

# ORDINATION SERVICES IMPRESSIVE

A rather unusual occurrence took place in the Baptist church of this city Tuesday evening when a double ordination service was held for the purpose of ordaining Rev. H. S. Williams of Elgin and Rev. R. E. Cise of this city to the Baptist ministry.

The order of service was as follows: Rev. H. H. Foskett of McMinnville was moderator of the session and took charge of the opening exercises. Opening prayer—Rev. F. C. Stannard, pastor of First Baptist church of Baker.

Ordination sermon—Rev. O. C. Wright of Portland, who is general secretary of Baptist work in Oregon. Ordination prayer—Rev. J. W. Oliver of this city.

This part of the service was made most impressive by the laying on of hands by the visiting clergymen.

The hand of fellowship and a welcome into the ministerial ranks was given by Rev. C. H. Eymen of the Second Baptist church of Baker.

Charge to the Candidates—Rev. F. C. Stannard.

Special music was furnished by the Baptist chorus choir under the direction of Paul Blackstone of McMinnville, who also favored the congregation with a most delightful solo.

The delegates who met in conference for the examination of the candidates were as follows: Rev. O. C. Wright of Portland, Rev. H. B. Foskett of McMinnville, Paul Blackstone of McMinnville, Rev. F. C. Stannard, of Baker, Rev. Ward of Telocast, Rev. J. W. Oliver of La Grande, Rev. C. H. Eymen of Baker, Joseph Boehl of Elgin, John B. Scott of Minam, J. R. Weaver of Elgin, J. E. Witherspoon of Elgin, C. G. Green, H. P. Lewis, C. D. Huffman, Theodore Johnson and Mr. Damon of La Grande.

**Powers Plead for Peace.**  
London, Dec. 24.—There are whisperings that the powers are advising Turkey to abandon Adrianople and allow the chief demands of the allies. It is understood the military element in Constantinople, called the Young Turks, are urging the renewal of the war. Europe will not allow the powers to mix, because of Turkey's credit. If Turkey loses more than she already has lost, Turkish bonds will be worth little or nothing.

**Roses Blooming in Willamette.**  
In correcting a statement made to a representative of the Observer some time ago that roses were not in bloom in the Willamette valley, Mrs. W. M. Ramsey, a one-time resident of La Grande informs the Observer that the information was not correct and states positively that roses are in bloom or were at the time the observation was made. She further states that she picked ripe tomatoes the day before Thanksgiving.

## NATURAL BRIDGES.

The Biggest In the World Are In the Utah Desert.

### WONDERS OF WHITE CANYON.

Three Massive Towering Arches, Majestic In Their Rugged Grandeur, Span the Lonely, Picturesque Gorge, Far From the Beaten Paths of Man.

Among the wonders of the west which the government has taken under its care are the remarkable natural bridges of Utah, which are, so far as is known, without a peer. In 1908 these three bridges, the Caroline, Augusta and Edwin, were set aside as national monuments, and later certain caves and springs near by were added to the reserved area.

It is difficult to give an adequate idea of these stupendous arches; and so far they have been seen by few persons, for it is a trip of days across the desert to reach them, but accurate measurements have been taken and convey some notion of their size and shape. The popular way of reaching these curiosities is from Bluff, Utah, where one can obtain a guide and outfit. Thence you proceed through dry washes, old stream beds and sage covered mesas to the great bridges, which loom up in White canyon far from the beaten path of man.

The White canyon itself is many miles long, and the bridges spring from its steep, light buff walls, the three being within a distance of five miles. They seem carved by Titanic forces, for the largest is 222 feet high and 65 feet thick at the top of the arch. The arch is 28 feet wide, the span is 261 feet, and the height of the span is 157 feet.

The Natural bridge of Virginia is a baby in comparison with any of the three Utah formations. It is to be regretted that these wonderful bridges are not easier of access. Figures give little idea of their immensity, and words but suggest their beauty.

The first account of them given to the world was that of Horace J. Long, who visited the bridges in 1903. Long was an engineer and prospecting in Utah. One day he fell in with a cattleman named Scrup, who was familiar with Utah and in particular with the region lying around the San Juan river.

Scrup, after some preliminary conversation, said that he had seen some remarkable bridges so immense and wonderful that he disliked to talk about them for fear he would be accused of manufacturing the story. He added that though he had seen them in 1898 he had always desired to go back and if Long would accompany him and take photographs he would guarantee to guide the engineer to the place.

Accordingly the two men set out with pack horses and provisions, and after

a lonely trip through deserts and canyons and wide stretches where no animal was to be seen they descended into the gorge of the White canyon, the sides of which are filled with deserted cliff dwellings. Two days later they came to the wonderful bridges, the first of which, of pink sandstone, Scrup called Caroline in honor of his mother.

Long was fairly dazed at the beauty and size of this natural wonder. The pink walls were streaked with delicate colored lichen and stood out in bold relief against a sky of blue. More than this, both men felt that they were gazing on one of the wonders of the world. They pushed rapidly down the canyon and came to another arch, more symmetrical and more beautiful than the first, with a lightness and grace and charm of coloring that made it a splendid work of nature. Long named this the Augusta after his wife and managed to get a fair photograph. The arch was so high that the trees of California would seem dwarfed beside it, and the men took what measurements they could by climbing and clinging to the canyon's sides.

They found the Edwin, or Little bridge, several miles down the canyon, the arch in reality of immense dimensions, but small in comparison with those that they had measured. All around these bridges are crags and strange formations, cave dwellings, springs and other objects of interest, but the center of attraction is and will always be these three towering arches which span the White canyon.

Undoubtedly these bridges are of great scientific interest, not alone because they are so far as known the largest natural bridges in the world, but because they are extraordinary examples of stream erosion. An ancient river probably carved these great arches, which may have been known to prehistoric dwellers of the desert west.—New York Sun.

**The Crowded Way.**  
"The late General Booth," said a Salvation Army captain of Philadelphia, "used to admit freely that the bad man had more fun—at least while carrying on his badness—than the good man. "Stroking his white beard, he put the matter in a neat epigram one night in New York.

"They say the way of the transgressor is hard," he said. "At any rate it certainly isn't lonely."

**A Difficult Order.**  
Willie (at table)—I want my pudding now. I don't want any old meat and—  
Father (sternly)—You keep your mouth shut and eat your dinner.—Boston Transcript.

**A Bit of English Humor.**  
An English humorist many years ago hit upon a neat way of scoring against certain politicians of the times. A comic journal, not being a newspaper within the meaning of the act, was prohibited from giving news, and so in place of a parliamentary report the humorist in question reported a few "first lines" from speeches by prominent members: "Sir Charles Wetherell said he was not sensible"—"Mr. Hunt was entirely ignorant"—"Lord Ashley said he should take the earliest opportunity of moving"—"Mr. Perceval presented a petition praying"—"Colonel Sibthorpe never could understand"—"Lord Lyndhurst said he must entertain of every one to give him credit"—"Sir Edward Sugden was not one of those who thought"—"Mr. Croker said he had the fullest assurance"

**Wonderful Fiddles.**  
One of the greatest fiddles that ever were known was to be seen at the French court at the time of Charles IX. This was a viol so large that several boys could be placed inside of it. These boys used to sit inside this queer instrument and sing the airs that the man who handled the bow was playing on the viol outside. The effect is said to have been very beautiful, though it would seem as if the presence of the lads in its interior would seriously interfere with the tone of the "great fiddle," as it was called. Many years after another huge instrument of this kind was used at concerts in Boston. It was so large that to play it the fiddler had to stand on a table to use his bow at the proper point on the strings. This instrument was called "the grandfather of fiddles."

**Columbia River Thrice Named.**  
The Columbia river has had three names. It was first called the Oregon. Afterward it was called the St. Rogue, but when it was discovered by Robert Gray in 1792 it was given the name of his vessel, the Columbia, in place of the two floating appellations, Oregon and St. Rogue. According to Whitney, the original name of the river was the Oregon, "big ear" or "one that has big ears," the allusion being to the custom of the Indians who were found in its region of stretching their ears by boring them and crowding them with ornaments.

**Both Hate Him.**  
"Funny thing," remarked Wilson musingly. "Tom Wilkins and Edith Brown used to be great friends of mine. I introduced them to each other. They got married, and now neither of them will speak to me. Wonder what the reason can be?"

**Sometimes They Are.**  
Little Sister—What are goose eggs in a baseball game? Big Brother—Innings in which no runs are made. Why do

## BAZAARS OF CAIRO.

The Curious Tiny Shops and the Narrow, Swarming Streets.

The bazaars of Cairo are very interesting. The streets are exceedingly narrow, and the stores of the merchants are often no larger than a good sized cupboard, without doors, but with shelves on which the goods are displayed. The merchants squat down on a little platform in front. You see here the workers in gold and silver, weavers of silk fabrics and slipper makers, doing their work in the same way it was done hundreds of years ago. The oldest bazaar is that of the scimitars. They have a whole street to themselves, and when you get within a hundred yards or so the only guide you need is your nose.

These narrow streets are crowded with a ceaseless throng of natives; women with veiled faces; men, women and children on donkeys; curious flat carts drawn by donkeys, on which squat women enshrouded in black—nothing visible but one eye, and occasionally along comes a great lumbering camel, quite as large as half a dozen of the native shops. Cabmen drive past with studied indifference to life and limb, and rather than get hurt you crowd yourself into a bunch of natives, at the risk of having your pocket picked or being covered with vermin.—Christian Herald.

## OUR BIG REPUBLIC.

It's Quite a Way From Maine to the Aleutian Islands.

On the British empire the sun never sets. In the short summer nights it never sets on the American republic. San Francisco is the middle city in our territory. It is literally true that in August the sunset has not ceased to flash on the spears of the fishermen in the Aleutian islands before it begins to glint and blaze on the axes of the woodsmen in the forests of Maine.

Roll up the map of New England! Unroll that of your whole country! How large is Texas? You could bury in it the German empire and have room enough left for England and Wales. How large is California? You could bury in it England, Scotland, Ireland, Wales and have room enough left for Switzerland and Belgium.

How large is Colorado? You could bury in it Norway and have room enough left for Denmark. How large is Iowa? You could bury in it Portugal and Switzerland. How large is Lake Superior? You could sink Scotland in it. How large is New York? You could bury in it Belgium and Switzerland and Greece.—Joseph Cook.

**Her Property.**  
Now and again things happen on the football field which go to add to the gaiety of the nation. On one occasion, for instance, during a certain league match in the north, the referee somehow managed to lose his whistle. There was not another whistle to be found, and it seemed that the game would have to come to a sudden and inglorious end, until the referee hit upon an ingenious scheme. He produced a latchkey from his pocket and managed to tinkle merrily enough on it till suddenly, as he approached the touch line a woman's shrill voice was heard exclaiming:

"Fred, come here at once. Where did you get that latchkey?"  
As he listened to the guffaw which went up from the assembled crowd that referee was the most sheepish looking man on the ground, and as he thought of the curtain lecture looming ahead his heart became like lead within his bosom.—London Answers.

**A Puzzling Trick.**  
Take a piece of writing paper about three inches square and with a lead pencil, the point of which has been dipped in water, draw a circle, a square, a triangle or any other geometrical figure. Put the paper carefully on a pan of water, letting it float and leaving the surface dry. Carefully drop water on the surface of the paper until the space within the figure is filled. The moistened pencil lines will keep it from flowing outside the figure. Now place the point of a pin over some point in the figure near the edge. The pin point must penetrate the surface of the water, but must not touch the paper. At once the paper will float around until the pin points directly to the center of the figure. See if you can find out why it does this.

**Rats and Water.**  
Government experiments show that rats can live an indefinite time without water. Three of the animals were put on a diet consisting of bread, meat and cheese, but no water, and all were alive and well sixty days after the experiment was begun. On the fifteenth day one was given an opportunity to drink, but made no attempt to do so. When kept without food, but with water, one rat lived three days, and of six rats deprived of both food and water all died within periods ranging from two to five days.—Chicago News.

**Hope and Joy.**  
Hope, of all passions, most befriends us here. Joy has her tears, and transport has her death. Hope, like a cordial, innocent, though strong, man's heart at once inspirits and serenifies, nor makes him pay his wisdom for his joys.—Young.

**What Troubled Him.**  
"I've tried all kinds of health foods, but none of them seems to fit my case."

# Classified Directory

## FRATERNAL ORDERS

A. F. & A. M.—La Grande Lodge No. 41. A. F. & A. M. holds regular meetings first and third Saturdays at 7:30 p. m. Cordial welcome to all Masons. N. MOLITOR, W. M. A. C. WILLIAMS, Secretary.

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## Taft Arrives in Panama.

Colon, Panama, Dec. 24.—President Taft and party arrived at 8 o'clock today. He was met by representatives of the canal commission and members of the Panama government.

## Joe Vey Now Has Fine Farming Tract

(Pendleton East Oregonian.)  
Joe Vey, wealthy local sheepman and capitalist, has completed the work of clearing and reclaiming the 100 acre tract he recently purchased above Riverside. The growth of trees and shrubbery has been entirely removed and the land leveled so as to be ready for irrigation and cultivation. It is Mr. Vey's purpose to put the land to alfalfa in the spring. It is very rich land and gives promise of producing well. The land, including the betterment, cost in the neighborhood of \$32,000, but the tract is regarded as worthy the heavy expense because of its fertility and its proximity to town. Similar land in that section is rated as worth upwards of \$500 per acre.

## Arkansas Teachers' Meeting.

Little Rock, Ark., Dec. 25.—The annual meeting of Arkansas teachers' association is in progress here. Much in evidence in Little Rock during the annual convention being the remainder of this week, of their state association. Prominent among those scheduled to address the convention are Dr. P. P. Claxton, United States commissioner of education; Joseph T. Robinson, governor-elect of Arkansas; Dr. Nathaniel Butler, of the University of Chicago, and Dr. S. P. Brooks, president of Baylor university.

## GROUSE LAW OPPOSED.

Sportsmen Want Season to Open Co Incident With Deer Season.

An opinion on the proposed changes in game laws that fits pretty well with all Eastern Oregon, is expressed from Pendleton. The East Oregonian says of these questions: "Shall the open season for grouse

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and game commission? This was the only subject which aroused any discussion at last night's meeting of local sportsmen, which was called for the purpose of discussing the proposed changes in the game laws. It was generally conceded that the deer and grouse seasons should coincide. There was no objection to cutting down "the limit of deer to be killed in one season from five to three. Even the proposal to shorten the duck season by making it open the October first instead of September first, and closing it January 15 instead of April 1, brought forth no dissenting voice. Neither did the proposed limit of 25 ducks and 25 geese for any seven consecutive days and prohibition of the sale of geese except for a limited period bring forth any protest. But the addition of an entire month to the open season for grouse failed to placate those who were objecting to the 15-day postponement of the opening.

They declared it would make grouse shooting a sport to be enjoyed only by those who had an unlimited amount of time at their disposal and who could go at any season of the year and as often as they pleased. They insisted that it would be a "closed season" for a month, and a limited amount of vacation time, who could only go into the mountains once in an entire year and who desired to go when he could take his family in comfort, escape the heat of the town, and secure huckleberries. They held that he should be given a chance to get as much recreation as possible by giving him an opportunity to shoot grouse and hunt for deer if he so desired.

Those favoring September first of the opening date pointed to the undeniable fact that many of the birds are immature and not large enough to kill by the middle of August, that they are still in bunches and at the foolish age where they will fly up into trees and let the unscrupulous hunter kill off the entire flock.

The September first adherents were not able to muster more than a minority so it is very probable that unless Mr. Cranston receives assurance to the contrary between now and Saturday evening he will tell the commission next Monday that it is the de-

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