

ADVENTIST TELLS CHURCH PURPOSE

Remarkable Growth of Denomination Shown in Last Fifty Years

Elder N. C. Erntson, pastor of the local Seventh Day Adventist church who just returned from a union conference session held at Walla Walla, Wash., reports great achievements in denominational work.

"In 1872," Mr. Erntson said, "there was a membership of only 4801, a total contribution for all purposes of \$185,378.60, with a per capita contribution of \$5.55; the offering to missionary work was \$852.50.

"Literature was printed in one language, no foreign missionaries had been sent out as yet, and three periodicals were distributed. There was one institution and a total denominational investment of \$38,712.53. In the brief period of a half century up to and including the year 1922, the Adventists have acquired a total membership of 208,771, an increase of over 4,448 per cent. There was an increase of \$8,135,483.24 total contribution for church purposes between the two years of 1872 and 1922. The amount given per capita for the year 1922 was \$39.86. The greatest amount given by the denomination in a single year was \$11,854,404.23, which was given in 1920, making a per capita gift of \$62.92.

"Our work today is carried on

in 115 countries operating among a population aggregating 1,479,117,476, and employing 14,389 evangelistic and institutional laborers who are using in their work 194 languages (publications being issued in 111), and connected with the movement are 224 institutions, representing, together with conference organizations and 1184 church buildings, a total investment (for 1921) of \$24,196,049.15, and an aggregate annual institutional work of \$23,620,315.03.

"The teachings which have brought about such a phenomenal growth are the fulfillment of definite Bible prophecy."

Mr. Erntson summed up the declaration of the faith of Seventh Day Adventists as follows:

"One God, a personal creator, omnipotent, eternal, unchangeable, and everywhere present by His representative, the Holy Spirit; Jesus Christ, our sacrifice, our Redeemer and our only hope of eternal life; the Bible as the only infallible rule of faith and practice; conversion as a special work of the Holy Spirit; the perpetuity of the law of God; the Ten Commandments and their binding obligation upon men; the observance of the seventh day of the week as the Sabbath, according to the commandment; the near, visible, personal and literal return of the Lord to this earth, but never setting a date for the event; non-conformity with the ways of the world in its pleasures, follies and fashions; baptism by immersion; prophecy as a revelation of God's purposes concerning the world. The scriptures which teach this gospel of the Kingdom shall be preached in all the world, impel us as a people to maintain a strong campaign in behalf of missions.

We also believe in Christian temperance, including the non-use of intoxicating liquors, tobacco, tea and coffee, and the complete separation of church and state.

"Our goal is, 'A whole gospel, to the whole world, by the whole church, in this generation.'"

STICKERS WANTED BY TOURIST-FOLK

It's First Question They Ask, Says Superintendent of Park

Approximately 20 tourists have stopped overnight at the automobile camping grounds since the opening last Monday, T. G. Albert, superintendent, said yesterday.

"Where are your windshield stickers?" is the first question I am asked," Mr. Albert said. "It was the same thing last year. Before they register they demand a sticker. Some of the people want stickers who do not remain overnight, but all want to add to the collection on the windshield. Several turned around and left last year because we could not supply the demand."

Tourist travel so far this year, and probably for the next month, is north and southbound, with a majority of them coming from California, where they spent the winter. Three young men from Denver registered this week, and through the government employment bureau at the YMCA, to which they were referred by Mr. Albert, they obtained employment in the woods.

Several permanent canopies, about 8 feet by 10 feet, are being erected over stoves at present. The entrance to the camp grounds has been graded and graded, though this work is proceeding slowly. Walter Low, street commissioner, is using his teams whenever they are not busy at other work, and while the expense is nothing, the amount accomplished is necessarily retarded.

The two winning designs in the Chamber of Commerce windshield sticker contest were given to Murray Wade about two weeks ago, and as soon as he finds time to combine the two, these will be given to the printer and distributed to all tourists who call at the camp grounds.

Proposed Hospital Is Legal Gift to University

Attorney General Van Winkle has written an opinion in reply to an inquiry by President P. W. Campbell of the University of Oregon, holding that there is nothing in the terms of a proposed gift of a children's hospital to the university medical school in Portland to prevent acceptance of the gift by the university. The gift offered is a children's hospital to cost about \$200,000, to be maintained by the university and used by the medical school as an adjunct to its clinical and research work. Under the terms fees may be charged for any number of the beds, the intention being, however, that some of the beds be devoted to charity, to be supported either out of the income derived from foundations established by private gifts for that purpose, from special annual gifts, or in case of need, from the university funds.

Losses Shown By Three Corporations of State

The Willamina & Grande Ronde railway shows a loss of \$41,847.99 in its annual report for 1923, filed yesterday with the public service commission. Its operating revenues are listed at \$9940.82, operating expenses, \$47,207.05, and taxes \$4521.77.

The Willamette Valley Transfer company, which runs a line of trucks out of Portland through the Willamette valley, shows a net loss of \$1486.90 on its 1923

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BLIGH THEATRE

Woman's Screams Lead to Arrest of Williamson

A woman's screams from a down town apartment about 2 o'clock Friday morning brought three officers to the scene and Arthur Williamson, proprietor of a local cigar store to the police station, where he was booked on charges of possession of liquor, disorderly conduct and resisting an officer. He was released under \$150 bail and will come up for trial early next week.

Williamson is said to have come home after drinking and proceeded to threaten his wife and daughter. According to occupants of the apartments, Mrs. Williamson screamed and awakened them. She called for help, and when no

one in the apartments stepped to the rescue, the police were called.

One of the officers said that when they entered the room Mrs. Williamson's clothes were badly torn and some of them were on the floor.

"Kill me if you want to, but don't beat your daughter," Mrs. Williamson was heard to shriek before the police arrived. The arrest was made by Officers Wright, James and Victor.

G. R. Ramsey, who, police say, became drunk after imbibing denatured alcohol, was fined \$110 by Police Judge Marten Poulsen when he appeared in the police court Friday morning. Ramsey was arrested for being drunk and having intoxicating liquor in his possession Thursday afternoon by Officer White. Ramsey spent the night in jail.

THEATRES MOVIES

Do you ever stop to think how long a trip a letter you mail in Salem can take for the small sum of two cents? How many hands and diversified operations it will pass through before it reaches its destination?

The answer to those questions are vividly realistically pictured in "The Mailman," which opened at the Grand theater last night and will hold the curtains there over Sunday. The picture is dedicated to the carriers who faithfully perform their services early and late and under all kinds of conditions, that our national activities shall function naturally, efficiently and without interruption.

Director Johnson begins his picture with the first known message ever carried—the olive branch that the dove brought back to Noah. He does this to bring out more forcibly the highly intricate workings of the modern system of communications, in the depths

of which one loyal servant, portrayed by Ralph Lewis, goes through a series of extremely humane adventures which glorify the mailman.

It works out funny. Moonlight makes him long to be married, and moonshine makes him long to be a bachelor.

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