

# 1400 HEAR TALK ON CHRISTIAN SCIENCE

Judge Clifford P. Smith, C. S. B., Speaks at First Church of Christ, Scientist.

## TEACHINGS ARE SET FORTH

Heaven Defined as State of Being Attained Through Spiritual Development—Sayings of Christ Jesus on Earth Cited.

More than 1400 people gathered in the edifice of First Church of Christ, Scientist, yesterday afternoon to hear the lecture by Judge Clifford P. Smith, C. S. B., of Boston, Mass., on the subject of Christian Science. The lecturer, who is a member of the board of trusteeship of the First Church of Christ, Scientist, of Boston, was introduced by Frank W. Waters, who said in part:

"It is a good thing to know that Christianity can be demonstrated. The general awakening that has come to this age through the efforts of Mrs. Eddy in her discovery and re-establishment of the primitive healing power is bringing peace on earth and good will toward men, the sick are being healed, the sinners reformed and the lame are being made to walk. "Through the discovery of Christian Science we are enabled to understand that God is good, and by trusting the Bible statements we can demonstrate Christian Science. God's word is healing today through Christian Science, not only physical ills, but, quoting from Science and Health, on page 240, 'One infinite God, good, unites men and nations; constitutes the brotherhood of man; ends wars; fulfills the Scripture, Love thy neighbor as thyself; annihilates pagan and Christian idolatry—whatever is wrong in social, civil, criminal, political and religious codes; equalizes the sexes; annuls the curse on man, and leaves nothing that can sin, suffer, be punished or destroyed.'"

### Jesus' Teachings Rediscovered.

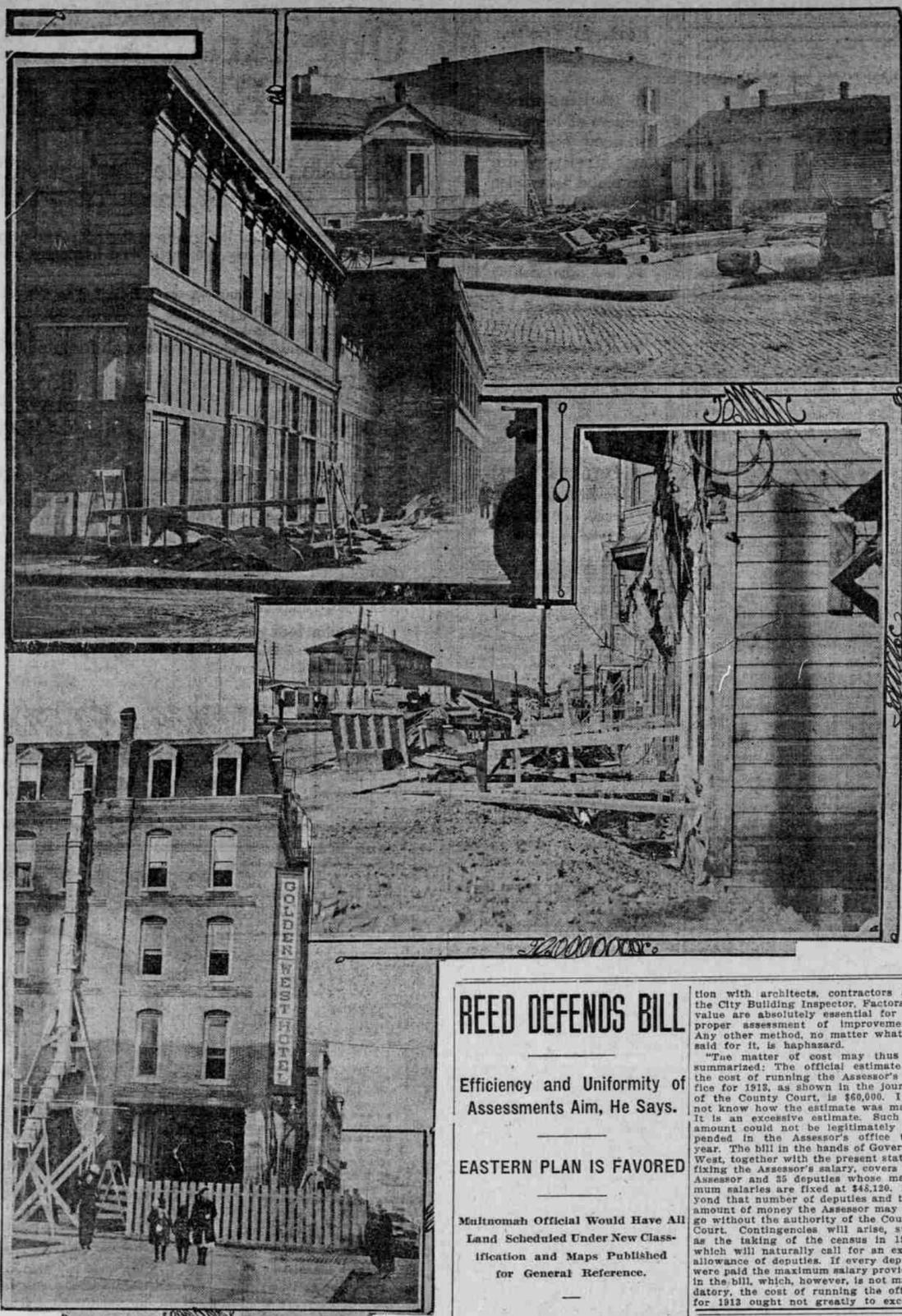
Judge Smith spoke in part as follows: "The hope and faith of mankind, notwithstanding doubt and perplexity, have always looked with some measure of expectation for freedom from adversity and an abundant and satisfying life. The work of Christ Jesus was designed to show the way and to give for this hope and faith the assurance of absolute knowledge or actual understanding. Christian Science has come to discover and repeat what he knew and taught; to revive his original teaching; to restore the scope and complete the mission of primitive Christianity; to be that 'spirit of truth' which he foretold and promised. I am aware that the place in history thus predicted for Christian Science is a large one, but the prediction is justified by the results already achieved. In the time during which it has been taught and practiced Christian Science has wrought a greater change in human thought than primitive Christianity did during the corresponding period of its history. "If one could read the New Testament as if it contained a new subject, he might observe that Christianity was originally based on the truth of being. Its basic requirement was the knowledge of the truth concerning God and man. For this cause came I into the world, that I should bear witness unto the truth. I came, that they may have life, and may have it abundantly. This is life—eternal, that they might know thee, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom thou hast sent. 'Ye shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free.'"

"These sayings of the Master, one of which is quoted from the revised version, imply that the human or mortal sense of life is false and that immortality is gained by finding and realizing the truth of being. "Heaven Here, Not Beyond. "The failure to perceive or to retain this fact has perpetuated the belief of former ages that the fulfillment of human hope and faith depends on dying. Even now the majority of Christians appear to regard the Kingdom of God or Kingdom of Heaven as a situation to be gained, partly or wholly, by dying. They expect to be ushered into the fullness of life by means of death. Considered as an original proposition, such a belief is like saying that one moves toward an object by going in the opposite direction. The only connection that death can have with abundant and eternal life is that it is one of the negations of being, of evil, which must be overcome in order to attain complete heaven or harmony. "According to the teaching of Christ Jesus, all the possibilities of being exist here and now. The New Testament shows that he referred to his message or teaching as the 'gospel of the Kingdom,' and of this Kingdom of God or Kingdom of Heaven he said much in parables, but several things explicitly. He said it is 'at hand' (that is to say, it is present and within reach); he said it is 'within you' (which is to say, it is a state of consciousness); he said that it comes upon you as devils or evils are cast out, and he prayed for his followers, not that they should be taken out of the world, but that they should be kept from evil. "According to these sayings, Heaven is not the absence of death; it is an active and living state of goodness. It is gained, not by dying, but by right living. It must be attained by expelling evil from human consciousness so that the individual may reflect the life that is God. Immortality is the manifestation by man of the divine life. It is the reflection by man of the divine mind. St. Paul stated the necessity of the case when he said, 'Let this mind be in you, which was also in Christ Jesus.'"

"Way is Through Development. "From these premises the conclusion follows that the way to Heaven is not through death, but through spiritual development and mental unfoldment. Salvation is progressive and its day is now. For again it is to be awakened from the dream of life in matter. It is to forsake material belief and gain spiritual understanding or divine consciousness. "Our present situation was stated by St. John in these words: 'Beloved now are we, the sons of God, and it doth not yet appear what we shall be.' He did not mean that we shall ever be different from what we really are. He meant that we are the sons of God, though the reality of being doth not yet appear. He did not foresee a loss of identity; he discerned the realization of true identity. With entire consistency, Mrs. Eddy has said, 'The reality of man appears in proportion as the false and material disappears. Mortals will disappear, and immortals, or the children of God, will appear as the only and real realities of man.' (Science and Health, pp. 69, 478.)"

Judge Smith addressed another large audience in the evening and will make his third and final appearance tonight.

VIEWS SHOWING WORK OF WIDENING SEVENTH STREET, WHICH IS NOW IN FULL SWING.



Top, Left—Distance Building Has Been Moved Back From Sidewalk. Right—East-Southeast Corner of Seventh and Everett Demolished. Center—Where Houses Have Been Moved Back Ten Feet. Below—Golden West Hotel Building, From Which Ten Feet Must Be Cut.

## WIDENING NOW ON

Ten Feet Being Added to Each Side of Seventh Street.

## WORK IS BEING RUSHED

Golden West Hotel, Which Is Biggest Structure in Section Being Broadened, Most Affected by Change.

With wreckers, movers and builders in complete possession, the work of widening Seventh street now is in full swing. From Burnside to the west approach of the new Broadway bridge, this thoroughfare is being shorn of its sidewalk adornments. Ten feet on each side of the street is being cleared, the buildings in some instances being sliced that much and in others moved back.

This project, coupled with the completion of the Broadway bridge, is the most important cross-town street, according to the view taken by property owners and merchants on its course. While the work entails considerable inconvenience, and in some cases hardship, to the occupants of the buildings, nevertheless they take it optimistically and find solace in visions of a big increase in business when the work is finished. "Street to Be 80 Feet Wide. Work has progressed so rapidly thus far that it is confidently expected that it will be completed in ample time to take care of the heavy traffic expected with the opening of the new bridge. The street will be 80 feet wide. The bridge and street are due to be opened about April 1. No historic buildings fell under the ax of the appraisers. Few of the buildings that will have to be remodeled or moved back as a result of the work are of imposing appearance. Many of the little houses were completely de-

molished. The Golden West Hotel, on the northwest corner of Seventh and Everett, suffered the most, inasmuch as it is the tallest building. Ten feet is being cut off this structure, and the hotel has been vacated temporarily. Forewent in the construction of the Custom-House will leave it free from the path of the wreckers. The building sits back far enough from the sidewalk to escape the 10-foot ban. Advance Is Shown. Already landlords are beginning to note the advancement made by the bridge and wider thoroughfare. One small space, on the corner of Seventh and Planders, probably will be leased for \$125 a month. Until recently, the rent paid for the corner stand was \$30. Less than a year ago it was offered on a long-term lease for \$35 a month.

## STUDENTS TO GIVE PLAY

Two Performances of Twelfth Night to Be Presented.

Students of the Lincoln High School are preparing for an elaborate presentation of "Twelfth Night" Friday next on the school stage. For two months the play has been in rehearsal under the direction of Miss Christine MacConnell of the faculty.

The cast includes: Romaine Elliot, in the character of Olivia, and Ronald McIntosh, in the part of Sir Andrew Aguecheek; Marie Bridwell, as Viola; Helen Judge, as Maria; William Crittenden, as Count Orsino, and Russel Case, as court fool; Hubert Riley, Sir Toby Belch; Willie McIndoe, Fabian; Vitis Ramsdell, Sebastian; Gerald Lophy, Antonio; Jack Bates, Valentine; Freeman Lersaous, Culi; Mae Deane and Joy Gross, attendants on Olivia; Robert McKay and Samuel Husbands, attendants on the Count, and William Metzger and Frank Busch, first and second officers, respectively. There will be two performances, matinee and night.

## Woman Long Unconscious.

Her condition, said to be due to ill-treatment received at the hands of her husband, a woman, name not known, was taken to the St. Vincent's Hospital yesterday afternoon. Mrs. Carrie Eaton, the landlady of the house, 338 Front street, said both the man and his wife had been drinking, and that the man abused the woman, who fainted and did not revive. Fearing that she had undertaken some internal injuries, she was taken to the hospital, but the authorities could find no marks on her body.

## REED DEFENDS BILL

Efficiency and Uniformity of Assessments Aim, He Says.

## EASTERN PLAN IS FAVORED

Multnomah Official Would Have All Land Scheduled Under New Classification and Maps Published for General Reference.

Speaking yesterday of the Murnane bill, providing for the permanent organization of the County Assessor's office, which has passed both houses at Salem and is now before Governor West for his consideration, County Assessor Reed said:

"The sole object of the bill is to bring about a modern method of assessment in Multnomah County. For land assessments I aim to work toward the unit system of value which is in use in New York, Cleveland, Philadelphia and other cities. Under this plan, when it is fully worked out, the land value maps will show the assessed value per front foot of every town and city lot, and for acreage it will show the assessed value per acre. For town lots this is the best system that possibly could be devised. It is far superior to the old and out-dated system of assessment by lots as a whole. Comparisons of assessment where the lots are assessed as a whole does not give the property-owners the results to which they are entitled. All town lots in Multnomah County are not the same width. Many are 50 feet wide, some are 40 feet, others 33 1/3, others 25, while still others located in additions laid out according to contour, are of varying widths. This illustrates the necessity of a reasonable person of the great superiority of the unit system of assessment over the lot system. Publicity Feature Favored. "When the plan is fully installed the land value maps should be published in convenient form for the information of the public, and as a means of checking up the work of the Assessor. All over the country there is demand for publicity of assessments as a means of effecting equitable and uniform assessment of property. I am committed to this policy of publicity. As Assessor of Multnomah County I have nothing to hide from the people. I welcome full examination and criticism of my work. It will be beneficial to me as a public official. "The assessment of acreage I have adopted a new plan which has been approved by the Board of State Tax Commissioners, and which will be put into effect March 1. Under this plan tillable land will be divided into four classes: Cultivated land, orchard land, uncleared land and urban and suburban acreage, the principal value of which is for closer settlement or business uses. Non-tillable land will be divided into three classes: Rough and rocky land, overflow land and timber land. When the returns for the 1913 assessment are just exactly how many parcels of each kind of land there are in the county. Value Factors to Be Unified. "In assessing improvements I want to introduce factors of value, along the general lines of those in use in the Eastern cities above mentioned, especially New York. This will take time, since a satisfactory schedule of factors must first be made up after consulta-

tion with architects, contractors and the City Building Inspector. Factors of value are absolutely essential for the proper assessment of improvements. Any other method, no matter what be said for it, is haphazard. "The matter of cost may thus be summarized: The official estimate of the cost of running the Assessor's office for 1913, as shown in the journal of the County Court, is \$68,000. I do not know how the estimate was made. It is an excessive estimate. Such an amount could not be legitimately expended in the Assessor's office this year. The bill in the hands of Governor West, together with the present statute fixing the Assessor's salary, covers the Assessor and 25 deputies whose maximum salaries are fixed at \$48,120. Beyond that number of deputies and that amount of money the Assessor may not go without the authority of the County Court. Contingencies will arise, such as the taking of the census in 1915, which will naturally call for an extra allowance of deputies. If every deputy were paid the maximum salary provided in the bill, which, however, is not mandatory, the cost of running the office for 1913 ought not greatly to exceed

\$51,000, or \$9000 less than the official estimate. This figure will include some expenditures for 1912 account carried into 1913, also a reasonable amount for unforeseen contingencies. Contingencies Are Seen. "One of these contingencies is the request of the Title & Trust Company for a compensation of \$300 per year for furnishing the transcript of conveyances from the County Clerk's office. The title company has, heretofore, furnished this transcript free, but since the county is charging it rent it feels that it should be paid for its services. The \$31,000 also includes the cost of extending the tax rolls in case House bill 414, introduced by the State Tax Commission, is passed by the Legislature. At present the tax roll is extended by the County Clerk, and this year the work cost, as I am informed by Mr. Coffey, about \$500. "So far as the number of deputies is concerned I can say without fear of contradiction that every one of the 25 can be kept constantly employed for the next four years. If for any reason the work should slacken I could dispense with the unnecessary ones. Of the total number eight or nine would be assigned to land districts, giving each one 18,000 or 20,000 parcels of land to keep track of and assess. Any deputy who will give his careful attention to the work of the Assessor's office the year around, and keep track of the progress of improvements thereon and note and weigh the factors of value which are constantly arising will be doing all the work that can reasonably be expected of him. County Has 1300 Additions. "The National Tax Conference, which has given its approval to the idea of assessment districts, favors limiting the number of parcels per deputy to 10,000. In New York City the number of parcels per deputy is about 8000. There are in Multnomah County 1300 platted additions, and all told, including acreage, between 160,000 and 165,000 separate parcels of land to be assessed. "I have not the slightest desire to add unnecessarily to the cost of running the Assessor's office. My one object is to see that every taxpayer will be able to know the precise factors that enter into the making of the assessment upon which he is required to pay taxes. This the taxpayers have the absolute right to know. It is the only just manner of assessment. I have no axes to grind, and am willing to leave the matter to the good judgment of Governor West."

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## SOCIAL CENTER IS AIM

REV. SPIRES TO REALIZE HIS DREAM OF INSTITUTE.

Marshall-Street Presbyterian Church to Install Training School for Boys and Girls.

Practical religion is to be demonstrated at the Marshall-street Presbyterian Church. At yesterday morning's service, Rev. William J. Spires, pastor of the church, surprised his congregation by announcing that, instead of the regulation sermon he had prepared to talk to them along entirely new lines. He said that he wanted to make the church a social center, to establish genuine institutional work that would make the church a great live factor for good in the community. It was the dream of the pastor to have a gymnasium and a cooking school, thoroughly equipped and a sewing school for the girls of the neighborhood together with manual training appliances for the boys and to organize several clubs that should keep the young people interested and by giving them entertainment and useful occupation to help in the making of good and worthy citizens. After the pastor made his plea for the establishment of these various departments as adjuncts of the church, generous cash contributions followed and there was a substantial check from W. G. McPherson, who gave enough to cover the entire cost of the enterprise. And now the pastor is jubilant and work on the new departments will commence immediately, and as there is ample room in the building at Marshall and Seventeenth streets, it will not be long before this innovation in church work in Portland will be established. It has been arranged that Miss Valentine Pritchard, of the People's Institute, and her assistants will have charge of the planning of the work and will assist in a great measure in carrying out the ideas of the pastor. Rev. Spires was formerly head of the educational department of the Y. M. C. A. in Elgin, Ill., and has had much experience in institutional work. His efforts in church enterprises are to make the church keep up to existing conditions.

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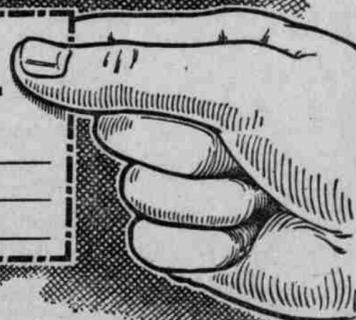
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