EASTERN CHURCHES

Great Crowds Are Drawn Out to Services.

FINE MUSICAL PROGRAMMES

Elaborate Decorations of Easter Flowers and Greens Add Beauty to Altars and Auditoriums—Elaborate Exercises at Cathedral.

Pleasant weather and the expectation of seeing Easter decorations and hearing sermons and Easter musical selections drew large congregations to the various city churches yesterday. In many cases all the pews were filled before the services began, and it became necessary to bring in chairs to accommodate the crowds. Inquiries showed that more people went to church in this city yesterday than have done so for a long period. The churches smelled of Easter flowers, moss and Oregon grape.

Possibly the most highly decorated church in town was the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception, Fifteenth and Davis streets. The main altar was ablaze with the light of many candles, and decked with Bermuda lilies and calla lilies from California, relieved by natural flowers from the woods around the city. The whole effect was exceedingly artistic. J. Adrian Epping, choirmaster of the Cathedral, had an interesting musical programme prepared for high mass yesterday morning, and the work of the choir of 35 voices under his leadership showed that the singers had worked faithfully at rehearsals. All the choruses were marked by prompt attack, and fine light and shade. The opening chorus was "Ecce Sacerdos," by Rampis. Then came Faure's "Ave Verum," sung by Mrs. Walter Reed and several of her pupils, the balance of tone being evenly distributed, and the finish gratifying for the young singers. The two other choruses were Haydn's "First Mass in B Flat" and "Haec Dies," by Wiegand. One of the features of the service was a solo by Miss Kathleen Lawler, during the offertory, "Regina Coeli," written by Lambiotti, and the selection just suited her voice. Her tone was pure and of a liquid quality. The various quartets were admirably sung by Miss Lawler, Mrs. Walter Reed, Mr. Belcher and Mr. Cearns. The work of 14 male voices in a chorus measure is to be commended, and these singers ought to sing more male chorus work. Miss Edith M. McGinn played the organ accompaniments with ability.

The preacher was Rev. Dr. McDevitt, of Burns, who is at present the guest of Archbishop Christie. It had been intended at first to present an elaborate vesper service, but at the last minute it was decided to have a quiet service instead, and one of the musical features was a duet, "O Salutaris," by Nicolai, sung by Miss Lawler and Mr. Belcher. The musical programme for both services was one of the best that has ever been presented at the Cathedral, and it should encourage the choir in their work.

AT FIRST PRESBYTERIAN.

A Fine Musical Programme and Thoughtful Sermon.

The First Presbyterian Church was filled to overflowing at both services. Over the pulpit and preaching platform were garlands of Oregon grape, smilax, Easter lilies and calla lilies. One feature of the decoration was a large cross, depending from the choir gallery, made of leaves and calla lilies. Organist Edgar E. Coursen had prepared an unusually fine musical programme, good quartet work being noticeable in the anthem, "As It Began to Dawn," by Reed. The congregational singing was hearty.

Rev. Dr. Edgar P. Hill preached a thoughtful, well-seasoned sermon on "The Message of the Risen Lord." The central thought was that, as flowers awake in the Spring as from a rest, so should we live up to our opportunities. The Sunday school celebration followed the morning service, and proved to be a most interesting one. The members of the Sunday school completely filled the central portion of the auditorium, and the children of the primary and intermediate departments, with their earnest faces and pretty white dresses, made an attractive picture. Visitors were interested in Mrs. R. K. Warren's large Bible class of young women, one of the largest in Oregon, of which they have heard so much, and the young women sang very acceptably, in unison, the chorus "Zion," by Paul Rodney.

A good memory test came when the little girls and boys of the intermediate department repeated, in regular rotation, without one pause, all the books of the Old and New Testament, and the Apostles' Creed. Attracted by the singing, a Scotch terrier dog walked down the central aisle and presided over the proceedings with becoming gravity.

The musical numbers by the pupils were: Duet for two violins, "Don't Be Cross," by Lucile Collette and Philip Kamm; chorus, "Lily Bells," primary department; exercise, "Cross and Crown," by Clarise Biles, Alouise Bradley, Janie Kerr, Helen McCrusher and Gretchen Klosterman; solo, "Lead, Kindly Light," Miss Hannah G. Schloth. After the little graduates had received their diplomas, Rev. Dr. Hill gave a short address of wise counsel. During the exercises, several hymns were sung, and Mr. Coursen contributed two organ solos.

At the church evening service, a more elaborate programme of Easter music was presented, and two of the special features were Dressler's anthem, "O Light That Breaks From Yonder Tomb," with violin obligato, and a new anthem written for Easter, "Home," the words being by R. K. Warren and the music by E. E. Coursen. It is an exceedingly tuneful composition and rich in harmony. The violinist at this service was Reginald L. Hidden, and he played with his usual fine skill.

DAY AT ST. MARK'S.

Baritone Solo of Millard O. Lownsdale Feature of Programme.

St. Mark's Episcopal Church was crowded to the doors yesterday by the worshipers who gathered there, and it became necessary to provide extra seats. The principal service was morning prayer at 11 o'clock, when the preacher was the rector, Rev. J. E. Simpson. He spoke from St. Luke xxiv:34. The altar was tastefully decorated with Easter flowers and the various side windows of the church with leaves and wild flowers. The musical service was a long and ambitious one, the chief feature of which was the singing of a baritone solo by Millard O. Lownsdale, of La Fayette, a favorite singer of Oregon, who has been heard here too seldom, recently. There was much interest expressed in his reappearance, and he sang with his old-time finish, purity of tone and volume. His selection was a number by Dudley Buck, "Oh, Send Out Thy Light." Before he left the church Mr. Lownsdale was reminded that he had friends in Portland who wished to hear him sing whenever he cares to do so. The anthems by the church choir were well sung, and J. M. Lighter, the organist and choirmaster, is entitled to credit for his good work.

DR. ACKERMAN'S FAREWELL.

His Last Sermon Preached at First Congregational.

Rev. Dr. Arthur W. Ackerman preached his farewell sermon at the First Congregational Church last night from the text Isaiah vii:9, "If thou wilt not believe, surely thou shalt not be established." After referring to Paul's habit of saying something of importance at the close of his letters prefaced by the word "finally," Dr. Ackerman gave as his last message, "Believe." He said in part:

"Believe in your city, one of the most beautiful in the country, with a rare location and a people that need the saving power of the gospel. Believe in its possibilities and its future, in its opportunities and the prospect of purifying it of its dark places. Believe in the church. Some people find no use for its activities and will not lend their aid to support it, although they believe in the necessity of its existence. But men find the fellowship of the church indispensable, and are lonely when they attempt to work by themselves. With all the criticism of its activities today it is the greatest instrument used of God for the redemption of society.

"Believe in character; not gush, but character. When you see a man that stands four square with the length of him and the breadth of him and the height of him equal—when his ambition does not cloud his sympathy and his ambition and his sympathy do not dwarf his moral and spiritual stature, then prize his friendship. Such a man is worth watching, imitating following, for he will lead to the loftiest attainments of the human soul.

"Believe in Christ. Believe in him as the shepherd of your souls, who will lead into green pastures and by the side of the still waters. Believe in the minister who speaks for Christ, who has the Christlife in him and stands for the power of the glorious gospel; the minister who leads as Jesus would lead, and feeds the hungry soul with good things. Believe in Christ as the captain of your salvation; as the one who sees all the field, and whose commands are to be implicitly obeyed. The one who goes before into every conflict and faces with you every foe. Believe in Christ as your great high priest, who has stood before God in your behalf and stands before you in God's behalf; who does for you that which you may not do for yourself, and if you trust your life in his keeping will bring you at last to God's eternal peace."

There was a large congregation present, and at the conclusion of Dr. Ackerman's sermon many persons availed themselves of the opportunity to shake hands with him and wish him Godspeed in his new work. The musical programme by the choir was an admirable one, particularly the solos by Mrs. Rose Bloch Bauer.

WOODMEN AT SERVICE.

They Attend First Baptist Church in a Body.

Special Easter Services were held at the First Baptist Church yesterday, both morning and evening. The morning service was devoted to the children, and the members of the three Sunday schools, the home school, the Savier-Street Mission and the Chinese Mission attended in a body, filling the auditorium of the church. At this service the new local missionary, Miss Fannie I. Allen, was formally welcomed to her new field of labor. A feature of the service was the singing and recitation by members of the Chinese Sunday school.

At the evening service, the various camps in the city of the Woodmen of the World attended in a body, by special invitation, and Rev. Dr. Alexander Blackburn preached on the subject, "The Resurrection, as Taught in the Fields and Woods." Professor W. M. Wilder prepared profitable and pleasing musical selections at both services, the singing of the male quartet being excellent. The church was finely decorated with Easter flowers.

AT ST. LAWRENCE'S.

Impressive Services Held, With Full Choral Celebration.

The services yesterday morning at St. Lawrence's Church, Third and Sherman streets, were unusually impressive. A full choir under the leadership of N. C. Zan, with Miss Mattie Kelly as organist, executed Haydn's Third Mass, with commendable skill and precision. The solos by Miss Lizzie Harwas were exceptional in character, her melodious voice reaching the highest notes with ease. The church within presented a beautiful picture, the central and side altars being entirely hidden under the profusion of calla lilies. At the 10:30 service, Rev. E. P. Murphy, of Columbia University, was the celebrant of high mass, and Rev. J. C. Hughes, rector of the church, preached on "The Resurrection." An elaborate programme was also rendered at the evening service.

SERVICES AT TRINITY.

B. S. A. Armory Was Beautifully Decorated—Fine Musical Programme.

The Easter services of Trinity Episcopal Church were conducted in the armory of the Bishop Scott Academy, beginning with holy communion, at 7 A. M. The pews, the chancel and church fixtures of Trinity Church had been transferred to the big drill hall, which, with the beautiful floral decorations, resembled a church interior. The morning services began at 11 A. M., and were attended by an unusually large gathering, few, if any, of the regular parishioners being absent. The special musical services were conducted by the vested choir of men and boys, and were appropriate for the occasion. The offertory, "The Wilderness," was especially beautiful.

Dr. Morrison took his text from I Corinthians, xv:51-52: "Behold, I show you a mystery; we shall not all sleep, but we shall all be changed, in a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trump. For the trumpet shall sound, and the dead shall be raised incorruptible, and we shall be changed."

The sermon was based upon the idea of the resurrection and the eternal life, and was an ideal Easter discourse.

After the morning services there was a celebration of the holy communion, in which a large number of the members of Trinity joined. There was a Sunday school service at 9:30 A. M., and an administration of the holy baptism at 5 P. M.

Regular services, with special Easter music, were held in the evening.

All Services Well Attended.

Well-attended Easter services, with excellent musical programmes, took place at Taylor-Street Methodist Episcopal, Calvary Presbyterian, First Unitarian, St. Matthew's Episcopal, St. John's Presbyterian and other city churches.

AN IMPRESSIVE SERVICE.

Large Collections Raised by St David's Church and Sunday School.

The Easter services in the morning at St. David's Episcopal Church, East Side, were attended by a large congregation, filling the entire edifice. Chairs were brought in and every available space occupied, and a number were obliged to go away, unable to gain admission. The church was decorated with ivy and Oregon grape, and around the pillars were red carnations and maidenhair, while at their base and around the lectern were potted plants and ferns. Over and upon the altar, and in the front, was a profusion of Easter lilies, whose perfume filled the building. The chancel rail and choir stalls were also entwined with ivy and Oregon grape, and the whole presented a very beautiful and tastefully arranged picture.

The choir entered the church from the front door, each chorister having a white carnation with a sprig of maidenhair attached to his white cotta, and singing "Hail! Festal Day," as they marched down the center aisle to their places in the choir. The rector, Dr. Van Waters, gave a very appropriation sermon from the text in St. John x:18, "No man taketh it from me, but I lay it down of myself. I have power to lay it down and I have power to take it again." The music was given with considerable spirit and effectiveness.

The entire offertory was made for the new church, and amounted to nearly $450. The Lenten collection, outside of this, will amount to as much more. The number of communicants was quite large. One of the pleasing results of the day was the Lenten missionary offering of the Sunday school of $110. In addition to this a prominent member of the church made a special offering of $60, through this channel, making a grand total of $170 given by the Sunday school for this purpose.

DECORATED WITH 600 LILIES.

Centenary's Altar and Choir Loft Resplendent in Bloom and Green.

The decorations of the altar and choir loft in the auditorium of Centenary Methodist Church yesterday were most beautiful. The conditions lent themselves to a display of the kind to the best advantage, and everything was arranged in artistic style. Over 600 calla lilies had been brought from California for the decorations of this church. These were disposed among the profuse display of Oregon grape on the altar platform. Here also was a splendid collection of potted plants from many sources. Oregon grape in abundance festooned the altar chancel and choir loft, and interspersed were the 600 calla lilies, forming a combination of rare artistic taste and beauty. The decorations were the admiration of the large congregations that gathered, both in the morning and evening. The choir rendered special Easter music. Mrs. E. S. Miller sang in the morning with fine effect, "I Know That My Redeemer Liveth," and in the evening, "From Gloom to Glory." Rev. W. B. Hollingshead, pastor, preached appropriate sermons morning and evening.

THREE MORNING MASSES.

Great Congregation Gathered in St. Francis' Yesterday Morning.

In all the East Side Catholic churches yesterday solemn and impressive services were held. At St. Francis' Church, in the morning, a great congregation filled every pew of the big auditorium. There were three masses. At 10:30 mass was celebrated by Rev. W. Deguire; Rev. J. H. Black, rector, delivered an eloquent sermon. Here the music was specially fine. The music was the new mass by Millard, which was sung by the regular choir of the church, Miss Minnie Prior, contralto, assisted, and also sang the offertory. The chorus, which was a specially effective one, was as follows:

Sopranos—Misses Kennedy, Owens, DeWitt, Campbell, Gottsaker, Mrs. Nye.

Altos—Misses T. Owens, M. Prior, Mrs. T. J. McNamee.

Tenors—J. W. Altstock, J. Straub.

Bassos—Joe Tauscher, F. A. Tauscher.

Organist—Miss Pauline DeWitt.

Violins—Mr. Griffin, Miss M. Emmingham.

'Cello—F. Konrad.

SUNDAY SCHOOL SERVICES.

Large Attendance at the First Cumberland Presbyterian Church.

The Sunday school at the First Cumberland Presbyterian Church, East Twelfth and East Taylor streets, conducted the services yesterday morning. Decorations of the church were very effective. There were flowers and evergreens entwined about the altar. The ceremony of promotion of nine children from the primary to the junior class took place in the morning. Attendance was large, the large auditorium being taxed. Chairs were brought in from the Sunday school room at the general services. In the evening Easter services were continued. Dr. Dalton preached a short sermon.

FORTY-ONE NEW MEMBERS.

Gala Day in History of Sunnyside Congregational Church.

It was a day of great rejoicing at the Sunnyside Congregational Church yesterday. In the morning 41 new members were received into membership, and of these 12 were baptized. The decorations were more elaborate and beautiful than ever before. There were 200 calla lilies and carnations, interspersed among the green foliage of Oregon grape and other flowers of the season. Potted plants brought from the homes of the members added much to the beauty of the display around the altar. Rev. C. F. Clapp delivered a short sermon, appropriate to the day. At 6:30 in the evening the Senior Society held a pleasing service, led by Miss Charlotte Huff, in consideration of "The Risen Life—Christ's—Ours." In the evening a splendid musical programme was rendered and listened to by a large and delighted audience. It was made up of anthems, solos and choruses, all rendered in a most pleasing manner.

"BEAUTIFUL CITY" IN SONG.

Pleasing Services Held in Mizpah Presbyterian Church.

Yesterday was a notable day at Mizpah Presbyterian Church, Powell street. The auditorium had been attractively decorated with Oregon grape and lilies and potted plants. At no former occasion were the decorations more elaborate and beautiful than they were yesterday. Easter services were held through the day. At the morning hour 16 were received into membership, and baptism was administered. Since the first of the year 48 new members have been received into the church. Mrs. J. M. C. Miller sang a solo in the morning, "The Beautiful Easter-Tide," in a most charming manner. In the evening a beautiful service of song was held, the programme being "The Beautiful City." At this service also baptism was administered. There were large attendances at all the services. This was specially so in the evening.

All Held Easter Services.

All the churches on the East Side held Easter services yesterday. From St. Johns to Sellwood, and out at Mount Tabor, the song "Christ Has Risen," was heard in all the churches.

FOR CENTRAL LABOR BODY

George Y. Harry Will Leave to Interest State Unions.

George Y. Harry, who was commissioned by the Federated Trades Council to visit the labor unions of the state and interest them in the organization of a state federation of labor, will start on his mission next Wednesday.

Mr. Harry will first visit the cities of Eastern Oregon. He will go to The Dalles, Pendleton, Baker City, La Grande, Sumpter and Heppner, and will state the object of the federation of the unions in each place. Returning, he will visit the Valley cities. Central unions will be organized wherever possible and where such bodies cannot be formed on account of the lack of members, the local unions will be asked to send delegates to the convention of the federation which will be held in Portland on the first Monday in May.

At present there are, Portland not included, five central bodies in the state, viz.: Salem, Astoria, Pendleton, La Grande, and Baker City. Mr. Harry said yesterday that the federations in California and Washington had resulted in great benefit to the workingmen, and that such an organization in this state would have beneficial results. The convention, he said, will be attended by 200 or more delegates, as the Eastern Oregon mining districts will probably furnish a large number.

PERSONAL MENTION.

J. W. Maxwell, of Tacoma, National Bank Examiner, is at the Imperial. Mr. Maxwell is in the city to visit friends and will remain three or four days.

C. F. White, of Cosmopolis, and George H. Emerson, of Hoquiam, who are registered at the Portland, are engaged in the lumber business in their respective cities. They will remain here a day or two.

G. R. Huntington, general superintendent of the Minneapolis, St. Paul & Ste. Marie Railway, is registered at the Portland. He is in the city on a pleasure trip and is accompanied by Mrs. H. L. Huntington and Mrs. S. V. Underwood.

SAN FRANCISCO, March 30.—B. Sambler and wife, of Salem, and Miss Bowling, also of Salem, are registered at the Palace Hotel.

NEW YORK, March 30.—Northwestern people at New York hotels are:

From Portland—E. J. Failing, at the Hoffman.

From Spokane—J. W. Graham, at the Imperial; D. McKaye and wife, at the Continental.

From Seattle—E. Wilson, at the Manhattan.

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LOCAL IMPROVEMENT ASSOCIATION AT FOREST GROVE.

People Are Enthusiastic and Much Good Work Is Already Being Accomplished.

FOREST GROVE, March 29.—(To the Editor.)—When a few interested citizens began to discuss the civic conditions of Forest Grove, it was discovered that unconsciously different people had reached the common conclusion that they hold certain responsibilities for the improvement of our city. The principal of the public school has worked with the children till they are zealous on the subject of apple cores and waste paper on the school grounds; some gentlemen had talked together about village improvement methods, and the ladies had discussed the city and its problems at a missionary club. When a self-constituted committee, feeling the urgency of a demand for better conditions, called upon the Mayor, it was found that he also had been thinking out some plan of general improvement. So what may seem a sudden uprising of citizens is in reality the result of much individual thought on the part of many people.

The Mayor issued a call for a mass meeting of citizens to consider what steps could be taken to beautify and improve Forest Grove. A large and enthusiastic company assembled in Vert's Hall. Mr. F. T. Kane, Mayor of the city, was appointed chairman, with Miss Farnham temporary secretary. Mrs. James R. Robertson read a short paper on the "Intellectual Needs of Forest Grove," with suggestions that a reading-room and the formation of social and literary clubs would be desirable, and in particular that greater attention should be given to the interests of community life. Mr. Harry Haynes followed with an address on the great gain that would result to the many natural advantages if more attention were given to the material needs of the city. In the general discussion that followed, it was evident that the citizens appreciated the fact that Forest Grove must swing into line with the general movement towards better civic conditions, and that every material improvement will increase the value of property; these things, with the development of local industries, will increase the prosperity of one of the prettiest towns in the Willamette Valley. It was also urged that Forest Grove must join with her neighbors in looking forward to the Lewis and Clark Exposition in 1905, and still further, she must be brought into closer touch with Portland by increased railway facilities and by motor or electric line. That the call for the meeting had stimulated to good works was evidenced by the testimonies of citizens who had cleaned their own grounds and trimmed their trees. As the enthusiasm for Forest Grove seemed to warrant a permanent organization, a committee, with the Mayor for chairman, was appointed to draft a constitution, and present a plan of action a week later.

The meeting of March 19 was no less interesting than the preliminary meeting. For the purposes of the meeting it was voted that the house be considered members of this organization. The form of government, which was adopted section by section, is simple in form, but is at the same time a sufficient guide for the work of the society. The name of the organization is "The Civic Improvement Society of Forest Grove." The membership will include any person residing in Forest Grove or the vicinity who will sign the membership roll and agree to co-operate with the work of the society. The officers, with six other members, shall constitute the executive board, who will in turn have power to appoint such committees as shall seem necessary to carry on the work of the organizing. After outlining the work of the suggested committees, the following officers were elected: President, Harry Haynes; first vice-president, Mrs. C. O. Rogers; second vice-president, I. A. Macrum; secretary, Miss Mary F. Farnham; treasurer, Mrs. William A. Kane; members of the executive committee, W. N. Ferrin, Mrs. J. R. Robertson, Mrs. G. A. Boldrick, D. C. Stewart, Walter Hoge, Mrs. J. F. Griswold. In a few words the new president outlined as his policy that every man, woman and child in Forest Grove should become a member of the society, that there should be some work for each citizen, and finally that each member should go home and go to work—first against his own house and grounds, and secondly in co-operation with the committees and the City Council.

Subsequent to the meeting of March 19 membership rolls have been placed in the different business houses, and at central places, and the executive committee has appointed the following working committees: Push committee, I. A. Macrum, chairman; advertising committee, Walter Hoge; streets and sidewalks, D. C. Stewart; dooryards and grounds, B. Schoefield; public school buildings and grounds, Mrs. J. R. Robertson; young people's work, Miss M. F. Farnham; social committee, Mrs. R. H. Hovey. As the idea of civic improvement develops, other committees will be appointed. Several committees are already at work, the young people of the schools are eagerly waiting for their share to be assigned, and among the citizens there is much enthusiasm for the beautifying and improvement of Forest Grove. SECRETARY.

May Irwin's Last Appearance?

New York Times, March 25.

Last night, at the Grand Opera House, when May Irwin had finished singing "He Sut'nly Was Good to Me," the audience had not finished hearing her, and there was a tug-of-war. By and by Miss Irwin gasped, opened her mouth as if to sing, and the audience stopped applauding. She didn't sing, and when there was a moment's silence she flashed out her tongue in grotesque triumph to her companion on the stage and rushed on with the lines. But the audience was after her with redoubled applause, and in the end she sang. She sut'nly was good to us.

Miss Irwin has announced that this appearance in "The Widow Jones" is her last in New York, and if New York takes a different view of the situation, no doubt she will metaphorically stick out her tongue. But the end is to come.

In all the world there never has been, and probably never will be, another May Irwin. Her eyes twinkle and flash like the eyes of a roguish lady of 3; her pink, round face is full of infantile fun, and her whole large body is so charged with wholesome good humor and affection that all the naughty things she says and sings and does are as innocent and happy as the Garden of Eden before decorum was invented for fallen mankind.

It is often said that a great comedian was spoiled when Miss Irwin became the whole show. But the most serious disapproval of stars in general could not make one wish her otherwise. We are threatened with a time when, in the words of Miss Irwin's song, "the slender waist of the dog that is dead will never come back" to us. Such a time would be a general calamity, and the great public should unite as the audience did last night to overcome Miss Irwin's determination.

Railroads in West Africa.

New York Sun.

West Africa is entering upon an era of railway enterprise which will have an important bearing on the political and commercial future of that part of the Dark Continent. In the British protectorate of Sierra Leone a line is under construction into the interior from Freetown, which will open up a fertile country; and in the Gold Coast colony another has already been built from the coast to the Tarkwa gold fields, and is being prolonged to Koomassie, the capital of the former kingdom of Ashanti. Owing to its military importance, a railway has been carried, at considerable cost, from Lagos, in the colony of Lagos, through to Ibadan, with a branch line to the famous Yarriba city of Abbeocuta with its 150,000 inhabitants; from Ibadan the line will be carried on, within a short period, to Ilorin, and from there to some point, probably Rabah, on the Niger; and it is intended to construct a railway as early as possible from the terminus of the Lagos line, on the Niger, to Kano, the capital of Northern Nigeria, toward Lake Techad.

In the French West African colonies railways are being energetically pushed into the interior from the coast. A railway several hundred miles in length already unites St. Louis, on the Senegal, with the Upper Niger, and another is about to be undertaken from Kanakry, on the coast a short distance north of the Sierra Leone protectorate, through the Fouta Djallon gold fields to the Upper Niger. The most important line, however, is that which has been begun in Dahomey. It will run due north from Porto Novo to Lay, on the Niger, parallel with and only a few miles to the east of the meridian of Paris. Ultimately these three lines, prolonged, will meet the projected Trans-Saharan line from Algeria, and so give to the French the commercial and military control of their immense West African domain, from the Mediterranean to the Atlantic on the west and the Bight of Benin on the south.

Employment for Immigrants.

PORTLAND, March 29.—(To the Editor.)—At the present time a large emigration is reported as coming to this state from the East. Amongst a migration of this kind, there is always a goodly number who seek to make their livelihood by day's work at ordinary labor. The demand for laborers along the railroad towns may soon be supplied, and many will go about seeking places to be employed. Being familiar with the constant demand for laborers for ranch and stock work, I shall suggest to those who have recently reached this state, if they will go to Shaniko, the terminus of the Columbia Southern Railroad, in Sherman County, and then go to the surrounding country, they will find ample employment at good wages.

This suggestion is made to men without families, but accustomed to surroundings on ranches, away from towns. The district east and south of Shaniko can give employment to hundreds of men at wages of $30 per month and upward.

LEO FRIEDE.

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