

I WRITE

As I See It

By Barton W. Marsh

The writer of this column has been a student of the Bible for more than 50 years. Early in life the prophetic symbols of the Scriptures were fascinating to me, and much of my time was spent in an attempt to arrive at a lucid understanding of their meaning. Particularly the prophetic books of Daniel and The Revelation held me in a prolonged determination to understand their significance.

In order to continue such study it has been necessary to dig somewhat deeply into the records of the nations involved in the prophecy. Were there no confirming historical records of the doings of nations, prophecy would be exceedingly difficult of correct interpretation. Prophecy is simply a Divine record of an event, made before it became a historical fact. In the mind of God, "who calleth things that be not as though they were," prophecy is a fact, even though it may have been recorded 25 centuries before the event occurred that made it factual to the understanding of man.

Many of the prophecies of the Bible deal with the doings of the nations, starting with the Babylonian world empire, early in the sixth century, B. C., continuing for a period of 25 cen-

Lily Blossom Time In Brookings

(Tune: "When the Bloom Is on the Sage")

By Karl and Louise Ostenberg

Lily blossom time in Brookings

When the lilies are in bloom;
Then I long to be in Brookings
And to smell the sweet perfume.

Or to wander 'cross the Chetco
Over Harbor way;

In between the row, where the lilies grow
There I'd like to spend a day.

Lily blossom time in Brookings,
Lovely Brookings by the sea,
There's a breeze in from the ocean,
And it's there I long to be.

You'll find lots of friendly faces,
And the folks have lots of room,
All wear a happy smile, come and stay awhile,
When the lilies are in bloom.

turies to the present time. These prophecies embrace the history of the four world empires which ruled successively for a period of about 1000 years. Rome, the last of these world powers, collapsed in the latter half of the fourth century A. D., under the prolonged assaults of the northern barbarians which flowed in unending stream across its bor-

ders. Early in the 5th century, Justinian, emperor of the decaying empire, issued a decree, that established on the territory of old Rome, in Europe. This decree, resulted in religion becoming the dominant factor in the control of the state and for a thousand years, Europe was a furnace of affliction and suffering. Then a new day began to break, as men of deep conviction led millions of the oppressed and suffering peoples to defy this oppressive system of government and late in the 17th century the system was completely overthrown and the various states of Europe experienced a new era of progress and peace. These events have been noted in previous columns, and we will leave them here and pass along to more recent events of world stature and significance.

For three quarters of a century, after the downfall of the old order in Europe, scarcely a thought was given to the possibility of a condition, such as had prevailed so long in the old world, ever again springing up to plague and torment the nations. According to the historical records in my possession it was about the year 1875 that the importance of religion taking a more active part in the political issues arising here in the United States began to be heard throughout the country. Great organizations spring up within various churches, demanding that God be written into our constitution, and that laws be enacted, which would compel citizens to pay more decent respect to their religious obligations. Furious battles were waged over this issue, but in the face of popular sentiment, after years of contention it seemed to quiet down somewhat, and we have not heard so much about it for several years. However, the issue is not dead, and is again getting under headway. Along with world nationalism it is now taking on a world aspect and will be prominently identified with the new world order of which we are hearing so much about these days. Of this I wish to write next week.

Lily Blossom Week Gives Rise To Several Songs

Several songs, all of which are appropriate for the occasion, have been published in the past week for the coming Lily Blossom Time in Brookings.

Carried over from last week for want of space was a poem written by Rose Bell of Carpenterville. Late last week a song written by Mr. and Mrs. Carl Ostenberg, entitled "Lily Blossom Time in Brookings," was printed on cards for distribution. Later last week, Nell Parker composed

the poem which was set to music by Mrs. Norine Harvey, entitled: "Lily Blossom Time."

Monday, Mrs. Olive Weideman came in with another "It's Lily Blossom Time in Brookings," to tune of

"Last night I looked out the window

The moon was all aglow
It was shining on the lilies,
They looked like fields of snow.
The ocean looked like silver,
Perfume filled the air.

If there's a spot more lovely,
Could you tell me where?
Where the beautiful Chetco wends its way,

And dips into the blue,
When it's lily blossom time in Brookings,

I'll be waiting there for you."
(Other songs may be seen in other columns in this issue.)

Ashland Man To Supply Local Church Pulpit

Rev. Delbert Loree of Ashland will fill the pulpit and be pastor at the Baptist Community church during the summer months it was announced Monday.

Rev. Mr. Loree has spent the past 10 days in Brookings and the congregation is unanimous in its praise of his forceful and interesting sermons. Hereafter, he will hold services both morning and evening.

A hearty invitation is extended to both Sunday school and church services at the church. Morning service is at 11 a. m., and evening at 7:45 p. m.

Regardless of your vote, be sure to exercise it July 17.

V. A. Mendenhall Legion Dist. Comm

After serving last year's duty district commander Mendenhall, Sr. was elected post of district commander Dist. No. 10, comprising Curry counties, at the convention which closed, Saturday, Portland.

Representing the local post at the convention were Storset and V. A. Mendenhall, Sr. as delegates, and the local post was represented by Mrs. Verna Mendenhall.

Mr. and Mrs. Earl Tamm attended the convention. Mendenhall, Sr. was named as national commander for this department.

Oregon State Fair Will Open On Labor Day

One of Oregon's greatest fairs, the 82nd, Oregon State Fair, will open on Labor day, Sept. 1, at the fairgrounds in Astoria.

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