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BIBLE VERSE FOR TODAY

John III:14. For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son that whosoever believeth in Him should not perish but have everlasting life.

BETROTHAL.
Forty stalwart men-at-arms
In shining cloth of gold;
One out of forty-one,
Free and bold.

Forty sturdy men-at-arms
With cheeks of apple red,
One with a scornful mouth
And a proud head.

Forty blowing buglers,
Forty men astride,
Heralding the King's son
Coming for his bride.

Caskets spilling amethysts
Chests of silk and fur,
And a careless guardman
To raise his eyes to her

Beaten gold and perfume
Came and fillies,
And a mocking guardman
For her heard to see.

Here is the King's son
With loud fanfare;
Why should a man-at-arms
Stand and stare?

Here is the King's son,
Sister and wife;
Why has a man-at-arms
Laughing eyes?
By Dorothy Belle Flanagan

"We Won't Obey" - New Bride
Say headline. As if they eve
did.

Judging from the newspaper
headlines, we gather that the age
of the tomahawk is about to re
turn.

Thank goodness the football
season will be over Saturday and
we won't have to pick any more
losers again this year.

It looks to the Tampa Tribune
columnist as if the Miami dog
men may prove to have a "white
handsome" on their hands."

In 1923, according to statistics
compiled recently, nearly a billion
shrimps were caught in Florida.
But there are several that haven't
been caught yet.

The Literary Digest has been
crowing so much about the accur
acy of its straw vote that we can't
wait the temptation of saying
that the Herald's straw vote was
as far off either.

The Manville's are said to have
spent seven hundred and fifty
thousand dollars on the recent
wedding of Estelle Manville to
Count Bernadotte, a nephew of
King Gustav of Sweden. These
filled marriages certainly come
near.

William Lawson, who ran
against Mrs. Owen, and has since
reversed as about to contest
the right to being seated in the
Senate on grounds of citizenship
eligibility, denies that he will
take any such step. The Orlando
news has apparently decided it to
be the better part of valor to be
a good loser.

The Daytona Beach News
Journal has again changed hands.
The new owners are Herbert Dav
ison and his father, Julius David.
We hope that they will bring
the News-Journal a certain stan
dard which has been noticeably
lacking in it since it separates
itself from them, passed from the
hands of Spurkman and Fliegger.

It is all right to refer to
him as the president-elect.
He really isn't you know, for
he hasn't been elected until after
the election meets and the
people have announced by
the election.

Because of the existence of
this feeling that city money
should be spent at home, The Her
ald points out that the Bradenton
band will be elected until after
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Paying Doctors' Bills

It has recently been brought to our attention that the Seminole County Medical Society has adopted resolutions which have the effect of putting all accounts on a sixty day credit basis. This move is explained as having been made necessary by the delinquency of a large number of persons in paying their doctors' bills. Purely as a means of self defense the doctors have agreed that persons who allow their bills to go unpaid for more than sixty days will be forced to pay cash for medical services thereafter.

That such stringent action has been made necessary is not particularly a reflection upon this community. Rather it is an unfortunate commentary on a peculiar characteristic of human nature the world over. In all probability people are no slower in paying their doctors' bills in the section than they are elsewhere. It seems to be an almost universal rule that doctors' bills should come last.

We have often wondered why it is that the doctor is not the first to be paid. It would seem that a person who has gone through a severe illness or suffered from the pain of a broken arm or operation, would be so grateful to the physician who has relieved his suffering and perhaps saved his life that he would be actually eager to receive his bill and repay, so far as he can with money, the services rendered.

But that does not seem to be the case. We wonder if he psychological reaction is not something like this: A man is suddenly taken ill and is forced to remain in bed for several weeks. The doctor fixes him up, but he feels that he has received rather a raw deal from the world in general or ever having been sick at all. He probably didn't like medicine he had to take, his nurse wasn't as good looking as nurses are supposed to be, and he is just a little bit sore about the whole business.

Or perhaps he just figures that lightning doesn't strike twice in the same place and that he won't get sick again. Hence he will have no further need for the doctor's services; but he will have to buy food, clothes, and that little port roadster; so he'll just let the doctor's bill go for a while. Then, if he should be taken sick again or get smashed up in an automobile accident, no doctor would be so inhumane as not to take care of him just because his bill hadn't been paid.

In the meantime the doctors struggle along on what their more considerate patients give them. Doctors have to pay cash, just as anybody else does, when they go to the movies, to a restaurant, and when they do lots of other things. They are allowed only thirty days credit, just as anybody else, when they buy things at department stores or other business houses. We sometimes wonder how they manage to pay their bills at all when folks do not accord them the same courtesy.

What is, of course, most to be desired, is that all bills be paid promptly, but when this is not possible, it is hardly right to always make the doctor wait until the last. We are not a physician ourselves, and we get no commission on doctors' bills, but we urge our readers to pay for medical services promptly and not force the physicians' society to adopt even more stringent resolutions in order to collect

Florida Facts

Every day we are running into facts regarding Florida's natural wealth and resources with which we had been previously unfamiliar. For instance, we knew that phosphate is mined in Florida, but we did not know that more is mined here than in all the rest of the United States put together. The Jacksonville Journal is authority for the following Florida Facts recently compiled:

Florida leads the nation in the product of: Grapefruit, celery, fuller's earth and phosphate (84 per cent of the United States production) and in the following winter-crown crops: Tomatoes, snap beans, egg plants, cucumbers, peppers and Irish potatoes.

Farm income of Florida for 1927: Field crops, \$16,036,000; truck crops \$13,967,000; fruits and nuts, \$50,692,000; live stock, \$5,885,594; poultry and eggs, \$11,720,087; dairy products, \$12,619,319; miscellaneous crops, \$6,427,019; Total \$135,347,010.

The fruit and truck grown on 237,501 acres, realized \$1,834,216, or the equivalent of \$285 per acre. Total federal taxes, 1927, \$44,483,095.42, or \$32,684 per capita. Average rainfall, 51.9 inches (93 stations); average temperature, 72 degrees.

Exports from Florida, 1926, \$50,860,904; imports to Florida, \$27,306,991. Population estimate, September 30, 1928, 1,300,000; assessed valuation, 1917, \$322,216,072, 1927, \$727,821,318, or over 125 per cent increase.

Mileage of railways, December 31, 1927, 8,220.63; railroad improvements and new lines, from 1920 to 1927, \$142,198,557; tonnage hauled by railroads in Florida, 1927, 27,666,100, tonnage hauled by ships in Florida ports, 15,000,000.

Mileage of hard-surfaced roads, 7,345; expended for roads, 1915 to 1927, by state highway department, \$65,349,033.

Total building contracts, 1923 to 1927, \$890,537,000, or \$176,107,580 per year. Resources of banks, 1927, \$518,438,829; value of manufacturers, 1925, \$267,009,159; value of minerals, 1926, \$20,274,489.

BAND SEASON OPENS

BRADENTON HERALD

This afternoon the first winter season band concert will be given at Recreation park bandshell, by Bradenton's own concert band, an organization composed of Bradenton musicians and directed by a home town leader.

Two seasons ago Bradenton em
ployed Bobbie Brodler, noted Scotch tenor who organized a band and played throughout the season.

Again last season the Brodlers or
ganization was employed by the city.

The members of the local organiza
tion have secured a state char
ter of incorporation, elected of
ficers and started off with every

indication of "making good."

They have only asked for an op
portunity to prove themselves
worthy of the contract the city has
given them and we believe and we
know that if hard work and per
severance will win, the season will

be a success for the band.

In a measure the concert this

afternoon should be a tribute to A.

L. Silkiner, the conductor. Mr.

Silkiner has labored for many

years to give Bradenton's first class

home musical organization one

that would be recognized by the

people as worthy of a place in the

entertainment life of the city. He

has not with difficulties without

This Afternoon

by
JOHN
TEMPLE
GRAVES
II

"Until a man might travel twelve
stout miles
Or reap an acre of his neighbor's
corn."

The St. Petersburg Times con
cludes that its Pinellas county ad
ministrators have received back the tax as
much as it has paid into the state treasury
a gasoline tax. Neither have a
great many other counties. But the Times forgets the enormous
amount of indirect return Pinellas and these other counties have
received that state roads in the distant vicinity of Yulee or Lake City or Oklawaha have
provided easy, comfortable and popular access to Pinellas County.
A gas tax measure that, as the Times itself proudly points out, Pinella
is so prosperous that it consumes considerably more gasoline per
square mile of its territory than most other counties.

The theory of Florida's state
road construction program and of
the gasoline tax that makes it pos
sible is that Florida is a unit and
that what helps the unit helps all
of the parts. We believe this the
theory is correct and that it is the
only theory under which Florida
can prosper.

If every dollar drawn by the
state in taxation is to be expected
to return directly to the exact
square mile from which it came
there is no use drawing it at all.
It might better stay at home in
its particular square mile and save
the expense of the round trip to Tallahassee and back.

The Parent-Teachers association
of Duval County has been advised
that the orchestra at the Florida Theatre in Jacksonville
which was ousted in favor of
novelty music will be reinstated.
This is a victory for community
individualism and creative ini
tiative against the standardizing
endency of modern mechanical en
tertainment.

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motion picture and the sound pic
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Congress under the constitution
is judge of the eligibility of its
members. That body has sev
eral times had to pass upon the
right to a seat where there was
contests as to which candidate was
actually elected or where fraud
was charged. But the eligibility of a representative about whose el
ection there is no question, is quite
a different question and con
gress would be slow to disturb the
will of the people.

Congress possesses no power to
elect members or to fill vacan
cies. It can seat congressmen where
there is a dispute as to which is
entitled to the seat, but if a con
gressman who has been elected
cannot qualify under the consti
tution, then there is a vacancy that
would have to be filled by a special
election.

It probably isn't possible but a
post season football game between
Florida and Georgia Tech (in the
event that both win next Saturday)
will draw somewhere near the
biggest crowd ever assembled in
the South and would rival in
competitive interest any event ever
staged in this section.

And if Florida instead of Tech
were invited to play the University
of California at Pasadena on New
Years Day, that would be a com
petition approaching a downright
civil war. A gridiron debate be
tween Florida and California would
be Orlando's proposed radio debate
with Los Angeles. It might even
be necessary for the Gators to take
the state militia along with them as a precautionary
measure.

In the order of the day (which
the Gators have made football)

Bill Pepper of the Gainesville Sun
is sitting prettier than any of his
fewer Florida editors since he is
located at the core of the excite
ment and is as great an authority on
football as he is on politics or
economics.

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has any serious notion of contes
ting the eligibility of Mrs. Owen.

Indeed, his friends say he is not

how could he be?

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a court of equity. He will have to
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