

LA GRANDE Y. M. C. A. DEPARTMENT.



Y. M. C. A. News of Current Interest Noted Hereunder, Direction of J. H. Rudd, General Secretary.

Men who have had actual experience with the Y. M. C. A. are enthusiastic in their praise of its value. Read today this letter from Mr. R. E. Haynes, the well known attorney of Payette, Idaho, and president of the Association in that city.

Payette, Idaho, Nov. 21, 1912.—Mr. J. H. Rudd, La Grande, Oregon.—My Dear Mr. Rudd:—I know of no subject about which I would rather write or talk of than that of the Young Men's Christian Association. I have not been blessed with boys of my own, but through this work, I have become most intensely interested in boys and young men.

I have carefully observed the work of the movement for years and have come to some conclusions, there is a very specific, intense and ever increasing demand for the finished products of the Y. M. C. A. It is meeting and supplying the demand for a community center. It is a worthy and efficient co-worker with the home church and school. It is all three of these institutions in action, then this proposition presents itself to us namely, Looking at it from other than strictly a material standpoint, the best reason why any institution should exist is that the world demands and has a good use for its products or output. Look at it in this way and you will better get my idea. Two men are seeking positions for a number of young men; one of them has to offer for employment, the finished products of our Y. M. C. A., healthy and strong in body, clear active in mind and renewed in spirit a well developed man; the other has to offer for employment, the finished product of the saloon and its allies, which man will have a bunch left over? I need not answer. Ask the Banker, Railroad President or Merchant. Yes or our own government. The second building in a permanent government construction camp is a Y. M. C. A. building. One of our great railway presidents once said, "It is cheaper to build Y. M. C. A.'s than it is to pick up railroad wrecks."

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We are thoroughly organized in all departments of the work and we are doing a great work for and among our boys, our finished product should be the pride of any community. There is no greater work for the citizenship of any community than that of providing a Y. M. C. A. home for its boys. If we care for them, we have but little alarm for the welfare of our girls.

Before the coming of this institution our boys upon entering our large cities in search of employment or positions were at sea, not a friendly door opened to welcome them. A Y. M. C. A. membership card authenticated by a secretary or officer of his home institution, not only admits him to a community home, but the hand of help is extended to him and the pitfall that has claimed thousands of our boys is avoided.

It is truly a great work and any man who invests in the movement, his money or time is a benefactor to mankind and adding strength and virtue to one of the greatest assets of our nation, our boys.

Yours very truly

R. E. HAYNES.

Scouts.

On last Friday night the General Scout meeting was held at the Y. M. C. A. Thirty six boys with their scout masters and assistant scout masters listened to a most interesting lecture on the "Sun" by Attorney John S. Hodgins. This is but one of a series of monthly addresses to be given before the Boy Scouts. Mr. Hodgins will give another lecture sometime during the winter.

Mr. Robt. S. Eakin will take the position of Scout Master for troop 2 to take the place of C. B. Pickens who is now Boys' secretary at Boise, Idaho. Mr. Eakin takes charge Friday, Dec. 6th.

Indians.

Nearly forty of the younger boys are now enrolled as Indians. The weekly hikes are popular with the boys who are not too lazy to enjoy a good hard day of walking, climbing and games. Last Saturday a trail was made to the top of the hills south of town. Next Saturday an attempt will be made to find the same trail that was used on the return trip.

Mens Meetings.

Twenty-six men were in attendance at the mens' meeting last Sunday afternoon. After a good song

service and a special selection by the male quartet, Mr. Clarence Lang gave a good talk on "Tackling" Next Sunday afternoon at 3:30 all men and older boys are invited to come to the Y. M. C. A. for the Big Sing and Mens meeting. Dr. E. D. Fyke will speak on "Manhood with Jesus Christ."

Gymnasium.

Thirty-five boys now claim membership in the Y. M. C. A. On account of the football season just closing the men have been a little slow about coming in. However after the big Thanksgiving game all lines of energy along the athletic line we hope may be directed to the Y. M. C. A. gymnasium.

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