

DRYLAND PLANS GREATEST STREET WORK IN HISTORY

City Council Has Taken Steps to Improve 150 Miles Next Year - Contractors Have Hands Full.

At the rate with which street improvement work is being encouraged...

There is no question that if enough contractors could be found to take care of the work being ground out daily...

One of the largest local contracting firms has unfulfilled contracts to the amount of \$441,000 on its hands.

Contracts uncompleted by smaller companies will total more than \$1,000,000, making a grand total of \$1,441,000.

The city council has been authorizing scores of new improvements at every season, and if the average of the past 7 months is maintained more than \$6,000,000 worth of hard surface will be laid in 1910.

Asphalt, bitulithic and hessam are the paving materials in most general use, though for the warehouse districts stone blocks have been recommended by the city engineer.

PUPILS OF SUNDAY SCHOOL ENTERTAIN

Sunday evening, at the Epworth Methodist church, twenty-six and Savier, the Sunday school will render the following program:

Quartet, "Ye Believers Awake," (Hall), Miss Hilda Turple, Mrs. C. T. McPherson, Rev. C. T. McPherson, Ralph Spelman, Christmas Greeting—Albert Ritter, Prayer.

Primary recitations: (a) "By a Berron's Blessing," (b) "What a Boy Wants for Christmas," Willie Farr, (c) "A Dolly's Christmas," Lucy Busard's class, (d) Christmas exercises, Marguerite Young's class, (e) "God Bless Us All," Gerald Pomeroy, (f) "The Christmas Angel," (g) "The Babe in the Manger," boys of Mrs. Farr's class.

Recitation, "Come Back to Bethlehem," Rose Hollin. Two Prophecies—Boys of Mr. Speelman and Mr. Perry's classes. Scripture recitation, Mrs. Peterson's class.

Hymn 194—"It Came Upon the Midnight Clear." Recitation, "The Shepherds," Ruth Workman.

Solo, "A Star Like Morning Sunshines," (Hall), Mrs. C. T. McPherson. Scripture recitation, Miss Lathrop's class.

Song, "The Holy Night," (Giebel), Mr. Loban's class. "The Stars," pupils of Mrs. Myers and Mrs. Peterson's classes.

Song, "The Bright Little Stars," primary department. Exercise, "We Are the Stars," five girls.

Chorus, "Shine On, O Star," (Giebel), school. Exercise, "We're a Band of Christmas Stars," pupils of Marian Handers' primary class.

Recitation, "The Christmas Angels," Violet Fraser. Chorus, "Christmas Glory Crowns the World," (Hall), choir.

Announcement of honor roll names. Hymn, "Joy to the World."

Sunday Services at the Portland Churches

First—White Temple, Twelfth and Taylor, Rev. J. Whitcomb Brounger, D. D. 10:30. "One Accord" prayer meeting services, 10:30 and 7:30. Bible school 11:30. P. M. 8:00. Topics, "Cheer Up," "Lovers' Best Christmas Gift."

Suggestive Questions on the Sunday School Lesson by Rev. Dr. T. S. Linscott

Ministers, Sunday school teachers and others interested are invited to write The Journal briefly their views as to the work of these "questions," particularly if they consider them of value in their work.

Persons may join the club at any time during the year, but must, of course, answer the 52 questions hereinafter explained, to qualify for the prizes and the back questions may be obtained by addressing this office.

This paper has secured the right to publish the International Sunday School Lesson Questions by Rev. Dr. Linscott, which have aroused so much interest elsewhere, and they will appear weekly in both the Saturday and Sunday issues of The Journal.

Conditions of the contest. 1. Each contestant, or his or her family, must be a subscriber to this paper, in order to qualify for membership in the International Newspaper Bible Study club and this local club.

2. Each contestant in this local club must answer each of the written questions for 52 consecutive weeks, commencing Sunday, March 14, and the answers must all be in the possession of this paper within two weeks of the close of the period.

3. Each question must be answered separately, and the paper written on one side only. No answer must exceed 300 words in length and may be less. Each answer must have the name and address of the writer at the bottom of the answer.

4. The answers must be delivered to this office, and they will be collated at the close of the contest and forwarded to the proper authorities for examination by competent examiners. The best will be awarded according to the highest number of marks, won by members of The International Newspaper Bible Study club.

Prizes. First Series—A gold medal to each of the first five contestants. Second Series—A silver medal to each of the next five contestants. Third Series—A Teacher's Bible, price \$5.50, to each of the next five contestants.

Fourth Series—The book "The Heart of Christianity," price \$1.50, to each of the next 52 contestants. Each medal will be suitably engraved, giving the name of the winner up for what it is awarded and in like manner each Bible and book will be inscribed.

All who can write and have ideas are urged to take up these studies regardless of the degree of their education, as the papers are not valued from an educational or literary standpoint, but from the point of view of the cogency of their reasoned ideas.

December 26, 1908. The Birth of Christ—Matt. II:1-12. Golden Text—And thou shalt call his name Jesus, for he shall save his people from their sins—Matt. 1:21.

Verse 1—Where is Bethlehem, the birth place of Jesus? Where was the home of Mary and Joseph, the parents of Jesus, and how did it happen that they were at Bethlehem at this time?

Verse 2—Is there any evidence, and if so what is it, which indicates that God, in the past ages, has revealed himself to other people than those of Jewish origin?

Verse 3—What is the evidence for or against the idea that it was God's original intention for Jesus to be the literal king of the Jews, as the wise men stated, and as Herod feared?

Verse 4—Why should Herod and "all Jerusalem" be troubled at the announcement of the birth of a Jewish king?

Verse 5—What prophet is here referred to, and where in the Bible did these priests and scribes quote from? Did the prophet they quoted from and did these priests and scribes think that the expected Christ was to be an earthly king? Why?

Verse 6—What is it which makes difficult the work of these "questions," particularly if they consider them of value in their work?

10:30. Rev. Ellen Ribera, 9:30 and 8:30; S. S. 2:30. Swedish—Borthwick and Beach, Rev. John Wall, 11 and 8; S. S. 10; E. L. 7. Topics, "The Blessings of Christianity," "Christmas Festival."

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Station, Rev. H. E. Sandstedt, 10:30 and 7:45; S. S. 9:30. Seventeenth and Gilliam; Rev. B. J. Thoren, 10 and 8; S. S. 10; Y. P. M. 8:30. St. John's Church—Highland avenue and Belmont; Rev. B. J. Thoren, 11; S. S. 10.

Immanuel German—Corner 15th and Lee (Bellwood), H. C. Ebeling, 10:30; S. S. 9:30. Grace English (Missouri Synod)—Lafayette Park, Rev. Carl Hassold, 10 and 7:30; S. S. 9:30.

First—Madison and Park, Rev. Luther R. Dyott, H. D. 11 and 7:45; S. S. 9:45. Topics, "The New Incarnation," "Seven Churches in Christian Light."

Second—Lafayette—Rev. W. H. Myers, 11; S. S. 10; C. E. 6:30. Sunnyside—East Taylor and East Twenty-fourth, Rev. J. H. Sand, 11 and 7:30; S. S. 9; C. E. 6:30. Topics, "Christmas Joy," "The Message of the Word."

St. John's—Rev. G. W. Nelson, 11 and 8; S. S. 10. University Park—Haven and Dawson, Rev. W. W. Higgs, 11 and 7:30; S. S. 10; C. E. 6:30. Haszelo Street—East Seventh and Haszelo, Rev. George E. Padback, 11 and 7:45; S. S. 10.

Highland—East Sixth and Prescott, Rev. E. S. Bollinger, 11 and 7:30; S. S. 9:45; C. E. 6:30. Topics, "The Angel of Life," Praise services and cantata.

First German—East Seventh and Stanton, Rev. John H. Hopp, 10:30 and 7:30; S. S. 9:45; C. E. 6:30. Pilgrim—Savoy and Missouri avenue, Rev. H. W. Dyer, 11 and 7:30; S. S. 9:45; C. E. 6:30. Topics, "A Significant Testimony," "The Kingdom Come."

United Brethren in Christ. First—East Fifteenth and Morrison, Rev. Russell S. Showers, 11 and 7:30; S. S. 10; C. E. 6:30. Radical—Sixth and Mechanic, Rev. Oscar A. Martin, 11 and 7:30; S. S. 10; C. E. 6:30. Third South Mount Tabor, Rev. C. P. Hinrichard, 11; S. S. 10.

Alberta—East Twenty-seventh and Woodland, Rev. E. E. Emerick, 11 and 7:30; S. S. 10. Tremont—Wisdom and Curtis streets, Rev. H. C. Shaffer, S. S. 11; C. E. 6:30; sermon, 7:30.

Central—East Twentieth and Salmon; Rev. J. G. Gentry, 11 and 7:45; Bible school, 10. Topics, "In the Fullness of Time," "The World's Supreme Gift."

West—Corner Park and Columbia, Rev. W. F. Rogers, 11 and 7:30; S. S. 9:45. Fern Park—Pitt and Midburn; Rev. A. Bee, 11 and 7:30; S. S. 10; C. E. 6:30. Rodney Avenue—Rodney and Knott; Thomas G. Pickett, 11 and 7:30; S. S. 9:45; C. E. 7 p. m. Sellwood—Eleventh and Umattila, 10:30 and 7:45; C. E. 6:30. Woodlawn—Rev. Edward Wright, 11 and 7:30; S. S. 10; C. E. 7. Gladstone—Rev. A. H. Mulkey; S. S. 10, 11 and 7:30.

United Evangelical. The Church of the Strangers—Grand ave. and Wasco, Rev. E. S. Bost, 10:30 and 7:30; S. S. 12. Interpretation for the deaf every Sunday morning.

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CITIZENS PETITION FOR "OFF DUTY" DAYS FOR FIRE FIGHTERS

A petition to the city executive board covering 53 pages of legal cap paper and signed by the leading business and professional men of the city, asking that Portland firemen be given 24 hours off duty every eight days.

Fire Chief Campbell said this morning that he is still at work trying to reconstruct his schedule so that favorable action can be taken on the petition. He is in hopes that he will have some plan figured out whereby the change can be made without impairing the efficiency of the department. In order to grant the request of the petitioners it will be necessary for the executive board to authorize an amendment to the rules of the fire department.

Bank Cashier Resigns. (Special Dispatch to The Journal.) Forest Grove, Or., Dec. 25.—John E. Bally, who has been cashier of the Forest Grove National bank for the past year, has resigned, and will return to the active management of his mercantile establishment. W. W. McElowney, who has resigned as postmaster of this place, will take a position at the bank.

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