

NEWS of the CHURCHES

Marked Growth Is Noted At Central Church of Christ

Rev. Westphal, of Philadelphia, Will Deliver Address at Presbyterian Church on Sunday.

All departments of the Central Church of Christ were reported to be in splendid condition with a marked growth during the past year, at the annual meeting of the church which was held last Sunday at the church. The treasurer's report showed that over a thousand dollars cash, more than previous years, had been raised and expended during the year 1931 in the interest of the church. Much needed improvements and repairs were made on the building and practically all current expenses have been paid. There have been 83 additions to the church during the past year, and the church records show a present membership of 405. The Bible school has made large growth in attendance, the average for the past year being 198. This average is larger than any year previous, by over 30 members. One new Christian Endeavor society has been organized during the past year and both young people and high school societies have been maintained at a high average. An adult group has also been meeting at the Endeavor hour. The services Sunday will begin at 9:45 as usual, with the Bible school session. Miss Dorothy Smutz was re-elected superintendent of the Bible school and the same high standard of efficiency will be maintained during the coming year that has been used during the past in accomplishing such a large increase in attendance. The school is closely and thoroughly graded, with classes for all ages from beginners to adults. Those not attending Bible school elsewhere will find a hearty welcome at the school, the pastor states. The morning service at 11 o'clock will include the observance of communion, an anthem by the choir, and a sermon by the pastor. At 6:30 p. m. the Christian Endeavor societies meet for discussion and study. Each of these groups is developing very interesting programs and some special projects are being undertaken. The evangelistic service at 7:30 p. m. continues to be a popular attraction. Mr. Mortimore states that he believes that the orchestra which plays a concert at the beginning of this service is of great attraction to many. The old-fashioned type of song service is featured, with the congregation joining in the singing of hymns. Mr. Mortimore has announced for his sermon topic one which he believes is of great interest to every one in La Grande—"Your First Day in Eternity." He extends in behalf of the church a hearty welcome to all to attend the services.

Presbyterian Church

Washington and Sixth Street. Rev. E. P. Westphal, D. D., field representative of the national board of Christian education in the Presbyterian church, whose headquarters are in Philadelphia, will occupy the pulpit Sunday morning, 11:00 o'clock, and bring the sermon message. This is the only contact the board makes with Eastern Oregon during this zoning period. Dr. Westphal leaves Sunday afternoon for Pendleton, where he will speak in the First church in the evening. Mrs. Harley Richardson will preside at the organ console, the quartet will sing the anthem, "Spirit of God" by Brown, and Mrs. Floyd Sherwood, soprano, will sing the offertory solo, "Great is the Lord," by Bohm. Rev. Walz will speak at the evening service hour, 7:30 o'clock. Miss Gladys Miller playing the service and Mrs. Sherwood in charge of the special music.

Sunday Bible school is at 9:45 a. m. Junior Christian Endeavor at 9:00 p. m., Intermediate and Senior Christian Endeavor at 8:15 p. m.

Christiana Science Church. First Street at Washington. "Sacrament" will be the subject of the lesson-sermon in all Churches of Christ, Scientist, on Sunday, Jan. 10. The golden text will be, "What are these which are arrayed in white robes? and whence came they? These are they which came out of great tribulation, and have washed their robes, and made them white in the blood of the Lamb" (Rev. 7: 13, 14). Among the citations which comprise the lesson-sermon will be the following from the Bible: "Wash me thoroughly from mine iniquity, and cleanse me from my sin" (Ps. 51:2). The lesson-sermon also includes the following passages from the Christian Science textbook, "Science and Health with Key to the Scriptures," by Mary Baker Eddy: "It is the spiritualization of thought and Christianization of daily life, in contrast with the results of the ghastly force of material existence; it is chastity and purity, in contrast with the downward tendencies and earthward gravitation of sensualism and impurity, which really attest the divine origin and operation of Christian Science" (p. 272).

Sunday school is held at 9:45 o'clock Wednesday evening service at 8 o'clock. Reading room, West-Jacobson building, open daily except Sunday and holidays from 1 to 4:30 p. m. Services at church edifice, corner First and Washington streets, 11 a. m. and 8 p. m.

First Methodist Church. Fourth and Spring. At the 11 o'clock service at the First Methodist church, the choir of mixed voices, under the direction of Paul Knautz, will sing the anthem, "My Soul Doth Magnify the Lord," by W. L. Blumenshien. Mr. Knautz will sing a baritone solo of his own selection, and the pastor, Rev. W. H. Hertzog, will deliver an address on the theme, "What Shall We Buy?" The evening service, conducted by the young people at 7 o'clock, will be followed by the third discussion in the Epworth league series on "Friendship." Burke Inlow will lead the discussion. The adults will be led in the study of the parable of "The Last Judgment," by the pastor. At 9:45 a. m. the church school will meet for worship in the four departments under the leadership of the department superintendents.

Zion English Lutheran Church. M Avenue near Fourth. "A Living Service" will be the subject of the sermon by the pastor at the 11 o'clock service Sunday at the Zion English Lutheran church. The choir, accompanied by Miss Helen Jensen, will sing the anthem, "Did You Think to Pray," by Charles P. Scott. At 9:45 the Sunday school will meet for worship. There will be a Bible contest at this session of the school. All the pupils should bring their Bibles along so they may participate in the contest. Miss Juanita Stitzinger will lead the devotional meeting of the Luther league at 7 o'clock Sunday evening. The topic for this meeting is "What Shall I Do With My Money?" These meetings are vital discussions of the problems presented. The young people invite visitors to come and enjoy their hour of worship and inspiration.

Baptist Church. Spring and Sixth. Sunday morning at the Baptist church will be family day, and the pastor, Rev. B. Marcus Godwin, will give an illustrated junior sermon. Mrs. Harry C. McClay will sing a solo. At the evening service, beginning at 5 o'clock, the theme will be "Jesus as Paymaster." At 6:15 the young people's society will meet. Prayer meeting is held on Thursday evening at 7:30. Bible school, P. R. Finlay, superintendent, meets at 9:45. All are cordially invited to these services.

Church of God. Spruce Street at X Avenue. A series of special meetings will begin at the Church of God Sunday evening at 7:30, and will be conducted each evening during the week, except Saturday. Rev. Ray Hug, of Summerville, will be in charge, and the public is cordially invited to attend. Sunday school will be held at 10 o'clock Sunday morning, and will be followed by the regular morning service at 11 o'clock.

held at 6:45 and the pastor urges members and friends of the church not to fail to attend the young people's interesting service. The evening service of evangelism will be held at 7:30 in the evening, and the message at the service will be of special interest to all when the pastor, Rev. L. Carlsen, speaks on "Behold the Man" or "Jesus on Trial." Never has there been a character on earth who has stood out in life and power as Jesus, Rev. Carlsen believes, and adds that He is the world's only help in the trying hour. Week night services are held on Tuesday and Friday evenings at 7:30 and a welcome awaits all.

Church of the Nazarene. Y Avenue and Birch. The Duvas evangelistic party will continue holding services at the Church of the Nazarene over Sunday. "There has been a growing interest and the attendance has been good," the minister, Rev. E. E. Taylor, states. "A goodly number have been forward for definite help and we are greatly encouraged by the results."

Sunday services at the church include Sunday school at 9:45, when Mrs. Duvas will talk to the children; the 11 o'clock service in charge of the Duvas evangelistic party; the young people's service at 6:30, when Mrs. Ira Duvas will speak; and the evangelistic service at 7:30 in charge of the visiting party. There will be a special song and speaking service.

Methodist Church South. Corner Fir and U Streets. Rev. A. J. Starmer announces the following services to be held at the Methodist Church South next Sunday: Sunday school at 9:45; preaching at 11 o'clock, the text of which will be "Je-hovah-iroh"; league at 6 o'clock; and preaching service at 7:30 in the evening.

Emmanuel Apostolic Assembly. 1005 Jefferson Avenue. Meetings at the E. A. A. next Sunday are: Sunday school at 10 o'clock. Jesus said, "Suffer the little children to come unto Me and forbid them not, for such is the kingdom of God," the pastor, Rev. B. S. Sweeten, states. Sunday morning services will be held at 11 o'clock, and services will be held in the evening again at 7:45. The young people meet at 6:30 on Sunday evening. The week's services are: Tuesday, regular service at 7:45; Wednesday, cottage prayer meeting; Saturday, street meeting will be held at 8 o'clock if the weather permits.

Sermonette. Edited by Harriet R. MacDonald. "Because I live, ye shall live also."—John 14:19.

The testimony of the Bible as to life after death and as to that world in which man shall live to eternity is fairly overwhelming in its abundance. Genesis alone contains more than 40 references to and descriptions of experiences which in these modern days would be called "psychic" or "super-normal." To rightly appreciate this testimony, however, it is necessary to approach the Bible as though for the very first time, examining it without prejudice, doctrinal bias, or scientific preconceptions. And if you do not put it down at the end of your reading with the exclamation that here is a volume unique in the literature of the world I shall be very much surprised, indeed. You must be careful, of course, to consider the testimony there offered as coming from men and women as sincere as yourself, set down simply, and without comment, or explanation. From this point of view the Bible would fairly seem a supplementary volume of the "Proceedings of the Society for Psychical Research," but, it is, of course, indefinitely more than that—it is our own Divine Father's loving guidance over the pathway of life from earth to heaven. It gives us heaven sent light upon the Glorious Beyond, that land toward which we move the nearer with every setting sun. —Wm. R. REECE.

Former Oregon Man Shot Down By Chicago Force

CHICAGO, Jan. 8 (AP)—Robert Wesenberg, 30, who had worked with a steam shovel on an excavation job under police protection since Monday, was assassinated as he left his home Thursday. Three bullets, suspected by police to have come from a labor foe, felled him. He was not a union shovel operator. Chicago teamsters in a group "bossed" by Geo. "Red" Barker, gangster and public enemy, had been seeking work on the excavation job, it was reported. Investigators were sent to the scene by the secret six. The slain man's widow, from whom he had been estranged, was told, "Your husband has been murdered." Mrs. Thelma Wesenberg, 37, quietly lighted a cigaret and asked, "Was he shot in his auto?" She said they were married eight years ago and lived in Seattle and Portland.

PORTLAND, Ore., Jan. 8 (AP)—Robert Wesenberg, shot to death today in Chicago, left Portland four years ago, his mother, Mrs. W. F. Wesenberg, said yesterday. His mother received a letter from him Wednesday, written Dec. 28. He told her he was starting on a new job but said nothing of his nature. Mrs. Wesenberg said her son and his wife had "no real trouble," but she indicated there had been family difficulties, attributing them to the circumstance. Wesenberg was unemployed and his wife was obliged to support him.

ROUMANIAN OFFICER PAYS PRICE OF TREACHERY



"You have shorn yourself of honor . . . we take from you merely the symbols of your rank" . . . With these fateful words, Major Varzani (left), who testified at a trial in Bucharest that he was paid \$130 a month for keeping soviet agents informed about Rumanian army maneuvers, was publicly stripped of the insignia of his rank and ordered to leave the country. It was a partial parallel to the famous Dreyfus case in France.

Wool Men Look Forward to 1932 For Recoveries

BOSTON (Special)—With one of the most difficult marketing years in history behind it, during which a tremendous task was accomplished, the National Wool Marketing corporation looks forward to 1932, convinced that the trend of events in the coming year will favor a more active wool market at firm to better prices. That is the opinion of J. Byron Wilson, McKinley, Wyo., general manager of the wool marketing agency for 40,000 wool growers of the United States in the cooperative begins activity to await arrival of an anticipated large 1932 clip from the thousands of producers. "Through 1931, darkest year of a world-wide depression, when every commodity took price declines, wool held its own," Wilson said. Wool was one of the few commodities to show an increase in consumption during the unsettled year. The increase came during retrenchment periods of production, labor difficulties and general inactivity. Marketing conditions for wool should improve during 1932 for many reasons, Mr. Wilson believes. These include increased consumption, curtailed production because of smaller carry-over of sleep and a constantly growing demand for wool. Large replacement needs by mills now operating with depleted stocks on a hand-to-mouth buying policy also will bring about heavier buying. "For the first ten months of 1931 the United States consumed 63 million pounds more wool than in the same period of 1930," Mr. Wilson said. "These figures, which are exclusive of imported carpet wools, clearly indicate that the nation has returned to wool and that general betterment is in store for the long-suffering wool industry. "Style trends brought wool into the spotlight a year ago and the steady demand for lighter wools and worsteds has grown so strongly that wool cannot be easily replaced or removed from a low wool-minded buying public. The National has cooperated with all branches of the wool industry in conducting wool promotion and an education campaign to boost wool. In the fall of 1931 our organization took the lead in sponsoring National Wool Week, when \$25,000,000 worth of wools and worsted fabrics were sold. "The present popularity of wool,

the sterling of all fabrics, makes it obvious that wool will be the standard-bearer of dominating style trends for 1932 and for many years to come. With this demand increasing, wool consumption will continue in proportion and the supply for this year should bring better prices. Consumption on all grades of domestic wool, except low quarter-blood wool, greater in the first nine months of 1931 than for the same period a year ago. This is especially true of three-eighths blood wool, which experienced a 'run' from mills when it was learned that the supply was low. The increased demand for three-eighths wool also helped stimulate demand for other medium grades.

"Consumption by grades in the United States for the first nine months of 1931 and for 1930 showed that 49,238,000 pounds of three-eighths wool was used, compared to 32,169,000 pounds for the same period in 1930; 122,816,000 pounds of fine combing or 20,000,000 pounds more than for nine months a year ago. The United States consumed 50,000,000 pounds of halfblood wool, or 10,000,000 pounds more than the first three-quarters of the year 1930. "World wool production for the entire year of 1931 was four per cent above that of 1930, totaling 2,699,000,000 pounds. Figures on the entire year's consumption are not yet available, but for the first 10 months months of 1931, world consumption was estimated to be 20 per cent greater than in 1930. In the first 10 months of 1931 the United States had consumed 357,600,000 pounds of wool, exclusive of carpet wool. This compares to 294,820,000 pounds for the same period a year ago. "Estimated United States production for 1931 is 432,700,000 pounds or 28,000,000 pounds more than a year ago. "Consumption of domestic wool in 1931 was 28 per cent larger than the average for the past five years, while consumption of foreign wool for the same period was 26 per cent less, as indicated below:

	Dom.	For.
1926	100	100
1927	125	92
1928	132	82
1929	134	97
1930	110	60
1931 (Estimate)	150	60
Five year average	122	86

"With all of these factors in our favor—enough to discount the existing economic discouragements with which we are all familiar—the National Wool Marketing corporation and its 40,000 grower-members look forward to the New Year with brighter hopes than in the past."

Mayor, Ex-Mayor Surrender to U. S.



Mayor R. E. Clays of Martinez, Cal., left, and J. E. Colton, former mayor, are shown as they surrendered to U. S. authorities following indictment on a liquor conspiracy charge, an aftermath of an alcohol distillery seizure in a bonded winery. Three others were indicted, and all posted bonds and were released.

NEWTON BAKER APPEALS CASE FOR JOURNAL

FRANKFORT, Ky., Jan. 8 (AP)—Barring of Knoxville, Tenn., News-Sentinel reporters from the William Hightower trial at Mount Sterling was termed an act of "punitive discipline" by Newton D. Baker in arguing before the Kentucky court of appeals Thursday for a writ to prohibit such action. The former secretary of war, appearing as chief counsel for the Tennessee paper, said the News-Sentinel's editorial to which Circuit Judge Henry R. Prewitt had objected was

"an exceedingly temperate, philosophical and just statement." Gov. Ruby Laffoon and many state officials joined one of the largest crowds that ever assembled in the courtroom of the state's highest tribunal as the hearing started. Baker said Judge Prewitt, who barred the Knoxville paper's reporters on the ground its articles about conduct of the labor trials were "abundant, libellous and false," was a just and dignified jurist. He added there was nothing in the articles to hinder justice and said that any claim newspaper comment would affect the judge himself would be "an admission of lack of judicial qualification."

FRENCH CAVERN REVEALS PREHISTORIC FINGERPRINTS. PARIS (AP)—Fingerprints left by prehistoric artists were discovered in a grotto of the Pyrenees by MM. Mandement and Jauze, archaeologists. Crawling into the cave, they found on its walls 10 high relief in clay. All depicted charging buffaloes, four of the images being a foot long. The clay had been first thrown on the wall and then shaped by hand, the marks of the primitive sculptors' fingers being plainly visible. The number of hairs on an adult's head averages 130,000 to 150,000.

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