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SUNDAY SCHOOL CONVENTION

MEETING AT IMBLER WAS A GREAT SUCCESS

Prominent Speakers and Many Delegates Were Present

Imbler, Dec. 4.—(Special)—Imbler presented a rather animated scene last week when the delegates from all parts of the country gathered here to attend the annual Sunday School Convention of Union County. The sessions began Friday morning and closed Sunday afternoon. State Secretary C. A. Phipps, who attends each annual county convention in the state was present during the entire session, making as high as seven addresses a day.

Friday his main address was "The Heritage of Youth;" Saturday evening he delivered an interesting address on the subject "Gripping the Home;" and afternoon talk on "The Sunday School a World Power." Other speakers from out of town were as follows:

Rev. G. L. Clark, Presbyterian minister from La Grande; Rev. W. D. Sitter, Methodist, of Island City, Rev. Wickline, Methodist of North Powder; R. J. Clark, La Grande; Y. M. C. A. Secretary, Rev. M. L. Womack, Methodist of Elgin, and the Summerville M. E. pastor. Several of the prominent speakers failed to arrive.

Saturday afternoon occurred the business session of the convention at which time it was decided to hold the next convention in North Powder Pohn Hall of Elgin, and Miss Edna Martin of Imbler, the retiring president and secretary, were reelected for the coming year. At the close of the convention Sunday afternoon Rev. Phipps went to Elgin to conduct a reunion service Sunday evening and offer Elgin the privilege of securing the next session of the eastern division State Sunday School Convention. Monday Dr. Phipps will return to La Grande and go next to Ontario to speak at the Boys conference soon to be held there.

The December meeting of the Imbler Social Aid is scheduled for the 9th and will be held at the home of Mrs. Clay Fox.

Radcliff Henrie has leased the Wiggins hall and fitted it up for basket ball and similar indoor sports ordered Indian clubs, dumb bells etc, and will form a club with membership of \$1 per month. A meeting is slated for Monday night (6) to complete the organization.

At a recent mass meeting of citizens the following men were nominated: for councilmen, Fox, McBride, Larsen and Pratt, the last three being present members, for clerk, William Wiggins and for Marshall William Rollins. The election will occur Tuesday Dec. 7.

The Mormon M. I. A. is rehearsing the drama "The Noble Outcast" or "Jerry the Tramp," to be given a few weeks later.

Friday evening a social meeting was enjoyed at the L. D. S. church. A program, bazaar and luncheon were listened to and disposed of, after which the room was cleared and youth

and age alike participated in a dance.

Rev. C. A. Phipps visited the pub-school and gave the high school and older grade boys a talk on social hygiene during his stay at the convention.

Dr. Moore is spending his evenings at Cove attending several cases of Dr. McCowan, while the latter physician and wife are visiting Dr. McCowan's parents in Portland.

Lyman Weeks is out again after a severe siege of grippe.

Lyle Stringham, Darrell and Kipling Larsen and Elsa Larsson are enjoying some grippe at present.

Our stores are beginning to take on a Santa Clausey air, so please follow the Oregonian's advice.

WHERE MOREHOUSE STANDS

La Grande Dec. 7 (To the Editor)—

At the request of a large number of working men citizens and taxpayers, I have consented to be a candidate for the office of City Commissioner at the coming election on Dec. 13. Therefore I deem it right to make known my position upon our civic affairs. I wish to state that I consider myself fully competent; having made municipal life and economics a study for many years; and my only desire if elected, is to serve the city's welfare to the end that we make of La Grande a better place to live in.

I earnestly believe that a community's greatest asset and safeguard is a well paid, directed and contented working class. I therefore stand for the employment of the workers on all public construction by direct labor, supervised by competent superintendents; and there by eliminate the contract system of doing public work, which is generally conceded to be the cause of our city's present financial predicament. I hold that it is a duty the city's administration owes to its citizens, to employ none but resident citizens on all its public works, and in all public departments where ever possible.

I would retrench in the city's expenditures by strict economical purchasing of necessary supplies, and the reduction of salaries of higher officials rather than the reduction of wages of the workers. I am strictly in favor of law and order, and to this I will insist upon a thorough reorganization of the police department upon the lines of efficiency only.

I am sincerely in accord with the principle, that public office is a public trust; the the citizens have a moral and legal right to criticize, approve, or condemn the public acts of their officials with out fear of persecution. It is also the duty of such officials to listen to complaints and grievances of the people, to the end that there may be no discrimination practiced; and that we may become a harmonious whole; working for the best interest of the city at large.

I am in favor of levying a general improvement tax upon the whole city in payment for public construction work. I hold that what the people use together, the people should own together. And what the people own together, they should pay for together. This would eliminate the constant friction, which the present method of levying the toll upon abutting property brings about.

This is no new theory as it has been in operation for many years with grand success, in many cities and towns in the East.

In conclusion I will state that I am now, and have been all my life, a mechanic. I plainly see the needs, the desire, and the hope of the plain people; therefore, should I be elected; I will give the best there is in me, in the interest of our city. Yours for a greater and better La Grande.
B. E. MOREHOUSE.

Break Ground Big Elevator

St. Paul, Minn., Dec. 8.—The first step toward the elimination of the broker in the marketing of grain to the middle west was taken here today when, in the presence of several thousand mid-west farmers, ground was broken for the half-million bushel cooperative elevator that will be built and ready by next year. The farmers have bought hundreds of big barges and will ship their own grain down the Mississippi river to New Orleans, thence to Europe. They plan to bring the price of grain handling far down.

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