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News of the Churches

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH (Sixth and Washington avenue.) Sabbath School 9:45 a. m. Preaching 11:00 a. m. Jr. C. E. 3:00 p. m. Intermediate C. E. 6:00 p. m. Evening service at 8:00. All are cordially invited. G. L. CLARK, Pastor.

FIRST M. E. CHURCH Sunday School 9:45 a. m. Morning service 11 a. m. Mrs. J. E. Tiatt, of Berkeley, California, will speak at the morning service. Epworth league 7:00. Evening service 7:30. Rev. Dr. Lymer, president of Gooding College, will speak in the evening. REV. CHAS. A. EDWARDS, Pastor.

LATTER DAY SAINTS.

(Tabernacle Fourth and O Sts.) M. I. A. meet Tuesday evenings at 7:30 p. m. Social hour after class work. Primary every Tuesday at 4:00 p. m. Religion class every Thursday at 4:00 p. m. Relief Society every Thursday at 2:00 p. m. Choir practice Sunday night at 7:00. All meetings held in the L. D. S. Tabernacle, corner Fourth and O. CHARLES J. BLACK, Bishop.

ZION LUTHERAN CHURCH. Morning service 11 a. m. No evening service. F. W. BUSSARD, Pastor.

ST. PETER'S CHURCH.

Corner Fourth and O. Hold Communion, except first Sunday in the month, 8 a. m. Sunday School 10 a. m. Morning service 11 a. m. Evening service 8:00. UPTON H. GIBBS, Rector. Residence 1501 5th St.

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH.

(Sixth and Spring) Sabbath School, 9:45, John Carter, superintendent. Dr. Starba, church organist. Morning service at 11 o'clock. Evening service 8:00. REV. J. J. TICKNER, Pastor. Residence 1407 Sixth St., phone Red 1811.

SOUTH METHODIST CHURCH.

(Lane's Chapel.) Morning service, 11 a. m. Evening service 8:00. REV. ROBERTS, Pastor.

CHURCH OF OUR LADY OF THE VALLEY.

Low mass, 8 a. m. High mass and benediction 10:30. P. J. DRISCOLL, Rector.

CHRISTIAN SCIENCE CHURCH.

(In I. O. O. F. Hall.) Sunday service at 11 a. m. Sunday School at 10 a. m. Wednesday evening meetings at 8 p. m.

SALVATION ARMY

Holiness meeting, 11 a. m. Sunday school, 2 p. m. Y. P. L., 6:15 p. m. Salvation Service, 8 p. m. A patriotic entertainment will be given Tuesday night, June 5. Songs, readings, and drills will be rendered

by the children. An open air meeting at 7:30 will precede the entertainment. Part of the flag drill will be given by 12 young ladies in the street. Everyone welcome.

OLIVE CHILDERS, Ensign. JENNIE CONRAD, Lieut. CHRISTIAN CHURCH.

(Seventh and Pennsylvania Ave.) Bible School at 9:45, Mrs. E. W. Eastman, superintendent; Anneta Johnson, organist. Morning service 11 a. m. Subject, "The Imagination of Sis." Christian Endeavor at 6:30 p. m. Evening service 8:00. Subject, "The Wanderer's Return."

"If Christ Came To La Grande" Sermon By The Rev. H. L. Ford

Rev. H. L. Ford, pastor of the First Christian church, preached Sunday the following sermon on the subject "If Christ Came to La Grande."

The coming of a person to our city need not be of any importance, all will depend upon who that person is and what is his mission; people come and go and it is a question if the city is any wiser or better for their coming. But not so of the one who represents a great cause, and is fully alive to his responsibilities. The Foreign commission that recently came to our shores, was intensely important not only to the countries they left but to ours. The same is true of the advent of human life, for each life has its own mission for an uplift or the converse. It may be said, "This child is set for the rising and falling of many." How true it was of the prophets and apostles and especially so of the "Man of Galilee."

Shall we be indifferent as to the coming of representative people to our city? Not unless we are human mummies. If a man of wealth and enterprise came here seeking a site for a factory, that would mean a large payroll there is not a business house in town but would be very much interested in the coming of that man, and why? Do I hear you say "Temporal gain." Well naturally so.

There is not a man or woman in this town who are in their normal state of mind but are alive and interested in temporal matters, which pertain to this life; this is not objectional in itself but when it becomes the ruling passion and concern of life it is decidedly harmful, for the highest authority has said "For a man's life consisteth not in the abundance of the things he possesseth." Ingersoll once said "One world at a time" and of course that world to him was the present one, but a higher and more noble authority said "Godliness is profitable for all things, having the promise of the life that now is and that which is to come." Even our leading legislators believe this great truth. As it is true of this world, it is fundamentally true of the spiritual one. During the Chicago World's Fair, a noted literary genius of England came to the "White City" and being a man of spiritual character was invited by the church folk to deliver a speech and he chose as his subject, "If Christ Came to Chicago." In this sermon he complimented the citizens upon their progress in science and art also other things but did not fail to inform them that their spiritual progress was not commensurate with that of temporal things. Mr. W. T. Stead was assuredly wise in his presentation of the message; for he was a competent and faithful judge.

It is often beneficial for us to be able to take observation from the other fellow's standpoint, to see ourselves as others see us. The Scottish bard is right when he says: "O wad some power the giftie gie us, To see ourselves as others see us, It wad frae monie a blunder free us, An foolish notion." I do not think La Grande is the worst city in Oregon but I am convinced that it is not the best, there is room for improvement in many ways. A good spring cleaning up would be a mighty blessing, for there are many immoral rubbish piles that would relieve the city if they were carted off and dumped in some dark deep gulf, or moloch of oblivion.

If Jesus Came. Suppose Jesus did come to our city in this beautiful spring-time while nature is arrayed in her best attire, what signs of promise He would see in the valley and on the hill-sides. I think the trees would festoon His pathway. He might look at the welcome arch at the passenger depot and credit its significance. As the Lord of glory sought an abiding place, who would say "Abide with us?" Who would consider themselves worthy to accommodate Him? I do not think you would have to worry about a stylish meal, just a little bread and fish, or common fare would do. Our master was never fastidious. You would not have to provide a bed of down, for He often had the hill-side for a vil-

low, the sky for a covering, His companions the beasts of the field and the birds of the air. The thing that would most interest the Master would be the fruits of the spirit, that finds expression in real service. A fine illustration of this is found in Matthew 25:34-45.

Suppose Jesus did come to be your guest, would he find anything on the "Shelf behind the door," that you did not intend for common inspection, something that you in your better self said is of doubtful use; and again could you with confidence and ease ask the Savior to accompany you to your various social and amusement circles? Jesus was interested in the social side of life when on earth, going to feasts and even a wedding but I mean the modern, fashionable kind. I have no doubt or censure for any pastime or pleasure that is really elevating, but the so-called pleasures that cool ardour and stifle the Christian conscience I despise.

What would Jesus think of the ordinary church service, with its robbed minister, its ritualistic forms; would He care about the cross-marking without the cross-bearing, the spectacular display without the adornment of a "meek and lowly spirit?"

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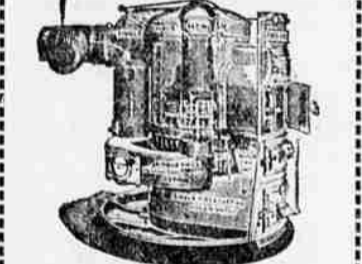


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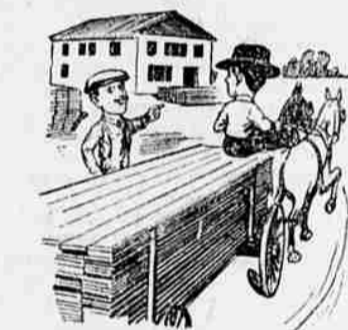
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