

REGULAR PORTLAND LETTER

Sneaks and Thieves Do Not Advertise

DAIRMEN AND FRUIT GROWERS MET Spokane will Run Excursion to California Next Month

Portland, Oregon, December 14 "Sneaks and thieves don't advertise," was the text of an immigration sermon recently delivered by a McMinnville minister. He followed this up by showing the value of intelligent publicity work in attracting settlers to the Pacific Northwest and the benefits alike to the newcomer and the country settled. Each settler means added wealth to the state and in return the Pacific states offer greater opportunity to the man from the older sections of the country. The Northwest has a duty to perform, believes this pastor, in bringing people from the overcrowded districts of the East to this land of opportunity and live cities in the Northwest are making the most of their advantages in attracting settlers.

The Portland Flouring Mills will maintain its position as the chief flour manufacturing concern of the Pacific Northwest and during the past week purchased the Hammond Mills and holdings in Seattle and vicinity at an approximate cost of \$500,000. The property consists of the largest flour mills in Seattle and has a capacity of 2000 barrels a day. T. B. Wilcox, head of the Portland Flouring Mills, and associates conducted the negotiations leading to the purchase. He said the growth of Seattle has made it advantageous to have a mill there and the purchase includes a number of warehouses in Washington and the agency of the Hammond concerns in San Francisco. The Portland company now has 14 mills running night and day in different parts of the Northwest and is turning out an enormous product.

State dairymen and fruit growers held their annual conventions in Portland during the past week and both were well attended and very successful. Both these great industries will receive a decided impetus from the gatherings of the past week. Better acquaintance of the men actively engaged in dairying and horticulture has resulted and the interchange of ideas is always valuable. Thursday night a reception to the two bodies was given by the Commercial Club. A valuable suggestion was made by President H. C. Atwell of the fruit growers, who advises an annual fruit show in Portland at which all sections of the state shall be represented. This idea is being taken up actively by all interested in the development of the state along these lines and the advantages that may be expected to result are very great.

Dr. John McLoughlin and his work in aiding the early settlers at Oregon City will not be forgotten and by a decisive vote, this pioneer city has declared it will maintain the historic home of Dr. McLoughlin as a public monument to his work. This tribute to Dr. McLoughlin will meet with the hearty approval of all right thinking people everywhere.

Spokane will run an excursion of business men to California next month and the party will be entertained here on January 18. This will be the first of a number of excursions to be run from Washington cities through Portland to California during the Winter.

SUGGESTIVE QUESTIONS

On the Sunday School Lesson by Rev. Dr. Linscott for the International Newspaper Bible Study Club.

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Review.
Golden Text for the quarter—I have fought a good fight, I have finished my course, I have kept the faith. II. Tim. iv:7.

The following questions can be used as a new and complete lesson, as well as for a review of the eleven preceding lessons.

The date and title of each lesson and where found, the Golden Text, and one question from each of the eleven preceding lessons follow:

October 3—Paul a Prisoner—The Arrest. Acts xxi:17 to 23-29. Golden Text: Thou therefore endure hardness as a good soldier of Jesus Christ. II. Tim. ii:3.

Verses 20-24—In bridging the two dispensations, is it likely that God, so to speak, winked at the apostles trying to graft the law of Moses into Christianity, or was it God's plan that Jewish Christians should still keep the law?

October 10—Paul a Prisoner—The Plot. Acts xxii:30 to xxiii:35. Golden Text: I will say of the Lord He is my refuge and my fortress, my God; in Him will I trust. Psalm 91:2.

Verse 11—There is no way to take the miraculous out of the New Testament without destroying it. Now in view of that fact, why did not God rescue Paul, in this instance, as He did from the prison at Philippi?

October 17—Paul a Prisoner—Before Felix. Acts xxiv. Golden Text: Herein do I exercise myself to have always a conscience void of offence toward God, and toward men. Acts xxiv:16.

Verses 26-27—What was the besetting sin of Felix, and how do you estimate the character of a man who wants to be bribed to do right?

October 24—Paul a Prisoner—Before Festus and Agrippa. Acts xxv:6-12, chapter 26. Golden Text: I know whom I have believed, and am persuaded that he is able to keep that which I have committed unto him against that day. II. Tim. i:12.

Verses 24-32—Why did not Festus and Agrippa both turn to God, seeing that they were clearly convinced of the truth of Christianity and their need of salvation?

October 31—Paul a Prisoner—The Voyage. Acts xxvii:1-26. Golden Text: Commit thy way unto the Lord, trust also in Him, and He shall bring it to pass. Psalm 37:5.

Verses 21-26—What reason is there to believe from this narrative that when we fail to use, and it is too late to adopt God's best plan, he will still graciously provide a good one which we may adopt? (This question must be answered in writing by members of the club.)

November 7—Paul a Prisoner—The Shipwreck. Acts xxvii:27 to xxviii:10. Golden Text: The Lord redeemeth the soul of his servants, and none of them that trust in him shall be desolate. Psalm 34:22.

Verses 33-38—May praying and fasting, when you ought to be eating and working, be as great a practical crime as scuttling the ship?

November 14—Paul a Prisoner in Rome. Acts xxviii:11-31. Golden Text: I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ, for it is the power of God unto salvation to every one that believeth. Romans i:16.

Verses 25-29—Is it a law of God that sin deadens the conscience and perverts the judgment, hence, can a man living in any kind of sin, trust his judgment on personal, moral and spiritual questions?

November 21—Paul's story of His Life. II. Cor. xi:21 to xii:10. Golden Text: He said unto me, My grace is sufficient for thee, for my strength is made perfect in weakness. II. Cor. xii:9.

Chapter xii:1-6—What is the only real proof of God, of immortality and of the wisdom of the spiritual life?

November 28—Paul on Self-Denial. Romans xiv:10-21. Golden Text: It is good neither to eat flesh nor to drink wine, nor anything whereby thy brother stumbleth. Romans xiv:21.

Verses 15-16—If you enjoy and drink your glass of wine, when you know that wine drinking is doing vastly more harm than good, what sort of a person are you?

December 5—Paul on the Grace of Giving. II. Cor. viii:1-15. Golden Text: Remember the words of the Lord Jesus, how He said, It is more blessed to give than to receive. Acts xx:35.

Verse 15—What reason is there to believe that if we give systematically to God's cause that we ourselves shall never lack?

December 12—Paul's Last Words. II. Tim. iv:1-18. Golden Text: For me to live is Christ, and to die is gain. Phil. i:21.

Verses 3-4—Why is it that burglars, gamblers, counterfeiters, liars, drinkers, and other bad men and women, often persuade themselves that they are right?

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