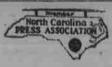
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#### Weekly Bible Thought

"To him that overcometh and keepeth my works unto the end, to will I give power over the nations: morning star."-Rev. 2-26.

#### Smoky Park Prospects

HERE has been so much talk about the Great Smoky Mountains National Park, some of it undoubtedly wild, that many persons, especially those under pressure to fulfil pledges of money for creation of the national playground, are becoming somewhat sceptical of what the actual results will be.

First steps for creation of the park were almost guess. I made no guess at all. I of the more thoughtful ones asked the love of money concurrent with the late lamented "boom" and, with the yet-resounding flop of that boom in our ears, it science of political economy. I I knew this when the panic of January 31, 1932. is difficult to see the silver lining on the other side of was not alone in making these 1893 struck us. I was teaching at the clouds.

Nevertheless, there is no reason for us to doubt so much more noise than we did school would not pay my board. So that we were not heard by many. I was forced to leave for a time. the opinions of such an authority as Horace M. Al- This same gentleman asked me That was at the time of the free NEGLECTED FOREST WEALTH bright, director of national parks, as to what the Smoky Park will mean for this section. Mr. Albright is a man of conservative judgment and he is in po- he would have done so, but little standard side. I wrote a few ar- Carolina, Prof. S. H. Hobbs, Jr., sition to know what other parks have meant to other Arthur, as I call him to distinguish ticles on the gold standard and one laid especial emphasis upon the sition to know what other parks have meant to other him from his celebrated father, of them reached England. In that forests of the state, their explonitation in the past, their possibilities item: mediate release from all our troubles and he doesn't thinking out bright things to write appreciated but that it had slightly in wealth and beauty, their direct predict prosperity next summer; but he does see an to have time to do serious think- depreciated. An ardent free silver relation to the farmers' income and encouraging future for this section.

Speaking at a dinner in Asheville last Thursday greatest teacher and along this line I happened to get the same experience that boys of today are leg to stand on. I demonstrated leg to stand on. I demonstrated by Western North Carolina in the proaches North Carolina in the proac

"The destiny of this section is clear. It has the will take advantage of their oppor- it actually had depreciated. It is Hobbs. Our variety of climate, scenic beauty, the historic interest, the healthful cliscenic beauty, the historic interest, the healthful cliget some good out of this depresmate and the recreational facilities to attract millions

some good out of this depression. I was at the right age to
lish in a newspaper article, but to
plants than any other state. Yet of tourists.

Heed this and take heart!

Before the park becomes a reality, the government That was a much worse panic than economy. I went to Europe and Fortunately (co requires the acquisition of 427,000 acres. Three hun- the one that started the present visited the schools of Norway, summary of the address), the for- fellow country editors, we poor, ig- bloody warfare. dred thousand acres already has been obtained and depression. It lasted longer than Sweden, Denmark, and Germany ests are mainly in the hands of norant, idiotic, pipe-smoking, unthe rest is expected to be acquired this year.

When the required area is turned over to the gov- one and went in debt for the dif- Gothenborg licensing system of ernment, the park service, Mr. Albright has assured, ference in price. Land was high in will be ready to advertise the new playground far and high. Had wheat kept up to \$2.00 spent a month in the village where 000 acres of land better suited to wide. Plans for the development of facilities to take a bushel and other farm products my old teacher was living and timber production than anything about China and Japan, of a seventh son of a prophet, the care of visitors to the park already are receiving the in proportion, this debt could have spent many happy hours with him attention of the park service.

Last summer, it is estimated, 154,000 persons visit- cepting wheat, which could be ex- his home and while ed the park. With the completion of the North Caro- ported, and wheat dropped in price, through the fields and forests in lina highway to Newfound Gap travel through the raise money on the farm. My fath- lead us to read the great book of park should increase greatly. The road is expected er was fifteen years old when the nature and to look through nature to he finished in the spring or early summer. Ten- panic of 1837 followed a crazy land up to nature's God. With a note nesse: already has a road to the gap. When the highwas on this side is completed, thousands of motorists the panic just before the war be- fathers. will take this route over the mountains, not only because it will carry them through the park but also on account of its being the shortest route from many points on the other side of the Appalachians to Georgia and Florida.

In time, the park service has predicted, 2,000,000 be as it may, I had the rare good then being handed out at a time tourists will visit this playground annually. On the fortune to have good teachers and when our country was suffering cline as a cotton producing state. Hundred (\$500.) Dollars; and tain; thence South 58 deg. 30' West pasis of experience with other parks, this prediction best teacher I ever met, not ex- that we periodically bring upon can more than make up in wood the payment of said sum, and the across top of mountain; thence s junds reasonable.

"Carlsbad Caverns National Park in Southern Mexico was unheard of ten years ago," Mr. Albright cited. "The first record of visitors was made in 1924, was supplemented by the teaching tistics I quote to prove the main so well adapted to grow trees. The I will, therefore, by virtue of the of May 20, 1926 when 1,280 were registered. In 1931 there were 81,-275. Zion, in southern Utah, a very remote park, in 1920 had 3,692 visitors. In 1931 it had 59,186.

The Great Smoky Mountains National Park within 500 miles of ( ) greatest population centers of the country. It is er or comparatively near the great highways from North to South and from the Mid-west to the South.

Another thing to remember: Thousands upon subjects as philology and political suffered a depression, we took the and absolutely indispensable water Battles, it being the beginning cornthousands of persons have seen the parks of the West and other sections of the country. Now they will welcome the opportunity to see something new there is no other park like the Great Smoky Mounttains National Park. Its flora and fauna are differ- we went far beyond the required membered that their combined area can safely be said that North poles to a Spanish oak corner on 12642 to C. B. Woody which Grant ent; its climate, especially, is different.

To us country folks who seldom see crowds of more than a thousand or so people, and that only occasionally, it is diff to comprehend what 2,000, analysis of sixty-five plants. In occasionally, it is diff to comprehend what 2,000, alyzed about three hundred. We have been ashamed to have considerable increase in the land as the virgin forests of the west to Government stake at rock; F4-4tc-HAO-F25

culations of what a magnitudinous proposition it will

If each of 2,000,000 visitors spent \$10 while on the there was a decrease in land value North Carolina side of the park, they would put of \$66,240,000. In this fifty-year \$20,000,000 into circulation.

But, say only 1,000,000 should visit the North Caro-ten times; houses three and a ina park area and each visitor should spend only \$5; still, that would be \$5,000,000 turned loose. Not ping five and three-fourths times; to be sneezed at, eh!

If each of 1,000,000 visitors should buy a five cent and wealth more than doubled cold drink, the drug stores and soft drink stands times when we use astronomical would be \$50,000 better off.

Feeding such an army of tourists would be a tre- 000,000 does not cut much of mendous problem. Will Western North Carolina sideration that this means gold and have to buy canned goods for them, or will it be that the area of land under conprepared to supply home-grown produce in sufficient sideration in less than an average quantities? That is a question that deserves the at- great deal to one who has a cor tention of every forward-looking farmer in all of the rect sense of values. counties within a hundred miles of the park. Of Some one may say why does not land increase in values as other course, no one expects 2,000,000, or even 1,000,000 forms of wealth increase? I shall visitors to the park this year, or next year. But the not answer this question here and number is likely to increase substantially each year now but put this question: "If until such records are attained, and the farmers of wealth increase, land should inthis section will do well to get ready now to grow crease in the same ratio, would it more and more truck crops, livestock, poultry and be good for the world? Man credairy cattle. Unless they do, the time is coming land. Another question, this for when they will be unable to meet the demand, when the man or boy who hopes to help they will have to let money which should be kept at make laws some day: "Since land home go elsewhere.

# The Enigma of Land Values

Professor T. G. Harbison Explodes an Inflationist Theory-Reviews Economic Cycle Since 1837

To the Editor of The Franklin Press:

price and farm products were also been paid easily, but when cash discussing social, educational, recould not be had for products, ex- ligious and economic problems in with all the crops combined. Where it was an utter impossibility to favorite haunts where he had often

The best schools at that time were better than the average months in the village with my old schools of the present, but I think teacher and together we worked out average of that time, but let that

tween the states, so I had a good

Speaking about the depression - Every farmer's son knew that his statements, but the masses made Highlands at that time and my ing. We can not get an education advocate ridiculed the idea and adfrom books. Experience is the mitted that if gold had depreciated and on the woeful lack of measures count a figurative ten before criti-would come to stand in the prescription of the streams count a figurative ten before criti-would come to stand in the prescription of the streams count a figurative ten before criti-would come to stand in the prescription of the streams count a figurative ten before criti-would come to stand in the prescription of the streams count a figurative ten before criti-would come to stand in the prescription of the streams count a figurative ten before criti-would come to stand in the prescription of the streams count a figurative ten before criti-would come to stand in the prescription of the streams count a figurative ten before criti-would come to stand in the prescription of the streams count a figurative ten before criti-would come to stand in the prescription of the streams count a figurative ten before criti-would come to stand in the prescription of the streams count a figurative ten before criti-would come to stand in the prescription of the streams count and the strea learn about such things when the cut the story short I got more than the great stands of timber have panic of 1873 came suddenly, like a free trip to Europe. So much been drastically depleted by our fingertips? Wouldn't that pro- cross-roads offices, smoking our hope this one will. My father as well as making a study of the the farmers. But out of 280,000 sophisticated children must be care- Socrates, Gladstone, Blackstone, traded a small farm for a larger dairy methods in Denmark and the

Before going abroad in 1893 I

back from Europe loaded down with statistics. I spent three

figure, but if we take into con-

gradually decreases in value, should the tax on land be gradually in-

This is an interesting subject and In my life time up to date I have witnessed three futile attempts to hold inflated values in land and saw three miserable failures and much suffering. The land boom is one of the factors that must be any one point out a tree or wild included in our solution of the present depression. It is only one of them. A Hebrew king noted Speaking about the depression and decrease in values, a gentleman remarked that I made a good far as his land went and some

Every tarmer's son knew that his for wisdom might sum up the whole problem in four words,—
torests and a scientific program a body to the utilization of forest resources: the two must be worked the Raleigh Times, and sit at the man remarked that I made a good far as his land went and some whole problem in four words,-

-T. G. HARBISON.

### Clippings

richness of its sylva, said Prof. The Times said.

Fortunately (continuing a brief editor gripe your innards? Say, would cast the whole world into not more than 20,000 farmers have ful now, for the great mogul hath Bluestone, Soapstone, Washington any annual income from forests spoken, the wizard hath wizarded, Jefferson, Lincoln, how blindly ig besides firewood.

else. The net income from timber might be a close competitor wandering we now receive \$50,000,000 gross annual income from forests, under receive 200 millions by the applica-

This passage is reprinted in full, as published in The Greensboro In the summer of 1894 I came Daily News-and mark well its warning:

"The state is well suited to engage in paper making and the pulp the present average is above the conclusions that did not agree with industry ultimately must come years following the panic of 1873 parent when I state that the sta- be in textiles for no other state is ed; of an experienced instructor in subject are the same that we used tree ultimately will be North Caro- power of sale by said deed of trust. Being the land conveyed to C



"C'mon, You Seen Wot I Done. Do Va Stuff"

forestation, teach farmers how to mighty nibs down at Raleigh manage their forests, and promote The thing we ought to do is to wood consuming industries." assemble all the little editors who

idea of farming the forests has China. What do you say, fellow made much progress. All propos- idiots, to hitching up the oxen to als for a fostering tax system have the old ox cart, piling into it, ended in fruitless debate. But the lighting our pipes and going down prize of a re-established and prop- to the- seat of iniquity where erly conserved forest development knowledge abounds, and see if we is too great to permit-discourage- can get some sense clubbed into

NOW, COUNTRY EDITORS, YOU to build a mouth in so we can WILL WATCH YOUR STEP! smoke a pipe? It would be an Last Friday's United Press sent ordeal, of course, but it is our

Now wouldn't that frostbite your to run the risk of staying at our nouncement from the big Raleigh pipes and writing something that pipe or chawing yer terbacker, you NEWS.

are gone, and that day is near at crazy, hair-brained, idiotic little one well deserving careful study, hand. Where we now rank tenth Devils you. If any of us do comwe will some day rank first. But mit this grave, dangerous act and our time will never come unless say anything about Japan, we're and until we adopt a forestry tax- apt to throw the whole world into ation policy that will encourage re- the horrors of warfare, so says his

> these empty heads of ours-heads that are good for nothing except

> burst loose and cast the whole

A scientific taxation program for live at the cross-roads, and go in feet of that mighty monarch, and Neither the tax reform nor the learn something about Japan and

ment.—ASHEVILLE TIMES .

out from Raleigh the following patriotic duty to do it, lest we

The Raleigh Times yesterday cock-eyed world into war. warned the press of America to light of his countenance when wething about China and Japan and of God. But it is far better for

O Medes and Persians, Solomon the dean of the editors has deaned norant were all of you when com and dinned his durned ultimatum to pared to that journalistic genius,

knowledge than it would be for us

us little boys. Don't you dare say that sophisticated, swell-headed son especially while you are at your editor of The Raleigh Times, con cross-roads office, smoking your found his impudence.-BREVARD

### LEGAL ADVERTISEMENTS

NOTICE OF SALE North Carolina,

That was before the age of bu-requeracy, when each township was many that after the depression val-veloped North Carolina would not ing described property:

Register of Deeds for Macon County in Book VV, page 268, litt's republic and could have as ues would increase. On this ac- only achieve wealth, but she would Beginning at a black oak corner which is also State Grant No. count we used England as an il- take on beauty, and those same in the old Creenenberg line, now 13473 and is recorded in said Regnot against the law for a lustration. We gave statistics for a forests would conserve and pre- the Government line, South side of shly educated man to teach such fifty-year period. As England also serve for all time to come our vast Turkey Knob not far from the 496-7. onomy if he cared to and any figures from 1841 to 1891. No fig- and water power resources which er of State Grant No. 13473 and C. B. Woody by State Grant No. f the pupils cared to go higher ures were available for 1893 but stand in imminent danger because runs with the Government lines as 17934 which Grant is recorded in n the common branches. In land values at this time were cer- of soil erosion and irregular stream follows: North 16 deg. 30' East said Register's office in Book Q-3. got much tainly no higher than in 1891. Eng- flow resulting from the destruction 184 poles to Government stake in page 127. more than the present city high land and Wales are included in of our forests and our clean culture flat at head of small branch; Being also a portion of the land school gives, and in some branches the figures given. It should be re- methods of farming. I think it thence North I deg. West 126 courses in the two colleges in that is almost exactly that of Illinois. Carolina's forests, under scientific top of ridge, Government corner; is recorded in said Register's office county. For example, the college In 1841 the population was 15,614,- management, could be made to thence South 88 deg. 30' East 56 in Book FF, page 301, to all of course in botany then required the tol48; by 1891 it had increased to yield a larger annual income than poles to Government corner; which reference is hereby made,

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Creenenberg or Government line WHEREAS, power of sale was South 33 deg. 30' East 28 poles to vested in the undersigned Trustee a stake; Government corner; thence by deed of trust from C. B. Woody South 33 deg. 30' East 35 poles and wife, Ruemma Arcella Woody, to a stake in the painted Governconcluding conditional forecast and Maude Woody Breedlove, Emaline ment line on the ridge near an old Woody, Manliff Woody to R. S. road; thence South 63 deg. West Jones, Trustee, dated August 20, 46 poles to a chestnut Government 1929, and registered in the office of corner; thence South 35 West 16 the Register of Deeds for Macon poles to a Government stake; some of the theories that were south. Rayon is replacing silk and county in book No. 32, page 107, thence North 35 West 54 poles to then being handed out at a time cotton. North Carolina must deone among them was, I believe, the from one of the major depressions What we lose in cotton fibre we whereas, default has been made in 148 poles to a Government stake cepting teachers met in Sweden, ourselves by violating social and fibre. If the rayon industry should owner of said indebtedness having North 16 deg. 30' East 30 poles to Denmark and Germany. The hard, economic laws. The relevance of largely replace the cotton textile demanded the said Trustee to exer- the beginning, containing 172.5 bitter experience gained in the this digression will, I think, be ap- industry North Carolina will still cise the power of sale in him vest- acres, more or less, according to

This was not thirty-eight years ago. It was ar- lina's greatest crop, and there is in me vested, on Tuesday, the first B. Woody by G. W. Parrish and college for one semester, but for gued at that time, 1894, that owing not a farm in the state, and scare- day of March, 1932, sell at the wife, E. J. Parrish, by deed dated featr years in a little red (brick) to the acute depression in the ly an acre of land, that can not courthouse door at Franklin, North the 3rd day of November, 1900 choolhouse out in the country. United States land values were ab- grow trees. If our marvelous for- Carolina, at public auction to the and recorded in the office of the