

UNITY OF CHURCHES HELD BIG QUESTION

Baltimore Minister Occupies First Christian Pulpit.

TEN BODIES INVESTIGATE

Survey Includes United States, Canada, Great Britain, Australia and Continent.

Rev. H. C. Armstrong of Baltimore, Md., national secretary of the Association for the Promotion of Christian Unity, occupied the pulpit of First Christian church at morning services yesterday. He took as the subject of his sermon "Church Unity," and discussed the importance of unity among Christian churches.

"Undoubtedly the most important question before the Christian world is that of church unity," said Dr. Armstrong. Dr. Francis E. Clark, founder of Christian Endeavor, on his return from his last trip around the world attending conventions in all countries, wrote for one of the religious papers that the "livest of all live topics at the present hour is Christian unity." One of the great missionary statesmen has just said that "the one constant and holy spirit is pressing down upon this decade as it is pressing no other is that of Christian unity."

DEVIL GREAT CONVENIENCE

Dr. McElveen Says Criminals Now Plead Insanity.

"In the olden time the devil was a great convenience. If anything went wrong people blamed it on the devil. In their national conventions of 1910 the Episcopalians, the Congregationalists and the Disciples of Christ created a commission on unity for the holding of conferences and working together in the promotion of church unity. Since that ten commissions have been appointed by nearly all the Protestant bodies of the United States, Canada, Great Britain, the continent of Europe, Australia, Romania and New Zealand and by the Holy Orthodox church of the East. Conferences have been held in which a fellowship has been established and foundation laid for the world-wide promotion of the unity of the church. The present year marks an epoch in the history of Christian unity. In this year the movement has reached world proportions. At the present time there are three world movements on foot for unity. The first is the American Council on Organic Unity. It originated in the general assembly of the Presbyterian church and aims at the union of the Protestant bodies of this country. In February, 1920, this council met in Philadelphia with 12 religious bodies represented and adopted a 'plan of union.' This plan is now before the church bodies for consideration and action.

Second Movement Launched.

The second of these movements is that for a universal conference of the Church of Christ on life and work. It originated this year and aims at the co-ordination of all the resources of the Protestant churches of the world in co-operative service to meet the tragic needs of the world in the day of reconstruction. It is expected that some two years from now this movement will bring together the Protestant leaders from all parts of the world in a conference to consider the needs of the world in the new day and to make plans for world co-operation.

The third movement is the world conference on faith and order.

This movement originated in the general convention of the Protestant Episcopal church. It aims to bring together representatives of all the churches of the world in a world conference leading to the complete unity of the whole church universal. The first meeting of this movement was held in London in 1918. It was in August of the present year. At that meeting 40 nations and 80 churches were represented. Practically all nations and churches are co-operating.

The conviction grows daily that the day of reunion is past and that the time for reunion has come.

A divided church means an unbelieving world. Only a united church can carry out the 'great commission' and evangelize the world. God will fellowship Christians who believe in one God and follow one savior. They accept one gospel and claim one promise of eternal life. It is the divine intention that they all form one fellowship."

PASTOR DECRIES AGE'S SPIRIT

Money Declared the Only Reward Many Think of.

"A young girl in talking to me the other day said that if she had money enough she could buy anything in the world. I told her that money could not buy the best—the things worth while, and that the ideal is only reached by the higher paths of love and service. Money can't buy these. "What a pity the money curse grips some people, and at the only reward they think they want is money and lots of it. Our age is too commercial."

"Why is there a dearth of candidates for the Christian ministry, not only in the Episcopal communion, but in other communions? Because young men think the work is not worth while, and that their only hope of business offers greater inducement."

The preacher was Rev. F. K. Howard, chaplain of the Good Samaritan hospital, who spoke yesterday morning from the pulpit of St. David's Episcopal church.

"Who is to blame for such conditions? The spirit of this age and society in general, represented by men and women who make up the family unit," proceeded the preacher. "It is a lamentable fact that can easily be verified, that before the world war there were more theological students in seminaries studying for the priesthood, the Christian ministry, than now. The list of such candidates grows less each year. Young men are taught to think, not of their own volition, that the best rewards before them are not the ways of sacrifice, but the ways of gain. They are doing big things, many things, in the outer world where gain is. They are honestly and truly entering the Christian priesthood, they would be doing the biggest and most important work in all the world—in spreading the knowledge of Christ's kingdom and bringing the world to a knowledge of Christ's love. They would help bring the kingdom of heaven upon earth."

"A social worker said to me lately that the world could not alone be saved by social service, but by the acceptance of the spirit of Christ."

HALF OF U. S. CALLED PAGAN

Rev. E. Constant Answers Statement From Pulpit.

"Half the people of the United States are pagans with no religion of any kind." Such is the statement which Rev. E. Constant sought to answer in a sermon yesterday morning at Highland Congregational church. "If anywhere near true, the conditions are serious and alarming," the preacher said.

"Figures may be made to appear to substantiate such an allegation, but you may try to prove too much by statistics. The test of religion is not found in counting heads. A related statement never tells the whole story. To find out the real conditions of religion you must do more than scrutinize the roll of church membership."

"It is no new thing to be informed that religion is decadent. We have heard before that religion stood tip-toe, ready to depart out of the land. However, it has not departed yet. We may have grown dull in vision, become apathetic and indifferent, or allowed our zeal to cool. But the people are not prepared to abandon ideas which are of undoubted strength and value. Practical religion is the one asset which saves a nation from moral bankruptcy."

"It is not for us to underestimate the worth of any church, but let us remember that religion is more than churchism. Religion is spirit more than machinery and does not altogether depend upon organization. In numerous ways the widely-diffused spirit of our day is a philosophy of the day. An ethical note may be detected in many editorials today. The plea of insanity is nearly as common as the plea of necessity. It is nothing short of religious. For the most part people scorn the idea of divorcing human life from its spiritual basis. It is in the heart which truly enriches life. We are living in a crucial hour and the call is loud and clear for a larger demonstration of the vitality of the spiritual life, making it clear that man is infinitely more than flesh-and-blood machine operated by a system of nerves. It is certain that the society is moving forward to better things, but the better time will only come as men learn to practice such a religion as that taught by Jesus."

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KNOWLEDGE OF LAW IS AID OF FARMERS

Millions Declared Lost in Falling Markets.

BINDING CONTRACT NEED

Growers Often Sign Papers That Lay Them Liable for Losses When Products Delivered.

The need for farmers acquiring a working knowledge of commercial law is emphasized by Roy R. Hewitt of the department of political science of Oregon Agricultural college, who declared that farmers lose millions of dollars in years of falling markets through inability to hold purchasers to their contracts. This, Professor Hewitt said, would not be the cause if the farmer knew "sufficient law to draw up a binding contract."

"Experienced purchasers of farm produce," said Professor Hewitt, "usually draw their contracts with the farmer, and the farmer, being ignorant of the law, is often bound to accept the terms of the contract. This is a serious loss to the farmer, and the law should be made to protect him. A case in point is that of the Yamhill county farmer who sold 'first-class' cherries to a canner. The price dropped to 3 cents and the canner would not want to be bound by the contract."

Canneries Take Advantage.

"Inevitably there were a few cracked cherries in each box brought to the cannery. By inspecting the boxes of cherries the cannery was able to show that they were not 'first-class' cherries as the contract called for, notwithstanding the fact that the cherries were sold as such by the farmer. The farmer was forced to accept the market price of 5 cents a pound for the cherries, and the cannery would not have inspected the cherries and the farmer would have been paid the price of the contract."

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"Had the farmer been trained in law for such a contract, we would not have inspected the cherries and the farmer would have been paid the price of the contract."

Contracts Favor Purchaser.

"Another advantage taken by the law-trained contractor, according to Professor Hewitt, is the practice of printing forms of contracts containing such clauses as 'satisfactory' or 'merchantable,' and then by telling the farmer 'this is the regular form for such a contract, we use it all the time,' he induces the farmer to sign a contract which his better judgment tells him is wrong. Such 'regular' forms of contract are almost invariably written to favor the purchaser exclusively."

The way to correct this evil...

"The way to correct this evil," suggests Professor Hewitt, "is for the farmer to acquire a working knowledge of commercial law by attending college extension courses, farmers' week lectures or by attending the agricultural college."

EXHIBIT COMMITTEE NAMED

Mrs. Winnie Braden to Head O. A. C. Corn Show Organization.

OREGON AGRICULTURAL COLLEGE, Corvallis, Dec. 12.—(Special.)—Mrs. Winnie Braden of Portland, state exhibit agent, will head the state corn show committee next year as appointed by Paul V. Maris, legislative extension director. Other members are S. B. Hall, Multnomah county agricultural agent; Paul H. Spillman, county agent; L. R. Bretz, Multnomah county agent; C. C. Carr, Coos county agent; and C. C. Cate, Jackson county agent.

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TRIBUTE IS PAID MICKLE

Work of Retiring Dairy Commissioner Praised by Publication.

A tribute to J. D. Mickle, retiring dairy and food commissioner, is contained in an article written by N. C. Sherry, chief deputy dairy and food commissioner, in the last issue of the Oregon Dairy and Food bulletin, issued last week.

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WOMEN TO LISTEN TO TALKS

Programme Is Arranged for Wives and Daughters of Farmers.

EGGERS, Or., Dec. 12.—(Special.)—The farmers' wives and daughters will have a prominent part in farmers' week in this city December 14 to 18, according to an announcement by Ira F. Whitney, county agricultural agent. Mrs. Jessie D. McComb, in charge of extension work in home economics at Oregon Agricultural college, Miss Lane and Miss Biles will address the women Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday in the women's room of the chamber of commerce, while the men hold their meetings in the assembly room that man is infinitely more than flesh-and-blood machine operated by a system of nerves. It is certain that the society is moving forward to better things, but the better time will only come as men learn to practice such a religion as that taught by Jesus."

MILL INTERESTS SOLD

C. A. Pratt Disposes of Holdings in Pacific Box Company.

TACOMA, Wash., Dec. 12.—(Special.)—C. A. Pratt today sold his holdings in the Pacific Box company, Tacoma, to Ralph H. Shaffer, A. J. Dykeman and J. H. Shaffer. Mr. Shaffer will be president of the company. Mr. Pratt will remain as a director. The Pacific Box company is one of the largest manufacturers of box shooks for the Hawaiian trade on the Pacific coast. Mr. Pratt has a mill which will be combined with its present plant in Tacoma. The new factory will be put into operation about February 1. Mr. Shaffer will act as general manager. Mr. Dykeman will be assistant manager and Mr. Pangborn will be mill superintendent.

REGULATION TO BE PLANNED

Shipment of Strawberry Plants to California to Be Considered.

Plans for the regulation of the shipment of strawberry plants to California under inspection certificates will be formulated at a meeting of growers and packers of strawberries in room 160 in the Multnomah county courthouse Friday morning at 10 o'clock.

The meeting was arranged following the announcement that the state of California had placed a quarantine on shipments of Oregon strawberries plants due to reported prevalence of the root weevil and ground mites in some of the plants.

It is estimated that hundreds of thousands of dollars worth of strawberry plants are raised in the state each year.

PRUNE MINCEMEAT LATEST

Substitute for Raisins Declared to Be Better and Costs Less.

Prune mincemeat is the latest innovation in which the Oregon prune growers are interested. It is made from the fact that prunes instead of raisins are used in the making of the delicacy. The new mixture is said to have a better flavor than the old-time mincemeat and to cost less than the case in using raisins.

The Oregon State packing department of the Oregon Growers' Co-operative association, announces that mincemeat with prunes instead of raisins is now being made at the Eugene plant of the association and has already been placed on the market.

FARMERS INDORSE CUPPER BILL

Resolutions Asking for Legislation Prohibiting Sales for Future Delivery Were Adopted at the Farmers' Union Convention Held in Dallas.

The resolutions declared: "We believe that speculative trading on the exchanges aggregates the normal relationship between supply and demand, and asks for legislation prohibiting sales for future delivery, unless the vendor is in actual possession of the commodity sold; and we further indorse the Copper bill now pending in the United States senate and instruct our secretary to notify Senator Capper, Senator-elect Lead and our senator from Oregon of our action."

"We believe that all farm products should be sold co-operatively, thereby enabling the grower or his representative to have a voice in fixing the price thereof."

County Court Prepares Budget.

ST. HELENS, Or., Dec. 12.—(Special.)—The county court has prepared the annual budget to cover county expense for the coming year. The general fund expenses, including the state tax is estimated at \$225,840.25 while the road tax, which has been fixed at ten mills will bring in \$137,615.85. The budget meeting will be held at the courthouse December 30. Agent Farr was not at fault.

Storm Stops Logging.

EUGENE, Or., Dec. 12.—(Special.)—The logging camps up the Mohawk river have closed down for a few days.

County Agent Retained

Charges Against Coquille Worker Found to Be False.

MANSHIPFIELD, Or., Dec. 12.—(Special.)—It is announced from Coquille, the county seat, that the county court has decided to retain the services of C. C. Farr, who has been directing the work for the last year. Recently the court received a complaint that Agent Farr had been too active in the interests of the Oregon Dairyman's Co-operative league and the annual appropriation for the position was held up pending an investigation, which disclosed that Agent Farr was not at fault.

SHINGLE MILLS CLOSED

Forest Supervisor Says There is No Demand for Dead Cedar.

EUGENE, Or., Dec. 12.—(Special.)—R. S. Shelly, supervisor of the Shu-saw national forest, who has just returned from a trip to the coast, stopping at Mapleton, Or., and Florence, Or., said today that nearly all of the shingle mills and sawmills in that locality had closed down.

As an indication of a slump in the shingle industry Mr. Shelly said that there were no further offers on the part of the mill operators for shingle timber in the forest. For a number of years past the forest has sold regularly large quantities of dead cedar timber for the manufacture of shingles.

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Boy Drowns Trying for Ball.

CENTRALIA, Wash., Dec. 12.—(Special.)—Milton Soule, aged 12, who was drowned Thursday at Seaside, Or., when he tried to recover a ball that had fallen into the river, was a nephew of W. E. Hillery, Mrs. M. C. Hillery and Miss Elin Soule, of this city. The body will be brought here for burial; the funeral to be held Tuesday afternoon.

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