for the United States—Boy-d's former employe named by Burns to help investigate war contracts."

SHE LOOKS SO WELL AND HAPPY

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LEAKSVILLE WINS FAST GAME FROM LEXINGTON, 37 TO 38

Lexington, Feb. 20.—Leaksville defeated Lexington high school in a fast game of basketball here tonight 37 to 36.

The contest was featured by the fast playing of both teams. The first period ended with Leaksville leading 27 to 9. During the last half both teams threw goals at will, but the visitors were unable to overcome the lead obtained by the locals in the first part of the game.

The line-up: Leaksville: Leonard Zest, Leonard Smith, Ray, Norman, Moore, McDonald. Lexington: Leonard Zest, Leonard Smith, Ray, Norman, Moore, McDonald. Substitutions: Leaksville, Marshall, Smith, Hooper, Stamper, Wilson; Lexington, Jones, Points scored: Zest 14; Ray 27; Norman 8; Moore 2; McDonald 4; Marshall 2; Leonard 13; Smith 10; L. Miller 4; Raker 3.

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