

LOWER THE PIPES?

How to Get an Up-River Ship Channel. The submerged pipes that convey Bull Run water from the east to the west side above the Madison-street bridge are declared to be obstacles to navigation.

TWO PLANS ARE PROPOSED

Water Committee Objects to Heavy Expense, While Port of Portland Wants to Reach Inman-Poulsen Mill. The water committee objects to the great expense and risk of moving the pipes, and suggests that the port dredge the channel from the bridge in a line parallel with the west bank of the river.

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BY DINT OF TEXTS.

J. Creagh Advertises to Mr. Cline's Strictures on "Science." PORTLAND, Dec. 20.—(To the Editor.)—In your issue of this morning I have read under the caption, "Tommyrot," an article by Rev. C. E. Cline, the subject of "Christian Science," a study he is quite incompetent to write on.

Some years since the man who would venture to say that yet another message to New York over a wire would be considered a fool or insane. Later on, when it was prophesied that the Marconi system of wireless telegraphy would supersede the old wire system, many thought such a thing impossible, yet it is now very fairly tested and has not been found wanting.

There are in every profession in life, the church not excepted. If Dr. Cline were told that he had been elected with their friends and relatives in New York and speak to each other in the language of telephony I feel sure he would not believe in any such doctrine, yet this is all proven facts.

That the mind controls the body is a fact proved and believed in by all without exception. Therefore, if the mind be properly controlled by medicine and have the desired effect on the entire system, Christian Science proper does not teach a man to believe that if a man's leg be broken, he should be medicated properly set by a physician, neither does it teach a man to believe that if a man is suffering from an acute attack of any form of disease that he should be medicated by medicine, but it does hold that when Nature is so helped the mind will, when concentrated on the disease help to do the rest, without a constant drugging of the patient.

There is really nothing tangible in the theory set out at such length by the learned doctor of divinity. He does not believe in the healing of the sick, but in the healing of the mind by Christian Science. This is an indisputable fact of every-day life. This science is being abused by extremists and that class of people who are called "fanatics."

I would recommend Dr. Cline to study telephony and psychology, that is if he ever expects to explain to his Christian followers, who listen to his Sunday sermons at either end, then with the pipe lowered to the channel, and the channel demanded by the mill and wharf people on the East Side could be dredged without breaking the water connection.

As the port commission and the Water Committee are at present in an agreement in the matter, it was moved by Mr. Teal to refer the matter back to the entire Water Committee for action at the next regular meeting. Mr. Poulsen asked that speedy action be taken as his company contemplates certain improvements and can do nothing until the channel question is settled.

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TO CLOSE WEAK SCHOOLS

COUNTY SUPERINTENDENT WANTS THEM CENTRALIZED. M. E. HEACOCK INJURED. Throws From His Bicycle on the Southern Pacific Crossing.

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