

TOWN IS AWAKENED

OREGON CITY IS EXPERIENCING AN EVANGELISTIC CRUSADE.

Rev. Snyder Successfully Wages Campaign—Able Speaking, Entertaining Singing and Large Crowds.

The revival wave has struck Oregon City.

Greater church crowds have already attended the services than have been seen in Oregon City for years. The churches have been doing quiet and successful work, but each church has been following in its accustomed channels for a number of years so that the non-church goer knew but very little of the work so faithfully performed. Nearly all the churches are united in the movement. The air is full of talk about the singing, the preaching, and the general stir that is caused by this evangelistic campaign.

Revivals seem to come periodically. Some denominations are revivalistic in their nature, the strange thing, however, about the revival of this period is that it reaches so many denominations. Just how this can be accounted may not be easy to explain. But all the revivals in history have important settings. And this movement has its interesting antecedents. It is a well known fact that the results of the work of many denominations in the closing years of the past century was far from satisfactory. Some of the largest and most influential denominations indicated little or no growth by their statistics, while in a few instances there were actual losses. It became evident that such conditions must have causes. And the changes of thought during the last half of the century were found to have a great deal to do with the activities of the churches.

Changes of thought are slower in churches than in other institutions. Education has to deal with the young. But religious thought deals with the old and young. The new ways will never offend the young because they have no old ways to set aside. But the young and the old are together in the churches. The transition of thought in the days of Galilee was not more surprising than the change that has come to the scientific world through such masters as Huxley, Darwin and Spencer.

The same spirit of investigation that was every where upturning and overturning thought also entered the field of theology. The Bible was placed under critical examinations. And here and there in the church, men expressed views that were not in harmony with the old ways. Hence the last decade of the century has gone into history as a decade of great agitation in many of the leading denominations. Heresy charges and trials disturbed and distracted the work of many men to such an extent that the activities of spreading the Gospel so as to save men from their sins was greatly hindered. There is perhaps no agreement yet who was to blame most for this unfortunate condition in the churches but the leaders of disturbed denominations learned that hands have to be clasped over chasms. And now it seems that the present wave of revival spirit is destined to heal all breaches. Radicals, conservatives, liberals, all are united in the various denominations in this movement.

The revival movement of which Dr. Chapman is the head had its origin in

the Presbyterian church. A wealthy man in the East saw the need of a revival in his denomination and he was willing to put his money into the movement. Dr. Chapman, somewhat different from many other Presbyterian pastors had constant conversions and accessions to his church during the time when there was almost a universal spiritual drowth in other churches. With this rich man's money and the authority of the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church, Dr. Chapman went forth as an evangelist, first to convince Presbyterian pastors of the need of evangelistic work. His work was so successful that the denomination could not contain it. It was the thing needed in all the churches. And the history and development of the Chapman corps of evangelists would be an interesting story had we space to relate it. Portland has realized the results of this remarkable company of workers so wonderfully organized.

City after city is being shaken as these men pass through the country. In England the Terry and Alexander meetings are greater than the Moody meetings were a century ago. Little Wales has passed through a religious convulsion that is unprecedented. It is, therefore, not much of a surprise to see Oregon City aroused. The churches have been expecting it. So it was no surprise to see over five hundred people packed into the Presbyterian church while several hundred were turned away.

Preaching, singing and organization are the human instruments that move things here. The Rev. J. E. Snyder is the Synodical evangelist of the Presbyterian church. He has been remarkably successful in his work throughout the state. He united with the Chapman forces during the Portland meetings and had it not been for the engagement here Mr. Chapman would have taken him along for the campaign on the Sound.

Prof. R. N. Jeffery, from Los Angeles, is a member of the Chapman corps of singers. That his solos are greatly enjoyed is evidenced by the many requests for repetitions of many of them. The "Sunbeam Choir" composed of 75 children is a great feature and the "Glory" song is taking like wild fire.

Next Sunday will be a great day. The usual service will be held in the churches in the morning. A meeting for men will be conducted in the Baptist Church at 3 p. m. The "Sunbeam" Choir will sing, and Prof. Jeffery will sing "The Man of Galilee." In the evening there will be a meeting in the Congregational and Baptist Churches. A sermon will be preached in the Baptist church by one of the local pastors for the church meeting.

PRIZES FOR PRODUCTS.

Clackamas County Lewis and Clark Committee Makes Awards.

Prizes were awarded Tuesday for the best samples contributed to the Lewis & Clark exhibit from this county.

The list of awards follow:

Winter Wheat—Smith Bros., Shubel, first; George Randall, New Era, second; Henry Zeigler, Barlow, third.

Spring Wheat—S. E. Gregory, Carns, first; John Stewart, Molalla, second; A. F. Turner, Stafford, third.

Winter Oats—Henry Zeigler, Barlow, first; George Randall, New Era, second; C. P. Andrews, Oregon City, third.

Spring Oats—R. Scott, Milwaukie, first; J. J. Sandness, Barlow, second; T. L. Turner, Stafford, third.

Shelled field Corn—W. W. Jesse, Bar-

low, first T. L. Turner, Stafford, second. Field Peas—Schmidt Bros., Shubel, first; Henry Hoffmeister, Eagle Creek, second.

Clover Seed—T. B. Killen, Hubbard, first and second.

Vetch Seed—C. P. Andrews, Oregon City, first.

Potatoes—C. P. Andrews, Oregon City, first; Schmidt Bros., Shubel, second; A. M. Vinyard, third.

Onions—O. E. Freytag, first.

Hops—Geo. Randall, New Era, first.

Winter Apples—J. A. Byers, Clackamas, R. F. D., first; C. W. Swallow, Oregon City, second; C. O. Allen, third.

Buckwheat—W. B. Stafford, Oregon City, first.

A WORTHY APPEAL.

My Dear Friend and Sympathizer:

Once more I have the privilege and pleasure of bringing before you our "Self Denial," which effort is an annual one held by our organization to raise the necessary funds for the support of Heathen and Home Missions. The dates are set from the 16th to the 30th of April, 1905.

Through official arrangement it has been decided that the amount raised during this effort will entirely be devoted to the making of a payment toward our property at Oregon City, on which we have a mortgage of \$550.

We expect to raise at least \$100, which can easily be gotten if everyone helps a little. You, dear citizens of Oregon City, have stood by us in times past and certainly will stand by again if you only know that we need your assistance. While we are very grateful for what you have done for us, we come again to you with unshaken confidence, asking you to lend us once more the hand of assistance, by throwing your contributions together. Many hands make light work, while many little ones put together makes a big one, amounting to something after all. Therefore, be generous, and give according to your means. Our officer, Lieutenant Z. C. Ward, will call at your address and gather the donations you may set aside for this purpose. If you are not able to do great things, do little things, and if you can't give much, give a little, but help anyway.

Relying upon your kind and practical assistance, and in anticipation, thanking you for any financial assistance you may render toward our cause, I remain as ever, yours in the Master's service for the good of others.

Respectfully and gratefully,
LOUIS BRUGMAN,
Captain.

MT. PLEASANT.

We have had quite a change in the weather, but hope it will not last long.

Miss Imo Myers called on Miss Rowland Sunday.

Mrs. Freeman was visiting Mrs. Way Saturday and Sunday.

Mr. Hughes and Mr. Eades started for Eastern Oregon Sunday. They expect to return with quite a number of horses.

Mrs. Geo. Harding has been visiting her mother at Gladstone, but returned home Thursday.

Miss Lucile Kellogg was calling on Miss Riggs the other day.

Miss Emma Roman has been visiting her sister at Colton.

Mr. Partlow is on the sick list.

Mrs. Smith is improving greatly.

Mr. Braker is improving his place out in the country where he expects to make his home.

A large crowd attended the entertainment at the school house last Friday night. All report a good time.

Miss Bertha Thomas was visiting the school last Friday.

Our literary society, which has been going on since last November, closed last Saturday night. A very entertaining program was followed by an interesting debate, and after it, M. J. Lazelle, our worthy editor, read a very nice poem which he had composed.

CELEBRATION AT CHAMPOEG.

62d Anniversary of Founding of Provisional Government to Be Observed.

On May 2, 1843, at "Old Champoeg," a lusty infant, which was christened "Provisional Government," was born at which Joseph Meek, F. X. Matthieu, William H. Gray, Rev. J. L. Parrish, Rev. J. S. Groffin and "47 others" stood sponsors. The 62d anniversary of this momentous event—the birth of civil government on American territory on the Pacific Coast—will be appropriately celebrated on Tuesday, May 2, prox. Ex-Governor Geer has consented to act as president of the day, and the Aurora band will provide music. Hon. Robt. G. Smith, a native son, the strenuous orator from Josephine County, will give the principal address. Brief remarks will be made by others. Hon. F. X. Matthieu, the sole survivor of the notable event in which 102 persons participated, and who celebrated his 87th birthday a few days ago, is in excellent health and will be present. The Altona will leave Portland for Champoeg at 6:45 a. m., and returning leave Champoeg at 4 p. m. for Portland. Fare from any point above Canemah only 50 cents for the round trip.

School Report.

Following is the report of Meadowbrook School District No. 11, for the month ending April 14, 1905:

Number of days taught, 29; number of pupils enrolled, 27; average daily attendance, 19; number days absence, 15; number cases tardiness, 4.

Those who were neither absent nor tardy during the month are: Beulah Russell, Vera Hall, Glenn Larkins, Lela Russell, Robert Snodgrass, Gladys Snodgrass, Inez Snodgrass, Kate Snodgrass, Mildred Denison, Annie Denison, Pauline Hofstetter, Otto Hofstetter, Oliva Larson and Franklin Cooper.

EDITH KARR,

Settled the Controversy.

"James," cried Mrs. Timmid, sitting up in bed, "there are burglars down stairs."

"Oh, no, there ain't, my dear," replied Mr. Timmid.

"I tell you there are not."

"I'm sure there ain't."

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"Your husband is right mum," interposed a low-browed individual, who thrust his head into the room at this juncture. "We're up stairs."

And as he started down the steps he was heard to say to his pal: "I always believe in helping a husband out whenever I kin. I'm a married man myself."

The April Fool.

Now come the April foolers with their foolishness, once more.

And the army of them's greater than it ever was before.

The tricks they play are funny when on others they are played.

But they're always very stupid when a fool the fooler's made.