

# DEDICATORY SERVICES OF BAPTIST CHURCH OPEN TONIGHT

### COMMENCES WITH BROUGHER'S LECTURE AND ENDS WITH SUNDAY NIGHT SERVICES

### HOPE TO SEE MONETARY ENCUMBRANCES REMOVED SUNDAY

### Long-Waited-For Hour Has Come and Local Baptists Point With Pride to Evidence of Hard Work



First Baptist Church, the New Edifice to be Dedicated Sunday, March 29.

## HISTORY OF THE OLD, AND DESCRIPTION OF THE NEW

The old church edifice was built under the valiant leadership of Rev. George T. Ellis, in South La Grande, and for its day was a splendid achievement. But it had served its time and was sold to John Wilson, who removed it, in order to give place for the new structure. Unfortunately the purchaser, failing to lay well his foundations, permitted the old building to collapse, and it remains today mortally twisted and effaced, only two blocks from where she once stood.

been of great help to the enterprise. The most fascinating feature of the entire structure is the art glass windows, furnished by Ford Bros., Minneapolis. The climax here is reached by the large window in the east end. It is, "Clinging to the Cross." At the apex is the Star of Bethlehem casting its gentle light upon the open Bible. Then, streaming down through the Word from the Star, come the golden rays of light falling on a dark and trouble, storm-tossed sea. In the re-

Hat?" Two hundred tickets were sold before last night. Many will buy today. Tickets on sale at Silverthorn & Mack's drug store; also at the door. Lecture opens at 8 o'clock. Accept the treat offered by a noble people and receive rich returns for your money, also obtain a few brick in the new church.

#### PROGRAM.

Friday, March 27.

8 p. m., lecture, "What's Under Your Hat?" by J. Whitcomb Broucher, D. D., pastor White Temple, Portland, Ore.

Saturday, March 28.

Popular gospel service, 12:15 to 1 p. m. Sermon by Dr. Broucher, theme, "Heaven and Hell," illustrated. Quartet: Geo. L. Cleaver, C. S. Williams, Chas. Cochran and Geo. Cochran. Free lunch served in basement of the church by Baptist Young people.

Evangelistic service, 8 p. m. Sermon by Dr. Broucher; theme, "All Hair and Backbone."

Sunday, March 29.

Sunday school, 9:45 a. m., Dr. J. E. Stevenson, superintendent. Address

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## AN HISTORIC REVIEW OF BAPTISTS IN GRANDE RONDE

The First Baptist church in this city was organized at the Liberty school house, near the Grange hall, the 3rd Saturday in November, 1873. It was then called the Liberty Baptist church. Rev. L. J. Booth of Cove, acted as moderator and F. T. Dick as clerk. The following pioneers, the majority of whom have entered into

ley, however, dates back to the early sixties, when the work was first begun at Cove under the leadership of Rev. William Koger. Koger's efforts were supplemented by Rev. L. J. Booth, and later, in 1865, Rev. B. H. Lewis, father of the only present living constituent member, H. P. Lewis, of



Rev. C. A. Wood, D. D., pastor in charge of Home Missions on the Pacific Coast.

their reward, were constituent members: Rev. B. H. Lewis, Mrs. B. H. Lewis, George Horsepool, H. P. Lewis, Mrs. Mariah Lewis and F. T. Dick. Baptist life in Grande Ronde val-

Through the energetic leadership of Rev. Lewis and George Webb, a building was fitted out in South La Grande

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and her spire pointed the passerby to God and called to rest and worship.

On the spot where stood the old, a new, commodious and beautiful structure of brick and stone, today stands. The only reminders of the old edifice and its equipment that linger are the pews, retained in the lecture room, and the splendid bell, the best in the city. With charming tones and solemn voice from the more substantial tower, it calls more emphatically still to worship and service.

The new edifice rises from a foundation of stone, which covers 44x65 feet. There is a basement under the entire building, eight feet in the clear and the superstructure is divided into four rooms. The auditorium is 44x44 feet. The lecture room is 22x28, and facing to the north end are the pastor's study and reading rooms. The furnishings are modern in every particular. A Quaker furnace installed by John McVilvie, of this city, furnishes heat. The baptistry is a new design, brought out wholly by Pastor Gibson. It stands to the right of the speaker's desk and is built of cement, rising 40 inches above the floor level. The finish is in tile effect, with white enamel. In the walls supports are placed for flowers, and from the center, amid the flowers, plays perpetually, a fountain, issuing a delicate spray. The execution of this design has been by J. Reiland of this city.

The pews are of the best Michigan oak, built for beauty and comfort. The electric lighting, done by the Grande Ronde Electric company, is superb. Fred Houah has figured prominently in the designs and has

note distance through the shadows is seen a wrecked vessel. To the forefront is the stranded pilgrim. In the midst of the storm, after wreck and despair, she has found the cross, revealed to her in the light streaming from the Star of Bethlehem through the Word. Then, bordering the scene are the laurels and the lilies which tell the story of peace and rest found at the cross when the storms are stilled and the soul is anchored.

Attractive memorial windows are designated "In Memory of Mrs. May S. Fox," by C. L. Fox, "In Memory of Mrs. Minnie Wells," by George Wells, "In Memory of Mrs. Louise Moon," by O. W. Moon. Also "Fellowship Mt. Pleasant Church," "Fellowship, Cove Church." One window is donated by the Sunday school, one by the Aid society and one by the Young People's society. The transept was donated by the King's Messenger Boys.

#### The Building's Builders.

The outline of the building is Pastor Gibson's. The architect whose skill is embodied in its embellishment is C. R. Thornton. The foundation and basement were built by Woodward & Taylor, and the brick work done by Messrs. C. I. Johnson and George Hulse. The work was directed by I. F. Douglas, Messrs. C. G. Greene and Dr. J. E. Stevenson have been at the head of the building committee.

The entire structure represents, exclusive of the lots, about \$8,500, of which amount about \$6000 has been collected and expended. Of this amount the American Baptist Home

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## THE ENERGETIC MAN WHO NOW OCCUPIES THE BAPTIST PULPIT

### A SON OF SOUTH CAROLINA, BUT NEVERTHELESS A LOYAL OREGONIAN NOW

### TRACES HIS PARENTAGE TO ROYAL ENGLISH FAMILIES

### With His Conscientious Effort Has Aided Materially in Erecting the Splendid Church Home

Pastor W. H. Gibson is of English descent and of royal blood. His great grandfather was Colonel William Gibson, who did service under the English flag during the Revolutionary war. He was a first cousin of King George III, who laid his oppressive hand on the American colonies and forced the revolutionary struggle.

In the year of 1817 Rev. Samuel Gibson, the pastor's grandfather, emigrated to America and made his home in South Carolina, where he did pioneer work and laid foundations of Baptist work deep and well in the old Palmetto state. The descendants of Rev. Samuel Gibson are numerous and reside largely in South Carolina. The Gibson family reunion every five years is an established fact. Last June Rev. W. H. Gibson attended, in his native state, a family convocation in which 750 descendants were gathered.

Rev. Warren H. Gibson of this city, is the son of the late R. B. Gibson, Esq., and Mrs. Theresa Gibson. The immediate family of 10 children are gripping the world well. Two are ministers of the gospel, one a physician, two are railroad men, one a politician, one a contractor and builder, others farmers, and the younger son

is one of John D. Rockefeller's trusted men, having worked for the Standard Oil company for 10 years. Mr. Gibson of this city grew up on the cotton plantation in South Carolina, and came to know every detail of the cotton industry. He remained on the farm till 21 years of age, when he entered Furman university, from which institution he graduated in 1891, also graduating from the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary of Louisville, Ky., in 1893, thus spending seven years in collegiate and seminary training at his own charges, after his majority was reached.

In 1893 he came west to accept a call to Ellensburg, Wash. But failing to find conditions there as expected, drifted into Oregon, stopping for a few weeks in Union, in this valley. The first winter was spent in the school room at Summerville. In September, 1894, he was married to Miss Lily A. Choate, daughter of the late S. C. Choate of Summerville. The first pastoral work done was in Harney county, where he settled as the first resident minister in the county. Two years were spent in that destitute field, but they were good years.

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Pastor W. H. Gibson, Under Whose Direction the New Church Was Erected.

## J. W. BROUGHER PLANTED "NEW CHURCH" SPIRIT IN LA GRANDE

Dr. J. Whitcomb Broucher, whose stirring eloquence and energetic, undefinable life is so felt in Portland, potentially for good, is here for the dedication season. The Hoosier state proudly owns him her son. He was born in Indiana some 38 years ago. He graduated from California college with M. A. in 1894, and later from

held the reigns of the city in his own hands."

Sam Jones said of him:

"Dr. Broucher is one of the most captivating preachers in this country. He makes people laugh and think and cry and pray."

President Roosevelt, who has heard



Rev. J. Whitcomb Broucher, D. D., Pastor of White Temple, Portland, Ore.

Rochester Theological seminary. He has held pastorates in Paterson, N. J.; Chattanooga, Tenn., and Portland, Ore., at the White Temple. A citizen of Tennessee once said to a citizen of La Grande:

him more than once, said:

"Dr. Broucher is a great preacher."

The Pendleton East Oregonian says: "Dr. Broucher is one of the picturesque figures in the pulpit of the northwest. There is no one else just like him."

"Sir, when Broucher was here he