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A WORLDLY VIEW.

The town has been more or less agog over a series of revival meetings held here. This series of meetings was a little remarkable in that the entire church-going classes of Cottage Grove, without regard to denomination, seem to be heartily and sincerely interested in the great movement, and individually and collectively, every effort was put forward to bring those whose lives have been foreign to that of the Christian, into the great circle of believers. This is as it should be.

The writer, who is reckoned as a "worldly" man, and whose star of hope seems dimmed by distance, has ever been appreciative of the good—the true; and, while he stands not within the sacred circle of the saved, he has long respected and honored the man who lifts an upturned face to his Maker, and sincerely makes effort to follow the teachings of the Father. Again, the writer has always been of the opinion that the great cause of Christianity shall do its greatest good and make its greatest success in the world of sinners when the churches shall have ceased to do battle along certain dogmatical lines, and get down to a common level and understanding with each other, and come nearer unto the same God.

It is gratifying, even to the man who does not "profess" to "believe," but who has a desire to see the world better and brighter and freer from sin, to note the change that has come to the hearts of the members of the several denominations in the matter of combining their efforts for the good of humanity and the cause of God, rather than to stick to their several dogmatic ideas with the view, not so much to lift the burden of sin from the sinner as to the building up of their particular branch of church.

For years the skeptic has based much of his argument upon the clashes that have existed among the churches. Take that foundation of argument from him and you have reduced him to a minimum, and a small one at that. In fact the way is then prepared by which he may turn his thoughts into the right channel. Christ preached and sought to save for one church—the great church of God.

We have only one message upon which we may base our hopes for eternal life, and that is the message of God handed to us through the medium of the bible. It is the only message we have, or ever shall have. Man has never gone "beyond" and returned to tell the tale—nor shall he. If we have anything to which we may consistently pin our faith it is the bible; and whether it be true in whole or in part, we, all of us, who are intelligent enough to read and liberal enough to be honest with ourselves and man, must admit that much of the teachings are good, and that if we would follow them, we would be nobler and truer and purer, in thought, in action and in deed.

Again, to err is human—and again, the worldly man is not alone in error; the preacher, the churchman, as well as the sinner, commit errors. The preacher, the churchman, oftentimes commit errors, which, were they committed by the man of the world, would be called sins. No doubt they are committed in innocence. And shall we not be big enough and broad enough to give them the benefit of the doubt, and say that said errors were inno-

cently committed? And why should not the same charity be extended by the preacher and the churchman? Shall we judge each other?

The gentleman who had the honor of holding the large audiences in this city, is undoubtedly sincere in what he preaches; and, if we be charitable, we must say that he had no thought to cast a slur nor flaunt an unjust insinuation. We should also be charitable enough to say that he is sincerely using his best and every effort to bring "sinners," old and young, to the feet of the "Pure Teacher." However in all kindness, and with the sincerest wish for his success, it is apparent that he himself commits error. His method of procedure is not without error, and a criticism of his remarks and assertions could be presented that would be as startling and sensational, perhaps, as his utterances. But of what benefit would it be? Would it make wrong right—or right wrong? If a man should say that "all women who dance are thinkers of all that is evil"—does the man and his assertion make them so? If another man should say that "the man who says all women who dance are thinkers of all that is evil, is a liar," is the assertion to be adopted as a fact? Should we judge one by the other? And if a woman who dances shall fall into the lowest of vice and crime, are we justified in saying that all women who have kept time to waltz music are on a par with the one who has fallen into the mire of lowest vice and crime? If a church member shall backslide and throw himself into the unclean ways of the world and become even more base, perhaps, than before he made the step that first took him into the church, shall we be justified in saying that all church members are hypocrites and are living the lie? No! We would not be justified in either assertion, for neither would be the truth.

Christ preached to the world gentleness and kindness. He convinced his hearers through his own faith and gentleness of spirit. He came upon earth to lead mankind out of darkness into everlasting and eternal light. In all of his life-work he cast not a stone. Even when he was persecuted beyond the toleration of any man with less faith and love for man and God, he bore his great mental and physical sufferings without a murmur, happy in the thought that he was coming "Nearer, My God, to Thee," and that he was the means of bringing the great surging mass of humanity of his, and of all time to come, unto God.

God is merciful. He never sent a man among men, nor into the pulpit, to abuse and cut the crushed heart of a sinner, by cruel criticism or sarcasm. Christ reached down and lifted up. He did not stand up and knock down. He brought men to his faith by his pure teachings and his nobleness of soul.

There are men and women in the town today who are reaching out for something tangible upon which to lay hold, that will bring them soul-happiness—something that will give them a living hope that they are eligible to a life beyond the grave. And because they are blinded, shall they be stoned?

Again, there is a class who would be better and who would do better if the lip of scorn would soften and melt into a smile of recognition, of love, of solicitude. Christ taught love; and only through love of God, through God's love of man, shall man be saved.

No matter how sincere a preacher may be; no matter how many prayers he may offer or how many tears he may shed in the darkness of his closet, he cannot bring men to bended knee in true sincerity to God, by sensational utterances, that only serve to harden the hearts of those who hear.

The work that has been done and is being done in this town is of worthy kind. There is room for it—much more of it. But cannot the good workers be more effectual? Would not the great gospel of humanity be more generally grasped, if we did teach the "milder faith" of our Savior?

F. W. Chausse, who publishes the Oregon Observer, at Grant's Pass, is an aspiring candidate for the nomination for state printer at the hands of the Republican state convention. Mr. Chausse was for a number of years a resident of this city, being publisher of the Leader, then a Republican paper; and in speaking of his candidacy we feel like classifying him as a Lane county boy. He is an industrious, energetic and progressive young man who has made his way in the world by his own efforts. He started in here at the age of 17 years, and after successfully conducting the paper for three years, sold out and returned to Grant's Pass and bought the Observer. Mr. Chausse is 30 years of age and has spent almost 16 years in the printing and publishing business. He is a competent printer, a straight-forward and consistent republican and is certainly deserving of recognition by the Lane county delegation.

It is said that there is something of a general move among large labor employing concerns to establish an age limit, thereby refusing to take a man into service after he has attained a certain age, said age being suggested as forty-five. Of course there is much objection to this among the laboring classes, and at first thought it seems rather hard that a man, after struggling along the up-hill road of life for forty years should be denied the privilege to work for no better reason than that of having reached the age of middle life. But on the other hand if a rule of that kind should become general would it not have a tendency to make men—men with ambition, with pride, men who always, despite their reckless management and expenditure of their monthly wages, have a desire to do and to be something better—more saving, and instill into them the actual necessity of putting something by, not so much for maintenance in the years of absolute decay, but for their maintenance during the years of their prime of life, when, by general decree of the great labor employing concerns, they are forced to abandon their position and give way to younger hands, and go out to subsist upon the revenue of a little business of their own, or else wend their way silently over the hills to the poor house? Men, in their heyday, are more apt to be reckless in the expenditure of their earnings, for the reason that they have absolute confidence in their strength and ability to earn money, hence they do not value their earnings as they would did they realize that their strength and chances to earn fair compensation were gradually slipping away with the close of each year. A certain class of men will by the time they have attained the age of forty-five, have sufficient laid by to maintain them. In having the ability to save they at once demonstrate their ability to put their earnings to good account at such time when they shall have been retired. Another class will not save unless the necessity is vividly impressed upon them—and in what more emphatic manner shall the necessity to save for their declining age be impressed upon them than by the proposition that at a certain age they will be expected to retire from active manual labor? Again, at the age of forty-five, a man should, if ever, be in a position to look after his own business interests. He should at that time be in a position to take advantage of a well-earned and needed rest. In other words, be his own boss.

If you wish to voice your sentiments at the polls next election, get in and register. If not, don't kick if things are not to your liking.

Have you registered?

Fine residences, choice lots, business blocks for sale Jerome Knox & Co. Take the Bohemia Nugget.

The Last Days Of Our Muslin Undergarment Sale

We will continue this sale of Queen Undergarments—for a few days only—and you should not let this opportunity pass without supplying your present as well as future needs. Our counters and display racks and show windows are exhibiting an array of bargains rarely ever shown in this section and bargains that we feel sure it would be very hard for you to duplicate.

Only A Few Days More

We again invite you to supply your wants while you can have a fine assortment to select from.

At Newlands, of Course At LURCH'S

Be sure and call for your tickets when making a cash purchase.

They are good for that Fancy China Ware displayed in our West Window.

In addition we are giving excellent bargains in Dress Goods and Furnishings.

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We have received a large shipment of HATS for Men and Boys.

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RIGHT PRICES

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