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A SERMON NEVER PREACHED.

In the desk of the late Dr. A. G. Lane there lies a sermon that was never preached. Death claimed the able pastor before he had opportunity to deliver yesterday's sermon.

And in his passing, this community loses one of its most able men; one of the most tender hearted, true characters of the city has been called to his long home. The pictures that he loved to paint on his well chosen words of the hereafter are now his realization.

La Grande and community today mourns the loss of this good man.

NO BANKER IS IMMUNE.

We too often think a banker is immune from business mistakes. We look upon the man who runs a bank as being perfect in his judgment of men and therefore not liable to poor business ventures such as newspaper-

men and men in other walks of life make.

But the banker is human and subject to all the errors of other human beings. True, he may not fall as often for the mistakes of business procedure as the other business people, but if he follows banking for any length of time he will have tucked away somewhere a few notes that are bad.

This was demonstrated when the estate of Asheal Bush was under appraisal. Mr. Bush was the old substantial Salem banker. He was keen and shrewd and, according to those who knew him well, could see just a little farther than most men.

It is of passing interest to know that the present governor of Oregon, Mr. West, had a note for over a thousand dollars given in favor of Banker Bush and that the note had been marked "worthless" by the banker. However, the governor paid the note when State Treasurer Kay made the whole transaction public.

So, it will seem, that even bankers cannot hit the purple on every business transaction.

TRAINING OUR YOUTH FOR WAR.

When Major General Wood, chief of staff of the United States army, appeared before the New York Lehigh club recently, in the course of his address he said:

If we should unfortunately be thrown into a war we would have to call upon our citizens quickly and without loss of time and send them into the field. We should have an army not to go to war but to protect our country in time of war.

We have the best material in the world to draw upon and we must develop our students throughout the land for military service. I don't aim to preach militarism, but I do try to preach the doctrine of a reasonable amount of preparedness for war.

General Wood pleaded for the training of the youth of the land in the handling of firearms, in simple military tactics and in such outdoor life as would parallel the life led by soldiers in the field. His speech has aroused some persons to unfavorable comment, as all such speeches do. But surely he is more moderate in his request than most, if not all the others who have been clamoring for a greater war force.

What General Wood asks is to the personal interest of the youth as well as the country; it is something that is distinctly for the welfare of America in time of peace as well as in the event of war. The training

that a soldier requires is such as every youth should receive for his own physical well-being if for no other purpose, but unfortunately very few among our youths are receiving it.

At the same time at which General Wood spoke, a letter from President Wilson was read advocating summer camps for college students, in which they might be trained in the use of firearms and in simple military knowledge. This is timely advice both from the President and the chief of the army. Each of them knows only too well how unprepared we as a people, are for war.

And the woman with powder on her face should not let her face flash.

Last year's model automobile may run all right, but does it make your neighbors sufficiently envious?

The canals on Mars are now so conspicuous that it is impossible to avoid the conclusions they are having a fuss over free tolls.

Equal suffrage having failed in the United States senate we must for awhile peg along with such ladylike senators as we already have.

Oh, well, even if the oatmeal trust is dissolved we shall still have with us the smiling colored gentleman who goes around on the back cover of the magazines with his thumb in the breakfast food bowl.

An Opportunity.

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New Mission Opens.

The Catholic mission for men started auspiciously last night. The seating capacity of the church was taxed to its limit and more could not have found admittance to the church. The sermon was on "The Salvation of the Soul", and stirred the assemblage of men to the depths. A more masterly dissertation could hardly have been delivered. For fully an hour Father Brady attempted to put brakes to the mad rush of present day life, by pointing out the futility of things of this life in comparison with the great importance of the great beyond.

Every night this week Father Brady will speak with special reference to men but women will be welcomed, excepting on Friday when only men of 15 years and above will be admitted to the church. The mission for the ladies of the parish was eminently successful. Fully three hundred approached the sacraments. The missionary is well pleased with the results thus far obtained and is going to put forth supreme efforts to make this week's mission for men fully as efficacious.

Loftus is Home.

Tom Loftus is back from California. During his absence he visited the cities of San Francisco, Los Angeles, San Diego and traveled about generally in the hills looking for deer and other wild game. During his absence he made a trip to Portland to visit Mrs. Gavin, his sister, who is quite ill with cancer, and whose life is despaired of.

Tom says preparations for the fair at San Francisco are progressing and



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that when completed the whole, will present a strikingly beautiful picture. Many more men are in the city than can be accommodated with work, which gives conditions the appearance of being dull and backward. But normally there is work for many. Too many had the same idea and this is responsible for the presence of a larger force of men than is needed to do the work.

NOON-DAY SERVICES HELD.

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revelation of God's love. Wednesday, April 8.—The Cross our assurance of pardon. Thursday, April 9.—The Cross our assurance of peace. Good Friday, 12:05-1 P. M. I.—"Behold the Lamb of God." II.—"In the Cross of Christ I Glory."

PRESBYTERIAN MINISTER DEAD.

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cellent activities in the local pulpit was to inaugurate the Northside Chapel in which he was to have preached last evening, for the first time, but was forbade by the hand of God. Often to his wife he had remarked "How sweet it would be to die on the Sabbath!" and thus he died. During the past six months he had not been in the best health, but it was only rarely that he was forced to cancel his Sunday services on account of it.

In addition to the widow, upon whom has been showered all the sympathy that La Grande can give, the death leaves fatherless two mature sons, Latimer Crosby Lane and Herrick Johnson Lane, both located in

REX HALL

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BERT M. SHERWOOD, Proprietor and Instructor. OFFICE—Rex Hall, Phone Black 3171

Alabama, and the younger will be here Saturday to attend the funeral which will probably be held next Sunday. He also leaves a sister, Mrs. J. S. Keyser, of Woodsfield, Ohio.

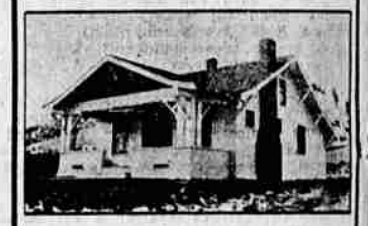
Cigarette Is Feature of Memorial.

Paris, March 30.—France's first "cigarette monument" today was unveiled on the cliffs overlooking the English Channel at Calais. It is in honor of Hubert Latham, the aviator. A bronze figure of the late birdman shows him looking toward Dover, a cigarette in his hand. Latham was an incessant smoker and when picked up in the Channel after his unsuccessful flight was calmly puffing away.

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