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THE MESSAGE OF LINDSEY.

Those who heard Judge Ben Lindsey last evening, at the high school auditorium in the fourth number of the lecture course were benefitted. No person could listen to his fervent appeal to parents without having aroused a conscience that may have been dormant for a length of time.

The judge is not an orator, neither is he blessed with the physical strength and appearance to make him an "easy talker," but that all passes away after he has handled his subject for five minutes. One forgets oratory so interesting is the tale of human life related by this man who has spent years learning the boy. The boy, the boy—a pillar upon which the nation rests. Girls seem to have natural care through tender years that a boy loses because he is husky and able to get

out in the world. This condition was freely discussed by the lecturer. He based all that he said upon what he had personally seen in contact with during his life as judge of a juvenile court.

But Judge Lindsey is also capable of giving advice to older people as well as the boys and he did so last evening. Every parent should have heard him. The Observer is glad he talked in La Grande.

ELLIS AND A JOB.

The newspaper talk relative to Judge W. R. Ellis being a candidate for appointive office at the hands of the federal administration surely cannot have foundation. Judge Ellis has been congressman from this district for several terms. He held the respect of the people and a man of his years, we do not believe, can afford to cheapen his dignity and force the people to believe he is in politics for the money, by trying for a federal appointment after going through a losing congressional campaign.

Such an occurrence would be in line with many of Oregon's so-called big men, but there were those in the state who believed Judge Ellis to be larger than some men who had held office in the past. However, if he seeks an appointment he not only labels himself a job hunter at home, but with such broad, brainy men as Taft he must be looked upon as a village politician.

The conclusion should not as yet be drawn on the judge for there is nothing authentic in the report that he is a candidate.

DO RIGHT BECAUSE IT IS RIGHT.

When Judge Lindsey brought out the above words last evening with emphasis loud applause greeted them, showing that the rank and file of a La Grande audience is in accord with such sentiment. Yet how many apparently good people take the view that right must be done because of fear of law. Such foolishness. The man, the woman must be right in his or her heart and then the battle is won. If the human will decides to do a good thing it is seldom thwarted. Enforcing laws to bring about right is an ancient custom and has a place in civilization, to be sure, but the individual who rings true clear through is he who settles first in his own mind what is right and then follows that thought.

It must be admitted that advertising pays. Look what a crowd attended the Lindsey lecture. Why did people go? Because they had heard of the judge—he is well advertised. Some obscure man with just as good a lecture could have held forth at the auditorium and his audience would have been very small.

With Imbler attracting the best orchard men in the country is it not time that home people as a whole began to realize what a fruit section this is going to become? Some do realize it, and they are laying the foundation for a snug little fortune, too.

"DOPE," ITS ORIGIN.

An amateur philologist in New York has unraveled the derivation of the principal word in the American vocabulary, "dope." "Dope" means ideas of any kind—predictions of results in sporting events or a lawyer's argu-

mentative material, or any intellectual method whatsoever. "Dope" is a contraction of the phrase "Do you want dope," the last word of which is in turn an abbreviation of "opium." This used to be the question asked by the Chinese proprietor of the opium joints in San Francisco. "Dope" came to mean the fancies that would come to the man dreaming under the influence of opium, and finally to mean any mental material—conjecture, argument or opinion.

A COMMUNICATION.

La Grande, April 5.—(To the Editor of the Observer)—Every now and then some person who has been attempting to preach the gospel to a congregation "steps down and out" and then attempts to bring disgrace on others who have also preached the gospel. Men of this stamp are not unfrequently very imperfectly educated for the ministry, and really know little of the message that should be preached. Something of this sort happened in La Grande recently. A young man came out from the middle west a few years ago and was installed here as a preacher in one of our churches. He looked so young as to suggest the question as to whether or not he had really been weaned. But notwithstanding his youth, he preached some sort of gospel here for quite a period. He even preached politics, a thing that no real clergyman was ever ordained to do. Recently he resigned his charge and now he denounces preachers generally. He evidently has forgotten the command, "Judge not, lest ye be judged." He, without knowledge as to others, pronounces preachers generally to be dishonest, etc. He is in a position to judge himself but he knows little of other men, and his judgment is utterly worthless, as to his neighbors. I have heard that a clergyman asked him the other day where he studied theology, and he answered that he had never studied theology. He came here to teach people about God and divine things without having studied theology, the Queen of Sciences, which treats of God and divine things. It was a case of the blind trying to lead the blind, and the result could only be failure. Christ called his twelve apostles and taught them three years and then commissioned them to go into all the world and teach the people and to make disciples of all nations. Here is a young man sent out by some one without proper training to teach others what he himself was not well grounded in, and he goes to pieces, and thinks that, because he has made a failure all men who preach the gospel are failure. When he gets older he will see that he has made a foolish body of himself, and that he was in error in judging others. It is a great mistake for any body of people, calling themselves Christians, to send men out to teach without any chart or guide as to what they are to teach. You might just as well send a man out to survey a township of land without a compass or other instrument to guide him, as to send an untrained man forth to preach the gospel with directions to tell the people that all any one need believe to be a Christian is that Jesus Christ is the Son of God. Devils believe that. Great is the mystery of Godliness, and men sent forth to preach the gospel should be carefully taught of the things that pertain to God and His church. Even they many are not very successful in making disciples and planting and watering the church. The ocean beach is strewn with wrecks. All callings have their failures. The ill-prepared in all professions make great mistakes. Such is life and men should not attempt to preach the Christian Gospel without careful training for the greatest of all callings.

W. M. RAMSEY.

Notice to Stockholders.

The annual stockholders meeting of the Grande Ronde Reservoir company will be held in the office of the company in the M. & M. company building, La Grande, Oregon, on Monday, April 10th, 1911, at the hour of 2 o'clock p. m., for the purpose of electing a board of directors and for the transaction of such other business as may come before the meeting.

W. J. CHURCH, Sec'y.

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Notice of Dissolution.

Notice is hereby given that the partnership of Wilson & Reed, real estate firm, has this day, April 4, 1911, been dissolved. Fred C. Reed will continue the business.

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FRED C. REED.

D.: Apr. 3-5t

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D. W. C. NELSON—Mining Engineer Baker City, Oregon.

Treasurer's Call for City Warrants. Notice is hereby given that there are now funds on hand to pay all outstanding warrants issued on General Fund of La Grande city, up to and including No. 8813, endorsed December 17, 1909.

Interest on all warrants on general fund from \$594 to No. 8813 inclusive, ceases from this date.

There are also funds in the treasury to pay all warrants issued against water fund of La Grande city, up to and including No. 9598, endorsed Aug. 18 1910. Interest on all warrants on live, ceases from date of this call. water fund from 9,594 to 9,598 inclusive. La Grande, Oregon, March 27, 1911. RAY W. LOGAN, City Treasurer.

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REBEKAHS—Crystal Lodge No. 14 meets every Tuesday evening in the I. O. O. F. hall. All visiting members are invited to attend. MRS. KATIE ARBUCKLE, N. G. MISS ANNA ALEXANDER, Sec.

B. P. O. E.—La Grande Lodge No. 437 meets each Thursday evening at 8 o'clock in Elk's club, corner of Depot street and Washington avenue. Visiting brothers are cordially invited to attend. H. J. RITTER, Ex. Rul. H. E. COOLIDGE, Rec. Sec.

KNIGHTS OF PYTHIAS—Red Cross Lodge No. 27 meets every Monday night in Castle hall, (old Elk's hall). A Pythian welcome to all visiting Knights. JESS PAUL, C. C. R. L. LINCOLN, M. of R. & S.

WOODMEN OF THE WORLD—La Grande Lodge No. 169 W. O. W. meets every second and fourth Saturdays at K. P. hall. All visiting members welcome. D. FITZGERALD, C. C. J. H. KEENEY, Clerk.

O. E. S.—Hope Chapter No. 13, O. E. S. holds stated communications the second and fourth Wednesdays of each month. Visiting members cordially invited. CARRIE B HUNTER, W. M. MARY A. WARNICK, Sec.

M. W. A.—La Grande Camp No. 770 meets every Monday in the month at the I. O. O. F. hall. All visiting neighbors are cordially invited to attend. I. R. SNOOK, C. D. E. COX, Clerk.

WOMEN OF WOODCRAFT—Grande Ronde Circle No. 47 meets every first and third Thursday evenings in the month at the I. O. O. F. hall. All visiting members are welcome. CHLOE ROBINSON, G. M. LIZZIE ELLSWORTH, Clerk.

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