

# GREAT MEETING OF LAYMEN IN FEBRUARY IS PROMISED

### Effort Being Made to Have Every Church in State Represented at Sessions Calculated to Inspire Christians With Renewed Zeal.

WHAT is expected to be the most important and far-reaching convention held in the history of the Pacific Coast will be the Laymen's Missionary Convention of Oregon, to meet in Portland February 13, 14, 15 and 16. It is non-sectarian and will include laymen of all denominations. Beginning today an effort is being made by the executive committee of the convention to secure the cooperation of the pastors and churchmen of Roseburg this afternoon in the Grand Hotel at that place, and later in the week will be heard at Eugene, Corvallis, Albany and Salem. Meetings also are planned for Hood River and The Dalles.

**New York Man Coming.**  
J. Lovell Murray will be here from New York in the interest of the great convention, and will accompany the speakers to many of the Oregon cities that will be visited. The delegation is bearing an invitation to all main street churches to have a church organization to come to Portland and participate in the convention.

It is hoped that every church in every county will be hamlet and at every crossroads of Oregon will send delegates to participate in the inspirational meeting that is planned to inaugurate American churchmen to a sense of the opportunity that is now presented the Church of Christ, as a result of the demoralization of society through the European wars.

The Oregon state convention is part of a nation-wide movement along this line, Portland being one of the cities in which such meetings will be held. The great spiritual forces released as a result of such meetings are fraught with tremendous possibilities.

**Noted Speakers Promised.**  
The meetings will be addressed by a corps of speakers who are declared to be among the foremost orators of the world. They are men who have pioneered for Christianity in Africa, Turkey, Alaska—and from the sections of the world where war now rages. They have been selected because of their powerful personalities, and when the names are announced they will recall visions of deeds in the missionary field that have resounded throughout the globe.

The meetings are to be held in the White Temple, and sessions will be convened mornings, afternoons and nights.

The entire expense of the convention is being assumed by a number of wealthy Portland citizens who are interested in the movement, and to make the meetings more attractive to the public the notice has been sent out that no collections will be taken up at any of the meetings.

**Committees Being Formed.**  
Committees of laymen from the various denominations of the city are being organized on survey and statistics, registration of churchmen who are eligible as delegates, and on other lines.

The proposed meetings in other sections of the country are receiving splendid support. The St. Louis Globe Democrat said editorially: "The movement is for our profit to send the heathen kerosene and sewing machines and cotton print goods and agricultural implements and machinery, and antiseptics as well, but shall we neglect to send him the parable of the Good Samaritan and the missionary that made a field of modern practice? The laymen's missionary movement says 'no.'"

Last week was observed by the Millard-avenue Presbyterian Church as a week of prayer. A series of cottage prayer meetings was held, with the closing meeting at the church on Sunday evening. The pastor, Dr. T. J. Talbot, said that his health is improving.

The young people of the Universalist congregation will inaugurate this Sunday the first of the church's new Broadway and East Twenty-fourth street what they term "a pleasant Sunday evening hour." In addition to the music, which they will make a good feature, they have asked Dr. Corby to give the opening talk on "The Literature of the Bible and Where We Got the Books."

All churches are realizing the importance of training the young people in the teachers. St. David's Episcopal Church has organized a teacher training class which meets every Tuesday night.

Rev. Thomas Jenkins, rector of St. David's, has received news from the Rev. H. R. Talbot, who was in Spain. Dr. Talbot stated that his health is improving.

This is something new in league activities, and will be appreciated by the mothers of this community. Myrtle Henley is in charge of the nursery.

The young women's class of Sunnyside Methodist Episcopal Church, assisted by the Epworth League, will give a play the evenings of January 24 and 25, at the Sunnyside Theater. "The Millionaire School Teacher" is the title of the play and it will be shown under the direction of Edward Tracy.

The Lenten chapter reports that the churches of that community are well attended notwithstanding the unfavorable weather. Lenten chapter loses two efficient cabinet members through the resignation of Mr. and Mrs. Wilkenson.

Sunnyside reports interesting and well attended devotional meetings. They have an average of more than 100 at these meetings.

The regular monthly meeting of the district cabinet will be held at the Y. M. C. A. Monday evening, January 17, at 7:45. All leaguers are privileged to attend these meetings.

#### Y. W. C. A. Religious Work Is Outlined.

Association Is Considered Handmaid of Church Because of Influence in Bringing Girls into Congregation.

PUBLICITY WEEK in the Y. W. C. A. and the approach of the 50th anniversary of the National Association have called attention to the many departments of this organization. Of the religious work, the following is an outline:

The Bible and mission study secretary at the Young Women's Association, called the Bible study, has a faculty of making Bible study interesting.

Miss Jessie H. Burton, who recently came to Portland to take up this branch of Y. W. C. A. work, is doing good work and the classes are growing in interest and numbers. Assisting Miss Burton in her department is a religious-work committee, of which Miss T. Andrus is the chairman. The Y. W. C. A. in the Lincoln High School has increased its membership during the past few months from five to 25. This class of girls is studying the book "Christian Citizenship for Girls," there is a social feature in connection with this class.

Miss Burton, as a mission study, is taking a group of "Worshipers," called the "Worshipers," is a club formed especially for girls who are strangers in the city. This club meets on Wednesday nights.

A business girls Bible-study club is held on Monday night and the married women have a Thursday morning Bible-study class, and an interesting series of talks is being given by Mrs. A. W. Lelong. Other classes meet during the day at 4 hours and 45 minutes. At the vespers services on Sundays at 4:30 P. M. an effort is made to have good music and good music. Portland's best singers volunteer their services for this meeting and at the social service, which always follows, the names and addresses of all present are taken at this time and placed in a membership book. The association, giving particulars as to their church affiliation or preference, is kept in the hands of the membership secretary and available to ministers and members of the church, for girls are brought through their different departments.

As the name indicates, the whole work of the Young Women's Christian Association is a religious work, and the girls from the class work in charge of Miss Burton, the heads of all departments are expected to do a special in contact with them.

The Y. W. C. A. secretary for home and foreign missions, through the influence of the association into the church.

Reverals at the East Side Baptist Church are showing excellent results. Rev. H. E. Marshall is preaching inspiring sermons and there is a marked increase in church membership. Mr. Marshall will go from here to Baker, where he will assist Rev. Dr. Willett. The meetings in the East Side church will continue until Thursday evening. This afternoon at 2:45 o'clock a mass meeting will be held and the subject will be "The Second Coming of Christ."

At least a special speaker will be provided and Harris G. Whipp, Harrison, will sing. The meeting will last a half hour and will be followed by a brief social. The winners, a class of young men will usher.

Under the direction of Mr. Whipp a male chorus is to be organized in the church. It has not been decided when the first rehearsal will be held, but probably early in February.

Plans are under way for the presentation of the oratorio "Elijah" by the quartet and vested chorus in the near future.

At Calvary Presbyterian Church interest is increasing constantly. At every service visitors express their appreciation of the sermon and music, and speak in the highest terms of the pastor.

Dr. Baum's theme Sunday morning will be "The God of the Hills," evening, "The Radiant Life." Strangers are welcomed.

The annual congregational meeting of St. James' Lutheran Church was held last Thursday. The following members were elected as deacons and trustees to serve for the period of two years: F. H. Pagels, George Weigel, H. J. Fisher and C. F. Hendrickson.

One of the marked features of advancement in the St. James' Church for the past year was the results of the every-member canvass made in November. According to the financial secretary, the actual pledges for the support of the church were increased about 500 per cent.

At the evening service at the Church of Our Father today, President William T. Foster will speak on "Safety First, the Slogan of a Timid Neutrality."

The department of household economy, under the direction of Miss Mabel Starbird, will have charge of the vespers service this afternoon at 4:30 o'clock at the Y. W. C. A. Miss Nina Moberg will read "The Joy of Sacrifice." The morning subject will be "The Joy of Sacrifice." Special music will be rendered at both services.

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The Epworth League of Centenary Methodist Episcopal Church has undertaken some interesting social work. The first of the month's department contributed to the programme and an entertaining evening was enjoyed, and a large attendance was reported.

At a special meeting of the district cabinet January 7, five gospel teams were organized. These teams will be ready for work soon.

The Sunnyside League will conduct a service at the Poor Farm this afternoon. C. G. Doney, president of the Willamette Union, will accompany the young people, and will be the principal speaker of the afternoon. The leaguers plan to go to the farm in alignment. The recreation and culture department of this league will give a social Wednesday evening.

Trinity Chapter and Church held a week of prayer the first week of January. They have planned a series of monthly socials. The first will be held Tuesday evening, February 22, in honor of Washington's birthday.

The Central Leaguers conducted a service at the Patton Home last Sunday afternoon. Mr. Welch spoke to the leaguers, and the young people sang. The Queen Esther Society of the church will have charge of the devotional meeting tonight. An interesting meeting is promised and all members and friends should plan to attend this meeting.

The Epworth League Chapter of Mount Tabor Methodist Church have established a nursery for the accommodation of the mothers who attend

controversial spirit, but in an honest and sincere effort to help many to an understanding of their own belief.

E. M. Malvern Evans will sing Monday night at the meeting of the Men's League of the Sunnyside Congregational Church. Thirty-second and East Taylor streets. It will be the regular monthly service.

This morning Dr. Boyd will speak in the First Presbyterian Church on "The World Challenge to America."

In the evening Dr. Boyd will hold one of his special picture sermons, at which time he will present to everyone present a series of pictures showing the American sculptor George Grey Barnard, entitled "The Two Natures of Man."

The pastor will at this service take the title of the picture as his subject, which he has specially prepared for young people. The picture has been printed here in Portland and is a beautiful work in sepia. The artist is an American-born and a son of a clergyman.

Mrs. Ethel Cranston Tannehill, daughter of Bishop Cranston, will speak today at 4:30 o'clock in Rose City Park Methodist Church. "China" will be the topic. Special music will be a feature. All are invited.

In St. Mark's Church, Twenty-first and Marshall streets, Rev. J. E. H. Simpson is preaching a series of sermons on "The Bible Doctrine of the King and His Kingdom." The hour of the Sunday night mission service is changed to 7:30 o'clock. The subject tonight will be "Some Points Concerning Faith." Rev. J. G. Hatton will speak.

**HOLY MATRIMONY** will be the subject of the sermon to be preached at 11 o'clock today by the Rev. Thomas Jenkins, rector of St. David's Episcopal Church. Tonight Rev. Mr. Jenkins will speak on "Religion, This Being the Second of his series on 'Religion and Religion.'" There will be special music.

The Sunday night congregations are growing rapidly in interest and numbers. The Rev. Mr. Jenkins has taken hold of the parish work with enthusiasm and is appreciated by the people of the church.

This afternoon at 2:30 o'clock members of the St. David's parish will conduct services in the city jail. Other services in the church will be Holy Matrimony, 8 o'clock; 9:45 o'clock; 11 o'clock, matins and sermon, and 7:30 o'clock, evensong and sermon.

**ADVANCED T. OUGHT.**  
Spiritual Temple, corner Sixth and Montecitorio streets, will have a service at 2:30 P. M. Tuesday evening at 8 P. M. Sunday morning, 11 A. M.; special music. Public notices and notices.

Temple of Universal Fellowship—Service 229 Eleventh street, corner Columbia, at 7:45 P. M. Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, 7:30 o'clock; 8:15 o'clock, matins and sermon, and 7:30 o'clock, evensong and sermon.

**CHURCH NOTICES DUE THURSDAY**  
Church notices for the Sunday Oregonian will be published in this issue by Thursday at 5 P. M. It is not possible to assure publication of any notices after that hour.

Thursday, 6:00; preaching, 7:00; prayer meeting, Thursday evening, 7:00.

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(Services in this denomination are held on Saturdays.)

Central—East Eleventh and Everett—Elder J. C. Hayward, pastor. Sabbath school, 10:00; preaching, 11:00; prayer meeting, Wednesday evening, 7:30; 8:00; P. U. meeting, 8:00; prayer meeting, 7:00.

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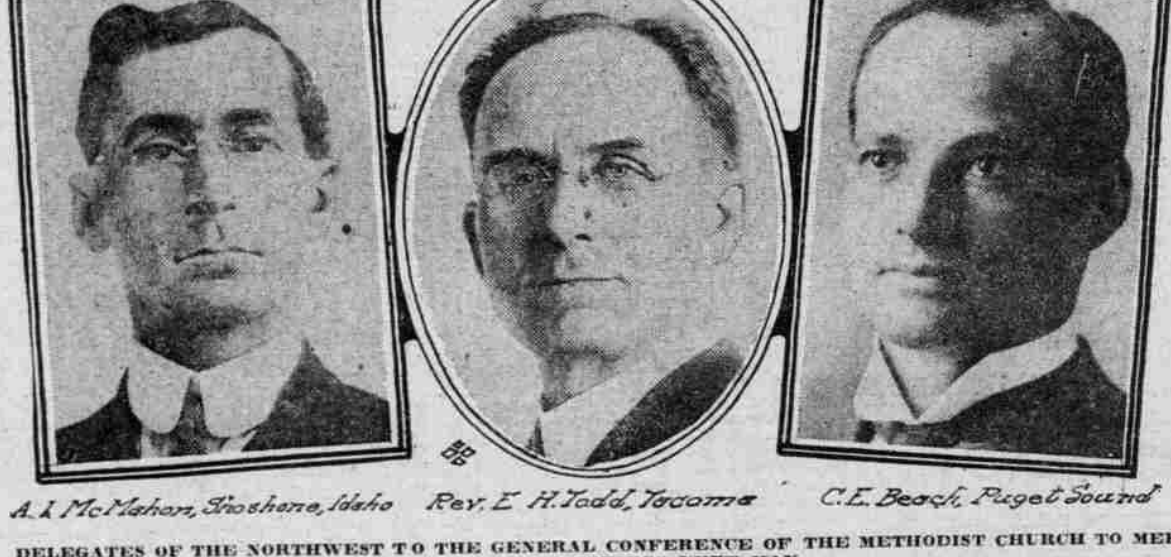
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The morning subject will be "The Joy of Sacrifice." Special music will be rendered at both services.

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