

# "THE CHRISTMAS MIRACLE" THEME OF DR. FOULKES

## Noted Preacher Declares He Would Not Attempt to Demonstrate Miracle, but Desired to Exhibit It.

At the First Presbyterian church yesterday the pastor, Dr. William Hiram Foulkes, who returned Christmas morning from a 10 days' trip to the east, conducted appropriate Christmas services both morning and evening. In the evening the quartet, composed of Mrs. Fletcher Linn, Mrs. Reno Hutchinson, Mrs. Wise, Clara Richards, Donna Stan, with Edgar E. Coorsen, organist, sang several Christmas carols.

The chorus choir, under the leadership of Dr. and Mrs. McMichael, sang "Adventus Fidelis" as a processional hymn. Dr. Foulkes gave a brief message upon "The Christmas Miracle." In the morning his theme was "The Christmas Miracle." His text was I Timothy 3:16. He said in part:

"The Christmas miracle is not simple, but complex. Those who fancy that by attacking and destroying the virgin birth they can rid Christmas of its supernaturalism have not reckoned adequately. There is a plethora of miracle about Christmas. My purpose, however, today is not to awaken controversy but to stimulate faith. I have no desire to attempt to demonstrate the Christmas miracle but rather to exhibit it.

"The first phase of the Christmas miracle is that of Messianic hope. The Old Testament is a strangely unfinished book. There are scarlet and silver strands that run through its records and reach out and on for some fulfillment. The element of Messianic hope in the Old Testament is a cumulative growing one. Take the first promise made to the race, Mother Eve in Genesis 3:15. There is no need to read into it all the full content of later prophecy, but there is no warrant for reading out of it all implications of a final fulfillment.

"A hope was awakened in the first mother's breast that through her offspring deliverance should come. She called her son Cain, which means 'I have gotten.' That is she thought that the promise had been fulfilled. Dr. Foulkes then traced the growth of the spirit of Messianic hope through the Old Testament literature, writing the development of hope into expectancy and the latter into prophecy until he came on the first Christmas day.

"The second element of the Christmas miracle is the fulness of the times. 'In God's cosmic and his moral universe everything moves according to schedule. Nothing happens. No event appears too soon or too late. While perhaps theologians have made too much of the historic situation into which Christ came, their errors have made too little of it. The fact remains that for the first time in the world's history there was the construction of a universal civilization whose citizenship touched the rim of the world, and a universal language and philosophy. If Christianity is criticized because of the elements of Greek philosophy which have entered into its development, its reply is that no better philosophy had before or has since arisen by which it might hand down and diffuse its truth.

"Beside these things there was an almost universal bankruptcy of faith and effort on the part of the human heart. The epicureans and the stoic siles were living examples of the failure of the world to redeem itself. Even Judaism was itself bankrupt. Then in the fulness of the times the Christmas miracle appeared. The third phase of the Christmas miracle is the rebirth of Christ in the human heart. I state the

truth bluntly, but I trust not offensively. 'The great miracle of Christmas is not what did happen, but what does happen. Christ is born in human hearts. Men in unbelief may stumble as Nicodemus did, saying 'How can these things be?' but the Christian knows the presence of Christ; and comes under the power of the Christmas miracle. This is the spirit of Phillips Brooks' Christmas hymn, in which he prays that the babe of Bethlehem may be born in us today. Though there is still no room in the proud, self-righteous human heart. He still begins to enter the lowly and humble heart in the miracle of his rebirth into human life.

### PREACHES ON CHRIST'S BIRTH

#### Dr. Parsons Says Great Men Were Born Before Him.

Rev. William Parsons of the Third Presbyterian church preached upon the birth of Christ. His text was Luke 2:1. He said in part:

"No doubt that a score of men were born in the Roman empire that day who before their death left a deeper mark upon the world than Jesus, yet we never heard their names. Why did they perish and he live in his influence? Why all this bustle of business, merrymaking, giving gifts and this annual celebration of his birth? The answer lies in these texts:

"First—That it actually did fulfill the predictions ancient and recent. As to place, lineage and incidents connected with his birth, that is a mere matter of comparison of the predictions of the Old Testament.

"Second—He was born of a virgin. Begotten by the Holy Spirit, yet of human and natural origin in his mother. In this he was unique. The later attempt to attach the same circumstances to his mother is a pure invention without any historic foundation and arising so long after the event that no consideration need be given to it.

"Third—In the way in which it was heralded to the world. By the angel visitants, by the star in the east and in Bethlehem. Others had been announced before their birth by messengers from heaven but this is the only incident where the birth was so heralded.

"Fourth—This is the only incarnation of deity. Myths and fables there have been many. Previous theophanies there were, but this is the only incarnation of God that had a moral purpose big enough to make it reasonable, and the only one making such a claim who did really Godlike things.

"We believe these unique things about Jesus, not because we are credulous but because we have sure grounds of reason for them. To those of us who accept the Bible as God's revelation of himself to man the fact that it teaches them is sufficient. But there are many who say with Canon Henson that they rest upon a theory of inspiration that is now untenable. We have no time to argue that question easy of argument, as it is, but will simply note that the books of Mathew and Luke are history as credible and well authenticated as any history. But in addition.

"There is the conception of the Christ—great, majestic, imperishable. That is no invention, and apart from these facts he is the inexplicable man, with them easily understood and accounted for. Our reason compels us to account for him. And this is the most reasonable account. But the experience of many who have believed upon Jesus and become conscious of his divine power through their own salvation convinces them perfectly that this is but part of the divine Lord who has saved them. They have a source of evidence that is beyond the reach of criticism by the world and, putting all these together, they say 'I believe in Jesus who was begotten of the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary.

### SMALL NUMBER OF PERMITS ISSUED

The following building permits have been issued:

- J. E. Owens—Erect one story frame shed, Davis street dock, on river front; builder, same; \$150.
- T. D. Hunt—Erect two story frame dwelling, East Eighteenth street, between Thompson and Brazee; builder, Multnomah Mill & Construction company; \$4000.
- I. H. Paige—Erect one and one-half story frame dwelling, Talbot Road near Greenway station; builder, Multnomah Mill & Construction company; \$2000.
- L. C. McClintock—Erect one and one-half story frame dwelling, East Washington street between Thirty-seventh and Thirty-eighth; builder, Multnomah Mill & Construction company; \$2000.
- Rosenthal sisters—Repair six story brick store, Seventh street between Washington and Stark; builder, Stokes & Zeller; \$1000.
- Gates & Young—Erect one and one-half story frame dwelling, East Twenty-seventh street between Brazee and Thompson; builder, same; \$2750.

### EDITOR WEDS; FRIENDS RIDE HIM ON BOVINE

(Special Dispatch to The Journal.) Elgin, Or., Dec. 27.—Lee Tuttle, editor of the Elgin Recorder and Miss Lena Edmonds, a popular young lady of this town, were married at La Grande this week by the Methodist minister, Rev. McLeod.

On their return to Elgin Tuttle tried to escape the crowd awaiting them at the depot by jumping from the coach while the train was still some distance from the depot and making a run for his home. He was caught and brought back to the depot, where a cow, bedecked with bells, awaited him. He was mounted on "Bossie" and paraded through the streets of Elgin followed by his bride, in a sleigh and the crowd.

### Two Marshfield Sisters Wed.

(Special Dispatch to The Journal.) Marshfield, Or., Dec. 27.—Two sisters were the brides at a double wedding which took place at the home of Mr. and Mrs. O. S. Torrey in Marshfield. Miss Psyche Torrey was married to Wilbur G. Craig of Blackfoot, Idaho, and Miss Erolis Torrey was married to Thomas G. Leyland. Mr. and Mrs. Craig will go to Idaho to live. Mr. Leyland is the local representative of the Sherman-Clay Music company of Portland and with his bride will reside in this city.

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### EASTERN CITIES ADMIRE OREGON

#### Dr. Foulkes Returns From Record Making Trip With Good News.

Dr. William Hiram Foulkes, pastor of the First Presbyterian church, has returned to Portland after a record making trip to Cincinnati. Dr. Foulkes was gone eleven days. He spent ten nights in the sleeper, tarried in Cincinnati seven hours, spent Saturday night and Sunday, a week ago, in Chicago, and reached his home Saturday night last.

Dr. Foulkes is a member of the General Association Committee on General Education of the church, being the only member west of Chicago. He was called to Cincinnati to attend a meeting of the committee scheduled for December 17.

### NEW CHURCH MEMBER BAPTIZED IN RIVER

A baptismal service was conducted in the Willamette at 3 o'clock Sunday afternoon by Rev. C. T. McPherson, of Epworth Methodist church. George Batdorf was the candidate, who went down into the icy water. He and Mr. McPherson, who wore ordinary clothing rather than the regular baptismal robes, were in the river about five minutes. Although there are several baptismal tanks in the city, Mr. Batdorf insisted upon entering the river in imitation of

### WALLOWA POSTOFFICE IN THIRD CLASS LIST

(Special Dispatch to The Journal.) Wallowa, Or., Dec. 27.—Postmaster J. E. Tulley received notice Monday that the Wallowa postoffice would be placed in the third class list January 1, 1910, and that his salary would be increased to \$1200 per year.

### JOHNSON-KETCHEL PICTURES HERE AGAIN

Sporting and athletic circles are more than pleased with the announcement that the Johnson-Ketchel fight pictures will have a return date in this city which has been arranged for next Friday and Saturday at the Hugawell theatre. This takes in New Year's eve and

all of New Year's day, which, with hour-by-hour shows, such as were run at the Baker theatre recently, will give opportunity for thousands to see this picture. With Jim Jeffries, Jack Johnson and Ketchel pointed this way, each with his own troupe of backers and the settlement of the fight terms for the great world championship between Jeffries and Johnson, everybody might want to see the kind of fighter Jeffries must tackle in order to keep the heavyweight championship from being retained by a colored man.

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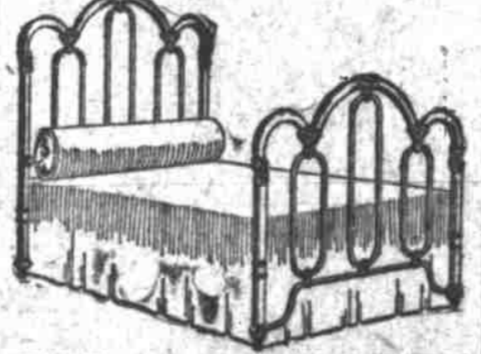
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