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And when they had platted a crown of thorns, they put it upon His head, and a reed in His right hand; and they bowed the knee before Him, and mocked Him, saying, Hail, King of the Jews. Matthew 27:29-30.

HOW WOULD YOU LIKE TO BE GOVERNOR?

How would you like to be governor of Oregon? It is a place of honor and distinction, worthy of the ambition of any citizen—

But it is a trying place in many situations, and most chief executives will agree that the most heart rending of all is in the exercising of the pardoning or commuting or paroling function of that office, or the withholding of executive clemency.

The members of the constitutional convention sitting in Salem forming the fundamental laws of Oregon, debated the matter of executive clemency for a long time—

Some were for withholding the power entirely. But it was argued by other members that leaving the whole matter to judicial decisions and verdicts would be bound occasionally to work grave injustice—

And the pardoning power had to rest some where; and where better than in the hands of the chief executive? (But the vote in the convention in favor of having the pardoning power rest in the hands of the governor was carried by a vote of only 18 yeas to 15 nays.)

The writer of this paragraph has seen the past 12 of the 18 governors of the state of Oregon in action, and can testify that every one of them spent sleepless nights and anxious days over the consideration of petitions for pardon; especially those involving the commutation of the death sentence.

Governor Moody did. Governor Pennoyer did. In a notable case he consulted long with the late Judge R. P. Boise, who had been the trial judge. Governors Lord and Geer and Chamberlain and Benson and Bowerman (acting governor), worried over such cases. Governor West took much time with them, and Governors Withycombe, Olcott and Pierce worried themselves sick over them. Governor Patterson is no exception. The first six governors of the state, and the five territorial governors before them, and the one provisional governor and the six members of the executive committees back of them, must have worried; and Dr. John McLoughlin, governor of the Oregon Country before the two executive committees, must have had the same kind of worries.

No normal human being can be hard boiled in the case of life and death.

The case of Willos and Kelley is up now. It must give Governor Patterson concern. Opinion is divided among the people of the state. The Eugene Register of Friday morning sums up the matter like this:

"Ellsworth Kelley and James Willos, who were to have been hanged at the state penitentiary this morning, have been again reprieved. It is probable that this time the reprieve foreshadows commutation of their sentences to life imprisonment.

"Hard-boiled supporters of capital punishment will carp. Sentimentalists will rejoice openly and fervently. The large body of moderate-minded citizens lying between these two extremes will have little to say, but secretly will feel relieved.

"Kelley and Willos did not do deliberate and premeditated murder. They participated in a jailbreak in the course of which murder was done. Hence, under the law, they were guilty of murder. Since the law has always punished attempts to break jail with great severity, they received the extreme penalty.

"But common sense tells us that there is a difference between participating in a jailbreak in the course of which men lose their lives and deliberately taking human life. It is this belief that the degree of their crime was not great enough to justify the death penalty that has been responsible for the long fight to save Kelley's and Willos' lives.

"The death penalty is an abhorrent thing. Nearly all right-thinking people will welcome the time when it can be abolished altogether. The time when the death penalty can be abolished will come when there is general confidence that the lesser penalty of life imprisonment will be inflicted impartially and effectively.

"That time is not yet here, because the public believes that under existing conditions life imprisonment is extremely apt not to be life imprisonment. Hence, unwillingly, the public decides to retain the death penalty."

THE CHRISTIAN'S USE OF MONEY DEFINED

The following statement, which represents the very careful work of a committee of the Commission on Missions, is considered by Secretary Cavert of the Federal Council of Churches the best of its kind yet prepared by any church group.

The Fatherhood of God, as taught by Jesus, means that the world is one great family. As a member of this family, I am bound to serve my Father and my fellow members with all I am and all I have.

"All I have" includes my money. The way I secure it and the way I spend it are essential tests of Christian sincerity. As a Christian, I should acquire money through processes that do not harm, but positively help, my fellows.

As a Christian, I should spend money for the development of personality in myself and in my fellows.

For the development of personality in myself and in those related to me by ties of blood I will spend money to insure myself and them the means of physical sustenance and of spiritual growth and happiness.

For the development of the personality of others and to promote their acquaintance with the religion of Jesus, I will spend money to support persons who are devoting themselves to bringing about this acquaintance, and institutions through which the religion of Jesus is expressed and taught.

What will be the proportion and the character of my expenditures for myself and for others must be a subject of constant study and experiment. I am a responsible giver and, as such, must follow my gifts to see that they accomplish the good I intend.

I am also convinced that for any intelligent dealing with this matter I must budget my income, and that, on account of the immediacy and urge of personal claims, I should devote a definite proportion* of my income, increasing as my ability grows, to the support of persons and institutions which will promote the welfare of my fellows and which will express and teach the religion of Jesus.

*In the experience of many, one-tenth has proved a satisfactory percentage with which to begin. This, however, is not a binding rule. Five per cent means more for some than twenty-five per cent for others. Each of us should adopt a proportion which adequately expresses true loyalty to Christ and his work.

CHERRY BLOSSOM TIME

Oh! it's cherry blossom time at Sunny Mead And each tiny little petal as it's freed Adds a touch of purest white And a fragrance of delight To the cherry blossom time at Sunny Mead.

It is cherry blossom time at Sunny Mead And the tiny half-forgotten little seed Feels a stir within its heart As new life begins to start, And it's cherry blossom time at Sunny Mead.

Yes, it's cherry blossom time at Sunny Mead, And the morning sunbeams catch each dewy bead— How they sparkle with delight; All the world is fair and bright, For it's cherry blossom time at Sunny Mead.

Oh, it's cherry blossom time at Sunny Mead, And the dryad softly plays upon his reed; Evening birdlings softly call, As the twilight shadows fall, When it's cherry blossom time at Sunny Mead.

—M. F. B.

SUNDAY GUESSING

A professor from one of the largest universities of our country delivered a literary lecture in several Oregon cities this month, and the Portland Telegram says the people of that city who heard him derived little entertainment or inspiration from "the boring lecture of John Erskine."

He has written some late books that have got into the movies—Helen of Troy, Adam and Eve, and Sir Galahad. A Salemite went to hear him in the great auditorium of the Oregon college at Corvallis and did not stay half out for his dollar, as he says not half the audience could hear his lecture. Of the sixteen hundred who paid their money he did not seem to worry whether they got anything for their money or not.

The same question comes up in some of the spoken drama. Even if you have perfectly good hearing the actors carry on perfectly good whispered parlor conversation, and it is perfectly all right with the performers on the stage if your money is thrown into the river.

It does not help the popularity of the inaudible lecture or the theater play that is composed of unspoken drama.

Salem is a growing town in many ways. There is a better class of moving picture plays coming on here every month in the year. There is not so great a growth in the spoken drama. In fact that are not many of the greater spoken plays expected in the near future. The greatest screen event is "Wings" in the near future, but the general run of plays is better than a year ago and seldom but the audience gets the good of it and many times the better and often the best. The college classroom lecturer with a dampener on his voice who comes from the student class room should be supplied with an amplifier.

The Democratic party in Oregon is not playing to very large houses. There are barely enough registered to fill the places on the county ticket are almost all vacant. The fight will be altogether in the Republican party—the primaries will divide between the progressive and reform elements and the warhorses gathering

business is multiplying in towns like Salem, and there are two or three shops and drygoods and grocery stores and eating places where there used to be one. Figure it out for yourself. It answers the question whether your real estate in the country or the city is improving the faster.

What about the children and the young people? Can they have a better time in the country than in the city? Is there more fun for the younger generation in the city dance halls or in the roadhouses just a few miles on the highways? Are the hip-pocket flasks growing more numerous at the cross roads stepping-parlor or becoming unpopular with girls and women attending the roadhouse dance places? Seems to me this

the whole wet and dry question. The young people from the farms at the rural dance halls, what with a fellow having a chance to sit out a dance or two with the girl in the motor car, certainly have about all the fun there is. The only trouble is the large attendance there of fellows from the city.

Big questions, this deciding about people enjoying sports and pleasures more in the country or in the city. It has been assumed that the automobiles and the paved highways were carrying the bulk of shopping and pleasure seeking from the country into the cities, even towns like Salem. It may be true or false; for lack of more accurate information it is a guess. Should be some way to measure just how much entertainment a normal human being requires in order to exist, and then dole it out to them just as you would their proper share of breakfast mush.

There are probably about as many people attending church on Sunday in a town like Salem as ever before. It was noticeable by those who hit the highways on Easter day that during the church hour the pavements were almost devoid of traffic. All around us are occasional new and enlarged churches. Take Roseburg, and the only prominent new building erected the past year was the new Christian church. But Roseburg was hit pretty hard by removing the railroad shops and roundhouses to Eugene, an enterprise caused by opening the Cascade division of the Southern Pacific. The census would probably not verify the claim of Eugene to be the second largest town in the state.

Salem women are awakening to paramount interest in spring gowns and hats, with heaps of color, some millinery shops being one solid blaze of pinks and reds.

Germans Try Electricity To Slaughter Their Cows

BERLIN (AP)—Electrocution of cattle has been tried out at the central slaughter house of Berlin. By means of two electrodes attached to the neck and spine, a galvanic current of 110 volts are passed into the body of the animal to be slaughtered. The shock proved sufficient in the case of steers and calves to cause instantaneous and painless death.

The trial executions were conducted in the presence of the directors of the slaughter house, a delegation of veterinary surgeons, representatives of the ministry of agriculture, the society for the prevention of cruelty to animals, members of the Protestant and Jewish communities and a delegation of wholesale butchers.

MEDFORD CAPTURES BAND CHAMPIONSHIP

State Contest Held At Corvallis With Honors Almost Even

CORVALLIS, April 14.—(AP)—In competition so close that the judges required one hour to decide the winner, the Medford high school band retained the state championship in the fifth annual high school band contest at Oregon State college this afternoon.

Medford, under the leadership of Wilson Waite, scored one half point higher than Albany high school, led by William Nichols.

Corvallis high, three times winner, led by H. S. McCurley, took third place.

The contest today was the largest in the history of the state. Eight bands with 259 musicians were here including an "all girls" band from Seaside.

Other teams in the order of placing were: Jefferson (Portland), La Grande, Grant (Portland), Franklin (Portland) and Seaside.

The competition was followed by a concert by the college military band. The judges were Andrew Loney, Jr., of La Grande military band; Bert Brown, Portland symphony orchestra; Charles F. Atwood, Bandon municipal band.

French President Cuts Down On His Labors

PARIS.—(AP)—President Gaston Doumergue has won his strike for less work. One of his daily jobs is to sign two or three hundred documents, often long-winded and usually in legal phraseology with references to laws and decrees which have to be looked up to make the text intelligible.

A summary in plain language is now required by the president before he will sign anything. This short digest made by each ministry that submits a document is written in red ink. It gives the president in a minute a knowledge of the subject and greatly shortens the time the chief executive has to spend with his fountain pen.

Bits For Breakfast

Blossom day, rain or shine— Hoping for much shine and little or no rain.

Practically all the flax seed for the farmers having contracts with the state has been called for. Presumably, a lot of it is in the ground, though the weather has not been favorable for planting.

Col. W. B. Bartram, superintendent of industries, in charge of the state flax plant, is in Chicago, on his way home from an eastern trip. He will no doubt arrive here this week, and will be pleased if he finds most of the flax seed in the ground. He hoped to see much of it planted by the first of April.

THE MORNING ARGUMENT

AUNT HET By Robert Quillen



"Nothin' makes a man feel more abused than to come home gruntin' with a headache an' look in' for sympathy an' have his wife start in tellin' about he aches." (Copyright, 1928, Publishers Syndicate.)

POOR PA By Claude Callan



"I think our son Joe could go work if he wouldn't fuss so fine. He looks so expensive that nobody would think 'f offerin' him low wages." (Copyright, 1928, Publishers Syndicate.)

Heights, adjoining and overlooking West Salem and Salem. A great deal of development work in the way of scenic drive ways and other improvements is to go forward with the coming of settled weather. Several fine homes are planned. Every lot in the whole tract of around 200 acres is planned to conform to the lay of the land, giving each prospective home a view unique and individual, and not possible to be shut off. This work took the time of a competent landscape architect for a whole summer. We are going to hear a great deal of Kingwood Heights from now on.

If you can prove you have lived in Salem 70 years, you will be welcome to a free luncheon at the Salem commercial club on April 30, which will be the annual Champeog day.

There is being developed a sort of Portland Heights high class restricted district in Kingwood

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Dr. Caldwell watched the results of constipation for 47 years, and believed that no matter how careful people are of their health, diet and exercise, constipation will occur from time to time regardless of how much one tries to avoid it. Of next importance, then, is how to treat it when it comes. Dr. Caldwell always was in favor of getting as close to nature as possible, hence his remedy for constipation, known as Dr. Caldwell's Syrup Pepsin, is a mild vegetable compound. It can not harm the most delicate system and is not a habit forming preparation. Syrup Pepsin is pleasant-tasting, and youngsters love it. It does not gripe. Thousands of mothers have written us to that effect.



J. C. Caldwell, M.D. AT AGE 83

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