

METHODISTS LAUNCH CAMPAIGN FOR NEW \$8,000 OBJECTIVE

Swinging heart and soul into the spirit of the centenary movement of their church, the fifty men of the congregation of the First Methodist church in this city, who attended the banquet and mass meeting in the church basement last evening, laughingly turned down their pastor's request for the raising of \$3,500 and gave him an unexpected surprise by voting unanimously to stop a little short of three times that sum, \$8,000 is the exact amount of their objective, and if the "vision" which they appeared last night to have caught stays with them for a few days, there is little doubt but that even that sum will be exceeded.

Things did not look altogether promising when the time for the banquet arrived last night. There was not a very large number of men present, but the calibre of the men who did attend was not long in becoming known. The dinner table was presided over by Geo. Curry, as toastmaster, at whose invitation Dr. Lacey, of Salt Lake City, superintendent of the Utah Mission, prayed or the blessing of the Divine upon the purpose of the gathering. Every one was allowed to get a good share of the dinner which the ladies of the church had provided, and then the real business of the evening was taken up. What this was was well known. It was to discuss the part the church should play in the life of the individual, of the community and of the nation, and, more important, how it was to be enabled to play that part efficiently.

H. E. Dixon, who is chairman of the board of four minute men of the church, was the first speaker, and he gave a talk that was full of inspiration, brimming with good ideas and alive with enthusiasm. He spoke of the place the church should have in the community, the vital relationship it should have to the life of every person living in the community, and an striking statement was his assertion that the day is now past when the men of the community can think that they can get along nicely in this world by letting the women folks of the family have all the religion. The church needs men, and men need the church, he said in effect; the church presents the opportunity for a great service and it is the duty of every man to grasp it. Mr. Dixon spoke also of the fine work fraternal organizations and other societies such as the Y. M. C. A., are doing for the betterment of mankind, and he struck a vital point when he said that had the Savior never brought the Christian church into existence, these organizations would never have existed and their great work never have been done.

H. H. Cleaver, superintendent of the Sunday School, followed on the program with a brief talk. There

are, he said, four problems confronting the Sunday School. One is the superintendent, another the father, another the mother, and the last the children. Set all of these working in the proper relationship in the Sunday School, said the speaker, and the success of that part of the church's work is assured. Mr. Cleaver stated that he was looking for an attendance of two hundred persons, young and old, at the Sunday School in the future.

James E. Clark, representing the Epworth League, gave a short talk on the value of organization, and then Dr. Ira Aldrich was introduced. Dr. Aldrich, after a very few words, gracefully effaced himself, to give place to Dr. Lacey, of Salt Lake City, who is one of the special centenary leaders. Dr. Lacey emphasized the value of the church's influence upon the life of the community. People do not want to live in a place where there is no church, he said, for the church gives them an opportunity to realize the finest things in life. This speaker gave one of the most refreshing and invigorating addresses of the evening. He was no sooner on his feet that everyone knew he had something to say—and he said it. Dr. Lacey, during his address, showed the advisability of avoiding the too common mistake of being afraid to ask for big contributions. In this connection he cited an incident that happened just after the Centenary movement had got under way. A certain pastor of his acquaintance, he said, had a friend who confided to him one day that he had a fortune of a million dollars. The friend was not a member of the Methodist church, but as he had only his wife and himself to keep, the minister thought he should be good for a goodly sum. He approached the millionaire, therefore, and when asked to name what he thought he should get, placed his figure at \$1,000,000. The friend was rather taken aback at this request, but after thinking the matter over for a few days he promised that he would divide his fortune with the Centenary fund, and contributed \$750,000. The minister declared that he was going to get the other quarter-million.

J. L. Cramer, general secretary of the Y. M. C. A., addressed the meeting on the topic, "Are these things Worth While?" His chief thought was that the expenditures one makes, and the sacrifices performed and the general anxiety experienced for the sake of godly things, bring to one greater ideals of service, fuller appreciation of opportunities and deeper satisfaction through the better life which is the reward.

The toastmaster interspersed the remarks of the various speakers with pointed comments upon the matters brought up, and he next introduced Dr. H. S. Brownson, the church treasurer. Dr. Brownson gave a

statement showing that the church's indebtedness amounts of \$16,000. The value of the church plant is placed at \$35,000.

The pastor, Rev. N. Sherman Hawk, added to the inspiration of the meeting in a talk on "Why we are Here." The purpose of the event, he said, was primarily to get the men of the congregation whose efforts are needed to make the work of the church a success. They were there, he said, to acquire strength, and to tackle a hard task and he expressed the firm conviction that for the reasons that it was a difficult proposition they had to face, the success of their undertaking was assured in full measure.

The chief address of the evening was given by the pastor's brother, Dr. U. F. Hawk, of Spokane. Dr. Hawk said that the day of small things is past; that men must place great objectives before themselves and strive earnestly and steadfastly to achieve them. The proposition of making the world safe for democracy has unsettled practically every nation on earth with its new revolutionary ideals. Bolshevism, he said, can not be subdued by throwing rocks at it; its claims must be adjusted by the application of fundamental Christian doctrines. The church of Jesus Christ, in his opinion, is the only institution that is attempting to settle these questions by a Christian message; it is the only organization he knew of that is trying to settle the problems of the nations of the world, and this it is doing (main lift of voice) through the Centenary movement.

It is very important, therefore, said Dr. Hawk, that the people of the church support the aims and ideals of the church by earnest, hard work; and this responsibility, he added, rests not upon the members of the church, alone, but upon the citizens of the world, individually and in general.

The wind up of the meeting came then, with a meeting of the official members, who considered the extent to which the local campaign should be entered upon. The enthusiasm during evening was wonderful and every one left the gathering feeling that the \$8,000 wanted was as good as secured. Ten campaign teams, of two persons each, will see the job through. They started work yesterday, with their high resolves still preserved, and they intend to get what they are after. A meeting of these workers was held last night for a conference on the plan of the campaign.

MONEY COMING IN GOOD SHAPE

Y. M. C. A. CAMPAIGN WORKERS GETTING GOOD RESULTS.

Some Criticism Is Met With by Workers, but Most People Are Willing to Be Set Right.

Strenuous efforts to put the financial status of the Y. M. C. A. in La Grande on a solid footing are meeting with splendid results. The following statement was issued from headquarters last night:

"There are obstacles for the workers to meet—plenty of them. Mistakes in France, the popular criticism among some of the returning soldiers, and symptoms here and there of the old antipathy against the 'Y' sometimes crop up and the workers have to explain them away. It is often necessary to point out to a citizen that there is no similarity in the work of the 'Y' in France and the work at home. In La Grande the 'Y' is a community center. It is a place of moral uplift and no amount of attacking can, for long, keep down an influence for good in any community.

"The loss of membership sustained because hundreds of young men who normally supported the 'Y' were in war, and the epidemic brought on a condition at the close of the war that is, financially speaking, more severe than usual. But the good people of La Grande must remember that the amount asked of each person is a trifle, but in the aggregate will let the plant function properly. If workers haven't called upon you, volunteer your subscription. A dollar or two from a wage earner is all that is asked for. Will you do your part? It's small, but in unity there is strength. Don't hide behind the first opportunity to avoid your duty."

Warren Chandler Home From the Kansas City Live Stock Market

After marketing thirteen carloads of Eastern Oregon cattle in the Kansas City market, Warren Chandler has arrived home. He says things in the east are humming and that George McMullen, of the McMullen-Harmon Commission Company, is the same old George, full of the fires of youth, and sending words of good cheer to his Eastern Oregon friends. As the weather now speaks of the weather being "fair to warmer," Mr. Chandler's remark about the market conditions was "fair."

Archie Conley Buys One of the Modern Nash Automobiles

Among the Grande Ronde purchasers of cars this week was Archie Conley who bought a Nash five passenger machine from Bert Hamilton. Mr. Conley is well pleased with the car and is giving it a good tryout now on the roads.

NEW BUSINESS TO BE STARTED

C. W. VAN FLEET WILL OPEN GENTS' FURNISHINGS.

Former Member of Golden Rule Staff Expects to Have New Premises Ready Soon.

Adams avenue, La Grande, will soon wear a new sign, on which will be the magic words, "Clint's Clothery." At least Clint, who is none other than C. W. Van Fleet, a long-time and always popular member of the staff of the Golden Rule store, which was recently discontinued here, hopes that there will be enough magic in the words to draw the crowd. Mr. Van Fleet is getting into the men's and boys' furnishings business and he announces that he expects to be ready to open up and receive old friends in his own new home some time between the 15th and the 31st of this month.

The location of "Clint's Clothery" will be the former premises of the La Grande Meat company on Adams avenue, next door to Peare's jewelry store. He is having the interior of the building remodeled and rearranged to suit his business and he expects to have his merchandise here within the next week or two. Mr. Van Fleet returned just a few days ago from Portland, where he had been making the purchases of his new goods.

Clint Van Fleet has many friends in La Grande who are glad to see him take this progressive step. He has lived in La Grande for the last thirty years and for almost sixteen years he had been with the Golden Rule company. The host of friends he has made and the reputation for standing "four square" which he has gained during that long period, will undoubtedly insure success in his new venture.

All lines of men's and boys' clothing will be found in the new store, and there will be strict adherence, says Mr. Van Fleet, to the slogan of "quality merchandise."

Christian Church Will Have Male Soloist for Morning and Evening

James Daly, well known soloist, will sing at the Christian church today, both morning and evening services. Mr. Daly is in the city for a few days with his sister, Mrs. E. J. Kitchen, and through an invitation from Rev. Coker he consented to sing "The Ninety and Nine" at the evening service and "Way to Peace" at the morning service.

ESTRAY NOTICE—Black gelding, colt, mule shoe brand on right side, strip in face, white hind legs. Owner can have colt by paying feed and advertising bills. Frank E. Stillwell. 3-5-31.

CONSULT COLLIER IF IN NEED OF HELP

CITY MANAGER IS INAUGURATING SYSTEM OF RECORDS OF MEN WANTING WORK

John Collier, manager of the city of La Grande, stated to the Observer yesterday that he is establishing in connection with his office a sort of employment agency, for the purpose of keeping always on hand up to date information as to the number of men or women wanting work in the city. He will receive applications from all persons who want employment, or a change of work, and these applications he will file away, together with all necessary particulars as to the applicant's age, experience and qualifications, etc.

Mr. Collier is inaugurating this system primarily for the reason that the city is planning considerable work on the streets this summer, in the way of eroding and graveling unpaved roadways that need improving, and he wishes to get a list on hand that will be available for that purpose. His main idea, therefore, is not to be a public employment agent, but he states that he will readily give access to his records to any person or firm wanting to employ men.

Mr. Collier, by virtue of his position in the city government, naturally receives many inquiries from men who are looking for employment, and he usually has a number of them on the string. He will doubtless find many opportunities to make himself useful in his new role.

Long Scout Boys Run Down Drunk and Bring Him to Bars of Justice

The Long Scout boy organization held a meeting Friday night in the Scout headquarters over Dutt's bakery and aside from the regular routine of business the boys encountered quite a thrilling experience. It is best told in the language of Scout Master Dedrick Williamson, who says: "Edward Fitzgerald, Walter Dutt and I were at the meeting and when we adjourned Edward and Walter went down, but called me, saying there was a drunk man in front of them. I ran down and we saw the drunk man crossing the street. He tried to enter the Harris store, but was refused admission. Two ladies were passing and the drunk made a move toward them, giving them a bad scare. They ran and I said I was going after the police. This the drunk overheard and he started for town. I thought no more about it and started for the bakery, when the drunk man jumped out of an alley and cornered me. He had a knife and was muttering, but in bending over he dropped the knife and when he tried to pick it up I ran. He grabbed a stick and struck me in the side knocking the breath out of me, but I ran on to the bakery and the man stopped in the middle of the street and called me vile names. I informed the police and the sheriff and that drunk man will get his, I know he will."

Demobilization of the army had released up to Saturday 1,301,959 officers and men.

LYCEUM COURSE FOR NEXT WINTER

LA GRANDE WILL HEAR SOME GOOD NUMBERS FROM EAST

A. L. Morse Sells a Good Program to Local People for the Coming Season.

A. L. Morse, representing Elliston-White, closed a deal yesterday with La Grande citizens for a lyceum program here next winter that will be both pleasing and entertaining.

The Sam Lewis company is well known and will be one of the attractions. Then will come Tom Keyhills, the celebrated New Yorker who made such a hit in the Liberty loan campaign. The Royal Welch quartet is included and the Howard Quintet will be among the numbers. Mark Sullivan, editor of Collier's Weekly, and one of the big mays of the country, will be the final attraction.

Mr. Morse was pleased over La Grande taking such a course and he failed to give his salesmanship any credit for it. As a matter of fact Morse is a salesman of the sterling type and the way he can talk up his talent would make an old lightning rod peddler ashamed of himself.

Nearly eight inches of snow fell at Helena, Mont., Saturday and Sunday night.

The First Fruit of Season

New Collegian Suits, New John B. Stetson Hats, New Crossett Shoes, New Ido Shirts.

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Our work must be so well done that it will please the critic.

That's Work Well Done
May We Do It For You?

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