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 Paul's Second Missionary Journey—  
 Thessalonica and Berea. Acts xvii:  
 1-15.

Golden Text—Thy word have I hid  
 in mine heart, that I may not sin  
 against thee. Ps. cxix:11.

Verses 1-2—Is church going a good  
 habit, and what do they lose who have  
 not formed it?

How many times a day should a  
 person attend church?

What is the value of a good habit,  
 and how are good habits formed?

Verse 3.—Did Paul mean to say that  
 it was necessary for the Jews to have  
 put Jesus to death, and if not what did  
 he mean? (This question must be an  
 answer in writing by members of the  
 club.)

The position taken by the presen-  
 writer is, that the Jews ought to have  
 accepted Jesus, and, that their putting  
 him to death is the colossal crime  
 of history, and the calamity of calam-  
 ities that has befallen the Jews. That  
 there are two distinct lines of contin-  
 ent prophecy in the Old Testament  
 either one of which being fulfilled  
 would cancel the other; and that the  
 prophecies concerning the perpetuation  
 of the Jewish nation and the throne of  
 David with unparalleled splendor  
 were cancelled by the fulfillment of  
 those concerning the rejection of  
 Christ. God sent Jesus in good faith  
 and they voluntarily rejected him  
 when God's first and best plan was  
 that they should accept him. God  
 then proceeded to do through the  
 death of Christ, that which would  
 have been done more speedily by his  
 life.)

Is it necessary for us to adopt  
 Paul's opinions, in order to be well  
 pleasing to God?

Were all Paul's opinions correct con-  
 cerning the time of the second com-  
 ing of Christ?

In what sense was it true, "tha  
 Christ must needs have suffered?"  
 (See Luke xxiv:26, Jer. xxiii:5-6, Mich.  
 v:2, Matt. ii:4-6.)

In what way do the Old Testament  
 Scriptures bear testimony that Jesus  
 is the Christ?

Verses 4-5—How do you account for  
 it that the same facts and reasoning  
 which converts some only serves to  
 harden others?

How is it that women are generally  
 in the majority in Christ's converts?

Why were the Jews moved with  
 jealousy?

Can a jealous man, at the time,  
 either be a true man or a correct reason-  
 er?

How do you characterize a person  
 who is jealous of another in doing  
 good works?

Have we any modern example of the  
 way these people acted?

Verse 6—Is the world, to-day, upside  
 down, or right side up?

Is the world getting better or worse?

Verse 7—When people oppose the  
 work of God do they generally confine  
 themselves to the truth in their ob-  
 jections, or do they ever confine them-  
 selves to the truth?

Do objectors to the truth knowingly  
 falsify or do they do it in blind ignor-  
 ance, or through prejudice?

Verses 10-12—Is there ever any vir-  
 tue in exposing ourselves to danger,  
 when it is not necessary in the inter-  
 ests of the truth?

What was the difference between  
 the religious people of Thessalonica  
 and those of Berea?

Is a truth seeker sure to find it?

Is it ever right to suppress the truth  
 in the interests of the Kingdom of  
 God?

Verses 13-15—What is it which  
 prompts men to work so hard, and  
 persistently in opposing what they  
 know to be the truth?

Lesson for Sunday, July 25th, 1909—  
 Paul's Second Missionary Journey—  
 Athens. Acts xvii:16-34.

### Portland Letter.

July 13—Estimates of the years  
 wheat crop in the Pacific north-  
 west fix the probable yield at  
 about 55,000,000 bushels, an in-  
 crease by 15,000,000 over last  
 year. This figure may not be  
 reached if unfavorable conditions  
 at harvest set in but with normal  
 weather, it is believed the yield  
 will be large. Recent rains have  
 been of immense benefit to the  
 growing crop. Districts where  
 the grain was practically given  
 up because of the continued  
 drouth have taken heart again  
 and the wheat is filling out in  
 fairly good shape. The value of  
 the rains of the past week to the  
 wheat crop is variously estimated  
 at from \$1,000,000 to \$3,000,000.  
 Increased acreage in many sec-  
 tions of the state makes up in  
 the total yield for a short crop in  
 some districts. As wheat is still  
 sticking around the dollar mark,  
 Oregon's big wheat crop will  
 mean a great prosperity for this  
 section of the United States dur-  
 ing the coming year.

Recent rains have also been of  
 great benefit to the fruit crop.  
 There has been a general drench-  
 ing and hearts of the farmers are  
 light as a consequence. With the  
 exception of some loss to cherries  
 and hay, no damage has been  
 done by the downpour but incal-  
 culable good has been realized.  
 Slight damage to cherries has  
 been more than made up in the  
 good to other fruit crops, such as  
 prunes, pears and apples. Prunes  
 have felt the benefit of the  
 rain to a great extent and a large  
 crop is looked for.

Oregon commercial men will  
 be represented on a trade excu-  
 sion to China next February.  
 Coast cities have been invited by  
 the Chinese Chamber of Com-  
 merce at Shanghai. Portland  
 has decided to send representa-  
 tives and it is expected that the  
 visit will bring the Pacific Coast  
 into closer touch with the Orient.  
 This is the second such jaunt  
 across the Pacific for Coast busi-  
 ness men, Japan having been the  
 host of a large party represent-  
 ing the Coast cities last fall.

Tillamook had a Fourth of July  
 celebration worth while when the  
 big feature of the day was an  
 excursion over the first ten miles  
 of the western end of the new  
 Harriman railroad, from Tilla-  
 mook to the Miami River. The  
 first passenger trains hauled over  
 the new line carried large crowds  
 and all joined in celebrating the  
 advent of the iron horse to Tilla-  
 mook, something the inhabitants  
 have patiently waited for for  
 years.

Southern Oregon alone expects  
 to ship pears to the value of half  
 a million dollars this season. From  
 present indications, it is thought

### MORE COFFEE TALK

Dear Ladies:-

Nothing comes closer home to your husband than the kind of coffee he drinks. Right here is where the problem of taste comes in, and discriminating coffee drinkers are always alert to get hold of a brand that has just the quality that goes to the right spot.

But the problem does not end there, some brands are one thing to-day and quite another tomorrow, and how could you hope to please with such a brand.

It has always been my idea to get a coffee that pleases and keeps the same quality day in and day out, year after year, and my years of experience handling this coffee has proven that we have it in Chase & Sanborn's Blends.

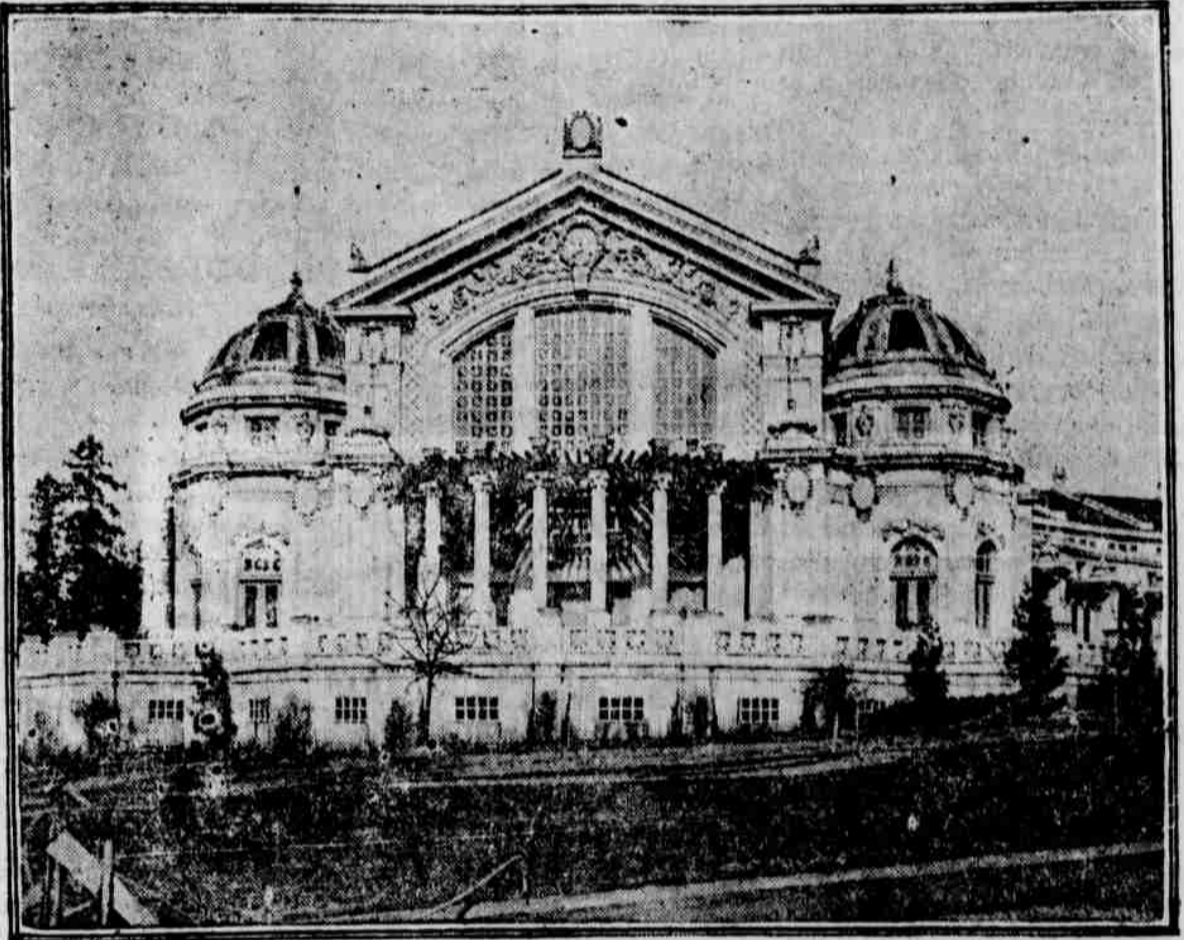
Don't forget the price—twenty-five and thirty-five cents. Once used, always used. We are getting bouquets on this coffee every day.

Yours very truly,

T. A. Riggs,

Monmouth

Oregon



THE AGRICULTURE BUILDING, ALASKA-YUKON-PACIFIC EXPOSITION, AT SEATTLE.

At the Alaska-Yukon-Pacific exposition, which opens at Seattle June 1, the cascades and Geyser basin form the center of the main decorative scheme, about which are grouped the main buildings. They include the Agriculture, Manufactures, State Fisheries, Mines, Machinery, Fine Arts, Transportation, Foreign, Auditorium, Forestry, United States Government, Canada, Japan, Alaska, Hawaii, Philippines and Government Fisheries. The Foreign Exhibits palace will house exhibits from Great Britain, France, Germany, Russia, the Netherlands, Chile, China, Colombia, Costa Rica, Ecuador, Formosa, Korea, French East Indies, German colonies, Guatemala, Honduras, British India, Mexico, Dutch East Indies, Nicaragua, New Zealand, Panama, Peru, Siam and Salvador.

Southern Oregon will send away 500 cars of pears to the eastern markets. The value of each car-load is placed at \$1000, making the crop worth \$500,000. Other sections of the state will increase the value of the pear crop largely, making a very large total for this one great Oregon product.

Salem's annual cherry fair last week was the most successful such event in the history of the Capital City. Not only was there a splendid exhibit of Salem's prize fruit and a good attendance of visitors but other features of the fair were excellent and attracted much attention. It is estimated that more than 30,000 people were in attendance.

### Annual School Report

The following is the annual school report for the schools of Polk County, Oregon, for the school year 1908-09.

No. of schools in county	Boys	Girls	Total
No. pupils reg. during year	1488	1337	2825
No. pupils having been dropped and then readmitted dur. year	799	757	1557
No. pupils leaving one school and entering another during the year	117	133	250
Total No. reg. during year	2494	2227	4721
No. pupils dropped during year	1340	1217	2557
No. pupils remaining at end of school year	1064	1010	2074
No. pupils over 4 and under 6	16	23	39
No. pupils over 6 and under 9	415	357	772
No. pupils over 9 and under 12	396	362	758

No. pupils over 12 and under 14	272	273	545
No. pupils over 14 and under 20	991	922	1913
Total	1488	1337	2825
No. days taught during the year			128
Whole number of days attendance			319574
Whole number of days absence			20660
Whole number of times late			3181
No. of pupils neither absent nor tardy			107
Average number of pupils belonging			2692
Average daily attendance			2528
Per cent of attendance			94
Number of visits by parents			870
No. visits by members of school boards			236

The following schools have been placed on the roll of honor for attendance having made 95 per cent or more during the year:—Ballston, Goose-neck, Monmouth, Cochran, Oak Point, Popcorn, Upper Salt Creek, Lincoln, Etna, Sunny Slope, Mountain View, Rock Creek Mistletoe.

Last year the percent of attendance was 92, and all schools were working to see if the attendance for this past year could not be brought up to 95 per cent, but while we did not succeed in the 95 per cent we made a very large increase and next year the plan will be to reach the 95 per cent and higher if possible.

Yours respectfully,  
 H. C. SEYMOUR

### "Cutting" the Normal

The dormitory furniture of the Weston Normal, including furniture of several rented cottages used by students who could not be accommodated at the dormitories, is being shipped to Walla Walla, where nearly all of it was purchased by one firm of dealers. The shipments will aggregate two car-loads or more, and includes a number of pianos. The chemical and physics apparatus was also sold, and only the desks

are left in the main building. With this exception the state's large school plant at Weston, valued at \$75,000 or more, has been practically gutted, and the windows of the deserted building stare stonily upon a disheartened populace. Last fall the Weston Normal had an enrollment of 240 in the Normal department and of over 100 in the Training School. At the January session the Legislature abandoned it in the middle of the school year, without a dollar to carry out the contracts with the teachers. Over 60 per cent of the teachers' salaries were then paid by local subscription and the senior class was graduated. The state board controlling all three of the Oregon Normals has since found it necessary to dispose of as much of the furniture and equipment as possible in order to meet certain claims for fuel and supplies which the Legislature also left unpaid. It has all been a bitter dose, and it will not be easy to forget the hand that held the spoon.—Weston Leader.

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