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Blessed are the pure in heart; for they shall see God.—Matthew 5: 8.

GOV. MEIER'S WITHDRAWAL

The self-effacement of Governor Julius Meier from the gubernatorial contest undoubtedly has started a lot of new blood itching to be among those upon the political track of the Republican primaries next May 18. The governor's withdrawal sort of lets the bars down for several who already must have their ears cocked for the least intimation or urging upon the part of friends and constituents. There are a lot of boys over the state who have long held ambitions toward the governor's chair.

With Meier definitely out of the way by his own public declaration that he does not choose to run, the track must look a bit more fast and easy to a considerable list of prospective starters. The present incumbent, among the post season speculators did not carry heavy odds and was not particularly a favorite but he was still rated high and dangerous.

In his retirement announcement over the air last Saturday night the governor gave no indication as to which camp he might place his colors. It is thought in some circles that Charles M. Thomas, public utilities commissioner, may be put up on the Meier force entry. Joe Dunne, senator from Multnomah county, is not expected now to need much urging and has a strong group of backers who are already attempting to talk him up for the preliminary. Sam Brown, Frank Louernan, W. E. Burke and Charles Hall are already in the Republican list, progressive or straight, are chafing hard at the bits and anxious to be off. Others of the "progressive" stables are said to be grooming Rufus Holman, state treasurer, whom they figure has an even chance to carry the banner of Oregon G. O. P. into the November finale.

Congressman Charles Martin and Willis Mahoney, fiery Mayor of Klamath Falls, are so far the only two who are definitely gathering together their forces for the gubernatorial contest over on the Democratic track. Both of these are strong entries in their field and, though there is naturally also much longing for favorite sons from various bourbon districts over the state, it is not expected the lists will be near as heavy as that of the entries seeking to carry the Republican toga for the governorship into the November finale.

And speaking of Governor Meier, who in the past year particularly has been the butt of much criticism from not only his own party but the wholesale denunciation of the opposite camp. When one looks at his regime fairly and compassionately there can be found much to his credit. Remember that Governor Meier has held the helm of the state through a period of critical conditions the country over. His path, through circumstances, has been of necessity, far from all his own making, a stormy one. He has made mistakes, yes, but he has withal steered a good course by utilizing often the good business judgment that is his in his state's behalf. Oregon could be in a far worse state today, embarked upon a course of theoretical and political manipulation, had a less steadier hand than that of Julius Meier been at the tiller.

Bring taxes down, adapt them to the ability of the business and individual to pay—and watch recovery go into high.

DEMOCRATS WILL MEET AT ELGIN

Dancing, eats, speeches, excitement—all in one evening and free! The Young Democratic club of Union county will provide all of this at a meeting tonight at Elgin hall in Elgin. Senator Henry Hon of La Grande, A. R. McCall, of Elgin, and other interesting speakers will discuss the Young Democratic club's aims and ambitions, and also the Democratic political aspirations for the coming year.

All young people from the ages of 18 to 40 years, regardless of previous political affiliation, are invited to drive to Elgin tonight for the entertainment. It is announced.

PARIS PAPER SAYS SECRET DRIVE OPENS

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occupied by persons with whom it is impossible to establish relations of any sort."

(Associated Press editors note: The Paris Herald said it guaranteed the authenticity of the text. No further proof of its genuineness, however, has been disclosed. The relations of the Associated Press with the German government are exactly the same as they are with any other government. The business of the Associated Press is impartially to gather and to disseminate the news, untinted by bias or expressions of opinion. It does not engage in any propaganda for any government, organization or individual.)

NEW YORK, March 13 (AP)—Hans Berger, German consul general in New York, today denounced as untrue the propaganda charges made by the Paris newspaper Petit Parisien.

By the Associated Press. Unseen Europe centered its attention upon Rome today as preliminary conversations were begun on the future of one of its "powder kegs," the Danube Basin.

Chancellor Dollfus of Austria, Premier Gombos of Hungary, and Mussolini will put their heads together tomorrow on trade agreements and possibly means of strengthening Austrian independence from Nazi Germany.

While Dollfus traveled to Rome, rumors flew thick and fast in Vienna. The last time the little dictator left his capital a Fascist Heimwehr (home

The Weather

WEATHER FORECAST
Oregon: Fair tonight and Wednesday but valley fogs in the west portion; moderate temperature; gentle changeable wind offshore.

LOCAL WEATHER
Monday: Maximum 73, minimum 44 above. Clear.
Today: Minimum 39, 7 a. m.—41 above. Clear.

Warm Days Bring Cots, Peach Trees Into Bloom

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with alarm, since it increases danger of crop loss through killing frosts, they say.

The blooming is approximately a month and ten days earlier this year than last.

BLOND GODDESS

A New Serial
By Herbert Jensen

Chapter 47

REUNION IN YUCATAN

IF VOICES may exist without visible, corporeal authority, then these voices were undoubtedly disembodied.

This ethereal dialogue was in Spanish. One voice was smoothly cadenced, soft with the accent of one using his native tongue. The other ghost voice was harsher—undoubtedly masculine also—it spoke abruptly, extravagantly accented like a foreigner's, and laden with bookish polysyllables.

The abrupt voice said, "Miracles, my young friend, are out of fashion. True, perhaps the Virgin did appear to the poor woman at Guadalupe. But that was nearly four hundred years ago. Today—as it did then—it takes two to make a miracle. One to perform it, and at least one, certainly, to believe it."

The voice coughed complacently, and continued, "That's sound philosophy. While it is not original with me, it might well have been, I have written cleverer things.

"No, miracles are unfashionable. The wisdom of the public is a terrible thing. Could I perform a miracle—and I do not say that I cannot—what would be the result? The public would put its tongue in its cheek, it would slyly pull down the corner of its eye and say that publicity men should be confined to asylums!" The voice ended upon a note of grievance.

The softer voice chuckled. "You seem hurt, senior, that people no longer are so stupid."

"But they are!" exclaimed the other voice with emphasis. "I have matters to write about—marvelous matters—that abound around the world. But will I ever be permitted to write about them as only I can write about them? Not certainly not! I shall be told that they are too extraordinary. Nobody would believe me!"

A gust of wind, a sound like a spattering cascade of rain obliterated the voices for a moment. The blackness was split with a flare of lightning vividly sustained.

The figure of a man stirred in a corner of the dark enclosure. He seemed half buried in swaths of palm leaves. His clothing, a mass of wet rags, clung to his powerful frame. His hair was black and damp, beard-stubble served but to accentuate the strength of his jaws and chin. He pushed himself to his hands and knees.

The voice with the foreign accent again took advantage of a lull in the thunder. "Juan, my boy, you should consider yourself lucky that you're not a genius. Believe me, I suffer more because of my talents than I do from my faults, although if I do say it myself—

"Zowie! What a crash that was! Look at that flash!—Juan! He's conscious! Stir on the fire, Frank! Frank! It's me, Frank, Horatio Greene!"

Excitedly Juan was blowing upon the near dead embers of a fire. Greene feverishly hauled dried palm leaves and drifted toward him. A small flame broke out; then the fire blazed up.

Frank Graham sat upright upon the heap of palm leaves. He shook his head as if it were clear. For an instant he stared at the two anxious faces turned toward him, one dark and drawn with concern—the Mexican boy, Juan—the other white but gaunt and stiffened with weeks of unshowered beard.

A THRED grin spread over the face of Grahame. "Hallo, genius," he chuckled hoarsely. "Don't let me interrupt. You were speaking of miracles. Answer me this one, Greene: am I here—and alive—and you, and Juan?"

Greene answered with an excited laugh. "Sure," he exclaimed. "A cinch! Juan and I were just talking about it. We picked you out of the sea last afternoon. Thought sure you'd gone bye bye. But—"

TAX OFFICE BUSY; MONEY POURING IN

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Delinquent tax payments continue to be made, and during the last six months a great deal of back taxes have been stricken from the books.

The new laws provide in general: The first quarter taxes must be paid by March 15 or interest will be charged at a rate of two-thirds of one per cent per month.

If one can pay two or three quarters of one's taxes by March 15, but cannot pay in full, a smaller discount of one per cent on the first half, and two per cent on three-quarters is allowed.

If delinquent taxes are charged against one, he can still receive discounts on current taxes by paying them, and taking up the back taxes.

LOCAL BRIEFS

Choir to Rehearse—

The choir of the First Presbyterian church will meet for rehearsal Thursday evening at 7:00 o'clock.

Examination— Applications for a fourth class postmaster examination for the Cove, Ore. office must be filed before Mar. 23, according to announcement today. The examination will be held in La Grande. Compensation at this office was \$1,100 for the last fiscal year.

In Portland— Mr. and Mrs. G. L. Larson are in Portland for a few days while the former is transacting business. Mr. Larson is the local Chevrolet dealer.

Class Postponed— Because of the annual chamber of commerce dinner tonight, the weekly Red Cross craft and class scheduled for this evening has been postponed until next week, it is announced.

In Washington

By Herbert Plummer

WASHINGTON — It is the belief in best informed circles here that President Roosevelt's approval of the Bankhead cotton reduction principle is more a matter of first appearance. The proposal, authored by the Bankhead brothers of Alabama, one of whom is in the senate and the other in the house, would apply for the first time compulsion in the cotton acreage reduction campaign.

Cotton production would be limited to 5,500,000 ordinary bales under the bill, allocated among the states and counties. All in excess of this amount would be taxed 75 per cent of its value at current market prices.

There are those who believe that presidential approval of this measure is the first step taken by the administration toward its national land plan now under consideration. The government proposes to spend immediately \$25,000,000 in buying up submarginal land — land which is so unproductive that the crop is not worth the effort that goes into it.

Official Opinion Divided A longer-range plan is being studied in detail now by a cabinet committee. Built around the Tennessee valley project as a model, the plan embraces flood control, prevention of soil erosion, decentralization of industry, and the manufacture of electric power.

Those who profess to see a tie-up between the national land plan and the Bankhead cotton control proposal take the position that if the former is to succeed the government must demonstrate its ability to control cotton and other major crops. The Bankhead measure offers the opportunity for such a test.

There is wide variance of opinion on the question of the government's compulsion to acreage reduction. Secretary Wallace has been rather cool toward the principle, although he officially sanctioned the Bankhead bill as representing the majority sentiment among cotton growers.

His belief that compulsory reduction would find rough going in the courts if brought to a test is responsible for his attitude. He appears to believe the voluntary approach now being used is about as far as the government can go without raising a question of constitutionality.

President to Try 'Luck' President Roosevelt, however, apparently is determined to try his well known "luck" once more. It hasn't failed him yet.

With his approval of the Bankhead theory, passage of the cotton bill this session seems assured. The house agriculture committee has done almost an about-face. Before the president wrote his letter to Chairman Jones of Texas the attitude of the committee had been one of indifference toward the bill, if not actual hostility.

Now it appears to be in a receptive mood. India was the original land of sugar cane which now grows in practically all quarters of the world.

Lee Stewart, trapper of San Saba, Tex., caught 27 foxes, 18 opossums, 11 skunks, six ringtails and three raccoons in a 60-day period.

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Allen, Grettum Speak At Lions Forum Here

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power business and bonding the state for transmission lines, for the purpose of stimulation of industrial activity, particularly within a certain radius of the Bonneville dam. The legislature appropriated \$2,500 for this survey and additional funds were obtained through the C. W. A. Mr. Allen explained that the commission is going into the investigation with an open mind, and is primarily after the cold, hard facts, and has no intention of favoring any one side in the matter.

Later the commission, after ascertaining all facts possible, will approach public utilities to see whether they would be interested in buying electricity if it were cheaper for them to purchase instead of manufacturing. Leroy Grettum, manager of the E. O. L. & P. Co., was the second speaker, and he stated that the public utilities would be only too glad to purchase power if it could be done so at a cheaper cost than by manufacturing it, and that the companies also would be glad to pass any savings on to consumers. He said that from 30 to 35 per cent of the cost of electricity is in the manufacturing, and that from 60 to 65 per cent is from distribution and overhead. He is not sure, those in attendance at the meeting said, that power could be brought into this section from Bonneville at a cheaper cost than it is manufactured here, but expressed the thought that something might be worked out.

In connection with service to farmers in this valley, Mr. Grettum said that it was difficult to serve them at present because of the distance between farms, which resulted in prohibitive expense in some instances in providing transmission lines, etc.

SALMON PRICES SET ASTORIA, Ore., March 13 (AP)— A price of 11 cents a pound for chinook and blueback salmon from the start of the season, May 1, to Aug. 8, and 8 cents a pound from Aug. 8 to the season's close on Aug. 25, will be demanded by fishermen of the Columbia river.

ASKS FARMERS TO KEEP STATE FAIR IN MIND The state department of agriculture already is looking ahead to the 1934 state fair. Charles A. Cole, division chief, has written a letter to Haskell Andrews, inspector in this district, urging him to contact farmers in Union county with the idea of keeping in their minds plans for exhibiting at the fair.

Mr. Cole says "We will need exhibits of corn, wheat, oats, peas, potatoes, fruits and vegetables, also any unusual crop or plant will be appreciated."

An orchid of five petals has been adopted as the family crest of Chief Executive Pu-yi, ruler of Manchukuo.

The growing of cotton in India dates further back than written history.

TODAY IN BRIEF, IN AND AROUND OREGON

AS CHRONICLED BY THE DAILY LEASED WIRE OF THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

BASKETBALL ROW SETTLED MEDFORD, Ore., March 13 (AP)— Sam's Valley, secondary champions of Jackson county, and the Ashland High school basketball team will play a series of three games, this week to determine the Southern Oregon entrant in the state tournament at Salem next week.

The basketball committee for the Southern Oregon district this morning made a ruling to this effect. The committee is composed of the principals of the Grants Pass, Ashland, and Medford schools.

FIGHT STADELMAN'S RULING SALEM, March 13 (AP)— A writ of Mandamus to compel P. J. Stadelman, secretary of state, to accept the filing of Circuit Judge William A. Ekwall as a candidate for the Republican nomination for congress from the third Oregon district was filed today by Ekwall's attorneys with the state supreme court.

The writ will be returnable next Tuesday morning at 10 o'clock and arguments will be heard by the court at that time.

A CHANGE FOR UNEMPLOYED PORTLAND, March 13 (AP)— Unemployed men and women who would like to try their hand at farming, have been given a golden opportunity by the Unemployed Citizens' League of Portland.

Five-acre tracts will be sold to unemployed persons for \$30 apiece. The league has obtained an option on 2,640 acres of land west of Warren on the Lower Columbia highway, 26 miles from Portland.

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Bruce Lewin, 72-year-old Australian, claims to have walked more than 81,000 miles in the last 11 years, wearing out 60 pairs of shoes.

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