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A LAY SERMON FOR SUNDAY. "I said, I will take heed to my ways, that I sin not with my tongue; I will keep my mouth with a bridle, while the wicked is before me."—Psalm 39:1.

As with the determination of David the Psalmist, to let it be with us, all of us, that we take heed to our ways, sin not with our tongues and keep our mouths well bridled.

Most of all the suffering and sorrows of the world have come as a result of sinning with the tongue and failure to keep the mouth bridled. The gossiping and slanderous tongue has wrecked homes and driven countless thousands to despair and death.

There are those about us today who pretend to be seekers after reformations, but who sin with their tongues by imputing improper motives to those not in full agreement with them.

Men who seek to advance their selfish purposes by arousing ill feeling and setting neighbor against neighbor, unbridle their mouths, they sin with their tongues, they take no heed of their ways.

That general philosopher, Abe Martin, preached a whole sermon on brotherly kindness and human fellowship when he said: "When you don't know nothin' good to say of a feller, think up somethin'." Think clean thoughts. Take heed of your ways.

With the dawning of another Lord's day morning, let us, each and every one, make a new resolution to take better heed of our ways, that those following us may not follow to their undoing; that we sin not with the tongue, lest those who have confidence in us be misled to their everlasting sorrow.

Thus saith the preacher. "May the words of my mouth, and the meditations of my heart, be acceptable in Thy sight, O Lord, my strength, and my redeemer."

BORROWING MORE YEARS. Advances in preventive medicine have performed wonders in the past two or three decades. The infant mortality death rate has been cut in two, and, concurrently, the average expectancy of human life has been increased almost ten years.

This report indicates that there is an even greater possibility of extending human life. In the past century the average span of a man's life has increased by fourteen years. Increased medical knowledge, economic progress and well organized campaigns of health education have been the chief causes of this gain.

FROST A SIGN OF PROMISE. First killing frost of the season is reported. This is nature's notice to mankind to get ready for what is to follow. For weeks the early signals have been out. Little nips in the air, the falling leaf, the ripening corn crop, the apple turning red, the pumpkin taking on its golden hue, the grass turning brown along the edges of the walk, and on the ridges, are all forerunners of the first sloop of the Frost King.

Some great impulse has communicated the oncoming of winter to all animate and inanimate nature. Just as in the early spring the stirring of life is felt by the germs that lie sleeping in the frozen earth, and bud and rootlet begin to imperceptibly put forth those evidences of a growth that soon will clothe a bare world with verdure, while bird and beast, and fish and worm feel a new urge passing through their being, so the day of cold and dreary winter is forecast to them.

Not until December 22 does winter begin, according to the calendar, but the first frost of the fall is really its curtain raiser, and long before solstice comes we will have snow and ice and sleet and the general discomforts of the season. These, however, are sustainable, because all can sing with the poet, "If winter comes, spring is not far behind," realizing the beauty of the true round of life.

MEDAL OF HONOR FOR AUNT MARY. From Atlantic, La., comes a short news story that is of much more than passing interest. The story might well have been amplified into a big feature story instead of confined to 15 or 20 lines.

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That record of 25 years of molding the minds of Iowa youth without missing a single day from the job, is one that deserves more than passing recognition. Monuments have been erected to the memory of men whose record for real service is not to be compared with that of this veteran schoolmarm.

While we are handing out medals to those who have proved their devotion to their country upon the field of battle; while we are handing out medals to those who have rescued their fellows from death, why not a medal for Mrs. Annsbacher of Avoca, Ia., who has proved her devotion to her country by dedicating her life to the splendid task of developing its citizenship?

The editor of a college paper has been discharged because he allowed too many cuss words to appear in the publication. Gracious, what would happen if all the words used by the boys in the composing room were allowed to appear on the printed page!

Mr. Edison says that the advent of the four-hour work day would have a bad effect upon the young. Having passed that age we are prepared to take chances.

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Out of Today's Sermons

"Don't Guess; Be Sure" is the topic of tonight's sermon by W. F. MacNeill, pastor of Grace Baptist church. The text is "But they, supposing Him to have been the compasser, were the day's journey." Luke 24:4. He will say: "The pilgrims, returning to northern Palestine after the feast at Jerusalem, banded together in great caravans, and it was customary for the men to travel together and the women likewise. The families would unite at the end of the day for supper and family worship. Mary, missing Jesus during the day, would naturally suppose that he was with Joseph, and Joseph, noting his absence, would take it for granted that he was with his mother. At the family reunion, therefore, great was their consternation when they made the startling discovery that he was not with the caravan at all. Jesus assumed the blame, saying that he had been the compasser, were the day's journey." Luke 24:4.

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Cherub Clouds

A flock of little cherub clouds. Come fluttering out across the sky; They skim its deep with gleaming shrouds In lines of linked volancy. Is God's high heaven so full of bliss That cherub clouds must overflow? Or greening earth so lovely 'tis, That lightly lured them here below? Or are they signs that earth may be So blent with heaven in God's own heart That all His wretched heraldry Can scarce discern the two apart?

Prairiegraphs Autumn Days. Shot with the gold of the western sun. Or the silvery sheen of the autumn moon. Tinged with colors of a day that's done. Soothed by the sign of the night wind's ruse. The soft stars peep from the arching blue. While the swan clouds float in a dreamy haze. Then the rising sun paints a rosy hue In the round of Nebraska's autumn days.

The sun is setting for the booster and the go-getter. More and more every day is the world turning to the steady pluggers who daily saw their goodly share of the community water. Communities are not built by the boosters, but by the builders who lay securely the foundations upon which they build.

LISTENING IN On the Nebraska Press. The Omaha city commission has removed Dan Butler as head of the police department and put Henry W. Dunn in his place. The dispatch does not reveal what the commission has against Dunn.—Norfolk Press.

JOYS O' MINE. A quiet hour in the old home nest. A soothing pipe in the frelight's glow; The welcome smile of those loved best. As the dancing shadows come and go; A good-night kiss from the lips of love; As the old clock peals the stroke of nine, Are the memory pearls of my treasure trove. An' that I count as the joys o' mine.

Uncle Moses Suedenham dreamed of a coming time when Kearney would be the capital city of the United States. Men and women laughed at him and tapped their foreheads significantly. And Uncle Moses died still seeing that vision. But a lot of people who called Noah crazy died before they could admit to Noah that he was right. Stranger things have happened than that Uncle Moses Suedenham should some fine morning turn his spirit eyes eastward and discover that his earthly dream had come true.

Speaking out of an experience of something like 30 years I am prepared to say that any husband or wife of more than one year's standing who declares that never has a cross word been exchanged, really ought to be thankful that the fate meted out to Ananias and Sapphira is no longer customary.

Bayer Aspirin advertisement. Includes Bayer logo and text: 'Genuine Bayer Aspirin. SAY "BAYER" when you buy. Insist! Unless you see the "Bayer Cross" on tablets, you are not getting the genuine Bayer product prescribed by physicians over 23 years and proved safe by millions for Colds, Headache, Toothache, Rheumatism, Neuritis, Lumbago, Neuralgia, Pain, Pain.



MOTHER'S NATURE'S CHILDREN. What have you seen? Are you ever attracted by the voice of the world of nature which surrounds you? Then read the following letters from readers on observations of nature.

MORE GAME AND BETTER SHOOTING. The most valuable things are available to all mankind—rich and poor alike if they will reach out and take them. Air and light belong in common to everybody who breathes and sees. And so the pleasantest and the most splendid of our country's resources—roads, rivers, forests, libraries, museums—belong to everyone.

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Peerless Radiant advertisement. 'The Ideal Semi-Anthracite. Peerless Radiant offers you more in real fuel satisfaction than any coal on the market. It is absolutely clean—no smoke, no soot and no odor. It is heavy coking and holds fire like hard coal. It is the "hottest" coal on the market and has only a tub of ashes to a ton of coal.

Young Woman Could Not Walk 2 Blocks Gas on Stomach Prevented Walking. Advertisement for Bayer Aspirin. Includes Bayer logo and text: 'Genuine Bayer Aspirin. SAY "BAYER" when you buy. Insist! Unless you see the "Bayer Cross" on tablets, you are not getting the genuine Bayer product prescribed by physicians over 23 years and proved safe by millions for Colds, Headache, Toothache, Rheumatism, Neuritis, Lumbago, Neuralgia, Pain, Pain.