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We shall do much in the years to come. But what have we done today? We shall give out gold in a princely sum. But what did we give today? We shall lift the heart and dry the tear. We shall plant a hope in the place of fear. We shall speak with words of love and cheer. But what have we done today? We shall be so kind in the after while. But what have we done today? We shall bring to each lonely life a smile. But what have we brought today? We shall give to truth a grander birth. And to steadfast faith a deeper worth. We shall feed the hungry souls of earth. But whom have we fed today? —Nixon Waterman.

TOO MANY CHURCHES.

The East Oregonian believes that there are too many poorly paid ministers and too many weak churches in the world now.

The forces of Christianity are divided up, held apart and weakened by doctrinal differences. In many small towns four and five small congregations assemble in different churches on Sunday, each one denying itself some of the comforts of life in trying to maintain a separate organization and pay the four or five ministers uncertain salaries, that barely keep the households going.

If these four or five struggling churches were united in one spacious, modern building, could employ one minister and join their forces in supporting him in a manner that would place him above the worry for bread and butter, Christianity would be more powerful, more attractive, more promising to the world.

Many a good man hesitates to join a church because of the shaky financial condition of the church and the constant grind upon the small membership for the support of the independent organization.

Many a preacher gives up his vocation in despair, or engages in some "side line," because of the inability of the organization to pay him a living salary.

All churches worship the same Maker, expect to gain the same heaven through the same redeeming force, yet they stand apart, divide up the aggregate strength into an infinite number of struggling atoms and retard the progress of the Christian system by internal divisions.

Take for example a city with eight different churches. At a value of \$5,000 each for church property, \$40,000 is thus exempt from taxation and the community must make up this deficit; for the support of the eight ministers at least \$8,000 per year is imposed upon the divided membership, to say nothing of the thousands of dollars for the incidental expenses of auxiliary organizations to each church. The financial drain on this divided membership is something surprising. It is more than many of the members can bear, in justice to their families.

One house of worship could serve that entire community. One able minister with a corps of active workers to assist him could attend to the spiritual needs of those eight small congregations. The cost of maintaining that one organization would fall less heavily upon the members. More zeal, more cheerfulness, more downright religious activity would be felt and the sum total of Christian achievement would be increased through this united effort.

Where there is one broad, free highway leading to the mill, why will people persist in traveling the devious, rocky, foothill roads, on which they

must pay extra toll and travel extra miles to reach the same mill with the same kind of wheat at the same price? There are not too many church members, but there are too many churches.

If Umatilla county elects Dr. W. G. Cole, W. D. Chamberlain and William Blakeley to the legislature, she need have no fear of incurring the government's ill will in the matter of irrigation. Neither of these pioneer citizens is promoting an irrigation scheme contrary to the policy of the government; neither of them will seek to pass a law by which they can float irrigation bonds and speculate in water rights that belong to the people and neither of them is now engaged in securing title to large bodies of public land to be sold at fabulous prices by private land speculators, while the government hopes to reclaim this same land, if permitted by the speculators, and sell it at reasonable terms to needy settlers whose families are now weltering in rented tenements in the crowded cities. President Roosevelt has cried down the speculator. Mr. Newell has cried down the speculator, the forestry and reclamation departments are harassed to death with them, and Umatilla county will heed the warning against such, if she expects government favor in reclaiming her deserts. In choosing between Dr. W. G. Cole, the pioneer citizen in full sympathy with the administration, and F. B. Holbrook, the land and water speculator, there should be no hesitancy on the part of this county.

Pendleton is once more the possessor of a good band. With a very few weeks of practice the members are doing good work and it should receive more encouragement from the people. Everybody in town can enjoy a good band. The public concerts on the streets are not exclusive. They are intended for the pleasure and enjoyment of all the people. Don't stand around and make sneering remarks, after you have listened to the music. The band boys are doing something for the public's enjoyment that you are not doing. Don't criticize until you can do better. The way to get a good band and keep it is to encourage it, to make the members know that their efforts are appreciated, to make them know that the town takes a pride in the organization and will stand by it. Nothing else advertises a town like a good band. If the Pendleton band had been held together and was now being called here and there over Eastern Oregon, no other one item could give Pendleton so much prominence as that. The East Oregonian believes in music. It cultivates the use of wind and air of all kinds. It extends the glad hand to the band boys and will stand in to help the organization along, any time.

Another Decoration Day has come and gone and Olney cemetery is not yet supplied with water for irrigation purposes. A beautiful location, good soil and even surface. Olney cemetery could be made the prettiest in the state, with plenty of water. The Commercial Association and the women's clubs could join in no nobler work than that of converting this city of the dead into a more cheerful, more inviting spot. The longer the matter is delayed the more difficult it will be to obtain water rights. Begin now. It requires years to grow shade and ornamental trees and even

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by starting to get water on the cemetery this season many of the present generation could not hope to live to see its best perfection. Every organization in the city is agreed upon this plan and all that is lacking is the leader.

THE FISHER OF NIPPON.

Where now the brownie fisher-lad? His hundred thousand fishing boats Rock idly in the reedy moats; His baby wife no more is glad. But yesterday, with all Nippon, Beneath his pink-white cherry trees, In chorus with his brown, sweet bees, He careless sang, and sang right on. Take care! for he has ceased to sing; His startled bees have taken wing!

His cherry blossoms drop like blood; His bees begin to storm and sting; His seas flash lightning, and a flood Of crimson stains their wide, white ring; His battleships belch hell, and all Nippon is but one Spartan wall! Aye, he, the boy of yesterday, Now holds the bearded Russ at bay While, blossomed steep above the clouds Wait idly, still, as waiting shrouds. —Joaquin Miller in the Century.

A DIFFERENCE.

Phyllis' arms are white as snow; Golden is her head; Deftly move her hands below— She is making bread, Flour white from water bright In a stream doth flow 'Tis a vision of delight When Phyllis kneads the dough.

Now she's ready for the street, Gowned quite a la mode; From her head down to her feet, As per Fashion's code, There's a rap upon my door (She's my wife, you know), Seems to me an awful bore, When Phyllis kneads the dough. —Frank Goodwyn.

Mrs. James A. Garfield, now 72 years old, has moved from Pasadena, Cal., to Carpinteria. She is in very poor health.

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