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New Director at Y Is Welcome.

La Grande welcomes the new physical director who comes to the local Young Men's Christian Association, Melvin F. Boice, and extends the hand of friendship to his wife, who also comes with a genuine interest in the improvement of our city. Mr. and Mrs. Boice are young people, in years, in appearance and in ideas, who possess fine ideals of service among their fellow humans and who are ready to throw themselves heartily into work for any cause that is commendable.

The Y. M. C. A. has a great work to do in La Grande. We can not delude ourselves with the thought that conditions amongst us are all as they should be. A big problem confronts us, whether we heed it or not, in the proper direction of the boys and girls of the city, keeping before them a high conception of the purpose of their lives and helping them to try to live up to that conception. We can not deny that to a very great extent failure in this work is apparent, but we can and do hope that conditions will shortly improve. And the Y. M. C. A. can be one of the greatest factors in bringing about desirable conditions amongst our young people, especially through the training it gives in the line for which Mr. Boice has come here.

Let us all—young folks and old—co-operate with Mr. Kramer and Mr. Boice at the "Y" and help them fulfill their sincere desire to help us.

Roosevelt an Exponent of Physical Fitness.

In Theodore Roosevelt's autobiography he tells of the means by which he developed a naturally weak and clumsy body to a degree of strength and skill fitting him for playing a man's part in the world. It was an up-hill struggle. His eyes were bad, and remained bad. His muscles were weak and flabby. He had no natural grace or agility. He was simply an awkward, near-sighted, sallow, spindling youth, whom almost any other youth of his own age could knock around as he pleased.

Roosevelt is modest about his physical attainments. He says that he never became more than a mediocre boxer and wrestler. Despite all his efforts, he could not make himself a good horseman. He was only a fair shot with the rifle and revolver.

Yet, as the reader inevitably remembers, with those bad eyes he did kill big game and defend himself unerringly in situations of extreme danger. With that unpromising body he did learn to play a pretty good game of tennis, to use the foil and single stick skilfully, to box and wrestle in a way that commanded respect from professionals, to walk twenty or thirty miles at a stretch without exhaustion, to ride horseback 100 miles in a day. And over and above all these special athletic accomplishments was the attainment of the purpose for which they were intended—the ability to perform a vast amount of mental labor, and for the building of a sturdy soul along with a sturdy body.

This was in line with his favorite philosophy, "of bodily vigor, as a method of getting that vigor of soul without which vigor of the body counts for nothing." He argues, reasonably enough, that if he, with his poor equipment, could do what he did, others may do likewise. Any city dweller, he maintains, can easily get and keep himself in good physical condition if he will make an honest effort, and the effort will pay good dividends.

They Have Found the Right Way to Go About It.

It is a wise rule made last week by the war department permitting soldiers to remain in the army until they can obtain civilian jobs.

It amounts to letting the soldier himself decide when he will leave the service. He is expected, presumably, to make an honest effort to find employment elsewhere, but he is not being forced. Any enlisted man whose unit is being demobilized may hand in a written request to remain. He will then be retained until he obtains civilian employment. His salary will be paid as usual, and if he is married his family will continue to draw its allotment of his pay. The men held over will be attached to the most convenient units and used "where their services will be most useful."

There is no lack of work to which these men might be put. If the business situation should be such as to keep large numbers in the service, they could be utilized on a big scale in irrigation and drainage work, clearing forests, building docks or dams and other activities of a constructive and conservational nature.

Road building in Oregon would advance materially if the Warren Construction company could be induced to leave the state. Not a road is to be built but what a row follows over bitulithic pavement. At once Simon Benson in a fit of anger threatened to buy up the Warren patents for Oregon in order to use their patents and then oust the whole bunch from the state. It would seem the state would make a good investment if this could be done, for the Warrens never touch a piece of work without trouble follows. And with all that they can lay a first-class pavement.

The state legislature is going to long ends when it makes it criminal to teach the German language. No one wants to Germanize our schools, to be sure, but with eighty millions of Germans left in the world to deal with it is but natural that the German language will survive and if America is to do business throughout the world it will be necessary to understand the German, as well as other languages. A little excitement carried off the legislature evidently.

Now the price of telephone service has gone up. The newspaper service of the country stands alone in not having risen. For a time telephone service stood with newspaper service, but now it has taken a jump and the poor, old newspaper business is left standing at the cross roads alone.

With all his marrying and his remarkable career as an actor old Nat Goodwin was quite a man. His death is mourned by his entire profession and a large percentage of the theatre-going public.

With $750,000,000 as a further deficit in operating railroads of the country it must be admitted that government operation is a luxury that comes high.

All churches were working regularly yesterday and it surely seemed good to the people to be able to worship at the church of their choice.

The kaiser will raise a full beard. Smooth shaving will continue to be popular.

Perhaps the groundhog was too busy voting on a strike to stick his head out of his hole.

Republican leadership is now in the air. The office will evidently seek the man at the next convention.

Butter and eggs are going down, and all that is saving wheat is the guaranteed price of the government.

When things become normal will those who have had their salaries raised voluntarily ask for a reduction?

Mr. Groundhog, you saw no shadow yesterday.

PROPHETIC BIBLE CLASS

The second meeting of the Prophetic Bible class, organized by Robt. H. Baker, pastor of the Christian church, will be held in the Y. M. C. A. building tomorrow night. "The Calendar of Prophesy" will be the topic under discussion and will cover a passage from the Book of Daniel. There are ten lessons in this course of study, of which tomorrow night's is the second. There is room for all at the meetings, says the leaders, and a general invitation to the public is extended to be present at the remaining meetings of the series.

LOCAL MASONS ELECT AND INSTALL NEW OFFICERS

The La Grande Lodge No. 41, A. F. & A. M., elected and installed the following officers for the ensuing year on Saturday night.

C. M. Humphries, W. M.; Geo. S. Bernie, S. W.; E. R. Guye, J. W.; A. S. Williams, Sec.; C. H. Conner, Treas.; L. L. Baughman, S. D.; Ferdinand Jensen, J. D.; Chas. Binnger, S. S.; F. E. Oxner, J. S.; C. W. Noyes, Tyler.

Observer advertising will bring results.

A LECTURE ON CHRISTIAN SCIENCE

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voiced the demand of Truth to those of every age, laboring in the shadow of ignorance, superstition and fear. Repent simply means to change your mind. Some men think this privilege, especially as it pertains to religion, is confined to the women, but it is not. Change your mind, change your thoughts, put away false concepts of God, for now, here, at hand, is to be found the harmonious state of being, even at the point of consciousness, for Jesus also said, "The kingdom of God is within you."

MENTAL TRANSFORMATION NECESSARY

With a correct understanding of divine Mind as the one intelligent cause, and man as Mind's eternal idea, whose real selfhood is goodness, as the basis for right thinking, Christian Science shows man how to make this truth practicable in his daily problems. The method is the supplanting in consciousness of the temporal and mortal sense of life and selfhood with the true and eternal facts of spiritual life and manhood. It is a mental transformation which gradually exchanges a material for the spiritual sense of being.

Mental transformation is recognized by society as the way of progress and reform. All educational effort is but the supplanting of ignorant and limited concepts of being with more intelligent ones. Tyranny and slavery have disappeared as rapidly as man's thought has gained a clearer sense of the rights of man. The whole process of mental change seems the natural and right way to better things. And so it is not only in attaining better things in human society, but in that far more important realm of thought which deals with man's relationship to God. Through the teachings of Christian Science the false and limited concepts of God and man are giving way to that true sense of being which liberates from the tyranny of sin and the slavery of diseased beliefs.

The greatest proclamation of emancipation ever uttered was given by Jesus when he said, "Ye shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free." We cannot know what is true while we believe what is false. Two objects cannot occupy the same space at the same time. No more can an erroneous concept of God and the true idea of Him be in thought together.

TRUTH CHANGES MAN'S VIEWPOINT.

That consciousness must change upon which has dawned the true idea of God and man. Life's outlook cannot remain the same. In place of regarding himself as a mortal of a few days set loose in a world of injustice, misery and woe, to weather the storms as best he may or be crushed by them, with a vague concept of God, distant and indifferent to his needs, man begins to give place in his consciousness to the true and eternal idea of creation. He finds himself coming into conscious touch with his creator and begins to recognize the meaning of John's statement "Our fellowship is with the Father." Through the shadows of mortality he begins to see light and to realize that he has indeed a part to fill in the infinite plan. With his new understanding he reasons that if God be good and all-powerful and man is in reality His idea, only good can be man's birthright. And from this simple but basic truth he begins to meet and master evil's claims.

Recognizing that his true selfhood is the reflection of God, man seeks to order his thinking so that only goodness and love, God's thoughts, will ever be manifested in his consciousness. With the true idea of perfect God and perfect man as his model he seeks always to think in accord with God, good. Man is God's living witness and expression, the very embodiment of good. Knowing God as incorporeal good, he knows that Deity can never appear in physical outline but is manifested in His ideas, and that therefore every good thought and every kind word or deed is God in action, Love expressing itself as man's real selfhood. Realizing as never before the nearness of God, he strives earnestly to think so as to be at-one with Him. He seeks each day and hour to think and to live up to his highest understanding of life as God, and so far as in him lies to let his true selfhood ever appear in thought and act. He is putting off the old man, as Paul terms the mortal self, and is putting on the new man of God's making.

EVIL'S LIE

We have already stated that, as explained in Christian Science, all evil, sin, disease and mortality is but the supposititious opposite of the spiritual and true creation. To be sure, evil's universal lie is a big one,—but what of that? Can any one get nearer truth or in any way change truth by telling a big lie or by telling many lies, or by putting all the lies together in some form of organized falsity? Is there any more truth in a million lies than in one? Is the sum of a column of zeros more than zero or is a zero as big as a goose-egg any nearer something than one as small as a pinhead? Of course not. The question confronting each one of us is, How much longer are we going to be dominated and fooled by the seeming reality of evil's lie, expressed in sin, disease, mortality and material man?

DIVINE WISDOM REQUISITE

One does not find the warfare with the world, the flesh, and all evil, an easy task; but is there anything that is worth while that is really easy? Only the foolish man is content with the sluggard's ease. Like a man in an obstacle race, the student of Christian Science finds plenty of things to occupy his attention, obstacles that cannot be dodged but must be overcome in only one way. He must keep to his course. He cannot get ahead by dodging the obstacles however big they seem. He must press on, knowing full well that he has the means at hand of overcoming all obstacles if he is faithful and obedient.

Evil does not yield its usurped authority simply because man desires to be rid of it. It must be committed intelligently. Man must know something of its nature and be wise enough to detect its deceptive subtleties, bring its lies from under cover. Until he is wise, man cannot be made free. How much better is it to get wisdom than gold!" said Solomon, and Jesus admonished his followers to be as wise as serpents. Only as man reflects God does he gain wisdom, for all wisdom is in God, is indigenous to Mind and is naturally reflected by Mind's idea, man. Wisdom so gained transcends all mortal opinions and human conjecture. It enables man to judge and act righteously, to avoid useless conflicts, and always to meet evil with good. It enables him to distinguish between the things of the moment and the things of eternity. Wisdom points the right way in every human situation and exalts Principles, which is God, to be the one lawgiver in man's daily life.

WATCHFULNESS NEEDED

Equipped with divine wisdom, man becomes a watchman at the door of consciousness, alert and vigilant. He scrutinizes the thoughts that seek entrance there, separates just as far as he knows how the chaff from the wheat, the false from the true, the mortal from the immortal, and rejects the evil and mortal as having no right to enter. Keeping his mind filled with goodness he finds to be the best protection against all evil. Fear, discouragement, hatred, disease, dishonesty, selfishness, lust, and all sin, he strives to keep out of his thought, for he knows that they are not of God and therefore do not properly belong to His reflection, man. He agrees to disagree with these thieves and robbers that would deprive him of happiness and health and despoil his character. "Whatsoever worketh abomination, or maketh a lie," as John puts it, he seeks to exclude from his thought. He stops tolerating evil in consciousness, stops talking about it or dwelling upon it, but turns upon it as an enemy and drives it out with thoughts of truth. He begins to realize that man as God has made him is not the slave of evil in any form but has dominion over it. Evil can have no more power over man than over his Maker, since man is one with God.

UNCOVERING EVIL

Christian Science shows man how to defend himself against evil in every form. It shows that evil seeks to control and reach man either through mental suggestion, that is, through evil thoughts thrust into his consciousness, or by way of the physical senses. In the last analysis both methods are suggestion. Evil's subtle argument always is, as Science and Health explains, "It is I" (p. 280). It seeks to make man believe its claim of sin or sickness is a part of his real self. Man finds that, just because the body says, "You have a pain," he does not have to respond, "Yes, I have a pain and I am sick," or because mental suggestion says, "I hate that man," he needs to accept such a thought into his consciousness. He learns that these claims of evil are just a part of evil's lie about man. They are no part of the one infinite Mind or its manifestation, and man has every reason in the world to dispute them and deny their legality. He learns to assert with all the authority of God Himself what is the fact of being, namely, that man is in reality made by God, is His likeness and idea, is divine in quality and character; that he cannot be sick because God never made him sick, but made him perfect and so forever maintains him; that all the claims of a discordant and diseased material sense are contrary to God, good, therefore a lie and incapable of encroaching, infringing or imposing upon or in any way making a condition for God's creature. Because sickness is not a phenomenon of God he knows that it cannot be a condition of man who is of and in God. God alone is the substance and condition of man. He knows too that there is nothing in God's man that can respond to mental suggestion. Man is animated by the divine Mind alone. Such conscious realization of the spiritual facts of being is a Christian Science treatment. It is an antidote that evil and sickness cannot withstand and a specific for mental suggestion that is unfailing, for it has all the power of God behind it. It is God-enforced. It is God imparting Himself through His idea and is omnipotent to the tearing down of the strongholds of evil. A Christian Science treatment desolates error and liberates man. Thus through right thinking Christian Science heals the sick, breaks in pieces the slave whip of sin, banishes the tyrant fear, and establishes the government of divine Principle, God.

CHRISTIAN SCIENCE A SURE DEFENSE

We all know that when suit is brought by one man against another that the defendant usually appears in court to defend himself. If the defendant by reason of his ignorance of this right fails to appear or because of his negligence fails to put in a defense, the plaintiff, even though his claims are false, may secure a judgment against the defendant by default, the same as though the claims were proven true.

Let us suppose that A sues B. The claims that he makes against B are false. B should appear, produce the true facts, so exposing the falsity of A's claim, which would then be cast out of court as worthless and B would be in no danger. The truth has saved him. But suppose B through ignorance of his rights, or fear of A or because he is negligent, fails to defend himself. Judgment is given against him and he suffers from the false claims the same as though they were true. His own folly has punished him. Mortals are in much the same position as B, the man who is being sued. Claims are being made against them, against their life, happiness and health. Evil is the plaintiff and has a host of false witnesses. It is of interest to note that evil is defined in the original text of the Bible as accuser. The claims are totally false, and all that man needs to do is to assert his rights, know and declare the truth, that evil never has had, has not now, and never can have any legitimate claim on man or his being; that man is of God, is subject only to His laws, and has a God-given right to life, to health and to happiness. When man understands his divine rights he cannot be made the victim of evil, sin or disease.

If, however, mortal man has not learned of his rights to immunity from evil and sickness, or is afraid of these claims and puts in no defense or if knowing his rights he neglects to defend himself, in favor of these false judgment is taken against him as though the claims were true, since

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It Is the Infallible Rule That Man Reaps as He Sows in all Affiars of Life.

"As ye sow so shall ye reap," was the gist of Rev. Hawk's sermon last night in the M. E. church. He dwelt deeply on the positiveness of whatever a man does he must expect in return similar acts. As he thinketh so is he. If a man is of immoral thought, if he is inclined to be crooked in his dealings with his fellowman, he will in return receive the same kind of treatment.

Rev. Hawk reviewed many instances that had come under his own personal observation and knowuedge of men who had sown to the wind and reaped the whirlwind. "But, on the other hand," said the speaker, "if one leads a Godly life, if his every thought is pure and he seeks to deal fairly and honorably with all those acts of good reflect in his nature and he is contented and happy."

Speaking of commercial life Rev. Hawk said, while it is not necessary for men to be crooked, too often it is the case that in the quest of wealth men will not deal honorably and perhaps in time these men will amass a fortune. He admonished all of his audience to not lay too much stress on wealth so gained for in the end it will be of little value to the one possessing it and may in fact become a pleague and a curse to him who obtains his fortunes by foul means.

The entire sermon was full of excellent advise and pleaded for the correct life in order that God's blessings might be felt and understood.

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