

**NEW CHURCH AT BINGEN IS FORMALLY DEDICATED**

The First Congregational church of Bingen was dedicated Sunday. Rev. W. W. Sandler, D. D., of Seattle delivered the dedicatory sermon. Fellowship addresses were made by Rev. J. G. Tate, Rev. H. C. Lowden and Rev. E. A. Harris, who are pastors of neighboring churches. Rev. J. H. Matthews of Seattle preached the sermon at the concluding service Sunday evening. The church, with lots, which are centrally located, cost \$2500. The sum of \$400 was raised at the dedicatory service and the church was dedicated free from debt. This church was organized one year ago by Rev. J. L. Hershner,

general Congregational Missionary for Washington, and has since its organization been under his care. The church will now take steps to secure a resident pastor.

**Baptist Church**

At the Baptist church next Sunday night Mr. Hargreaves will preach the third sermon in the series on "Simple Principles." Subject, "When the World is at Peace." This will anticipate the "Peace Day" which will be observed at some places during the week.

Mrs. H. D. Pineo and little daughter Margaret left Saturday on an extended trip East. Mrs. Pineo expects to visit New York, Boston, Montreal and other points en route to her former home in Nova Scotia, where she will spend the summer. A

gathering of friends was at the station to bid her farewell.

**Christian Science Services**

Christian Science services will be held in the Commercial Club rooms Sunday at 11 a. m., subject, "Adam and Fallen Man."

Sunday school at 11 a. m. in room 6, Davidson building. Wednesday evening testimonial meetings are held in Davidson building. All are cordially invited to attend these services. Reading room open daily, No. 6, Davidson building.

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# Light and Power Facts

"**WE DESIRE TO ASSURE OUR PATRONS,**" says an article in the Hood River Glacier recently, signed by N. C. Evans, "and the public at large of the absolute falsehood of recent reports that have been circulated by so-called officers, managers, secretaries and solicitors of the Hood River Gas & Electric Company. Statements they have used in order to persuade our patrons to break their contracts and get in on the ground floor with them with cheap rates while there is yet time. Also they have reported that the Hydro Electric Company had come under their control."

We wish to say to the president of the Hydro Electric Company and the general public that no such reports emanated from this office. Two men employed to trace this rumor down came back to us with the statement that they were the utterances of linemen, who had been discharged by the Hydro Electric Company, who claim to have seen the notice of the sale in some of the big eastern papers.

In reply to Mr. Evans' next paragraph we wish to say, and we stand ready to prove, that the \$50,000.00 of capital stock of the Hood River Gas & Electric Company was not issued in payment of a lot of rocky lands and water rights at a fictitious valuation, but was fully paid up in actual cash deposited largely in a local bank before the company began to do business; that this stock was not subscribed or paid for by the Pacific Power & Light Company or by funds coming directly or indirectly from that company, and that the Pacific Power & Light Company neither owns or controls one share of stock in the Hood River Gas & Electric Company. The suggestion, therefore, that this company is not in good faith in failing to offer customers a contract with the Pacific Power & Light Company is absurd and malicious on its face, as not only are our contracts perfectly secured (and we have offered to guarantee any doubting customer in regard thereto) but the Pacific Power & Light Company is not doing business in this city and has no means for performing an electric contract here. This fact is as well known to the Hydro Electric Company as to anyone else, and the suggestion made in their advertisement therefore is for no other purpose than to mislead and deceive the public.

On the other hand what security have you for the permanent performance of the contract signed by the Hydro Electric Company?

The minimum possible amount has been actually invested by the Hydro Electric Company in its plant, and its land and water rights, although taken into the company, at a roseate stock value, are valuable, if at all, principally for present speculative purposes.

Whatever the plant and lands are worth, they could all be sold outright to a purchaser without necessitating the purchaser being bound by the contract, leaving no security whatever to the present Hydro contract holders for their performance. A two-third vote of the stock of the company is sufficient to sell out its property and it cannot be denied that the sale has been attempted and will be made whenever the controlling interest in the Hydro Electric Company can get "their price." The sooner all of the citizens of Hood River understand that the Hydro Electric Company is not a charitable institution, or has any other purpose than that of obtaining a fancy price for its property solely by reason of its "nuisance value," the sooner the general purposes and motives of the present recurring attacks from the officers of the Hydro Electric Company and the real value that should be given them will be understood.

As far as the Hood River Gas & Electric Company is concerned in its present campaign, its sole object is to furnish electric service of character and at prices so satisfactory that it will recover its former customers and the good will of the business purchase from the Pacific Power & Light Company. This purpose it has consistently carried out. Many of our former customers have been misled by misrepresentation into temporarily leaving our lines for the service of the Hydro Electric Company, but we are glad to say that we have recently regained eleven representative customers (not "two" as stated in Mr. Evans' advertisement) and many others have given notice of their intention of coming back to our service.

Even were Mr. Evans' statement true, that we are running at a loss, we should persist to the utmost in our purpose of protecting the people of the city of Hood River against the inflated and unnecessary expense attempted to be saddled upon the former company by forcing the purchase of an additional electric property upon it at a fictitious price, the purpose of which would have necessarily caused the levy of an additional burden upon the citizens of the city. This company has never made any overtures or attempted any negotiations, either directly or indirectly for the purchase of the Hydro Electric property, although many suggestions and overtures have vainly been made to us by apparent "outside parties" looking to such a purchase, which we are satisfied were not without the authority of the persons who could deliver the goods.

The last paragraph of Mr. Evans' statement reads prettily enough, but the pity is that the thinking people of Hood River are not so easily influenced by flattery and words as the writer of that paragraph evidently supposes. They know that the Hydro plant was not constructed as a philanthropy. They are commencing to realize that they are fostering a promotion scheme, which if successful will fill the pockets of the promoters from their own. They are beginning to appreciate that it is not the part of wisdom or common sense to lend aid to a project whose inception was an economic extravagance forced upon them and can mean nothing but an additional burden.

As read between the lines the burden of Mr. Evans' announcement seems to be his disappointment that the rumor of the sale of the Hydro Plant to the Hood River Gas & Electric Company was really a rumor instead of having been true.

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