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 Rejoice with them that do rejoice, and weep with them that weep. Be of the same mind one toward another. Mind not high things, but condescend to men of low estate. Be not wise in your own conceits. Romans 12: 15-16.

## God and You

A LENTEN MEDITATION

By the Rev. Charles Stehle

God leads through His Son. Jesus has become the immortal Leader of the race. The rulers of the world built their kingdoms upon force—and lost. Jesus alone founded His empire upon love—and won. It was the revelation of the nature of God in the personality of Jesus which gave Jesus power over the hearts of men. It was God in Him that won the world.

## ADDED VALUE FOR EVERY BABY

There is nothing new to say about the proposition to buy the Salem water works, in addition to what was said in this column yesterday morning—

Unless it be a passing word on the suggestion that the selling of the property to a private corporation would leave the city in better shape to raise money for bridges and sewers and other public improvements—

And there is nothing to that—  
 Because the bonds sold to buy the property for the city would be no burden. The income from the operation of the water works would take care of the compromised purchase price of \$792,000, plus the cost of improvements made since the date fixed on that compromised price—

And it would take care of \$1,130,000 bonds, and more. In other words, the income would keep up the interest and provide for a sinking fund, and besides provide ample funds for improvements that would be made with a view to the city's growth, and not for immediate needs only, as a private company would likely make them.

The nub of the matter is this: The city will finally buy the water works. If a private outside company buys the water works, it will in condemnation proceedings be entitled to the full price, and not a compromised price—

And it will be entitled to the increase in value of the concern as a going concern, depending upon the size of the city—  
 And there will be added value for every baby born in Salem; and for every new comer who arrives and settles here.

No city of any size has any business with its water works in the hands of a private concern, any more than its sewer system. The people of Salem would not be content for long to pay tribute to a private concern, when the city can profit and benefit in many ways in municipal ownership.

The writer believes city ownership will be voted at the June election, if the matter is put in the right way on the ballot. Believes there will not be many votes against the proposition. The city should have bought the water works when the proposition was voted favorably before. The veto of the then mayor defeated this consummation. It was a great mistake—

And it has been a mistake every day since to leave the matter in abeyance.

Salem's second linen mill is going into operation. Every day there is progress. Every day the output is increased. The finished articles for the markets will begin to go out within a very short time—there will be quite a volume during the month of May; more in June, and still more every month thereafter. There will be two shifts before long, especially in the spinning department. The acre and a quarter of machinery out there looks good. Will look better and better, day after day.

## DEPENDABILITY NEED OF PRUNE CROP, SEEN

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rum sales resistance. "Cooperative marketing possesses certain well defined advantages. It brings marketing and production closer together. This closer market contact makes available to growers reliable knowledge of consumer desires and habits and of marketing conditions."

"In this way cooperative organization will aid in gradually bringing about a better quality of products, better pack and an intelligent administration of supply to markets, which are fundamental in the development of superior sales service to growers of prunes. The progress of cooperative effort would depend upon the business efficiency."

"Between 35 and 50 per cent of the northwestern prune crop is now handled by farmers' cooperative marketing associations. "It would seem that the Oregon and Washington prune growers have in these associations the nucleus of such facilities—sales, service, and experience, around which they can well afford to unite their support."

"Prune growers to whom the returns of recent years have not been satisfactory and who find it difficult to effect improvements suggested in the report should consider whether there are other farming alternatives to which they can turn with profit."

Growers and packers were in attendance at the meeting from all sections of Oregon and Washington. A meeting of the Northwest Packers association followed the open discussion. Reports submitted at this meeting indicated a prosperous year for both the growers and the packers.

A vote of thanks was telegraphed to Senator C. L. McNary, who was responsible for the survey by the agricultural department. A similar vote was extended the federal representatives at the meeting.

## CHINA MISSION WORKER TELLS OF EXPERIENCES

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ton largely supports the work in that field. Miss Conover taught in the girls school at first, with about 200 pupils. Later in both the girls' and boys' school, the latter with about 250 pupils. There is a less number in attendance this year, owing to the troubles of the revolution. But not very many less. A committee of 15 Chinese Christians has taken over the work, and the response to the call for native teachers and physicians, etc., has been good, and the attendance has been well kept up.

**Different Work Before**  
 Miss Conover went to China for the Stewart Evangelistic Fund. Mr. Stewart was a wealthy man of Los Angeles, Cal., and he gave a million dollars for this work in China. While she was with that fund, Miss Conover had charge of the work of the office.  
 Miss Conover saw no trouble

at Kiangyin. The people there were first—the Chinese people. Miss Conover has a great deal to say in praise of them. The coming away of the American mission workers there was in response to the American consul in the latter part of January. Miss Conover arrived in Shanghai on Jan. 31. Her stay there was not pleasant, owing to the crowded conditions of the international settlement, through the flocking in of refugees. Just before she left that city the Cantonese forces marched in and took possession. Then pandemonium broke loose. The people of the native city fired off billions of firecrackers, in celebration of the victory. She was near the native city, and heard some of the fighting, and heard of many of the outrages, such as the cutting off of the heads of about 100 supposed sympathizers with the northern armies, and the displaying of the heads in prominent places. This series of bloody incidents came very close to Miss Conover. Some of her former pupils lost their lives and others barely escaped death at the behest of the mob spirit.

**Not a Hopeful View**  
 Miss Conover does not like to talk politics; especially Chinese politics. She is not hopeful concerning the immediate outlook. She thinks the break with Russia may save China. That is the most hopeful thing of late, she thinks. She thinks the Red Russian propaganda is a terrible thing; very menacing for the peace of China. It inflames the Chinese with the spirit of bolshevism; makes the Orientals see red; makes them think of loot; of the taking possession of the property of other people. Of driving out the foreigners and stealing their property and then living without work.

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**WILL GO AHEAD WITH SCHOOL REPAIR PLAN**  
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