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COMMUNITY CHURCHES IN THE NORTHWEST

Reports from almost every quarter of the United States reveal that the number of community churches multiplies rapidly. Evidence of the progress of the movement is presented by the Pacific northwest. The community churches in Oregon and in Washington already number more than 50 and others are arising. An association of such churches has been formed, and in March held its first annual meeting at Portland, Oregon.

The secretary is George V. McClure of Ridgefield, Wash. He reports that the assembly planned to have the association move forward and that it also formulated plans for organizing a council on home missions.

Mr. McClure characterizes his own church as "a genuine hybrid." Its members represent the Baptist, Congregational, Episcopal, Methodist and Presbyterian principles and ideals. The same diversity exists among the elders, who consist of other persons than the trustees. The Ridgefield community church, when Mr. McClure became its pastor, had been pastorless and professed inability to pay a pastor's salary. Within two years, those of 1920-21, it received 72 members and enlarged its building four times. The Sunday school has five times as many members as had those of the churches that merged, and the benevolent contributions are three times the amount of those of the predecessor churches together.

The Ridgefield pastor makes a point that The Spokesman-Review has not before seen mentioned in connection with community churches. It is that they should be attached to some denomination, but that this should be one of democratic constitution and government, allowing freedom to the members.

DICK THIEHOFF.

One of the interesting campaigns being made during these pre-primary days is that of Dick Thiehoff, popular conductor for the S. P. & S. who is a candidate for a position on the state public service commission.

As a basis for his claim to support he presents his record of 24 years' practical experience in transportation work. Reports have it that he is not only favorable to the railroad workers but to railroad operators as well and he has a large host of friends who are his enthusiastic endorsers. The traveling men of the state at a recent meeting went on record for him and every one of them is "going down the line" for him.

Here in the lower Columbia he will get a generous support, not only because he has made many warm friends while on his Portland-Astoria run, but because this port district wants someone on the commission who has some knowledge of this port's needs and some sympathy for its aspirations. People here have not forgotten that the present commission joined hands with Portland and against Astoria in the Columbia basin rate case although elected to represent the whole state rather than a part of it where the most votes lie.

Dick Thiehoff's only campaign promise is to be fair and impartial to all, and such treatment is all that this community or any other community should expect.—Astoria Budget.

RUIN OF SOVIETISM.

The soviet government of Russia, having brought all sorts of disasters upon its country, is now beginning to realize that the worst of its evils is the condition of famine which has been steadily growing worse and which has now enveloped the soviet stronghold of Moscow.

With this realization has come contemplation of the fact that if Russia is forced to depend upon her own resources it will bankrupt the soviet treasury, as every dollar stored up will have to be used for famine relief alone.

In this predicament, the soviets have conceived the idea of securing aid from the allies. If the Geneva conference should be willing to grant the soviet government a "loan" sufficient for the reconstruction of its country, Russia in turn will grant all the concessions that might be demanded. This is the scheme.

Meanwhile, the threatened action by the soviet government for a confiscation of all church gold and silver has been put into effect.

In the way of bringing general ruin upon a nation, sovietism seems to be all the success that could be claimed for it.

A. E. Veatch, one of the most experienced newspaper editors in Oregon and for 25 years a consistent and steady opponent of high taxation, is a candidate for Representative in Columbia county. He is editor and owner of the Rainier Review, which is a well-edited paper, well thought of by other editors of the state for its discussion of public questions. Veatch is a native of Iowa, born in 1870, but grew to manhood in Kansas; graduated from the normal and commercial course of Campbell University of Kansas, admitted to prac-

tice in Kansas and Nebraska; edited and published newspapers at Washington and Mankato, Kansas; Havelock, Nebraska; Colville and Montebello, Washington, and Rainier, Oregon. In 1910 he received a large vote as Republican candidate for Congress in the Spokane district, being defeated by W. L. LaFollette, who made none too satisfactory a record. Veatch favors drastic tax reduction; also scaling down of high salaries and elimination of state support to law and medical schools.—Oregon Voter.

YEA, EVEN SO, OLD TOP.

Where, has been asked, are the slogans of yesterday?
Where have gone those soulful cries with which the politicians swept you off your mental balance and themselves into place and power?
Don't you, the Great American Boobery, remember how you frothed and frothed to some of them, frantically?

"You shall not press down on Labor's brow this Crown of Thorns! You shall not crucify Mankind upon a cross of Gold!"

"It is better to open the Factories than the Mills. McKinley and Dollar Wheat."

"Remember the Maine."
These slogans are now ancient history, however, but there are others, for instance:

"Hoch, der Kaiser and German Kultur!"

"Hang the Kaiser and save the Empire! Britons never shall be slaves!"

"LaFayette, we are here! Liberty, Fraternity!"

"He kept us out of war! Work or Fight! Force without limit and without stint!"

"Down with the League of Nations! No entangling Alliances! Long live the Four Power Pact!"

"Nothing will be too good for you boys when you come back!"

All of which reminds of Hamlet's soliloquy which translated reads as follows:

"Lies of great men all remind us. We can make our lives sublime, And, departing leave behind us, Bushwag on the sands of Time."

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You can't always tell. The prettiest silk stocking that you see on the street may have a hole in the toe.

It is a good rule to investigate before you invest. Especially when oil stock salesmen come around.

The new Irish government has plenty of horrible examples from which it pays profit.

Some of the senators found that they couldn't beat the farm bloc, and just joined it.

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