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"Too Many Churches" Causes Lively Interest

Leading Pastors and Laymen Believe Hood River Would Be Stronger in Religious Matters If Local Churches Were United

Believing that Hood River has too many churches, a belief, by the way, that is shared by a good many people at Hood River, both in and out of the church, Rev. T. B. Ford, pastor of Asbury Methodist church, and Rev. J. R. Hargreaves, pastor of the Baptist church, Sunday took up this theme for discussion.

In opening his sermon Mr. Hargreaves said that if a text should be chosen an appropriate one would be, "Ye serve the Lord Christ," supplemented with "The children of this world are wiser in their generation than the children of light." Continuing he said in part:

Religion is the thought of the higher than self worked through the emotions into daily life. This indicates the distinction between the exercises of the sanctuary and what should be legitimately designated service of Christ. The church worship answers the call of our natures for stimulation to the performance of everyday duties. The service of Christ is tersely described by James in his epistle, "Pure religion and undefiled before God and the Father is this, to visit the fatherless and widow in their affliction and keep yourselves unspotted from the world." This text suggesting the general expression of good will and helpfulness.

To the rendering of Christian service multiplicity of organizations is one great obstacle. In the first place it takes so much energy to keep the different societies going that nothing is left for service. It takes so much effort to run the engine that it leaves nothing for the machinery of service. Again in the strenuous endeavor to maintain existence things are done which injure confidence rather than inspire. The desire for members, at times, becomes so pronounced as to lead to questionable methods for the securing of additional helpers, even to the point of proselyting in ingenuously hidden form, and the sacred revival service has come to be looked upon, and not always without cause, as a means of increasing the church roll. These and other deflections from strict Christian ethics are, however, more the result of unfortunate conditions than defective Christian character. Further than these the multitude of organizations stands in the way of high classed exercises, there are not enough singers to go around, competent teachers for Sunday school are not available for the many small classes and the work of the minister is not so clear cut and helpful as it would be if he had the larger inspiration. Lastly I would mention the breaking up of social

circles as not a small disadvantage. Now the question is, what will we do about it. When we meditate on the history of leading denominations we appreciate their existence but realize that in many instances the conditions which called them forth have ceased to exist. But we also realize that during their existence large investments have been made and important work entered upon in missionary and educational endeavor. In the effort for better local conditions these interests and the affections of people which go with them must be taken care of. This suggests that the process of getting together must be one of amalgamation rather than the absorption of the weaker by the stronger. Local denominations can combine for worship and service and still retain their independence so far as outside connection is concerned. And in Hood River if we would have effective religious life something like this must be done. It is not in any principle which would need to be sacrificed in their coming together that the serious point lies, but in principles we are continuously sacrificing by remaining as we are, the principles involved in inability to render real service.

Organizations could go together in Hood River, choosing some name of local significance and under it placing the names of constituent societies, thus putting themselves in position for effective and happy local work and setting examples for other communities similarly situated.

What needs to be done can be done! Let us do something!

In regard to the interest taken in the open forum meetings a writer interested in the subject of uniting churches writes the News as follows: It was clearly demonstrated by the lawyers, doctors, business men and laymen that the people have grown tired of materialism and are hungering and thirsting for something spiritual, something concrete, that is not exparte and abstract, something that is an entity, something that furnishes food for thought something that will improve the condition of mankind and make society better. After the close of the open forum course Dr. Ford began a course of Sunday evening sermons on the lines I have indicated which have proved interesting and instructive.

Last Sunday evening the Doctor was at his best and proceeded to discuss the previously announced subject of too many churches in Hood River in a clear cut, eloquent and most logical manner, which held the undivided attention of his audience which was benefitted as well as being profitably entertained and instructed.

Dr. Ford in addition to being an optimist is a man of high spiritual ideals fifteen or twenty years in advance of present careless indifference and complacent contentment and



We Are Still on the Wrong Side of Safety.

By Governor CHARLES E. HUGHES of New York.

It is patriotism which counts as TRAITORS all those who take up against the state the arms of injustice or seek to turn to selfish uses the agencies designed to protect the common interest.

The enemies of democracy are not to be found in particular propagandists merely because we may deem their proposals to be visionary or unwise. The danger lies more in method than in proposal. If the former be fair and right we may trust the latter to the public judgment.

WE MAY BE GRATIFIED AT THE EVIDENCE OF MORAL SOUNDNESS IN OUR PEOPLE SO FREQUENTLY ILLUSTRATED IN THE RESPONSE OF PUBLIC INDIGNATION AT THE CORRUPT ABUSE OF PUBLIC TRUST. BUT, WHILE EXPOSURE OF GROSS CORRUPTION IS UNFAILINGLY DENOUNCED, IT IS LAMENTABLY TRUE THAT WE DO NOT HAVE THAT MEASURE OF CONTINUOUS AND UNRESENTING RESISTANCE TO CORRUPT INFLUENCES WHICH WE HAVE A RIGHT TO EXPECT FROM OUR CITIZENS, AND PARTICULARLY FROM THOSE MOST FAVORED BY ABILITY AND SUCCESS.

The man who will not corrupt public officers if he believes himself secure from discovery in order to protect his business or to get what he wants or perhaps thinks he should have is unhappily too RARE.

And despite the increasing number of men who go from college halls to the pursuits of the business world there does not seem to be an increase in like proportion of the number of those who realize that success can be too dearly purchased and that the first duty of a patriotic man of business is to conduct his business in a PATRIOTIC MANNER.

I believe we have made large gains in this matter and that higher STANDARDS ARE MAINTAINED, but we are STILL ON THE WRONG SIDE OF THE LINE OF SAFETY.

Whatever disagreement there may be as to all other things, we should endeavor, so far as in us lies, to put a stop to official corruption. We shall not eradicate it, as we shall not stop entirely the commission of other crimes, but we may largely reduce its prevalence.

don't care. He realizes that his mission is to arouse the people from their lethargy and slumber. He draws a clear distinction between true christianity and modern churchianity based on ecclesiastical creedal dogmas. That the number of church organizations are out of ratio with the population of the town the Doctor showed by statistics to be true, and that the attendance is meager is plain.

The large number of empty pews at Dr. Ford's church during these Sunday evening discourses, as well as at the other churches where the pastors are laboring with these practical problems, to say the least is not highly complimentary to the intellectual development of the people of Hood River and the standard of civilization we boast of. It is true we boast of our natural resources and University Club, but careless indifference with regard to a high standard of morals and moral honesty which are made secondary to sordid gain and commercial pursuits is a sure sign of a decaying civilization.

Against this condition Dr. Ford is raising his voice and showing that to overcome this tendency is the mission of the church and the new dispensation of the twentieth century.

MAY SELL BONDS TO DENVER HOUSE

Interest in the sale of the water bonds has been revived during the past few days by the assertion that Keeler Bros., a bond concern of Denver representing eastern insurance money, has a contract to take the bonds at 6 per cent, with an added bonus of \$1,100. It is understood that in consideration of these generous terms Keeler Bros. will defray the expense of advertising the bonds, having them printed and other incidental expenses. The firm is stated to have \$170,000 of insurance money to lend on these terms and arrangements are being made by them to take over the bonds for building the new school house in the Barrett district.

The high rate of interest and long term for which the water bonds are issued with the added bonus has caused considerable adverse comment among the taxpayers and has also stirred up some of the other bond houses on the coast who would like to bid for the bonds on these

Commercial Club Fitting Up New Home

Organization Which Will Occupy Entire Second Floor of First National Bank Building to Take On Added Dignity and Influence

With the fitting up of the new quarters of the Commercial Club, which is now taking place, the organization will soon take on a greater dignity and wider sphere of influence in the affairs of the community. The new apartments for the club, which will occupy the entire second story of the First National Bank building, are spacious, convenient and have been especially designed for the uses of the club. The entrance to the club rooms is by a private stairway at the west front of the building. This culminates in a well-lighted and roomy hallway. To the right is the apartment for the Woman's Club and the lounging room for club members. These occupy the entire front of the structure, the former being on the west side of the building and the latter occupying the space on the corner and commanding a fine view of Oak and Third streets. Across the hall from this is the secretary's office, with windows fronting on Third street. A private door leads from the secretary's office to the big assembly hall, and another to the rostrum placed at the south end of the auditorium. The assembly hall will seat three hundred and will be fitted with handsome chairs, electric light fixtures and other conveniences for the use of the meetings. From the stairway to the left along the hall are the lavatories, card room and billiard room. The billiard room has already been equipped with modern billiard and pool tables and a cork flooring, and other adjuncts that will add to the pleasure and convenience of the players have been supplied.

The furnishings and fittings for the rooms throughout will be handsome and tasteful, and when opened for use the new club rooms will give Hood River the social and business home it has long needed. It is planned to open the rooms with a public function, the details of which

terms. It is claimed by some of them that the added interest feature puts a new phase on the matter of buying the bonds, while others state that there will be no necessity of paying six per cent if the city will wait until later in the year when the bond market becomes easier. They also point out that the money from the bonds will not be necessary now until next spring, but if obtained now interest will have to be paid causing an additional expense of several thousand dollars.

Mr. Keeler has been in conference with members of the city council and several of the directors of the First National bank for several days with the expectation of closing the deal. It is said the only matter that stands in the way is that of advertising the bonds which is provided for in the ordinance, but it is thought that some way may be devised of adjusting the matter.

will be announced later, and at which time it will be the intention of the officers and members of the club to impress on the residents of both city and valley that the organization is a public institution open to the people of the entire city and valley and depending on them for its support.

In several respects the Commercial Club entered on its most important work this year. The literature that will be distributed by it is the most attractive ever issued for any community on the coast and covers a wider field. Including the entire issue, over 100,000 booklets of various sizes and forms are being supplied, and the community booklet, which will come from the press shortly, will be the edition de luxe of productions of this character. With a home and a system established for carrying on the work of the club, Hood River will reap added benefits from its commercial organization and be placed on a footing with its rival communities.

OREGON'S EMINENT EDITOR DIES IN EAST

Harvey W. Scott, veteran editor of The Portland Oregonian, died in John Hopkins Hospital, Baltimore, Monday, of heart failure, 32 hours after a surgical operation.

Mr. Scott left the operating table Saturday morning in strong condition, but later began sinking and in spite of the best stimulants known to medical science his heart grew steadily weaker until the end. He was conscious almost to the last and the end was painless.

With him were his wife and one of his sons, Leslie Scott, who had accompanied him on his trip.

Mr. Scott began failing nearly three months ago from an attack of sciatica. Early in June he went to Hot Lake, Eastern Oregon, but the baths there greatly debilitated him. At last convinced that only surgery could relieve him, he started for John Hopkins Hospital, from Portland, about two weeks ago.

The operation was pronounced entirely successful and the surgeons and physicians were confident of recovery until Monday, when an unexpected weakness of the heart ensued which the physicians were powerless to cope with.

In addition to his wife, Mr. Scott is survived by three sons and a daughter and several sisters, among them Mrs. Abigail Scott Dunway.

WILL BUILD FINE COUNTRY RESIDENCE

Plans for one of the finest country homes in the valley are now being prepared by Albert Sutton, the architect, for H. C. Peters. Work on the structure is expected to be commenced immediately, and it will be located on the knoll in the center of Mr. Peters' forty acre orchard.

The style of architecture is something new at Hood River, being after the order of English country homes. The exterior of the first story will receive a brick veneer and half beam treatment, with the second story plastered. The dimensions are 33x41 feet, with full basement, and the plans provide for nine rooms. The living and dining rooms are to be finished in stained wainscoting, with the woodwork in the other rooms in white egg shell enamel finish.

A feature of the house will be a complete cold storage room in the basement, thoroughly insulated, and it will also be equipped with electric light and intercommunicating telephones.

Stealing Milk.

Geo. D. Hascall of the Purty Dairy Co. reported several cases of milk theft to Marshal Lewis Tuesday, and states that the company will take active steps to prosecute the offenders if they can be located. For several mornings customers have notified the company that their milk was missing and the marshal is investigating.

CRUSHED TO DEATH BY FALLING LOG

Daniel Smith, employed for some time on the logging railroad of the Oregon Lumber Company was killed Friday at a logging camp in the Upper Valley by having a log fall on him. Smith, who was breaking on the logging train, seated himself on the track underneath the car while it was being loaded with logs. The logs became loosened before they could be secured and started to roll from the car and one of them caught Smith before he could escape. The heavy timber pinned him to the ground causing death almost instantly.

Coroner Edgington was notified of the accident and Saturday held an inquest. The verdict was to the effect that the unfortunate man met his death from a cause for which no one could be held responsible.

The body was brought to this city where it was prepared for burial and the funeral which was largely attended was held Sunday afternoon from Bartness chapel, Rev. W. C. Gilmore conducting the services. Burial was in Idlewild cemetery.

The deceased was 33 years old, having been born March 20th, 1877, at Arabia, Kan., and came to Hood River about six years ago. About three years ago his wife died leaving him with four children, all of whom survive. He is also survived by his brother, B. B. Smith, who is a conductor on the Mount Hood railroad.

Events Of World Wide Interest Pictured for Busy Readers



News Snapshots Of the Week
Marshall P. Wilder, humorist, reported dangerously ill, but denied it. Escorted by a detachment of the Canadian mounted police, Earl Grey, governor general of Canada, starts on 600 mile tour of inspection, traveling through unsettled portion of the Dominion. The Pilgrims' Monument at Provincetown, Mass., dedicated Aug. 5. Chilean president, Pedro Montt, arrives in New York. Ohio Republicans in convention at Columbus unanimously choose Warren G. Harding as candidate for governor. Blaming state of financial affairs of the Westinghouse Electric company to management of its founder, George Westinghouse, directors ousted him from control. Theater going public shocked on learning that Cecilia Loftus had to undergo surgical operation.