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BIBLE THOUGHT

Enter ye in at the strait gate: for wide is the gate, and broad is the way, that leadeth to destruction...

WE'RE COMMITTING SUICIDE

We read with horror last week of a shoemaker in Reading, Pa., who underwent an operation in which the doctors removed 200 tacks from his stomach.

At first thought, we took it that this man deliberately committed suicide by degrees.

Perhaps some will look with disgust at a man that will kill himself by degrees in such an unreasonable manner...

Thousands and thousands of people care little about their health until they are deprived of it, and in most cases have little or no chance of getting it back.

The shoemaker swallowing tacks was killing himself slowly while working, while many of us are committing suicide while playing.

So, after all, the shoemaker was not as foolish as it first sounded. He probably knew no better. We know better and make no effort to change our fast way of living.

WORTH \$10,000,000, BUT DIED A PAUPER

One of the saddest things that has happened during the past few months was that of a rich man, many times a millionaire, passing into the great beyond, leaving behind him millions, but not a friend.

While he was living, he devoted all his time and energy to making money. He did not have time for his fellowmen.

Most of all of us are inclined to put the dollar first and make what few friends we can after we have satisfied our wants for money.

The value of a true friend cannot be termed in dollars and cents, so why should we put a dollar first now, only to regret later that we did not devote more time to making friends instead of dollars?

A true friend is a safe investment and pays more interest than a million dollars.

Calvin Coolidge has recently been receiving a dollar a word for some of his writings. Last week a firm received from him \$25,000 for just a few words he said over the radio.

With the fishing season a few days off it will be hard to tell if a man is working in his garden or digging bait.

The final outside touches are being added to the courthouse. What a difference a little paint and washing up can make.

Headline, "Congress arguing over Tax Question." We don't have to go to Washington to hear that.

During the year 1931 life insurance companies of the United States paid to policy holders and beneficiaries the sum of \$2,600,000,000. Does this mean we are worth more dead than alive?

PARK ENTRANCE A THING OF THE PAST

Several weeks ago we had a short editorial about the entrance to the Great Smoky Mountain National Park. We took the position that the park had no special entrance and that we should not broadcast the idea that every few hundred feet the tourists would have to pass through a gate to get into "Nature's Playground of the South."

Several newspapers and individuals took us up on the suggestion, and some, that have been harping on this very thing, took sides with us and stated that from now on they are going to say the park has no special entrance.

The latest comment is from the Secretary of the Chamber of Commerce of Hendersonville, Noah Hollowell, former newspaper editor and publisher of that city. He says the following about the entrance.

Mr. Hollowell also said that too much emphasis is being placed on the gateways rather than what is to be found after one enters the gates.

After all, it seems that the best thing for us to do is to forget gates and entrances and concentrate more on informing the world about the natural advantages we have here in Western North Carolina and especially in the park.

ARE YOU ENJOYING THE DIFFERENCE

The per capita cost of the national government prior to the World War was \$8.

For the year ending last December 31st, the cost per capita was \$34, that much, mind you, for every man, woman and child in the land.

That is four and one-half times more than the national government spent before the war.

Can anybody see the difference or properly sense any accrued benefits that have resulted from this tremendous increase in governmental expenditures?

A couple of billion dollars ought to bring to the people notably-realizable advantages, but who can in conscience declare that one is getting more today from the national government in the way of benefits than were received when two billion less were being spent?

Well, of course, none can admit that because the two billion have not gone in that direction.

They have gone into debt-paying. Of the \$34 which Uncle Sam took from the pockets of every man, woman and child last year, \$17 of it went to the account of national indebtedness.

BEEF CATTLE PROMISE BETTER PAY IN 1932

"The beef cattle raiser has an excellent opportunity to profit from his efforts during 1932. But these efforts must be expended in the right direction," says The Progressive Farmer-Ruralist, but adds this caution:

"Lady Luck sometimes seems to play a major role in success, but consistent success usually results from hard work directed by sound judgement, and not through mere chance.

"It is now possible to secure registered beef sires from excellent blood lines and desirable in type for unusually moderate prices. This makes it easy for the owner of a beef cow herd to improve the quality of his calves through the use of good sires.

"Many who own common or grade cows have often longed for an opportunity to replace them with registered stock. Present prices for registered females bring them within reach of the average man. However, in most cases it will be a wise plan to grow into the purebred business rather than buy into it.

ONE MAN'S CHICKENS AND ANOTHER MAN'S GARDEN

Isn't it foolish to think that men will kill each other over such things as chickens getting into the other man's fresh planted garden. Not long ago in a neighboring state two well known citizens of a little community there were both killed because one of them insisted that he had a right for his chickens to go where they wanted to go and eat what they found, regardless where they found it.

At this season of the year many people have to put up with their neighbor's chickens in their gardens. The law protects the gardener so it seems that it is better for all concerned to keep the fowls at home.

Overheard at the courthouse today. "Are you running for office this time?" "Yes, sir. And I think I have a good chance of getting it."

About the sweetest job we know of is that of a brick mason when they begin to put sugar in mortar.

The weatherman is sure handing us a square deal.

20 Years Ago in HAYWOOD

The Army and Navy of April 9 contains the following: Ensign W. Henry Lee detached duty Missouri; to duty as aid on staff of Commander Second division U. S. Atlantic Fleet, on Minnesota. That is to say Henry Lee is Flag Secretary to Rear Admiral Murock in command of this division of the Atlantic Fleet.

In addition to the new platforms built at the Southern Station, making it much more convenient loading and unloading freight, the Southern has had a new reservoir erected southeast of the station. Now if the authorities will have a shed made so people will be in the dry in getting off and on the train, it will be a still greater improvement.

Miss Genevieve Dumestil of Louisville, Kentucky is visiting Miss Caperton Bowles.

Mr. Handy Kirkpatrick of Canton was in town Friday and Saturday. Miss Bessie Love left Saturday for Gastonia, N. C. where she will visit Mrs. Andrew Moore.

Mr. J. Bat Smathers of Canton was a business visitor here Monday.

Mr. T. L. Gwyn of Pigeon was here Monday and went over to Asheville on the noon train.

Miss Nannette Jones will leave Thursday for an extended visit to her sister, Mrs. Harry Eldridge in Franklin, Ohio.

Everybody come out to the ball game Saturday and root for the home team while we play Asheville. If you don't, who will?

A Clyde buggy was badly damaged a few nights ago by being run into by a Canton car.

Our astronomers say that on May 18 the earth will pass through the tail of Halley's Comet.

Mr. Nick Medford was on Jonathan Friday night and joined the Rock Hill debating society.

Little Lois Briggs celebrated her birthday last Friday by giving a party to a few of her friends. The little folks had a jolly good time as only children can without care or restraint, full of hope and innocence.

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THE HOME NEWSPAPER

It has been said that no institution not founded on fundamental human need can live. The reverse of this is also true. That is why the home newspaper, as an institution, has survived many things; the onslaught of individual opposition, the increase of printing costs, the peril of unpaid subscription, the uncertainty of advertising patronage, the problem of professional competition and the hazards of its own mistakes.

When subjected to the test of whether the home newspaper could be done without, there always follows the inevitable reaction of whether the people of the community want to do without it.

The newspaper is not a fad nor an invention—it is a growth that has been made possible by the co-operation and receptive spirit of the people themselves because of the need for transmission of news and a circulation medium for advertising products.

Six hundred eight persons in Vance County have joined the Grange. It is expected that approximately 700 persons will join before the charters of two locals are closed.

LETTERS TO EDITOR

Hendersonville, N. C. April 1, 1932 Mr. W. Curtis Russ, Managing Editor, The Mountaineer, Waynesville, N. C.

My dear Curtis:— I was very much impressed with the timeliness of your editorial on March 24 about the emphasis that has been placed on the gateway to the Smokies. I agree with you that too much emphasis is being placed on the gateway rather than what is to be found after one enters the gates.

Cordially yours, NOAH HOLLOWELL, Secretary Chamber of Commerce of Hendersonville.

THE MAN WHO WINS

The man who wins is an average man; Not built on any peculiar plan; Not blest with any peculiar luck; Just steady and earnest and full of pluck.

When asked a question he does not "guess"— He knows and answers "no" or "yes"; When set a task that the rest can't do, He buckles down 'till he's puts it through.

Three things he's learned: That the man who tries Finds favor in his employer's eyes; That it pays to know more than one thing well; That it doesn't pay all he knows to tell.

So he works and waits; till one fine day There's a better job with bigger pay.

And the men who shirked whenever they could Are bossed by the man whose work made good.

For the man who wins is the man who works; Who neither labor nor trouble shirks; Who uses his hand, his head, his eyes; The man who wins is the man who tries.

—Charles R. Barrett

—Clipped from the "Blade and Ledger"

FOUNTAIN PENS REPAIRED

at THE WAYNESVILLE PHARMACY by I. H. Thackston

When Nugent Talks He States Facts

Monroe, La.—E. D. Nugent, retired Louisiana farmer, residing at 209 Drew St., said: "Sargon is certainly wonderful for toning up the system. I feel wonderfully improved, although I've only been taking it for ten days. Sargon Soft Mass Pills relieved me of constipation and straightened me out as nothing else ever has. I have thousands of friends all over Louisiana who know that a statement from me means facts."

CURTIS CUT-RATE



For lazy liver, stomach and kidneys, biliousness, indigestion, constipation, headache, colds and fever. 10¢ and 35¢ at dealers.

Grins and Chuckles

A Short Wait Papoose: "Baw-w-aw, I want to drink. Eskimo Mother: "Sharup, it's six months till morning."

"Let me see now," said the mother at the christening, dipping a pen into the ink to record the exact "isn't this the 27th?"

"I should say not," indignantly replied the mother, "it's only the 26th."

Overheard

First Man—"My fancy's lighted seems to have a different taste for other women's."

Second Man (innocently)—"What sort of orange flavor, hasn't it?"

One in His Favor

The judge was stern. The jury trembled. "I understand," said the Honor, "that this is the fifth time you have run over." The speaker hastily replied: "Only four, Your Honor; one of them I ran over twice."

Not Responsible

The rejected suitor had withheld fore her cutting language telling her she wouldn't have him.

"Now I trust I have made myself sufficiently plain," she finished. "You didn't do that," he retorted. "Mother Nature did that for you!"

What Students Learn

A teacher lately passed on the following information, gleaned from her charges: That British subjects have the right to partition the King, that the Pope lives in a insane asylum in the wilds of Africa, that nothing is whiter than falling snow, and that paimetta is a child of black and white parents.

No Declaration

When Mrs. Borden-Lodge arrived in this country after a short sojourn abroad she was asked the usual question by the customs official: "Anything to declare, madam?"

"No," she replied, sweetly, "nothing."

"Then, madam," said the official, "am I to take it that the fur tail hanging down under your coat is your own?"

Brave Man

The stalwart man burst into the dentist's office and held forth as follows: "Now, look here, I've got use for these newfangled rubber gas and cocaine, and painless traction, and all that rubbish. My tooth is giving a lot of trouble, you need to do is yank it out—yank it out."

"Well," said the dentist, "you're a plucky fellow. Just step into the chair."

"Oh!" said the stalwart man, "isn't my tooth. It's the wife's downstairs."

"I'm afraid you can't walk with well, Ed."

"No, darling, but I surely can't mission!"

Bloodhound for Sale—When offered for one-year-old Bloodhound animal, gentle, good watchdog, eat anything and especially fat children.—Port Angeles News.

Wife: "I'm afraid the climate would disagree with me." Husband: "It wouldn't dare."

The Smiths are on the balcony can hear what a young couple saying in the garden below.

Mrs. Smith: I think he wants propose. We ought not to whistle to him.

Mr. Smith: Why should I body whistled to warn me.

The Ford Exhaust

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