Christian Science Society.

Sunday morning service at 11 a. m. Subject, "Reality."

Sunday school, 10 a. m.

Wednesday evening meeting at 8 o'clock.

The reading room is open to the public Monday, Wednesday and Saturday from 2 to 5 p. m.

All are cordially invited to attend our services.

Presbyterian Church.

Sunday school at 9:45 a. m.

Regular services at 11 a. m. and at 7:30 p. m. Rev. J. A. Smith of Concordia, Kans., will speak.

At the morning service Mrs. T. R. Maxwell will sing: "Heart That Is Weary," by Gounod. In the evening the choir will sing "Now, My Soul, Thy Voice Upraising," by Weber.

Theme of communion meditation on Sunday morning, "The Group Around the Cross." Evening subject, "The Supreme Choice."

Senior and Intermediate Christian Endeavor at 6:30 p. m.

First M. E. Church.

The Sunday school attendance is steadily increasing. Come and help make the school 100 per cent efficient.

School meets at 10 a. m. sharp.

Preaching at 11 a. m. and 7:30 p. m. Morning subject, "The Intent of the Gospel." Evening subject, "A Tragedy in Four Scenes." A special service for young people.

Epworth League at 6:30 p. m.

Everyone not attending any other service is invited to worship with us.

The second quarterly conference business meeting will be held on Monday evening, March 31, at 7:45. All the official members are urged to be present.

N. SHERMAN HAWK, Pastor.

Christian Church.

Sunday school at 9:45 a. m.

Communion service at 11 a. m. Subject, "Comfort at Bethany."

Evening service at 7:45 p. m. Subject, "A Divine Picture in Genesis."

Everybody was pleased last Sunday at the improvements in our church. We are thankful for the large attendance. Our Sunday school numbers 150 and we hope now to set our mark to more than 200. If you are not going anywhere, come with us.

R. H. COKER, Minister.
S. A. RUE, Chairman of Board.
E. W. EASTMAN, Supt. S. S.

Island City Church.

Sunday school, 10 a. m.

Preaching 11 a. m. and 8 p. m.

Morning subject, "The Call to the Christian." Evening subject, "Our Character." Epworth league at 7 p. m. Subject, "The Practice of Kindness." Choir rehearsal at 7:30 Thursday evening.

No prayer meeting this week on account of pastor's absence.

Cordial invitation to all.

JAMES LEITCH, Pastor.

U. S. WAR COST SMALLER THAN BRITISH BILL

Despite Armistice, Disbursements Have Slackened Off Little.

Twenty-one months of our war with Germany cost the United States $26,356,000,000, the treasury department calculates. Although huge munitions and other contracts have been cancelled, disbursements have slackened off little. Manufacturers are now presenting their bills and receiving payments for materials delivered months ago in the heat of the struggle.

Included in the enormous total of $26,356,000,000 is the sum of $7,875,000,000 loaned to our Allies. When we began lending to our Allies, the government contemplated turning over to them about $500,000,000 a month but actual loans ordinarily ran around $380,000,000 monthly.

Of the total war bill about $16,000,000,000 have been raised so far by the Liberty Loans. The fact that we have not covered our war debt is the reason for the Victory Liberty Loan. In other words we haven't paid for the job.

The cost of the war to Great Britain was $40,640,000,000. Germany is out $38,750,000,000 exclusive of indemnities the Allies may impose.

THE SHEPHERD AND THE CROOK

Herbert Johnson, the man who draws those inimitable cartoons for the Saturday Evening Post, put into black and white in the March 1 issue of the magazine something that every man who owns a Liberty Bond ought to frame. It is entitled "The Shepherd and the Crook."

In the foreground, ragged cut in a "plug" hat and a swallowtail coat and with an avaricious smile on his face, is a wolf with a grip full of all sorts of flim-flam stocks. Speeding towards him is a flock of sheep in the clothes of humans, each trying to get to the wolf first with a Liberty Bond to trade for the flim-flam stocks. Uncle Sam, the shepherd, stands in the background, astonished at the sudden insanity displayed by his flock.

Johnson's cartoons are good because they are always true and always well done. This one is particularly true and exceptionally well done. In a glance it tells a story that every Liberty Bond holder ought to heed.

The American buyer of Liberty Bonds who lets go of his bonds for fake stock, or even for stock that is not fake, is playing into the hands of wolves. The wolf always gets the better of the sheep. If he didn't he wouldn't have anything to do with the sheep.

Every man or woman who owns Liberty Bonds can put it down in his pipe or her powder-puff any time anybody offers something for Liberty Bonds that the Liberty Bonds are worth more than the thing offered. Johnson shows his human sheep wearing silly smiles as they rush for the wolf. A man owning the best interest-paying security on earth ought to wear a silly smile when he walks into a faker's office to trade his Liberty Bonds for worthless stock or to sell them for less than they are worth. Even if one is offered the market price, one is getting less than the bonds are worth, because the market price for bonds now is no indication of their real value.

Hold your bonds. Don't be a "sucker."

FINISH THE WORK

All else you have done before
You can't be complete
Until you buckle to once more,
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DISTRICT Y. M. C. A. MEETING TO BE HELD IN LA GRANDE

There will be a district conference held in La Grande on April 10th, calling together some of the leading men of Eastern Oregon to counsel regarding their part in the place the Young Men's Christian Association of Oregon and Idaho should take in the period of reconstruction and to face with renewed vigor and determination their responsibility to the boyhood and manhood of these two great states.

The list of out-of-town speakers will include Albert E. Roberts, senior county work secretary of the international committee, Y. M. C. A., New York City; Ivan B. Rhodes, interstate secretary Y. M. C. A. of Oregon and Idaho; and John H. Rudd, interstate county work secretary, Portland, Ore.

Program.

2:30 p. m. Thursday, April 10th, at the Y. M. C. A., Judge G. W. Phelps of Pendleton presiding.

"Eastern Oregon Boy Power"—John H. Rudd.

"Directing Boy Power of the County"—Albert E. Roberts.

"Covering the Field Adequately"—I. B. Rhodes.

Discussion.

Banquet at 6:30 p. m. at the Y. M. C. A., E. E. Kiddle presiding.

Address—I. B. Rhodes.

Address—Albert E. Roberts.

Business Men's Volleyball.

By the Roughriders losing two out of three games to the Roughnecks on Monday night at the Y. M. C. A. and the Bearcats dropping two to the Kangaroos Wednesday the outlook is above even for all the teams so far as winning the Business Men's volleyball league is concerned. The Kangaroos and Bearcats are tied for first honors at the present and the Roughnecks and Roughriders are at a standstill to see who will take the cellar position.

All of the four teams are evenly matched, and the one which wins out will do so only on the ability of its members to keep their heads and fight. There is a tendency on the part of one or two men in the league to quit if the game is a little against them and then there are a few others who lose their heads entirely if the referee makes a decision against them. If these men can be persuaded to control themselves the games would be far more interesting and every man present would have a better time. Nobody enjoys listening to a crabber, much less a fellow who is always getting a raw deal.

The next games of the league will be played Monday night when the Roughnecks and Bearcats clash.

The standing of the teams is as follows:

	W.	L.	Pct
Kangaroos	10	8	.556
Bearcats	10	8	.556
Roughnecks	8	10	.444
Roughriders	8	10	.444

According to the number of points made the Bearcats are in the lead with 344, the Kangaroos second with 339, the Roughnecks are fourth with 314 and the Roughriders last with a total of 299 points.

Church Basketball.

By a bare three points the Presbyterians went down to defeat Wednesday night before the aggressive Methodist basketball team in one of the hardest fought and most skillfully played games that has taken place on the Y. M. C. A. gymnasium floor this winter. Only once did the Presbyterian team make an even break in the scoring with the Methodists. This happened in the second half when Fred Kivette caged the ball, thus making the score 12 to 12, but after this the Methodists forged ahead and won out 26 to 23. Smith, Cramer and Captain Wright of the Methodist team were in the limelight throughout the game because of their fine team work. Kivette, Proctor and Hesse showed up in fine form for the Presbyterians.

It made very little difference to the M. I. A. team last night whether the Lyman brothers, Brandt or Greenwood played with them for with Stoddard and Black playing forwards, Pearson center and Larsen and Conklin guards they were able to retain their 100 per cent by defeating the Baptists in a hard fought game, 23 to 12. The team work of Heideblich and Keeney for the "immersionists" was top-notch and is getting better with each game played. Ball, playing for the Baptists, played a fine game.

The standing of the teams is as follows:

	W.	L.	Pct
M. I. A.	5	0	1.000
Methodists	3	1	.750
Presbyterians	2	2	.500
Baptists	0	5	.000

FOE CUTS FLYER'S PARACHUTE ROPE

Wounded American Tells of Cruelty 4,000 Feet Above Battlefield.

HUN BRUTE GRINS AT HIM

Yank Swings Helplessly in Air Watching the Rope the Parting of Which Would Plunge Him to Death.

Paris.—An act of refined German cruelty 4,000 feet above a certain battlefield was related to me at the great hospital at Neuilly, near Paris, by an American balloonist, whose name cannot be mentioned because he is not yet listed as a casualty. This American was descending in a parachute when a German aviator deliberately cut the parachute ropes. Here is his story:

"Another lieutenant observer and myself were up in a 'sausage.' We were not worried, because the German aviators had been very quiet lately.

"Suddenly a German pursuit plane dropped out of the clouds overhead in a straight nose dive toward our balloon, firing explosive bullets. We immediately took to our parachutes. The blazing balloon collapsed and plunged 20 feet away from us, the fire scorching us as it fell.

Cuts Parachute Ropes.

"I did not see the German aviator until about a minute after my parachute had opened. Then he drove past me, firing not at me but at the parachute ropes. I saw tracer bullets overhead had cut two ropes. The parachute began to wobble and threatened to collapse.

"The enemy flyer drew a circle, then came back, despite the 'archies' (high angle guns) whose shells were menacing me as well as him.

"I tried to use my revolver, hoping I could land one bullet before plunging, but I was hampered by the harness. The coward deliberately grinned at my first shot. Then he fired again at the ropes. I fell with a sudden jar. I saw a third rope swiftly unraveling; it had been cut. Just then a shell burst near and drove the plane away.

"Got Foe's Number."

"Imagine my sensation, swinging helplessly in the air, watching the rope the parting of which would plunge me! Well, the parachute collapsed about thirty feet above a forest. Here I am, and my only hope is to get back and get a chance at that German aviator. I remember his plane number—yes, I got his number!"

Sweetening a room.

The yellow gleam of brass always adds life to any dark nook and when with dark furniture, is most artistic. A pair of brass candlesticks on the mantel, andirons before an open fire or even a brass jardiniere for ferns are all especially attractive in a dark room.

Color Blindness.

"Many persons have the mistaken idea that color blindness causes a considerable number of the railroad accidents," said a veteran of the line recently. "During the early part of my life, when I was in railroad work, a physician who examined 700 applicants for positions as railroad men found only one who was color blind. Several of the applicants, however, did not know the proper names of the colors. They were able to group and match test samples accurately enough, but were uncertain when asked to pick out certain colors and name them."

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The Need of Divine Guidance

By REV. B. B. SUTCLIFFE
Of the Extension Department, Moody Bible Institute, Chicago

TEXT—Then I proclaimed a fast . . . that we might afflict ourselves before God to seek of Him a right way.—Ezra 8:21.

Perhaps today as never before the Christian needs to be instructed by God as to the right way. There are three great reasons why divine guidance is needed.

I. Because of what we are by nature.

First of all we are ignorant. It is unpopular, but true that "it is not in man that walketh to direct his steps." So said Jeremiah long years ago. And history shows all too dearly that the way that seems right to a man ends in death and disaster. There is no way of knowing what will take place on the morrow or even within the next hour. An explorer or a tourist going into a strange unknown country will want guidance as to what lies before him. We take much care in securing all the information we can before starting into new territory. Many think it necessary to prepare for passing to the unknown land beyond the grave, but after all each new day brings such dangers and such opportunities that to be ready for them needs to have the feet guided into the right way.

Then by nature man is so self-willed and self-sufficient he needs a higher intelligence than his own to guide him. This is humiliating but again history tells the truth. Ever since Cain in his self-will chose the wrong way it has been true that "the way of a man is forward and strange," as the Proverb says. Moses knew something of this when he declared in his last word to the people in Deut. 30:29, "I know that after my death ye will utterly turn aside from the way and evil will befall you."

Again we are so prone to wander from the right way. As the prophet says, "All we like sheep have turned everyone to his own way." Like sheep we wander, go astray and without sense keep on going further and further astray.

II. Because of the Character of the Way Before Us.

It is a difficult way for the Christian in these times. Bogs and mire are on either side and the way daily grows narrower. The master himself warns us in Matt. 7:13, 14, that "wide is the gate and broad the way that leadeth to destruction, and strait is the gate and narrow the way which leadeth unto life, and few there be that find it." So difficult is the way before the Christian, beset by the snares, pitfalls and straps of Satan, and so strewn with the allurements and attractions of the world, that left to himself he would surely come to destruction. He needs always the guidance of the one who alone knows all the difficulties and how to pass them! Not only difficult, but dangerous is the way.

III. Because of What the Lord Is as Guide.

He knows all the way that lies untried and unknown before the Christian's feet. He is omniscient. It was the Lord, not Moses, who led the people of Israel of old, and it is the Lord who would guide his people in safety today. A story is told of a little boy from which we all may learn. During a storm a mother sought to rescue a family of six children. As the water burst open the door of her home, she tied her baby on her shoulder and took a boy of six in her arms. To her fourteen-year-old daughter she said, "you must carry one child." "Which one," said the girl. The mother looked at the two, one of four, one of two, unable to choose. Ben, her boy of eleven, said, "Ma, I'll take the little one." "No, my boy, you can't." "I know I can't," said Ben, "but Jesus can." "The water is too deep for you," the distraught mother said. "It's deep for me," answered the boy, "but Jesus is a tall man." They started, the mother calling to her children, but soon Ben ceased to answer. The mother and the others soon reached a place of safety. When the tide went down next day little Ben tramped to them and put his little charge into the mother's arms. Had he followed her the night before he would soon have been beyond his depth. But unconsciously he had turned aside and followed a bank that years before had marked a boundary. The water was to his waist, and a step or two on either side would have been fatal.

And he can keep the Christian in the way as well as put him on it. He is the Almighty one. One day is no harder for him than another. Though there be days black with discouragement and foreboding and care, he knows it all and can keep within the narrow way that leads to life and light and joy. A story is told of an Alpine guide who put out his hand for a traveler to step up by. When the traveler hesitated the guide said, "this hand never lost a man." To all who will listen our guide says, "I will hold thy right hand saying, fear thou not."

NOTICE

All deputy sheriff appointments automatically expired at the end of the term or on December 31st, 1918, and unless renewed have been void since above date.

LEE VERNICE

A STUDY IN NATURAL HISTORY

Research Into Question of Why Cows Arise on Hind Legs First While Horses Do Not.

Winsted, Conn., famous as the native heath of natural and unnatural history, has been all wrought up lately over the problem of why a cow gets up on her hind feet first, while a horse gets up on his front feet first. The question was formally submitted to the local public in an advertisement. Here are some of the answers received and added to Winsted's long string of zoological revelations:

One scientific observer opines that a cow gets up hind feet first because she chews her cud, and doesn't want to swallow the cud. It would be interesting to have this hypothesis checked by observing how a man chewing tobacco would act in similar circumstances.

Another explains that it is all a matter of heredity. "The first cow arose hind most first, and cows have been getting up that way ever since." But doesn't that leave the necessity of explaining why the first cow got up that way?

Again, "A cow cannot bend its forelegs; a horse can." Mebby so. But somehow we seem to remember having seen cows bend their forelegs.

"A cow's hind legs are stronger than her forelegs." But if they are, isn't it a mistake to throw so much weight on those weak forelegs as the cow does when she is half way up?

"All animals with split hoofs get up hind end first," says another naturalist. "All animals with undivided hoofs get up front end first." Why this is so the editor does not pretend to know. And anyhow, farmers maintain that it isn't so. One farmer solemnly avers that a hog gets up front end first—or if it's a case of something to eat, both ends at once.

Coming down specifically to horses: "A horse," we learn, "is used to having a bit put into his mouth, so he gets up head first to receive the bit." Very good of Dobbin, to be sure! but why do the wild ranch horses get up that way?

On the whole, Winsted proves disappointing. We had a right to expect more of her in the elucidation of so vital and congenial a problem. Surely our own citizens could do no worse.

NO PRISON WALL TOO HIGH FOR THIS TREE

Nature will not be denied. A prison wall of brick—50 feet high is no handicap too great for a twig with treely ambition. This is proof. Midst the old ruins of a sugar mill in the south this tree climbed to the light through this solid chimney of brick—and, as can now be seen—spread its huge top to the sunshine.

CALL FOR BIDS

Notice is hereby given that the county court of Union county, Oregon, will receive sealed bids for furnishing 75 cords of 3 foot 8 inch yellow pine and red fir wood, one-half of each, to be free from limbs and knots, but from green timber, and to be delivered and corded in the basement of the court house at La Grande, Oregon, not later than October 1st, 1919. All bids must be filed with the county clerk on or before March 31st, 1919, and must be accompanied by a certified check of at least 5 per cent of the amount bid. The court reserves the right to reject any and all bids.

C. K. McCORMICK, County Clerk.

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Movie Statistics.

In one evening we now see 16 announcements of forthcoming attractions, 48 close-ups of the leading lady, 22 close-ups of the leading man, 12 close-ups of a wonder child, 620 people get into automobiles, 620 people get out of automobiles, six eternal triangles, 11 mistreated wives, nine unappreciated husbands, eight poor girls married to lords, three murders, one hanging, 62 pies.—Film Fun.

Much in Lump of Coal.

The fragrance of jasmine, musk, hyacinth, the perfumes or sewing most expensive soaps, originally began in a coal mine. Creosote, pitch, oils carbolic acid, antiseptics and high explosives are all hidden away in a lump of coal.

Observer ads are widely read.

Get ready for the spring garden. Field and garden seeds can be had at the Sawyer-Holmes company.—adv. adv. 3-16-tf

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