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IF CHRIST WERE HERE

Interesting Discourse by Rev. Robt. Sutcliffe.

SAVIOR WOULD BE SPIRITUAL

If Christ Were in Cottage Grove Today He Would Be Patriotic, Distinguishing That Quality From Partyism. Comparisons Are Made.

"What would Jesus be in Cottage Grove in 1909?" This question was most interestingly and logically discussed before a large and appreciative congregation by the Rev. Robert Sutcliffe, pastor of the Methodist church, Sunday evening. He took for his text Heb. 13:8, "Jesus Christ the same yesterday, today and forever," and from these words introduced the subject of his discourse, a synopsis of which follows:

Doubtless many have asked the question, how does anyone know what Jesus would be or do in Cottage Grove in 1909? For the West has exchanged places with the East; the electric light has supplanted the floating wick; we ride in Pullman cars instead of on camels' backs. That may all be true, but right and wrong, justice and injustice, falsehood and truth are still the same. When we find out in the gospels what Jesus was and did we may confidently assert that He would be the same and do the same in the midst of our modern complex of civilization. If Jesus lived in Cottage Grove He would be spiritual. Men have always substituted other things for this requirement, such as orthodoxy, respectability and religionism. Spirituality means more than wearing an odd dress or using peculiar phrases. Here is a good definition of this quality of the life. Spirituality is to be controlled and inspired by the Holy Spirit. This Jesus was in a wonderful manner. He of all men could say, "he that hath seen me hath seen the Father."

When Dewey went into Manila bay he cut all cables, thus detaching himself from the rest of the world. We, however, must always see to it that we are in touch and communication with God, as the Master was. If Jesus Christ lived in Cottage Grove he would be industrious. Every Jewish boy went to school at the age of five or six, here to be taught the rudiments of knowledge, and especially the history of his country. Then at twelve he is taught a trade. Christ followed the same trade as that of his father, a carpenter. A darkey who had turned preacher, in a little while began to place the letters D. D. after his name. One of his friends inquired what they stood for and received the reply, darkey do-nothing. When Jesus began to preach his days were crowded with labors. God never calls a wood-whittler or cracker-box sitting man into his employ. David was keeping sheep when appointed king; Elisha was ploughing with many yokes of oxen when called to be Elijah's successor. When Cecil Rhodes lay dying he kept murmuring "so much to do, so little done." Let us do with our might what our hands find to do, for the night cometh when no man can work. If Jesus lived in Cottage Grove he would be patriotic. The Jew was the Swiss of his day. He loved his country with an overpowering affection. To know how much one only needs to read the 137th Psalm. You remember that when the Master caught sight of Jerusalem upon one occasion instead of cheering He wept as he saw the overthrow of the city, the pride of the old earth. If Jesus lived in our midst He would be patriotic enough to doff His hat when ever the flag was carried by; He would be patriotic enough to stand when the "Star Spangled Banner" was sung or played; He would be patriotic enough to know more than one verse of "My Country 'Tis of Thee;" He would be patriotic enough to distinguish between partyism and patriotism. Stephen De-catur once said, "My country-right or wrong." I think that Jesus Christ would have fully endorsed Carl Schurz' revised version of this saying, "My country right or wrong, when right to be kept right, and when wrong to be set right."

If Jesus lived in Cottage Grove He would be brotherly. Every one who goes to Paris always takes good care to see the tomb of the great Napoleon. This is situated in the building attached to the church of St. Louis, commonly called the Dome. His ashes rest in a massive sarcophagus in a crypt some feet below the level of the floor, and immediately behind is a lifelike figure of the Christ on the cross. So real is this that one can almost believe the breath of the Savior to heave and the lips to move as if to speak. Napoleon and Christ! What a contrast. The mighty warrior is throneless, sepulchre-

less and powerless, while the man of Galilee is the most potent personality in all the world at the present time. Why this difference? One founded his empire upon violence, brutality and bloodshed, while the other established His kingdom upon kindness and brotherliness. The Nazarene has been well termed everybody's friend.

Shame upon us who call ourselves His followers "if we live for ourselves, think for ourselves and none besides, just as if Jesus had never lived, as if He had never died." Shall we not all go from this service tonight resolved to look upon and treat those we meet this coming week as if they belonged, as well as ourselves, to the great family circle over which God presides as father. Then men will think more of our professions and our religion.

SHOULD BE ENFORCED.

Law Provides That Truant Officers be Employed by School Boards.

The state compulsory education law should be strictly enforced in Cottage Grove, as well as in every other locality in Oregon. The law was enacted for a purpose and that purpose, The Sentinel believes, should be attained.

It provides that all children between and including the ages of nine and fourteen years, and all children between the ages of fourteen and sixteen years not regularly engaged in some useful employment, must attend school each year as long as school is taught in the district in which the parent or guardian lives. The children taught in the school or its branches at home or in private school or by a private tutor, such instructions to be equivalent to that given in the public schools. Children that can prove by an examination that they have mastered the common school branches, such examinations to be given by the county eighth grade examining board. Children who are physically unable to attend school, a physician's certificate being accepted as competent evidence. Children between the ages of 9 and 10 years who live more than one and a half miles from, and older children who live more than three miles from school by the nearest traveled road, are exempt.

The law provides further that truant officers be employed to enforce the law.

IMPROVING HIGHWAYS.

Commissioner Combs Expends \$1500 for Road Betterments.

Mr. H. Clay Combs of London was in Cottage Grove last Saturday, and to a representative of The Sentinel said considerable work had been done on the Black Butte road during the past season. He has served in the capacity of highway commissioner of that district, which extends from the corporate limits of Cottage Grove to Black Butte, and from London to the summit of Mount Calapooia, for four years, during which time many important improvements have been made. About \$1,500 will have been expended when the present season closes, \$700 of which has gone for the betterment of the highway near what is known as the Grange hall. The grade at this place has been reduced, and river gravel spread over the surface for a distance of a half mile. For this work there was a tax levy of two mills. The road near London has also been improved with gravel, and considerable patch-work has been done just outside of this city. The Shortridge hill will be gravelled before work closes for the year.

Thanksgiving Masquerade.

The Cottage Grove company of National Guards will give a bal masque at the Armory on Thanksgiving Eve, arrangements for which will soon be making. The company, by previous custom, has undisputed right to the date, and contemplates making this terpsichorean event eclipse all previous efforts in this direction.

Much Lumber on Hand.

The Chambers Lumber Company, whose mills are at Dorena, has about 2,500,000 feet of lumber on hand, and is sawing about 40,000 feet per day. The company had been waiting for an advance in prices, and is well satisfied with the outcome as well as the outlook.

Mrs. Wheeler Honored.

The Woman's Christian Temperance Union of Oregon, at the annual session held at Hood River last week, elected Mrs. Eva C. Wheeler, of this city, secretary, a most fitting tribute to the service she has rendered in the past.

Seek to Recover.

An action has been instituted in the circuit court by the C. A. Bohmstedt Company of Creswell against F. and R. Easley to recover \$375, alleged to have been paid for a team of horses, which, according to the plaintiff, were not delivered.

Will Build in the Spring.

J. M. Comer has sold residence property on Wall street to A. T. Crandall, who will build thereon in the spring.

HAS FAITH IN THE CAMP NEW BLOOD IS NEEDED

Mr. Lilly Confident that Bohemia Will Make Good. Immigrants and New Railways Will Make This Country.

STEAMBOAT PLACER MINING SO SAYS WILLIAM E. CURTIS

Two Camps Have Been in Operation There for About Three Years—Need of a Smelter in Bohemia District Is Greatly Felt—Mining Notes.

Mr. E. E. Lilly has great faith in the future of the Bohemia mining district, where he has spent the greater part of twelve years. In conversation with The Sentinel on Monday he declared his intention to make a "stake" there regardless of what others interested in the camp thought or did. He has more faith in the camp today than ever before, and emphatically declares that it will eventually make good. He has three claims adjoining the Oregon & Colorado, and while he has only done his assessment work on these this year he has excellent prospects, two veins showing good ore. Mr. Lilly expects that when fully developed this property will produce sufficient copper and galena to pay all running expenses, giving gold as a net profit. In addition to these claims Mr. Lilly and O. P. Adams have two claims adjoining the Ophir and Musie mines. These properties will be put in a somewhat developed condition and disposed of. There are two tunnels aggregating 300 feet, and both base and a comparatively free ore, or an ore that will plate satisfactorily. Still two other claims are held by Mr. Lilly and his son, E. A. Lilly, near the Mayflower, and known as the Galconada group. Here trails have been cut, a house built and 200 feet of tunneling done. At present E. A. Lilly is employed at the Music mine.

James W. Sears returned on Saturday from Kenyonville, Southern Oregon, where he has been employed in mining, and will go to Bohemia within a few days. He has four claims in the camp, upon which about \$6,000 worth of work has been done. He has many hundred tons of ore on the dump, assaying from \$22 to \$40 per ton. Mr. Sears expresses the opinion that if a smelter of 50-ton capacity could be had in camp it would be kept busy, and would assist very materially in the development of the mining industry at this place. He has had wide experience as a miner, and unhesitatingly avers that the Bohemia district surpasses that of Butte, and is by far the best on the Pacific coast. It is impossible, however, to successfully treat the ore by any of the processes now employed.

There is placer mining on Steamboat creek, nine miles southeast of the Bohemia district, where two camps have been working continuously for about three years. The yield is not great, yet is sufficient to remunerate the miners who are thus engaged. Miners in the Bohemia camp are not familiar with the results being attained, but one tells The Sentinel that on a visit to the placer camps he found that \$36 had been panned in six days. The work being carried on is in Douglas county, and Roseburg is the base of supplies.

DRILLS ARE RESUMED.

Captain Johnson's Soldiers Begin to Perform Regular Work.

Company E, Fourth Infantry of the Oregon National Guards, of which Attorney J. C. Johnson is captain, resumed drills on Tuesday night, preceded by a school for commissioned officers on Monday evening, and the work will continue during the fall and winter months. The target season will close the last day of the present month. Cottage Grove may well boast of its sharpshooters, for of the twenty-two organizations in the state Company E carried off the trophy offered for target work at the last encampment. This team of five is composed of Capt. Johnson, Second Lieutenant H. H. Petrie, Sergeants J. H. Potts, F. H. Snodgrass and Butte Mooney. During the past target season, several of the members have done some excellent work in this direction, but to the named fall the honors.

Considerable interest is manifested in the forthcoming drills, it being the desire of Capt. Johnson, as well as of its members, to place the Cottage Grove Company in the highest possible state of proficiency.

It's Good Enough to Stick By.

Mr. Frank Jordan returned on Saturday from an extended visit to Eastern Washington. While he will go to that section and till the soil, he advises people who have agricultural or timber lands in the vicinity of Cottage Grove to hang onto them. The timber in Eastern Oregon, he says, is rapidly being depleted.

torically powerful. That he will have a large audience in Cottage Grove goes without saying.

The Chorus club of the Royal school is rehearsing the cantata "King Saul," which it will present in this city in the not very distant future.

Rancher Moves to Town.

R. Hulls, who has lived near Lorane for a number of years past, has rented his ranch to his son, Elmer Hull, and on Monday moved to town to live in comparative ease. Mr. Hull has bought one and a half acres of land near the north corporation limits from J. C. Baker for \$800, and will make this his home. "Dick" Walker and family of Latham have moved to the Hull ranch where he is employed.

SPECIAL ELECTION CALLED.

Question of Bonding for Water System Goes to Voters.

Wednesday next the qualified electors of Cottage Grove will be called upon to vote upon the question of issuing municipal bonds in a sum not to exceed \$100,000 for the purpose of constructing an adequate water system, and every citizen should inform himself on the subject before casting his ballot. It is the purpose of the common council to issue twenty-five-year bonds, to bear interest at the rate of 5 per cent per annum, for the construction of a pipe line from Layng creek, about twenty miles distant, to connect with the present municipal system. A fortnight since The Sentinel published an estimate of the cost, the figures aggregating \$70,000, and this sum Mayor Job thinks will be sufficient to complete the proposed work.

The city of Cottage Grove has long demanded this improvement, and inasmuch as the citizenship generally has championed the undertaking, there is every prospect that the election on Wednesday will favor the bond issue by an overwhelming majority.

MERCHANTS TO FEAST.

Banquet Will be Held Within the Evening Fortnight.

A decidedly interesting meeting was that of the Merchants' Protective association held in the Commercial Club parlors Tuesday night. What was lacking in numbers was made up in enthusiasm. Among the things discussed was the proposed banquet to be tendered members and local merchants outside of the organization a fortnight hence. An invitation will be extended to the officers of the Eugene association. A committee composed of Messrs. Veatch, Wheeler and Tyson, was appointed to make arrangements for the feed, which will undoubtedly prove one of the most pleasant as well as profitable entertainments of this character ever held in Cottage Grove.

Charged With Wrongdoing.

O. H. Steiple, who, with his wife, owns the famous 1000-acre Steiple ranch near Eugene, was arrested at Portland on Saturday and thrown into the county jail, charged with obtaining money under false pretenses. Specifically Steiple is charged with cashing checks on banks in which he is alleged to have no funds. Steiple averred he and his wife had an unnumbered interest of between \$30,000 and \$40,000 in the ranch, and admitted having drawn the checks in question, declaring that he had supposed he had sufficient funds to cover all drafts. His bank-book, too, shows that several times before he has overdrawn amounts larger than he is now charged with obtaining.

Lands Are Productive.

H. Norcross, who lives a few miles north of Medford, has sold twelve acres of 11-year orchard to eastern investors for \$16,000. Mr. Norcross now holds both first and second place in high prices paid for orchard land in that valley. Last spring he obtained \$18,000 for twelve acres, that being the highest price ever paid for Rogue river orchard land.

Lands found in the neighborhood of Cottage Grove may be made to produce the same results as those just sold by Mr. Norcross, in which case they will have equal market value.

Bicycle Thief Caught.

On Saturday last Sheriff Bown came to Cottage Grove and arrested one Lynwood, who is charged with having stolen a bicycle belonging to Edw. Small of Eugene. Upon being arraigned the prisoner waived examination, and was bound over to the circuit court. Unable to secure bondmen, Lynwood now languishes in jail. Landlord Westbrook of Hotel Oregon spent Monday in Portland.

Building Railroad Bridges.

The Oregon & Southeastern company is building a substantial new bridge across the Row river, at the point where the serious accident occurred some months ago. A new bridge is also being constructed across Mosby creek.

SHOW LARGE INCREASE

Cottage Grove Schools Forging Rapidly Forward.

TOTAL ENROLLMENT OVER 400

Additional Accommodations Will Have to be Provided in the Near Future If Attendance Continues to Increase. General School Notes.

If the intelligence of a community is judged by its educational advantages, Cottage Grove need not fear the test. We justly feel proud of our public schools. With two more teachers added to the teaching force, and the large increase in the attendance upon the High school, the most pessimistic should take courage at the bright outlook. The total enrollment at the close of the first month was 457, against 403 last year at the same time, showing a gain of 54. The enrollment in the High school last year at the end of the first month was 52, and for this year 85, making an increase of 33, or over 63 per cent. The enrollment in all grades for the month ending October 8 follows:

High school building—High school 85, seventh grade 32, fifth grade 32, third grade 34, second grade 37, first grade 36.

West side building—Eighth grade 34, sixth grade 18, fifth grade 25, fourth grade 42, second and third grades 35, first grade 17.

The Sentinel learns from Superintendent E. K. Barnes, besides the above information, that instead of there being 57 tardy marks, as was the case during the first month in 1908, there were only 25 during the past month. Four rooms did not have a single tardy for this period, viz: Miss Wilson's, Miss Purvance's, Miss White's and Miss Inlow's. The teachers are making an earnest effort to reduce the tardiness to a minimum. Parents can do much in this matter by planning to have their children ready to attend school each day. The most successful school is the one where the parents are interested in the welfare of their children. This matter of parental action has a vital influence upon the school. Parents who fail to impress upon the minds of their children the proper respect for school authority are criminally guilty. Very often the foundation of a vicious and sinful life is formed at an early age and, alas, too frequently by not teaching the child to observe obedience to constituted authority.

A community should take pride in everything that has a tendency to elevate its citizens. There is no better way of showing this pride than by helping the schools to attain their highest possible development. The child should be taught that the rights of others should be respected, that a certain amount of self-restraint is incumbent upon him and that selfishness has no part in the making of a true and genuine character.

A new feature of the public school this year, and one meriting praise, is the Normal course, or review work given to common branches by the Senior class. This is designed to assist the graduates in fitting themselves to pass the county examinations, as well as the better to prepare those who desire to teach, to instruct in the school room. The crowded condition of some of the rooms will, of necessity, call for more school accommodations in the near future. By the time Cottage Grove becomes the county seat of Neamith county a new school building will be needed on the East side. The erection of new houses, the coming in of new families, all call for increased facilities along educational lines.

AMONG THE SCHOOLS.

The student body will publish The Superlative again this school year, and the following officers have been elected: Editor-in-chief, Mable Rosenberg; assistant editor, Mable Veatch; business manager, Elmer Spencer; second assistant manager, Edgar King; subscription agent, Albert Woodard; exchange editor, Benny King; social editor, Allie Phillips; local and personal editor, Ernest Anderson; senior class reporter, Myrtle Kem; junior class reporter, Nellie Ellis; sophomore class reporter, Blanch Veatch; freshman class reporter, Harry Kime; eighth grade reporter, Flora Phillips.

Dr. Nave was a welcome visitor at the High school last Monday morning. His talk to the pupils was inspiring.

Miss Wood, of the high school, gave a very interesting report of her visit to the Yellowstone park. The assembly talks by the teachers and others are instructive and entertaining.

From proceeds of an entertainment given last year by Mrs. W. A. Hemenway, a valuable set of "Little Masterpieces of Literature"—4 volumes—was Continued on page twelve.