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News of the Churches

Presbyterian Minister Bids Flock Farewell

Appreciation of His Service to Be Expressed by Choir in Sacred Evening Concert.

The Rev. William Crosby Ross will bring his farewell message as pastor of the First Presbyterian church here Sunday morning. In the evening, his church will tender its farewell appreciation in the form of a sacred choral concert, to which the public is invited.

Mr. Ross leaves his pulpit here to answer a call to the First Presbyterian church at Boise, where he will begin his new pastorate next week. His going closes a ministerial service of four and a half years that has made him the dean of pastors in Union county.

The present home of the First Presbyterian church was built under his leadership.

Friends of Mr. Ross are welcome to join the congregation for his last address at the 11 o'clock service. Mrs. A. L. Richardson, director of the choir, will sing the offertory solo, "Morning Hymn" by George Henschel.

For the evening concert, he has prepared the following program, in which the choir and organist will be assisted by E. D. Towler and L. J. Lindsay:

Organ prelude (Duquand)
Anthem, "Praise the Lord, O Jerusalem" (Maudslayi)
By the quartet.
Scripture: "My Faith Looks Up to Thee" (Schnecker)
Quartet with violin.
Baritone solo (Selected)
Organ solo, "Communion in E" (Renaud)
Contralto solo, "Ave Maria" (Schubert)
With violin obbligato.
Anthem, "The King of Love My Shipboard Is" (Schnecker)
Quartet.
Violin solo, "Andante Religioso" (Fillet)
Tenor solo (Selected)
A. "Spirit of Spring"
B. "Spirit of Spring Delay"
From the song cycle, "The Morning of the Year" (Cudman)
Quartet.
Soprano solo (Selected)
With violin obbligato.
Anthem, "Hark, Hark My Soul" by request (Shelley)

Mrs. A. L. Richardson, soprano-director, Mrs. W. H. Bohnenkamp Jr., contralto, G. L. Dutton, tenor, Raymond O. Williams, baritone, Mrs. J. A. Tedford, organist, assisted by E. D. Towler, basso, and L. J. Lindsay, violinist.

Sunday school will be at 9:45 a. m. Junior Christian Endeavor will meet at 4 p. m., and the intermediate society at 6 o'clock.

Methodist Episcopal. A musical evening at the Methodist church will be furnished by the Eastern Oregon School of Music under direction of Mr. W. H. Parkinson. Aside from hymns, the numbers will include violin and vocal solos.

Dr. Henry W. Parker, the pastor, will deliver an accompanying sermon on "Music as a Help to Courage and Faith."

The Men's Forum will meet in the church parlors at 9:45 a. m.

CLERGY VOICES REGRET AS ROSS GOES TO BOISE

In token of their esteem, the fellow members of the Rev. William Crosby Ross in the La Grande Ministerial association this week passed the following resolution:

"Whereas the Rev. William Crosby Ross, pastor of the Presbyterian church of La Grande, and member and former president of the La Grande Ministerial association, has accepted a call to the Presbyterian church of Boise, Idaho, and will leave our city with the close of the present month of November, 1926,

"Therefore be it resolved: That it is the sense of this association that we have a high appreciation of the work of Brother Ross in our community, and a sense of genuine loss at his removal elsewhere.

"That we express our belief in his high moral and Christian character, and congratulate the Boise church and community in the securing of such an able leader and splendid citizen."

First Baptist.

The Rev. George Albert Pollard will preach his morning sermon tomorrow on the theme, "What God Thinks of Us." He will deliver a sermonette to the little folk on the subject, "The Last Leaf."

Sunday school will start at 9:45 a. m. At the evening service, at 7:30 o'clock, Mr. Pollard will use as his sermon thought, "The Mirror of Christ."

Zion English Lutheran.

A special meeting of the congregation will follow the morning service at the Zion Lutheran church. For his morning sermon topic, the Rev. J. H. Ames, pastor, has chosen "Jesus the King." The choir will sing the anthem, "Jesus, Lover of My Soul."

Luther league will meet at 6:30 p. m. The topic for discussion will be "The Slave at Worship," with Miss Emma Vind as leader. The adult study session will begin at 7:30 o'clock. Mrs. J. H. Ames will direct the lesson, which will have for its theme, "Life and Conduct."

Central Church of Christ.

"The Proper Heart Attitude Toward Others," announces the Rev. C. V. Dunn, pastor, will be his subject when he addresses his congregation at 11 o'clock tomorrow morning. The sermon will be a presentation of the teaching of Jesus in Matthew 23:23-24.

The Endeavor society will meet at 6:30 p. m. At evening worship, the sermon subject will be "The Bible, Our Guide Book to Heaven." The discourse will conclude a series of studies based on the Bible. A surprise feature is promised.

Methodist Church South.

In preparation for the protracted services that are to begin Sunday, Dec. 3, cottage prayer meetings will be held at the Methodist Church South each evening next week except Monday and Saturday. Wednesday night, the meeting will be at the church. The Rev. H. S. Shangle, of Corvallis, will be the evangelist.

Sunday school at 9:45 a. m. will

WINNINGS

Bishop W. P. Remington, of Pendleton, is coming to La Grande Dec. 12 to officiate at the holy rite of confirmation at St. Peter's Episcopal church.

At the Methodist Church South Wednesday evening, the Rev. and Mrs. J. A. Hall were surprised with a shower of gifts from the members of their parish. The hosts came early to prayer meeting and cheered the pastor and his wife with their expressions of appreciation. Mr. and Mrs. Hall voice their gratitude.

The Ministerial association sponsored the union Thanksgiving service that was held at Mr. Hall's church Thursday.

"Our home will always be open for all our La Grande friends, no come and see us any time," writes the Rev. William Crosby Ross, retiring pastor of the First Presbyterian church, in his last notice for The Observer church page. Mr. Ross adds that he expects to have The Observer sent to his new home, the First Presbyterian manse at Boise.

Everyman's Bible class and the Junior church of the Rev. C. V. Dunn's parish appear to be staging an attendance contest. Last Sunday each organization counted 22 present. The Sunday before, there were 13 in each place. One hundred ninety attended Sunday school last week.

St. Peter's Episcopal choir sang from the new choir stalls for the

precedes the morning worship, which opens at 11 o'clock. The Rev. J. A. Hall, pastor, will preach.

Epworth league is announced for 6:30 p. m. Evening service will start at 7:30 o'clock.

Church of Christ, Scientist.

For the service that will be held at 11 o'clock Sunday morning at the First Church of Christ, Scientist, at First street and Washington avenue, the subject will be "Ancient and Modern Necromancy, alias Mesmerism and Hypnotism, Denounced."

Sunday school will be at 9:45 a. m.

Each Wednesday at 8 p. m., is held a meeting at which testimonies of healing are given.

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A REAL CHRISTMAS CARD. In sending out Christmas cards it is nice to find just the sentiment that fits the particular person. 11-27-11

First time Thanksgiving day. H. E. Dixon, superintendent of the First Methodist Sunday school, is introducing some new features that the pastor, Dr. Henry W. Parker, reports are resulting in increased attendance. 11-27-11

Envoys J. C. Barker, who spent two weeks in the Grande Ronde hospital following an operation for relief of appendicitis, is back at the Salvation Army hall again this week. 11-27-11

Grading of the Sunday school at the Zion Lutheran church has been completed, and suitable lesson material introduced for each class, the Rev. L. H. Ames, pastor, announces. 11-27-11

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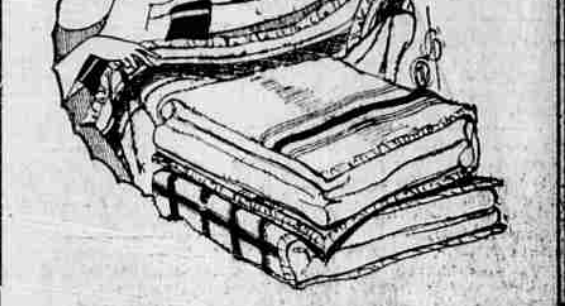
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Rev. Knight will tell something about these wonderful beasts, and what they symbolize, in his lecture on the seventh chapter of Daniel at the Church of God Chapel Sunday evening at 8 o'clock. A large audience is expected.

Sunday morning at 11 o'clock Rev. Knight's text will be: "What Doth the Lord Thy God Require of Thee?"

Sunday school at 10 o'clock Sunday morning. Children's meeting, and young peoples' meeting at 8:45 in the evening.

More than 80 persons partook of the basket dinner served at the Chapel on Thanksgiving.

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