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**WEDNESDAY, APRIL 12, 1911.**

Now that the site for Roseburg's federal building has been selected it's time to get busy and urge the early construction of that \$250,000 building as proposed to congress by Representative George Neuner at the last session of the Oregon legislature. "Our George" was alive to Roseburg's needs.

Whether conditions for the past two days have been unprecedented all up and down the coast, snow falling in many places to the depth of several inches, Roseburg escaped with the flurry that melted nearly as fast as it fell, and with a higher temperature than that experienced in most localities. At Medford Professor O'Gara is authority for the statement yesterday that the temperature would probably drop to 25 this morning, but that owing to thorough smudging little damage would result in the Rogue River Valley. In the Umpqua Valley yesterday morning the temperature was even 32, and this morning it was two degrees colder—30 degrees. While there was considerable smudging in the valley the past two nights, it is questionable if the cold was severe enough to have caused material damage to fruit. Competent authority on the subject asserts that fruit killing frost must register 26 degrees. At any point above 26 there is no great danger. In view of these facts, and the temperature in this valley only falling to 30 degrees, it is evident that no damage has resulted here from the storm that passed along the coast this week.

S. S. Josephson, a member of the city council, informed The News today he was willing to use his influence to grant a franchise to W. F. Boardman & Company, who seeks to enter Roseburg and install a gas plant at a cost of some fifty thousand dollars, providing that the proposed rate of \$1.50 would not run longer than fifteen years, after which the fee charged for gas should be made by a board of arbitration, based on the cost of fuel fifteen years hence and the number of consumers. While The News is of the opinion that every concession possible should be gained by the city from the gas company, it does not deem the foregoing statement of Mr. Josephson of sufficient value to bar Mr. Boardman and his associates from entering the field and establishing a gas plant. No person, firm or corporation who contemplates expending the sum of fifty thousand

dollars would concede to any such clause being "tacked" to a franchise given by the city for the supply of a public utility. The gentleman who asks the city for a gas franchise has made a public statement to the effect that a plant in Roseburg would be a non-paying investment for at least five or ten years and the encouragement given him that, at the end of fifteen years, a "board of arbitration" is to tell the gas company "where to get off" is certainly not in keeping with the proper encouragement that Roseburg should extend to enterprises of this nature. Here's where the genuine booster spirit should prevail. Entirely too much valuable time is being lost on so an important acquisition to the city. We need the gas plant, the fifty thousand dollars and the payroll that goes with the enterprise.

**A PLEASING ADDRESS**

W. D. McCracken Speaks on Christian Science

**AN ABLE AND FLUENT TALKER**

Lecture Given at the Armory Was Quite Well Attended—Author of "Rise of The Swiss Republic."

William D. McCracken, A. M., S. C. B., member of the Board of Lectureship of the First Church of Christ, Scientist, in Boston, Mass., delivered a very interesting lecture on "Christian Science" at the Armory last evening. Notwithstanding the storm quite a large crowd was present and all appeared to appreciate the gentleman's remarks. Mr. McCracken is an able and fluent talker, as well as a distinguished author. One of his best known works is the "Rise of the Swiss Republic," a book which has been read extensively by people in all parts of the world. The speaker was introduced by Mayor Fred Haynes, who occupied a seat on the platform. Mr. McCracken spoke in part as follows:

The message of Christian Science is simple and straightforward and responds to a universal need. It is not easily treated as an academic theme, nor is it, strictly speaking, a debatable question, because it provides the proofs of its own correctness, day by day and hour by hour, and these proofs are final and convincing. Christian Science does more than preach or promise, it fulfills. While it arouses the noblest aspirations and expectations of mankind, it also justifies its teachings by definite results. Like the good Samaritan, it comes to those who have fallen among thieves, whom false concepts have robbed of health and happiness, who material methods have passed by on the other side,

and pours into their wounds the oil and wine of gladness and inspiration, takes them to the inn of shelter, and leaves with them the coin of priceless value which will insure their complete recovery and, in time, their complete salvation.

**Religion of Progress.**  
 This is an age of practical achievement, and Christian Science is in thorough accord with the demands made for proofs. It lives and grows in favor with the needy of the earth by reason of its fruits. Christian Science makes no claim which it cannot substantiate and so, in this day of advance in every department of human activity, it is demonstrating its right to be known as the religion of progress.

Not that God, who constitutes the basis, foundation, and principle of all true religion, ever changes or progresses; not that the teachings of Jesus the Christ, the founder of Christianity, need to be revised or the Bible rewritten. We read in the Scriptures that with God there is neither variableness nor shadow of turning; we also believe that the precepts and warnings of Jesus can never become antiquated, and that the Bible of our fathers, the great treasure-house of Christendom, when spiritually interpreted by Christian Science suffices for our daily needs. The thread of gold which gleams throughout the fabric of the Bible will shine forth forever to be apprehended by the receptive thought everywhere.

So it is not a new bible which Christian Science contemplates, but one and the same Bible, explained in a spiritual, progressive manner. It is not a new God which it proclaims, but the only true God, our Father which is in Heaven. It makes no attempt at an improved Christ, for there is but one Christ, who is in the bosom of the Father, perfect, eternal and indestructible. Christian Science is progressive, and marks an advance in religion because it throws

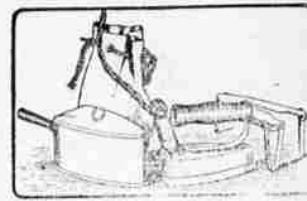


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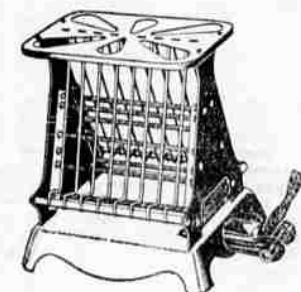


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the strong light of science upon the nature and attributes of Deity, upon the teachings and works of the Christ, and because it picks out from the Bible's make-up the essential imperishable import of its spiritual message.

Christian Science calls upon mankind for a frank and fearless revision of its own beliefs about the unchanging God, His man and His universe. This age, which is not afraid to fly in the face of the sun on flimsy wings, is asked to display the necessary courage to pass in review the things which pertain to its own salvation from false gods. Why should not right and just views concerning God and His universe be capable of more precise statement? Why should it be thought a thing unreasonable with any one that God can become better understood by the average man than has been in the past? Why should not the understanding how to grow in grace, how to deepen and broaden one's spiritual concepts, progress according to law. And why should not this knowledge concerning the fountainhead of all knowledge, the giver of all good gifts, the absolute eternal principle of all life, in whom we live, and move, and have our being—why should not this knowledge constitute demonstrable Science?

Christian Scientists believe that it does; that Jesus pointed out the only true, final and real knowledge when he said, "And this is life eternal, that they might know thee, the only true God, and Jesus Christ, whom thou hast sent."

**The Real Man.**  
 If god is Spirit, then the real man of His creation, who has made in His image and likeness, and, therefore, partakes of His nature, must be spiritual, i. e., must express and manifest Spirit. The real man's life must be spirit, his faculties must be spiritual. Furthermore, as the image and likeness of God, the real man must be complete, happy, wholesome and healthy. He cannot deny his heritage nor bring discredit upon his ancestry. He must be eternal and indestructible now, the ideal man, the son of God.

But this conclusion, derived from the Word of God, is found to be at variance with the testimony of material sense. It does not agree with the experience of mortal man from the cradle to the grave, for the experience of mortal man is one of "in, sickness, and death, not of undimmed joy and eternal life. Here is a discrepancy, and Christian

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