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A CHANGE POSSIBLE

The announcement by the president that he does not choose to be a candidate for president in 1928 is welcome news to the agricultural districts. The feeling of relief that the country is not likely to face an additional four years under the leadership of an administration which the farming element of the country has gradually come to believe places it far secondary to the welfare of industry may be seasoned by some expressions of regret, even here, but it is safe to say that the feeling of relief will vastly overshadow the regret.

It may be true, as many keen students of affairs assert, that farming will have none of its problems solved by the application of special legislation, enacted under stress of political expediency, but agricultural interests are tired into death of being told to paddle their own canoe when they look about them and see the tremendous combinations of capital in industry and have reason to believe that these combinations are receiving too much cream and too little blue milk.

In the keynote speech delivered before the convention of the progressive party when Theodore Roosevelt was nominated to be that party's standard bearer, the late Albert J. Beveridge of Indiana in a masterpiece of eloquence turned all the force of his oratory against the "invisible government," that combination of wealth and special privilege that was and is and always will be bi-partisan, or above all parties. If it was true that wealth and the power that it represents was in the saddle and the place of power and dictation in that day, how much more is it true today!

The farming interests sense that condition. They know that they must have tariff protection. How long would dairying and commercial egg production and wool growing and a dozen other industries that have their foundation directly in the soil endure without a tariff barrier? But they can not escape the belief that every half dollar of benefit that accrues to them by reason of the aid of the tariff they lose a dollar by reason of boosted prices and longer profits that are calmly taken by the big monopolies.

What farmers would like is to have a representative in the executive chair whose interest in agriculture would be sincere and spontaneous, founded on first hand knowledge of the problems of agriculture. It might not be worth as much as farmers think it would, but it would at least guarantee the great industry a genuinely sympathetic hearing, based on a love of the soil and men and women who till it, rather than on the political necessity of being pleasant to a mass group of citizens who happen to be farmers.

We may have a change. The tendency toward centralization and monopoly can not continue indefinitely as it has in the past few years. The other swing of the pendulum may not begin for another four or five years, but it will swing back eventually, and possibly sooner than we think. The decision of the president not to choose to be a candidate may be a big factor in bringing about the change.

Such twaddle as has been paraded before our eyes for a good many days by Almee and her mother in their battles adds strength to the layman's belief that religion means a lot more when it is felt more and heard less.

The president really should go on the stage. When it comes to offering thrills he classifies as a top-notch by the manner in which he delivered his statement Tuesday.

The hot summer weather brought the home grown melons, and they beat anything in winter, except Santa Claus.

REFORESTATION NEEDS OF MISSISSIPPI ARE STUDIED

Forest Service Making Survey To be Used in Arriving at Control of Floods.

An extensive survey under which will be brought together all available information upon the location and area of forests needed on the Mississippi watershed as a part of flood prevention and control has been started by the forest service of the United States department of agriculture, according to information just received by District Forester C. M. Granger, from Colonel William B. Greeley, chief forester.

This survey has been declared an emergency job by the forest service officials, and the entire personnel of the service has been instructed to stand ready to lend a hand in speeding the big undertaking to completion. The survey will be completed

by early fall. "The survey," says Colonel Greeley, "will define the main tributaries of the Mississippi to be treated as units, and for each of these tributaries data will be brought together on the acreage, the amount and character of the precipitation, the more essential or more common soil classes, features of physiography, including ruggedness of topography, natural reservoirs, etc., the general character of the vegetative cover, and a rating of the value of the protective cover as a means of flood prevention and control."

The object of the survey, the chief forester states, is to bring out on this enormous drainage basin, the area or watersheds where on account of rainfall, character of soil, topography, etc., forest cover has an important protective value.

KEEPING FARM RECORDS IS COMMON IN OREGON

"Many farmers, being business men keep a set of books to determine whether they are operating at a profit or loss," said Frank L. Robinson, assistant professor of accounting, in an interview for Oregon newspapers.

"If the business farmer is operating at a loss properly kept set of records will tell him why he is losing money. He will compare the operations of one year with those of other years. Thus, if he keeps his various enterprises segregated he will know what is losing his money and which enterprises are profitable."

A farmer need not lose all he has without knowing it, explained Professor Robinson. He may discontinue unprofitable ventures and add those that are profitable.

"Extensive records are not necessary," continued Professor Robinson. "A record of all cash received, its source, all cash paid out and what it went for are enough. At the close of each year a statement is prepared showing a list of assets and liabilities. From this he determines his net worth and how much he has gained or lost."

"If he should desire to know the profits or losses of any particular enterprise he keeps a labor report. If he has live stock a feed record will be used."

FARM REMINDERS

To destroy pests in grain, beans or other like products kept in the home for culinary use the simplest method, says the O. A. C. experiment station, is to heat it in the oven. It is put into pans which are then kept in the oven for an hour at a temperature a little below that of boiling water. This kills all stages of insects from egg to adult, after which the material is stored in insect-proof containers. This heating kills the seed germs and spoils the seed for planting.

To have sound apples and pears and not wormy ones the Oregon orchardist sprays his trees with a solution of lead arsenate the experiment station repeats. The standard dilution is 2 pounds powdered lead arsenate to 100 gallons of spray solution. Four applications are usual in unusual seasons five are necessary for satisfactory protection.

Any Oregon clover field may suffer considerable loss of seed if allowed to get over ripe by breaking off entirely or breaking to pieces, reports the experiment station. It pays to get it cut earlier than this and put into shocks or bunches before breaking of heads and shattering of seed takes place.

House ferns attacked by scale insects may be protected by frequent applications of common laundry soap, a quarter of a pound of soap to one gallon of water, report the O. A. C. entomologists. The plants are washed thoroughly with this solution which is best washed off about two hours after it is applied.

Commercial telephone service has been inaugurated between Paris and Venice. Urgent calls may be booked at triple the normal rates.

THE MARKETS.

Portland. Wheat—B. B. bluestem, hard white, soft white, western white, \$1.32; fed oration, \$1.31; hard winter, northern spring, \$1.29; western red, \$1.27. Hay—Alfalfa, \$17.50; valley timothy \$17@18; eastern Oregon timothy, \$22@22.50. Butterfat—40% c. Eggs—Ranch, 22@25c. Cattle—Steers, good, \$9.15@9.50. Hogs—Medium to choice, \$10.75@12.50. Lams—Medium to choice, \$10.50@11.50. Seattle. Wheat—Soft white, western white, \$1.31 1/2; hard winter, \$1.28 1/2; western red, \$1.27; northern spring, \$1.29; bluestem, \$1.34; dark northern spring, \$1.43; dark hard winter, \$1.37. Hay—Alfalfa, \$25; timothy, P. S. \$22. Butterfat—43c. Eggs—Ranch, 19@25c. Cattle—Steers, choice, \$9@9.50. Hogs—Prime, \$11.40@11.50. Spokane. Cattle—Steers, good, \$8.75@9.25. Hogs—Good, \$11.75@11.85.

The RECLUSE of FIFTH AVENUE

By WYNDHAM MARTYN

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"There are other cruibins of comfort for you." He smiled. Milman took from his pocketbook a page of newspaper covered with his fine, distinct writing. "This," he went on, "is a copy of a conversation with Laddison. At that time Laddison had done me the honor to consider me dead and buried, a harmless recluse ignorant of what he was talking. He was able to talk indiscreetly, confident that not a breath of what he said would ever be translated into words by his listener. I will read it to you:

"There's one big-headed, million-aire manufacturer who thinks he owns New York state above the Westchester line that has a big jolt coming his way. Some day he'll go into my friend's office looking six feet high and weighing around two-fifty. When he comes out he'll look a dwarf and weigh as a bantamweight. I tell you, Mr. Milman, when a man has brains and no scruples he can get to Washington any time at all."

"You think he was talking about Raxton and McKimber?" said Nita eagerly.

"I am certain of it. Undoubtedly McKimber expects to be United States senator from New York. It is conceded he deserves this honor. If Raxton forces him out of the race, it can only be because he has some mysterious and powerful hold over him. You must not forget that for years I have been collecting all sorts of scraps of knowledge about him."

"Why?" the girl asked. "That's what is so curious to me. It seems so coincidental that just at a moment he ruined you indirectly you have all this knowledge to use against him."

"It was through Mr. Bradney," he admitted. "You guessed that I gave him the hundred thousand dollars. I believe in him. His lecture, which I read, brought the donation. Then, suddenly, I found he had been discredited. I had his successor interviewed, a lesser man and an evasive one. He was frankly against Bradney. That's how it began. I bought Mr. Maliet's wonderful group because I thought we in America had at last a sculptor worthy to rank with the world's greatest. I was interested in his eclipse. I found Raxton only when Laddison spoke of Malef."

"But my father?" she insisted. "How did you find out about him?" "It began at a dinner table. Someone mentioned the Saratoga affair. You know, Nita, we are distant connections, and I have a family pride that is as strong as it is illogical. Even then I did not see Raxton in the affair until Laddison, port-soldien, told me that his patron never forgave. Then came instances of this vengefulness. Among them was a mention of a society horseman who had thrown this patron of Laddison's into the sea."

"I employed investigators. Many of them. The first would get facts. I then dismissed him and engaged a second to build on this structure. I did not want any private detectives to get at my real purpose. I warned Brewer against him. But at that time Hazen seemed so immeasurably more powerful than the unknown Raxton that he laughed at my advice."

"I owe you an apology," said the girl. "I had no idea you had been so thorough. I see exactly what I'm to do. I'm to find out what hold Raxton has on McKimber."

"Yes," Milman assented. "I want to use the same weapon against Raxton as he employs against McKimber."

"It's a glorious adventure," she cried. "There's one thing which makes me uneasy," he admitted. "It is in sending you to a home owned by a man of Raxton's sort. He has the power to create the illusion of truth and sincerity when in reality he laughs at both. Good women have loved him as well as bad."

"I'm not exactly a child, Uncle Peter," she reminded him. "In society one meets all types. I am not afraid. I can never forget the life my father might have been leading now but for him. I shall never be ashamed of what we are going to do." She smiled at him. "Let's go into the kitchen and hear daddy laying down the whole duty of footmen."

CHAPTER VIII

Nita Barnes fitted into the life at Great Rock very quickly. She would have trouble later on, she decided, with the three Raxton girls, whose ages ranged from twelve to eighteen years. They were attractive in a rather second-rate way. The eldest girl was bitterly opposed to letting Agatha Brown mix with the guests. She saw that on her merits she had no chance against the stranger. Since Miss Brown carried the day and appeared at the dinner table, admirably groomed, the Raxton girls determined to force her out.

Paul Raxton, walking leisurely up his drive one day, was arranged to see two strapping men alight from a taxi outside the house and carry suitcases as though they had come to stay. As they had gone to the back entrance, he supposed they were men servants hired by the social secretary. It had not, until this moment, occurred to him that to have strange men in the house might be dangerous. There was a new butler expected. That made three. Suspicious and crafty, Raxton saw that he might have three spies here, for all he knew.

Neeland Barnes, looking fifteen years younger without his big mustache, was giving his fellow footman a few last words of advice when a blue, cynical man pushed open the

door? If one is suspected, all are suspected." "Of course you can. Even Alf is getting a firm touch. He had stage-fright at his first dinner, but he's training on splendidly." "Enry sat in the most comfortable chair he could find and lighted a cigarette. "What's the mystery about McKimber?" "Is he here yet?" "He comes tomorrow with wife and son. The eldest Raxton girl is highly



He Received Paul Raxton With Reserve.

excited. What is there to McKimber that old Peter is anxious to know his every move?"

"I'm in the dark, too. Peter says I'm under Nita's orders, and she will tell us what to do."

"You're all right, you're a guest," Enry remarked. "I'm only a poor, honest footman and have to be ordered around."

"You've not had any run in with Raxton?" "Not exactly, but he's a sneering swine. Toad Bradley and me only this morning that men-servants were merely parasitic growths. Said that only timidly drove husky men like Alf and me into domestic service. I hope there's a time when he'll think differently."

"Milman wants you to familiarize yourself with Raxton's private rooms. From an interview in a New York paper, it appears he lives in a tower."

"He does. Since I've been here, not even his wife has ventured into it. I go in regularly to carry cedar logs for his open fire. The doors are fitted with special locks. I've taken an impression of the keys. Alf goes to town tomorrow. He'll fetch them. I'm not worrying. Nita and Peter—I never noticed those names rhymed before—are running this show. Raxton expects a great deal from you. He says you are the only expert he ever got for nothing."

Mrs. McKimber, whose fortune had enabled her husband to become one of the wealthiest men in a wealthy state, enjoyed staying in new houses and meeting new sets of people. She saw in this invitation to Great Rock the opportunity of discussing reduction to music, fruit diet, and the gospel of calories. On each of these points Mrs. McKimber had her experiences to relate.

Her son Robin, a good-looking man of five-and-twenty, did not welcome new friends unless he knew all about them and that knowledge proved satisfactory. On the drive from the hotel in New York where the McKimbors always stayed he kept questioning his father about the Raxtons. Why should his father waste a week here when he could be touring the state and strengthening his political position? Robin desired to be a senator's son and taste Washington life under the happiest conditions.

Although Raxton had planned that McKimber should visit him, the manufacturer had no idea of it. McKimber on his way to Great Rock felt humiliated with the knowledge that he had virtually asked for an invitation here. A few months before such a thing would have seemed impossible. McKimber had learned suddenly that Paul Raxton was working to gain a primary nomination for the excited position McKimber believed was already in his own grasp. At first he laughed the idea to scorn. But his campaign manager had showed him innumerable clippings filed with interviews in which Paul Raxton had spoken enthusiastically about beautiful American cities so that the Old world sent her tourists to see them. Raxton had spoken before a federation of women's clubs and had been very well received. He was described as a ready and eloquent speaker.

"He's got a peach of a press agent," said McKimber's campaign manager gloomily, "and his line is absolutely new. It's making a great hit with the influential women."

"He can't win on that stuff," McKimber growled. He was one of those old-time politicians who distrust women and underestimate their power. "Maybe not, but he can split the party vote, can't he? His platform is a winner. He promises the building-trades plenty of work and he has been their man for twenty years. As I've said, the women will vote for him, and so will the intellectuals. I tell you, John, he's got to be stopped. If he runs, our party loses out. That's sure."

"What sort of a fellow is he?" "Nobody seems to know. You've got to get under his skin. No good going to his office. In another man's office the cards are stacked against you. Try the social end of it. He's just bought Bollinger's place and is going to entertain. I've got it. I know Heffman Laddison pretty well. I'll work it so he asks you for a week-end. How about it?"

In the end McKimber agreed this was the best plan. Eventually he, Mrs. McKimber and their son were asked for a week, McKimber did not

(To be continued.)

Pets Drink Gas and Die. Drinking gas was fatal for pets of L. Roberts of Marcus Hill, Australia, recently. Roberts is employed at the gas works, and took home a small tank which had been at the works for some time. On the way home he filled it with fresh water, which he put into the troughs for his pet pigs and ducks. Next morning six pigs and many ducks were dead and other animals were ill. The tank contained gas fumes that the pets consumed as they lapped.

Fact Generally Admitted

One of Britain's popular blond beauties, a London actress, received in her dressing room a feminine admirer who had called to "talk art." The conversation had fallen flat, due largely to the fact that the beautiful blond would talk of nothing but herself. Finally the visitor turned in desperation to an old standby. "I suppose," she said, "that your great ambition is to play Shakespeare?" "Well," said the actress, "he has written some nice parts."

Head Adapted to Habitat

The bureau of fisheries says that the shape of the head of the halibut fish is quite different from other species, as its shape conforms to the depth at which it is found. This fish is elongated and rather thick in form and lies on its left side, which is white, while the right side, uniform dark brown in color, with very small smooth scales, is uppermost and bears both of the large eyes. The capacious mouth is symmetrically placed, as also are the ventral fins.

Antiquity of Concrete

Prof. Duff Abrams, the well-known American scientist, has recently drawn attention to the fact that concrete is older than the Christian era. It is, indeed, one of the most ancient of the world's industries. The Romans were skilled in the use of concrete, and the dome of the Pantheon at Rome is of concrete. There is, too, a fresco at Phebes which shows the process of manufacturing concrete.

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IN THE COUNTY COURT OF THE STATE OF OREGON FOR UMATILLA COUNTY

In the Matter of the Guardianship of the Person and Estate of Betty Pearl Smith, a Minor.

Order to show cause on Petition for Sale of Real Property. Now on this day this matter coming on for hearing upon the petition of Robert O. Horning, the duly qualified, appointed and acting guardian of the person and estate of Betty Pearl Smith, a minor, for the purpose of obtaining an order and license for the sale of the real property of said estate which is described as follows, to-wit: Lots 11 and 12 in Block 15 in the Town of Hermiston, Ore., as platted in the NW 1/4 SE 1/4 Section 10, Tp. 4 N. R. 23 E. W. M. in Umatilla County, Oregon, and it appearing to the court that it is necessary for the maintenance of said minor and for the payment of the expenses of the last sickness and funeral of Edgar A. Smith deceased

RAY C. GOODE, Administrator.

and the costs and charges of the administration of his estate, and that said real property should be sold. It is Therefore Ordered that the next of kin of said Betty Pearl Smith and all persons interested in said estate of said ward appear before the above entitled Court at the County Court House in Pendleton, Umatilla County, Oregon on the 20th day of August, 1927 at the hour of 2 o'clock in the afternoon and then and there show cause, if any they have, why the said order of sale and license should not be granted.

And it is Further Ordered that a copy of this order shall be published at least three successive weeks in the Hermiston Herald a newspaper of general circulation published weekly at Hermiston, Umatilla County, Oregon.

Done and dated in open Court at Pendleton, Umatilla County, Oregon this 16th day of July, 1927. I. M. SCHANNEP, County Judge (46-51c)

NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION

Department of the Interior, Land Office at The Dalles, Oregon, June 17, 1927.

Notice is hereby given that John E. Mason, of Hermiston, Oregon, who, on Jan. 29, 1924, made Homestead Entry under Act June 6, 1912, No. 024549, for NW 1/4 Section 20, Township 4 North, Range 29 East, Williams Meridian, has filed notice of intention to make final proof, to establish claim to the land above described, before W. J. Warner, United States Commissioner, at Pendleton, Oregon, on the 5th day of August, 1927.

Claimant names as witnesses: James G. Pearson, of Hermiston, Oregon, Jacob L. Stork, of Hermiston, Oregon, Charles E. Lewis, of Standfield, Oregon, Howard Avery, of Hermiston, Oregon.

J. W. DONNELLY, Register.

NOTICE OF HEARING UPON PETITION

REPORT in the County Court of the State of Oregon for Umatilla County.

In the Matter of the Estate of Joseph W. Craik, Deceased.

Notice is hereby given that the undersigned administrator of the estate of Joseph W. Craik, deceased, has filed his final report with the clerk of the above entitled Court and that the Judge of said Court has designated Saturday, the 6th day of August, 1927 at 2 o'clock in the afternoon as the time, and the rooms of the above entitled Court in the County Court House at Pendleton, Umatilla County, Oregon as the place when and where hearing is to be had thereon. All persons interested are hereby notified to then and here appear and show cause, if any they have, why said report should not be approved, the administrator discharged and the estate closed.

Dated this 7th day of July, 1927. RAY C. GOODE, Administrator. 44-51c

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