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THE GARDEN OF EDEN

It is a matter of peculiar interest to Bible students that some of the most sacred places mentioned in Scriptures are included in the present war scene. The hills around Nazareth, where the boy, Jesus spent his early years, have been fortified by the Turks and have become arsenals for destruction.

KEEPING WELL

There is no germicide so good as direct sunlight. Most disease germs will die after a few hours' exposure to its direct rays.

Next in value is hot water and soap. Apply it to dark corners if you wish your room to be free from germs.

Cooking also destroys most of the injurious germs. Besides, it gives that savor to food which we all enjoy.

Milk sometimes needs to be boiled or, at least, pasteurized.

Overeating is a danger to health. Many a person digs his own grave with his teeth.

Fresh air both at night and in the day-time is necessary for health.

The human machine must be kept efficient. It is essential for you as the provider of a family, it is necessary for your employer that you have good health.

WHAT WILL CONGRESS DO?

TO THE PUBLIC LEDGER:

One of the biggest questions before the American people is, will Congress adopt the plan for "better preparedness" as outlined by Mr. Wilson before the Manhattan Club of New York? Or to put it another way, are the tax payers of the United States ready to increase their taxes already burdensome, by indorsing the President's militarism.

He said: "not rapidly, but slowly, with careful attention, our naval force have been developed until the navy of the United States stands recognized as one of the most efficient and notable of the modern time."

Again he said, "We are at peace with all the world." If these statements are true, wherein is it necessary to spend billions of dollars getting ready to defend ourselves against an imaginary enemy. His logic seems to be exceedingly faulty. With a powerful navy and resources almost limitless, with Europe bleeding and cut to pieces, with the most horrible and destructive war the world has ever known, it does seem that we are in less danger of being attacked than we have been in fifty years.

a militarism that rivals that of Germany. Is it fair for me to use the word militarism in this connection. In speaking of the navy he said, "We should have a definite policy of development, not made from year to year but looking well into the future and planning for a definite consummation. We can and should profit by the military and naval events of the actual present."

I will not question Mr. Wilson's motives, but I must in obedience to my duty as an American reject his policy of preparedness. He acts like a man who feels that the people are seriously considering him. There are several questions that every tax payer and every voter must settle for himself in regard to his administration. Why has he allowed England to almost ruin our commerce with neutral countries? The South will not recover from the blow that England has dealt us in twenty years.

Is there one thoughtful man who doubts that the money-power of our country is in favor of better preparedness. Or doubts that every war munition factory is in favor of better preparedness for war. Will not Mr. Wilson's military and naval policies be a great opportunity for the manufacturers of war supplies to unload their surplus upon the backs of the tax payers, who are already sufficiently burdened.

It is high time for the tax payers and voters to think seriously. If ever the Democratic party needed a Moses it needs it now. The Democratic party owes Mr. Wilson nothing. My humble opinion is, if Congress follows the policy of the President, for better preparedness, the Republicans will come into power in 1916.

But there is time enough yet to save the day. There are great men within the ranks of the Democratic party. For there is the peerless William Jennings Bryan, to whom the party owes more than to any living man. Who will rank in history with Washington, Madison and Jefferson. Then there is Champ Clark of Missouri, Ollie James of Kentucky, Claud Kitchen of North Carolina, Oscar Underwood and many others equally as great, who are able to lead the party to greater heights than she has yet attained to.

My heart's desire is that America shall teach the nations of earth the way of peace more perfectly. That it shall be an asylum for the appeased of all nations. That the God of all grace shall direct our feet in the paths of prayer and peace for his name sake. T. B. HILL, Virgilia, Va.

Simple Enough (Siler City Grit)

Mighty few of us are good mathematicians, and so when cotton seed are quoted at \$40 or \$50 a ton, the average person has to figure with pencil what the price is per bushel. The following rule is so simple and so easy that we reproduce it. Clip it out for reference:

"When the price of ton is given, in dollars, take half the price of a ton and add it to itself and the result will be the price of a bushel in cents. Thus, if seed are worth \$20 a ton, take half of 20 and add it to 20 and you get 30 cents as the price of a bushel. If seed are \$30 a ton, take half of 30 which is 15 and add it to 30 and you get 45 cents as the price of a bushel of seed. Now to find the price of a ton in dollars, when the price of a bushel in cents is known you subtract one-third of the price a bushel in cents from itself and you have the price of a ton in dollars. Thus suppose the price of a bushel is 60 cents the third of 60 is 20 which taken from 60 leaves \$40 as the price of a ton. The rule is so easy that anyone who knows the multiplication table can pass from the ton to the bushel, or from the bushel to the ton as fast as he can talk."

Good Man at Rest

Mr. Laz Meadows, a highly respected citizen of near Stem, died last week in the 64th year of his age. He was a follower of General Lee in the last year of the war. The interment was at the old home place.

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Lieutenant Robert Fay, late of the German army, and the four men whom the United States government has grouped with him as defendants to a charge of trying to blow up munition ships pleaded not guilty to the indictments found against them by the Federal court in New York. Bail was fixed at \$25,000 each. Fay and two others failed to give bond. Two gave bond and were released.

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