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GOD IS LOVE:—Behold, let us love one another: for love is God: and every one that loveth is born of God, and knoweth God.—1 John 4: 7.

Giving to the Church.

Outwardly the religious life of the people of the United States is represented by $2,000,000,000 worth of property and a current annual expense of administration of about $250,000,000. Considered from a purely business point of view, the church is one of the nation's outstanding enterprises.

Great as are some of America's industrial corporations, few can point to such an investment as the church records. The comparison appears all the more striking when it is remembered that the church is primarily a religious and philanthropic organization and is not out for profit, states the Chicago Daily News.

Gifts to the church have increased more rapidly the past ten years than during the previous half-century. The phenomenal advance in giving indicates a changing attitude toward the material side of church work, which is highly encouraging to the 40,000,000 and more church members and the 220,000 pastors and clerical leaders.

In the old days the ice cream social, the rummage sale of old clothes, the bazaar, the church supper and kindred money making devices were regularly listed among the necessary activities for raising the pastor's salary. Faithful housewives worked themselves to the point of exhaustion in preparing appetizing chicken suppers which the community conscientiously devoured at twenty-five cents a head and thereafter considered that it had done its duty by the church. Meantime, when the collection plate was passed at services, the church members would drop their pennies into the receptacle and lustily sing, "Jesus Paid It All."

A new interpretation of the meaning of giving, with a new consciousness of the spiritual value of the action, has come in the last decade. The spirit of the giver is emphasized as much as the amount of the gift. Thus, giving has taken on a new aspect and consequently gifts have increased very greatly. The change has been accompanied by the adoption of the yearly budget system, with an annual canvass and the frequent over-subscriptions, instead of periodic harangue and a hopelessly chronic inadequacy of funds.

Public School Economy.

While the state is feverish, and rightfully so, over needed economy, it might as well be stated that the economy desire spreads over all departments including education, which to a larg extent in the past has been sanctified to a point that no one should mention cutting down appropriations that affected schools or colleges.

La Grande school district is right up against more new buildings. The city is outgrowing everything it has, including the schools. This being a known truth, there comes the question of how can La Grande take care of more students without increasing her buildings and without adding a lot more expense to the taxpayers who already have a load to bear that is of no small proportions.

A ray of light has come out of Geary, Indiana, where an entirely new plan is tried out with success relative to public schools. Instead of having school plants and equipment idle a goodly portion of the day, the school board of that city conceived the idea that by beginning the school day earlier two sets of pupils could use the same buildings and same equipment and the same teachers. Another advantage in having the child do his class work in a half day is that he has the other half to help his parents or to work at something that will aid him in making a living.

How well it works can best be explained by the fact that New York City is attempting to copy the plan and is paying a high salary to the man in Geary who originated the plan for two visits a month to New York to direct the progress of the experiment in that city.

The Evening Observer does not know enough about the plan as yet to say that it is the proper thing for La Grande, but if it proves practical there would be a decided advantage in its application here.

It would mean that the present school buildings would be sufficient for years to come, that the equipment and teaching force need not be increased, and one of the very best features would be that pupils could do their school work in a half day and work the other half.

POLITICS NOT FOR WOMEN

Notwithstanding Emerson's saying that a "foolish consistency is the hobgoblin of little minds," it does seem opposite to say that there is something inconsistent in Miss Alice Robertson's attitude when she heard of her defeat. She is reported to have said that she had learned in office that women should keep out of politics, says the Baltimore American. It is a curious statement for a woman to make right in the face of the nineteenth amendment and considering the courtesies that Miss Robertson has had during her term of public service. For men, as well as women, [illegible] and it [illegible] even [illegible] if [illegible] the calk of the electorate? The fact that she ran as a candidate is surely clear proof that she was willing to stay in pumps a little longer if the luck had come her way.

YEP

There are a lot of saving folks
And I will say they're sly ones—
They used to save for rainy days
And now they save for dry ones.

A lean man for a race,
A fat man for a nap,
A freckled girl to powder her face,
And a red-headed girl for a scrap.

In marching out to dinner in fashionable Washington society it is proposed that the oldest couples shall take precedence. Here is where no woman is going to insist on her "seniority rights."

BISHOP WILL BE ACTIVE CITIZEN

Baker Greatly Pleased Over Churchman's Decision to Locate in That City.

In the Right Rev. William Proctor Remington of the eastern Oregon diocese of the Episcopal church and who announced Monday this city as his residence for at least one year, Baker has a "live wire." All those who have met the bishop are convinced of this remarks the Baker Morning Democrat.

In an interview last night Rev. Mr. Remington explained what he hopes will be his relation, as the highest official of the church in this district, to the community in general. Also he amplified somewhat his statement given out Monday why he has chosen Baker for the bishopric in preference to other eastern Oregon cities.

Bishop Remington arrived in the city last night with Dr. Van Waters, archdeacon of the district, from Prairie City and other Sumpter valley points. This morning he leaves for Boise where he will be the guest of the Right Rev. Mr. Tourett, bishop of Idaho.

On December 6 Rev. Mr. Remington will participate in the consecration of the Rev. W. Blair Roberts as suffraxant bishop of South Dakota at Sioux Falls, the post formerly held by himself. About December 10 Bishop Remington expects to return to Baker with Mrs. Remington. Shortly after the first of the year the bishop plans to return east to select possibly 10 rectors for parishes in the eastern Oregon district.

The Remingtons will have the Gardinier home on Second street as their residence.

But one factor was seriously considered when he chose Baker as his temporary home, Bishop Remington declared last night. Geographically, Baker at present is the logical center of his activities. Generally the section adjacent to Baker is without any church leader, while communities to the north are at present more fortunate, he pointed out. He is a missionary bishop. The situation in the territory of which Baker is the center demands his attention first, Rev. Mr. Remington thinks. This, largely, contributed in the decision to have Baker as his headquarters. Of course, he said he liked Baker as well as any city in the section, all things considered. As far as the people of all the cities in the district are concerned, Bishop Remington has found in his short stay among them that all Oregonians are alike—people of culture are more pleatiful than in some other communities of the United States.

Bishop Remington believes the church should be interested in every activity of the individual. His attitude is that the church leader should have as many activities. Thus he likes to take a part in every community function that is upbuilding. He says Mrs. Remington is just as active in civic welfare. Bishop Remington would be a friend of every church denomination and likes community unity. He deplores strife in a community or otherwise. He declares he has seen too much war already—he was a chaplain with the American forces in France.

BAKER MAN KNOWN HERE PASSES AWAY

BAKER, Dec. 2.—O. P. Ison, one of the makers of Baker county history, answered the call of the grim reaper yesterday afternoon and passed on to receive the reward for his efforts. Mr. Ison has been in Baker county for over 51 years and has always been active in county and municipal affairs. Honorable and unselfish in his motives, he was ever trying to better the conditions of his county and community. He served for 15 years as school director and was member of the city council during the administrations of C. A. Johns and William Pollman.

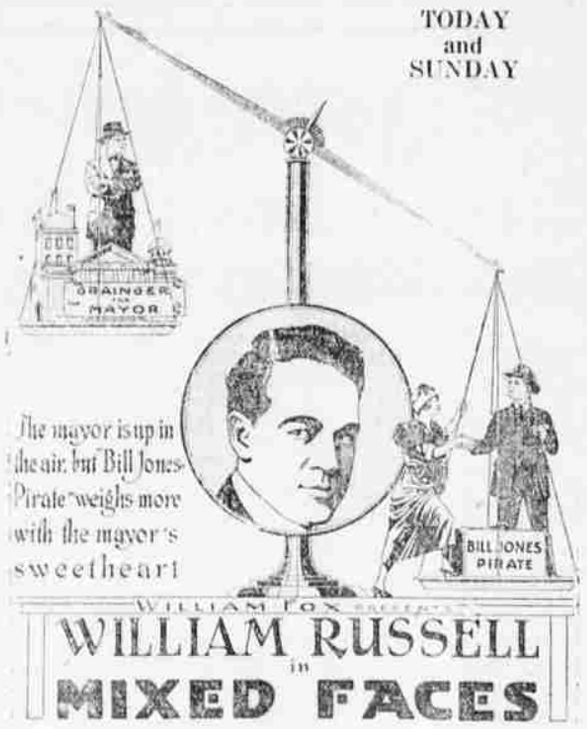
In the passing of Mr. Ison Baker county lost a staunch and loyal citizen and his death will be mourned by a host of friends and acquaintances.

The great banker lay on his death bed. Many friends gathered about his bed. The attending physician whispered: "I fear he is nearing the Great Divide."

"Tell them not to divide till I get there," whispered the dying man.

STAR THEATRE

TODAY and SUNDAY



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