

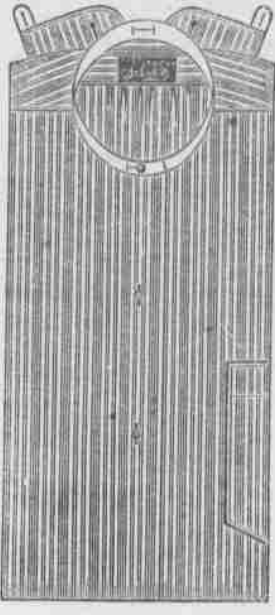
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### The Power of the Bible.

"The Word of God is living and powerful, sharper than a two-edged sword, and is a discerner of the thoughts and intents of the heart." This is the statement of God concerning His own Word in Hebrews 4:12. Men who know not the power of the Bible will not be inclined to use it; when they do use it honestly, the power of its truths will be clearly seen. Look at the power of this book in national life. As you study the map of the world, you will perceive that the Bible is known and studied where the people are prosperous and progressive. Intelligence, thrift and virtue are possessed by a people as they know and love the Word. President Grant said: "Hold fast to the Bible; it is the sheet-anchor of our liberties; to it we are indebted for all progress in true civilization." De Toqueville, the great French statesman, said: "Bible Christianity has ever been the companion of liberty in all its conflicts, the cradle of its infancy, the source of all its claims." Lord Laurence, England's commissioner to the Punjab, was able to rule the Hindus because the principles of the Bible were his aim and inspiration. Schliermacher, the German philosopher, says: "Abolish the Bible, and you pluck up by the root the best in civilization."

Study its power educationally. It has been said that there has been no great American statesman without a thorough knowledge of the Bible. Lincoln knew it, and Washington, and Garfield. These men knew and

loved it. Webster said: "I read the Bible through every year." He pitted the man who could not find in it the rich supplies for thought and rules for conduct. Thomas Jefferson, John Quincy Adams, and other great men of our Nation have been great in their knowledge of this Word.

But the Bible is powerful because it is the most practical book ever known. It is for practice, for daily living. Obey its teachings, and life turns to its true goal—gets its chiefest inspiration. The Bible touches men at their center. Sure it is that there is no true home without it. Its power is this: It aims not at surface reform; it touches the heart, whence are the springs of life. Thought, motive, act, relation are thus brought into harmony with God.

Many men are cowards at this point; they don't want the Bible because it discerns and rebukes the sinful life. Think also of its power to comfort. Men may get along without this book in days of prosperity, when the sun shines, but when the hurricane storm of affliction is loosened, then we need its stay and support.

But higher than all else, this book shows its power to seek and save men. It shows, teaches, exalts Jesus Christ. In it you may read your own biography, character, life. Your funeral sermon is in it, your final blessing or award. Apart from God, this book is that from which no man can escape, which all may love, and in the blessing of which all may find life and light. W. T. W.

A. B. Muir went to Portland on a business visit, Saturday.

**ACKER'S DYSPEPSIA TABLETS** are sold on a positive guarantee. Cures heartburn, raising of the food, distress after eating or any form of dyspepsia. One little tablet gives immediate relief. 25 cts. and 50 cts. Bott & Cherrington, Dallas, Oregon.

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### SENSATIONAL SUIT FILED

Penitentiary Officials Charged With Using State Property for Private Purposes.

A complaint was filed in department No. 2 of the state circuit court for Marion county Saturday in which sensational charges are brought against Superintendent C. W. James and Warden Frank Curtiss of the Oregon State Penitentiary. The suit is entitled "J. W. Jones, a resident and taxpayer of Oregon for himself, and on behalf of himself and all other taxpayers of Oregon, plaintiff, vs. C. W. James in his individual capacity and the said C. W. James as superintendent of the Oregon State Penitentiary; and Frank Curtiss in his individual capacity and the said Frank Curtiss as warden of the Oregon State Penitentiary, defendants." The plaintiff charges both with "wrongfully, unlawfully and fraudulently conspiring to secure for their private use and the use of their families a large amount of household furniture to be paid for out of the public funds of the State of Oregon." In support of his charges Mr. Jones alleges that during the year 1903 the defendants purchased from divers business firms a large amount of valuable furniture for their own use and had the price of the same charged against the public funds set apart by the laws of the state of Oregon for the betterment of the penitentiary. That, thereafter, the defendants with the intent to defraud the taxpayers of Oregon, caused more than \$1,850 of the betterment fund to be paid for such furniture upon the representation that the furniture was purchased for the use and benefit of the penitentiary.

Mr. Jones further alleges that neither the whole nor any part of the furniture has been delivered to any of the institutions of the state of Oregon for their benefit or use, but that the same was wrongfully taken and used by the defendants in their individual unofficial capacity.

The plaintiff also charges Superintendent James and Warden Curtiss with conspiring to supply their respective families with all necessary groceries, meats, provisions, fuel, table luxuries, laundry and servants out of the state's funds and alleges that they have already caused about \$600 to be paid out of the funds for such purposes.

He also claims that the defendants have for more than eight months and do now compel the convicts to do all the laundry work and perform all the menial labor in and about their private residence under the orders and directions of their families, and that they have failed and neglected to account to the state or for the benefit of its funds, for such convict labor, which the plaintiff contends is a loss of about \$450 to the taxpayers of Oregon.

The plaintiff for himself and on behalf of the taxpayers of Oregon, asks the court to decree for the payment of the furniture, referred to in the body of the complaint, out of public funds, null and void; that an accounting be taken of all the payments caused to be made by the defendants for the same, out of such funds, and that they be ordered to pay the sum of money found to be due, to the fund out of which the payments were made. That they also be required to refund the amounts which they caused to be paid for groceries, meats, provisions, etc., and that an accounting be taken with the defendants with reference to the employment of convicts as servants, and that they be required to pay to the state the sum found justly due for such convict service.

He asks the court to restrain Superintendent James and Warden Curtiss from supplying their families with anything whatsoever at the expense of the taxpayers, and also to restrain them from employing prisoners for their private benefit.

L. H. McMahon, of Salem, appears in the suit as an attorney for the plaintiff.—Salem Statesman.

This same condition of affairs is said to exist at the other state institutions, the asylum (main building and farm) reform school and blind and mute schools, and the question of whether the officials of these institutions have the right to live off the state will probably be settled as a result of this action.

### Holy Rollers at Wheatland.

The Holy Rollers are now reported to be at the farm of Bill Isham on a little island near Wheatland, where they are keeping up their insane warblings almost all night. Residents of Wheatland say the Rollers are worse than a band of tomcats. They have taken the right direction from Corvallis to Salem, and it is too bad that they have lodged in the beautiful Willamette, when Doc Calbreath has rooms for their accommodation.—Yamhill Reporter.

**TO CURE A COLD IN ONE DAY** Take Laxative Bromo Quinine Tablets. All druggists refund the money if it fails to cure. E. W. Grove's signature on each box. 25c.

### May Be a Compromise.

J. P. Jones, representing the passenger department of the Southern Pacific, was in Newberg the first of the week making some investigation regarding a petition that has been presented asking for a change in time for the morning and evening train. He said the Dallas people kicked very vigorously against an earlier hour for leaving there and he thought a compromise would be made by holding the evening train an hour later in the evening, leaving Portland at five o'clock.—Newberg Graphic.

John S. Pinney, of Seattle, was in Dallas last Friday. Mr. Pinney is in the employ of the American Type Founders Company as general manager of the branch houses in Portland, Seattle and Spokane. This company is the largest concern in the world manufacturing and dealing in type, machinery and printers' supplies, and has supply depots in twenty-three cities in the United States and Canada. Mr. Pinney has had charge of branch houses in all the large cities in the Eastern States, and four years ago was sent to Portland to look after the company's interests in the Pacific Northwest. He is a whole-souled, courteous gentleman, and has the confidence and respect of the printers and publishers throughout Oregon and Washington.

### WOODMAN RECEPTION

State Organizer George K. Rogers Will Visit Dallas Camp Next Wednesday Night.

The Dallas Woodman Camp and Circle will on next Wednesday evening tender a reception to Hon. George K. Rogers, state organizer for that order, and whose face here appears. Some 60 guests have been invited, which



combined with the large membership of both these popular orders, will insure the attendance of the major portion of our residents. A nice programme has been prepared, and Neighbor Rogers will favor us with one of his eloquent talks on Woodcraft. The ladies will conclude the affair with one of their as yet unequalled banquets.



Don't forget the old man with the fish on his back.

For nearly thirty years he has been traveling around the world, and is still traveling, bringing health and comfort wherever he goes.

To the consumptive he brings the strength and flesh he so much needs.

To all weak and sickly children he gives rich and strengthening food.

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### FAVORS MUTUAL PHONES

Subscriber Believes Farmer Lines Will Soon Be Allowed to Enter the City of Portland.

DALLAS, Feb. 15.—(To the Editor.)—Seeing an article in your paper concerning telephones and telephone systems, I desire to give some of the views of a subscriber to a mutual system. It would appear that the fact that a mutual telephone central station is to be established in Dallas has called forth much comment on the subject.

It must be remembered that the mutual telephone venture is but in its infancy in Polk county; yet in the lower valley and around McMinnville, Amity, Newberg, and all surrounding towns, the mutual central stations have as good service, day or night, as can be found anywhere, and give free exchange with all mutual systems.

The expense of building mutual lines is about one-half of the total cost. Here a few facts as to line construction might not be amiss. The Salt Creek-Mill creek line cost its members \$14 per share. Its phones (with six-bar magnet generators) cost us \$14 each. A three-bar generator (the ringing device) is all right for lines running to a central station in a series of one to five on a line, but are not satisfactory on a mutual line containing from 15 to 20 phones. As to paying \$14 or \$15 for instruments, it is like buying a cook-stove or sewing machine—once bought, they last for a long time, with an occasional replacing of batteries.

As the Observer states, it is but a matter of a few months until the whole community will be a network of wires. With the installation of a mutual central station in Dallas, lines from all parts of the county will terminate there, and the business man who would be in the swim must have a mutual phone, and will receive free communication with all lower valley points. What business man will not avail himself of this chance for communication at cost, rather than pay from \$1 to \$1.50 rent per month and, besides, pay tariff rates every time he talks out of town.

Now, as to the difficulty about running our line into Portland. Such small obstacles are not insurmountable. A small company of farmers might be easily scared, but the entire community will soon be concerned. The mutual system had some difficulty about coming into Dallas, but county roads happened to be established prior to the incorporation of Dallas. We presume the same weakness exists in any town.

In conclusion, I would say that the Observer's hope that the whole county will soon be connected in one system will take place, but by the mutual system.

J. H. BROWN.

[The subject of telephones is one of much interest among the farmers in Polk county at the present time, and the Observer gladly gives space to the above communication. Mr. Brown sets forth the advantages of a mutual line in a fair and impartial manner, and it is evident that he has given much thought to the building and operating of rural telephone lines. He is mistaken, however, in his assertion that the Salt Creek farmers had trouble in getting into Dallas by their mutual line. The fact is that the city council and farmers reached a satisfactory agreement within five minutes after they met to discuss the matter of a franchise. The city has certain rules regulating the size and kind of poles, height of wire above the streets, etc., and these rules apply to all companies doing business inside the corporate limits. One of these rules is that none but square poles can be used in the business part of town. The farmers did not feel that they could afford square poles, so it was suggested to them by the council that they run their line along the alley in the rear of the business blocks instead of setting their poles on Main street. This proposition was entirely satisfactory to the farmers, and was accepted by them at once. The same arrangement was made with the farmers line leading into town from the south, and no word of objection has ever been heard from the stockholders of either company concerning the course pursued by the city in granting these rights-of-way.]

**Epworth League Convention.** The Epworth League Convention for the Eugene district will be held in Dallas, March 25, 26 and 27. It is expected that 150 delegates will be in attendance. The members of the local League are making preparations to entertain the guests in a most enjoyable manner during their three days' stay in Dallas. Prof. Sweetster, of the University of Oregon faculty, is president of the League, and Miss Theda Dove, of Eugene, is secretary.

John VanOrsdal was a business visitor to Portland, Saturday.

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### Mohair Growers Meet.

The Polk County Mohair Association met in Brown's hall, in Dallas, last Saturday and re-elected all the officers to serve for another year, as follows: G. W. McBees, president; H. L. Penton, secretary; N. Woodward, treasurer. The next meeting will be held Saturday, March 5. The goat shearers met in the same hall and adopted a rate of 8 cents for hand and 9 cents for machine shearing. All shearers in the county are requested to be present at the next meeting of the mohair association, as a business meeting will be held after the goat men adjourn.

### Is Worth the Price.

The Observer has raised its price of subscription to \$1.50 a year, which it ought to have been long ago.—Dallas Itemizer.

Miss Buena Fiske gave a very enjoyable Finch party to a number of her young lady schoolmates and neighbors on last Friday evening. After several hours spent in an exciting endeavor to get rid of their respective Finch piles, time was called and a delectable lunch served.

Mrs. Ella J. Metzger, secretary of the Board of Trustees of the Odd Fellows' Home, attended a meeting of the board in Portland last Friday.

### ANOTHER PIONEER GONE

George Comegys Died of Paralysis at His Home in Eastern Washington.

George Comegys, an Oregon pioneer of 1850, died at his home eight miles southwest of Oakesdale, Wash., February 7, 1904, of paralysis. He was at one time a prominent citizen of Polk county, and had a wide acquaintance among the early settlers in the Willamette Valley. The following brief history of his life is taken from the Spokane Spokesman-Review:

"Mr. Comegys was a native of Missouri, and was born in 1838. When 12 years old he set out across the plains with ox teams, accompanying his father and brother, his mother having died in Missouri. They arrived in Oregon, and there he completed his education, graduating from Willamette university, with the degree of B. S. He engaged in the study of law, eventually gaining admission to the bar. He practiced law until 1878, then moved to Whitman county, locating a homestead eight miles southwest of Oakesdale, and engaged in farming, continuing in the same until 1887, in which year he moved to Oakesdale. He combined the practice of law with the real estate business until 1891, when the Commercial State bank of Oakesdale was organized and he became its president, continuing to act as such until about three years ago, when failing health compelled him to retire. Politically he had long been a forceful factor in the county and state. In 1881 he was elected to the territorial legislature, and was a member of the convention which drafted the constitution for the state.

"In the Willamette Valley, Oregon, in 1863, Mr. Comegys married Miss E. Stewart, who died in 1865, leaving one daughter, Hattie, wife of S. J. Daniels, a resident of Idaho. In 1873 he was again married, his bride being Miss Margaret A. Ball, a native of Oregon, and they had three children, Ralph, Horace and Claude.

"The funeral occurred Tuesday at 2 o'clock, under the auspices of the Odd Fellows, at the opera house in Oakesdale."

**Books Will Soon Close.** The stock books of the Dallas and Falls City mutual telephone company will be closed Saturday, February 27, at 10 o'clock a. m. All persons desiring to become members of the company are requested to notify the secretary, Frank Butler, before that time. The meeting will be held in Falls City. Mr. Butler's address is Dallas R. F. D. No. 2.

**Strong Flow of Salt Water.** Charles O'Brien, who owns a farm near Mouth, says the neighborhood where he now lives is excited over the salt well which was recently dug on the B. F. Whiteaker place. This well is on the same farm as the one dug by Banker Hirschberg, of Independence, and gives promise of producing enough salt of fine quality to supply the entire state. The water in the well has been analyzed and contains 75 per cent salt. Machinery for an immense plant has been ordered for some weeks and is expected to arrive in the course of about two weeks when the work of purifying salt will commence. The well is owned by a stock company consisting principally of farmers and citizens of Monmouth and Independence.—Statesman.

**Prunes for Soldiers.** Remembering the present surplus of prunes and the recent discussions of relative values of food products, it would be interesting in case of war to have a regiment fed on an exclusive prune diet and their fighting record carefully watched, says the Albany Herald. A bearded Slav, quite or partly full of prunes, should be a formidable fighter.

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