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Christian Science

That a deep interest in Christian Science is felt locally was made manifest Tuesday night when a large and intelligent audience assembled to hear its tenets discussed by Mr. Frank H. Leonard, one of its ablest advocates. Mr. Leonard's address was without venom for other faiths, enlightening, and no doubt did much toward destroying prejudice and misconception in regard to this widespread and growing religious movement. To those who have studied it, its growth is remarkable and its influence in the religious world a factor universally recognized.

Speaking in a comparative sense, Christian Science is not, however, a new idea, thought or movement except, perhaps, in its application and the combining of the teachings of Christ and the Bible with the conclusions of the oldest philosophers and establishing a propaganda so simple that it can be grasped by the lay mind. To those who can repudiate the divinity of Christ, and then accept his teachings from a mental and perhaps spiritual, rather than a physical or mortal point of view, this faith no doubt affords a haven of religious peace and strength. Its healing powers, however, must be ascribed to the rehabilitation of the will in those who are spiritually, mentally and physically weak—in other words, an ascendancy of mind over matter, a principle almost as old as the hills, and so admitted by all great thinkers. As a combination, therefore, of the spiritualistic and metaphysical, this latest of America's widespread religious movements presents an interesting study, while its beneficent influences cannot be denied. The outcome of a growing disbelief, by many, in foreordination, a hell of fire and brimstone, and the divine birth of Christ, it has come as an anchor to those seeking new religious consolation. To physical suffering superinduced by what may be termed a diseased mentality, it has also brought rehabilitation and relief. To those who can embrace a religion stripped of its outward forms of worship, of its traditions, of its mysticisms and time-honored customs, Christian Science makes a strong appeal. In the religious world, as its eloquent advocate stated, it can aptly be termed a business religion.

Clark and the Presidency

A widespread publicity campaign, now being made, no longer leaves doubt as to the aspiration of Champbeau Clark, or "Champ," as he is familiarly called, to influence public opinion in favor of his nomination as the Democratic candidate for President. Naturally the Southern press is for Clark, and the Anderson, South Carolina, Mail says:

"Signs have been multiplying for some time that Wilson is losing ground. The Mail predicted weeks ago that Clark would become stronger the more the people study the situation. Clark is the logical man for the nomination and this is being more generally recognized every day. And he is going to be nominated."

Taking the opposite view, we believe the more the people study the situation the less likely is Clark to be nominated, and less, yet, likely to be elected in case he is nominated. Clark's part in the Canadian reciprocity legislation has placed him in the equivocal position of a statesman whose views cannot be taken seriously, although witty and brilliant.

That Wilson is losing ground may be true. He is not, however, Clark's only antagonist, for looming big on the political horizon is Ohio's mighty citizen, Judson B. Harmon.

Harriman Change of Policy

A general reorganization of the Harriman railroad lines on the Coast will, for the first time, give the Northwest an executive head whose decision will be final, and who will be in close touch with its needs and interests. Hampered by having to submit matters even of trivial weight to officers who resided in the East, and whose interest must of necessity have been more occupied by things close at hand, the operating of the Harriman and other allied lines in Oregon has been unwieldy and more or less ineffective. By selecting a man who has spent years on the Coast, who has risen from the ground up in railroading, and whose directing hand will be from the metropolis of Oregon's interests, much can be hoped for in better and more intelligent administration. The time has passed for ignoring Oregon's claims to progressive railroad administration. Its needs can be no longer neglected, and the natural sequence is an executive head on the ground, who can act wisely and promptly, irrespective of red tape and higher-ups.

The Dago and Turk

While war between England and Germany was contemplated with grave apprehension by the world powers, they are concerning themselves but little over bloodshed between the Turk and Italian. Having nothing to lose, the powers are keeping their hands off. To the public, a struggle between the Dago and the Turk has much the elements of an impromptu dog fight, in which the land of the fez has but few sympathizers. Spoiling for the need of a trouncing for some time, Italy can perhaps do the job with less interference than any other nation.

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Office Fixtures and Furniture	5,700.55
Cash on Hand and in Other Banks	156,590.96
	\$685,794.88

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