

WORLD'S WONDER  
IS GREAT POWER  
OF CHRISTIANITY  
Such Was Statement Made by  
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"The most wonderful thing in the world... the power of Christianity to change men's lives from bad to good." Such was the theme of a most interesting and instructive discourse by Fred B. Smith in the lobby of the Y. M. C. A. building last night. Mr. Smith is head of the department of religious work on the international committee of the Y. M. C. A. He has spent 31 years in traveling from country to country in his endeavors to encourage and help erring humanity, and has been around the world several times. Rarely has a more gifted or forceful speaker addressed an assemblage of Y. M. C. A. members.

**Tells of Voyages.**  
"In voyaging over the earth I have seen four of the five named wonders of the world," said Mr. Smith last night, "and I will relate a few incidents that happened in connection with my visits to them."

Mr. Smith then told of a trip to Victoria Falls, in the heart of Africa. On the journey he was one of a party of 98 people and the only American. All the way down the Nile he sounded the praises of our own great Niagara, but he was considerably chagrined when he learned that the African waterfall was three times as wide and twice as high as the pride of the United States. He related some amusing happenings of a tour to Naples and a climb up the sides of Vesuvius in which he was assisted by a half a dozen Sicilians who were finally obliged to lead him to the crater's edge at the end of a rope. Mr. Smith is a large man and his auditors could well believe that at least six ordinary men were required to pull him up the old volcano's steep slopes.

**Led Audience Around World.**  
From this beginning he led his hearers around the globe in a series of specific stories to illustrate his text. Mr. Smith has a remarkable fund of information gleaned in his wanderings over the globe and his talks are made on his own personal observations. The examples of men whose lives had been changed for the better by the all pervasive voice of truth were cited from happenings that had actually come under his notice. The well-filled lobby was sorry to hear Mr. Smith say good night.

That the mass meeting in the White Temple at 7 o'clock this afternoon to be addressed by Mr. Smith will be one of the largest and most important gatherings of men in the history of Portland, is the assertion of Y. M. C. A. officers who have been in charge. The subject of Mr. Smith's address on this occasion will be "America's Greatest Sin." This is a discourse which he has given in many of the chief cities of the United States and it has never failed to create a deep impression. Although the largest available auditorium are always secured, thousands of people are usually unable to gain admission.

**GARNATION DAY IN NEW YORK**  
The services at the White Temple will be very simple and will take the place of the usual Sunday afternoon mass meeting in the Y. M. C. A. auditorium. There will be music by the Y. M. C. A. and a vocal solo, aside from which the entire service will be taken up by Mr. Smith's address.

Mr. Smith will also speak this morning at 10:30 o'clock in the First Presbyterian church. His subject at that time will be "Frost and Loss." This meeting will take the place of the usual Sunday morning service at this church, but it will be for men only.

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What threatened to be an outbreak between the Chinese and Japanese in Chinatown last night was promptly quelled by the opportune arrival of a dozen patrolmen. The trouble was at 68 north Fourth street, and resulted in the arrest of one Japanese. The police are looking for several other participants in the affray.

A riot call came into the station at 8 o'clock, and the officers were rushed to the place in the automobile and patrol. When they arrived, the doors were barred, and several Japanese were in front making a demonstration. One Japanese slipped through the crowd when the officers arrived, and ran into an employment office. The doors of this place were locked, but Patrolman Montgomery caught the running Japanese as he came out the back of the office. The Jap had his coat cut in shreds and several cuts in the face. He refused to talk. In his pockets were found several Chinese lottery tickets.

The Chinese with whom he had been fighting had been hidden and no trace of the trouble could be found. It appears that the Chinese lottery game was running in the rear of 68 north Fourth, and that several Japanese were playing. The Japanese declared that the Chinese were trying to kill one of their countrymen.

Trouble has been expected between the two races since the recent elopement of the Japanese wife of a Chinese merchant. The wife was a Japanese, and the Chinese colony blames the Japanese with assisting the couple to escape. The wife took \$12,000 belonging to herself and Chinese husband. Patrolmen Long, Wanless and Flick stayed at the scene last night to prevent any attempt at an outbreak between the warring factions. The Japanese who was arrested gave his name as H. Mayasasaki.

**COFFROTH WAGES \$1,000 ON TRIP**  
Liverpool, Jan. 29.—To Cashman, Sporting Editor New York American, New York—Battered for home Maun, today. Waged Eugene Corri thousand dollars will arrive San Francisco February 8.

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LETTERS OFFERING HELP POUR IN  
FROM ALL SECTIONS OF GREAT  
COMMONWEALTH—POLICY IS  
OUTLINED.

Letters from every section of the state were read at the meeting of the Oregon State Automobile association in the officers' quarters at the Armory yesterday afternoon. Each and every one of them was from a man of importance in the section of the state in which he lived, and the hearty support of every automobile owner in the state was practically assured the new venture.

At yesterday's meeting the policy of the club was outlined to the members present, and it drew the approval of all. The work of the association is to be handled by an executive committee of three members as a central body, and by vice presidents in each county of the state. The officers, aside from the committee men and the vice presidents, are a president, secretary and treasurer. These officers will be elected at the first annual meeting of the association, to be held during the Rose Festival. The work of the association will fall upon the executive committee and the vice presidents. The latter are to cover their section of the state through a committee of five members. The vice presidents are to make monthly reports of the needs of the roads in their county to the executive committee, and of the progress made in canvassing among the residents. They are to be the acting superintendents of all road work undertaken by the association and all race meets, automobile shows, endurance runs or other specialties will come under their supervision once the sanction of the state association is obtained.

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SEATTLE AUTOISTS SEATED HEARS COUNCIL FOR THE  
SINCE THIS CITY SEIZED FIRST PLACE IN FIGHT OVER FAIR DATES LOCAL SHOW WILL BE THE BEST.

Since Seattle withdrew from the northwest fair circuit, piqued because G. M. Richard, representative of the Seattle Fair association, was not allowed to get dates for all fairs in the circuit to suit the convenience of Seattle, an interesting situation has developed.

For one thing, the Portland and Salem fair associations have joined in a defensive and offensive alliance against Seattle's efforts to monopolize the best of the northwest exhibits. For another, the Portland Fair association will organize, it now seems, the greatest fair in northwest history, a good deal for the purpose of hurling Seattle's defiance, as expressed here last week, back into Seattle's teeth, figuratively speaking.

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STATE FAIR'S TREASURY OF \$5,837.85  
Secretary Frank Welch's Report Shows a Surplus in Treasury of \$5,837.85.

(Salem Bureau of The Journal.)  
Salem, Ore., Jan. 29.—Through grave doubts existed for the success of the Oregon state fair in 1909 because of the Alaska-Yukon exposition at Seattle, the report of Secretary Frank Welch shows that the attendance at the fair and the receipts were greater than for any previous year. There is a surplus in the treasury of \$5,837.85. The total receipts in 1909 were \$61,892.14, which is a gain of \$700 over 1908, the biggest year previously.

The state fair is a growing institution and more improvements are needed, according to the secretary. He recommends a livestock amphitheatre with a seating capacity of 6,000 and an arena 100x150 feet, which could be used for all large state assemblies that demand spacious accommodations. Such a structure is now found at the greater state fairs, including those of Ohio, Indiana, Illinois, Wisconsin, Minnesota, and Nebraska, and have proved to be of great value. The building would make it more possible to hold satisfactory horse shows and together with other amusements would attract attention and increase the gate receipts.

**SAFE TO MURDER, SAFE EDUCATOR**  
Ithaca, N. Y., Jan. 29.—"I will make you a prophecy. It is now January 29, 1910, and before the 25th of next January comes around 5000 men and women in the United States will have been murdered. But for the maladministration of the criminal law in the United States they would have escaped." This strong statement was made by Andrew D. White, statesman and educator, former ambassador to Germany, and former president of Cornell university, in a remarkable address today.

**VALLEY SCHOOLS IN ATHLETIC BODY**  
At a meeting held at the Hill Military Academy yesterday afternoon a new athletic league was organized, being composed of nearly all the high schools in the Willamette valley and one or two of the Portland preparatory institutions. The name of the organization, which promises to be one of the most powerful leagues of its kind in the state, is the Willamette Valley Interscholastic Athletic Association, with Albany high school, Newberg high school, Salem high school and Hill Military Academy as charter members.

**CALIFORNIANS BET ON MARATHON RACE**  
San Francisco, Jan. 29.—Johnny Hayes, the crack American runner, and Donato Pietri, the great Italian runner, have completed their training, and are anxiously awaiting the word from Mayor McCarthy to start on their 26-mile and 385-yard run at Recreation Baseball-park tomorrow afternoon at 3 o'clock. Both runners are in the pink of condition and confident of victory.

**NEW CLUB FORMED TO BOOST FOR WOODSTOCK**  
Out of an old organization which has been warring with success for several years the new Woodstock Improvement club has grown. It was organized Friday night to look after the needs of the suburb of Woodstock. The new president of the club, Charles Van Horn, expects great things from the new organization.

**ENGINEER BURIED WHEN BOILER FALLS**  
Frank King, a stationary engineer of Winlock, was seriously injured yesterday afternoon when his engine turned over. Hot water was thrown over the man and his face and arms were badly scalded. The track used for the engine gave away, which caused the toppling over of the train. King was taken to the St. Vincent hospital.

WHO'S MOTHER  
OF THIS THREE-YEAR-OLD CHILD?  
Mrs. Sadie Key insists She  
Is Parent of Little George  
at Baby Home, but Her Story  
Is Doubtful.

In Mrs. Sadie Key the mother or the aunt of a three-year-old child at the baby home? She says she is the mother, and with bursts of tears and wailing, she tells when and where little George was born. But Chief Probation Officer Tauscher of the juvenile court says she is not the mother, and he also has a bill of particulars to back up his statement.

One peculiar feature of the case, if Mrs. Key is not the mother, is the location she exhibits for it and the diligence with which she has kept up her claim for years. On the other hand, Mrs. Nora Cannon, believed by Mr. Tauscher to be the child's mother, displays no interest in the youngster and counts the theory that he is her last born, although she admits that she has a child in the world somewhere unaccounted for.

**DIPLOMAS FOR TWO CLASSES**  
The graduating class of the Lincoln High school will receive diplomas at the semi-annual commencement exercises to be held next Tuesday evening in the assembly room of the High school.

**MULTNOMAH TRIUMPH COLLEGE TOSSERS**  
The fast Multnomah basketball team defeated the Whitman quintet 34 to 22, in an exciting game played at the Multnomah gymnasium last night. Multnomah took the lead and held it all the way. At the start of the first half the score was 13 to 7 in the club's favor.

**BELLE GUNNESS AT WILMAR, MINN.?**  
La Porte, Ind., Jan. 28.—That Belle Gunness, multi-millionaire, is in the custody of officers at Wilmar, Minn., was the information telegraphed to Chief of Police Cochran of this city this afternoon. The belief of the Minneapolis authorities that they have the arch fiend in custody is so strong that transportation is guaranteed for a La Porte officer to make an investigation and the possibility with which the Wilmar authorities plead that they have Mrs. Gunness under arrest caused Mayor Darrow of this city to issue instructions this afternoon to Chief Cochran to make an immediate investigation and if it shows the disposition of the latter to leave for the Minnesota town tomorrow.

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