

A Little Nearer

A little more gray in the lessening hair
Each day as the years go by;
A little more stooping of the form,
A little more dim the eye.
A little more faltering of the step
As we tread life's pathway o'er,
But a little nearer every day
To the ones who have gone before.

A little more halting of the gait,
And a dullness of the ear;
A growing weariness of the frame
With each swift-passing year.
A fading of hopes and ambitions, too,
A faltering in life's quest;
But a little nearer every day
To a sweet and peaceful rest.

A little more loneliness in life
As the dear ones pass away;
A bigger claim on the heavenly land
With every passing day;
A little farther from toil and care,
A little less way to roam;
A drawing near to a peaceful voyage
And a happy welcome home.—Anon.

With the Churches

Christian Church.

By H. F. JONES.

Whatever he may have taken away Mr. Baker brought an inspiring and helpful message last Lordsday morning.

There will be a vacant seat if you are not in your place at the Bible school session Lordsday morning at 10 o'clock.

Spend a pleasant hour in the library and reading room. By the use that is being made of it, this is proving a most worthy institution.

Last Lordsday evening the young people had charge of the service. A paper on "The Church and Amusements" was read by Mr. Hayes.

The preacher will be at home for the communion service and sermon next Lordsday morning at 11 o'clock.

There are two ways leading to eternity: The "subway" and the "elevated." Which way are you traveling?

A pleasant surprise party was given Miss McCann by the choir on Tuesday evening. She goes to Hood River to take up work.

How about those New Year resolutions? Broken and laid by for repairs until next year?

Don't forget the evening service. C. E. at 6:30 and regular evangelistic service at 7:30.

Baptist Church

By a Member

Evangelistic services at the Baptist church each evening, conducted by Rev. Mr. Foskett.

Rev. Mr. Whirrey of McMinnville arrives Wednesday to assist Mr. Foskett.

Friday evening Mr. Harold Adams, evangelistic singer, will assist in the song service. We are having blessed meetings. Come and get a clearer vision of your duty as a Christian and help us bring souls to Christ. "For of him, and through him, and to him, are all things; to whom be glory forever."

We give you a hearty welcome to all these services.

A Really Poor Author.

When Dr. Johnson was a resident of Grub street he made the acquaintance of a poet named Samuel Boyse, whose poem on the Deity and other works had earned him high praise. Boyse could not go abroad to seek work because his clothes were in pawn, so he lay abed with his arms thrust through two holes in the insective blanket, which was the only covering, writing and starving. Johnson raised enough money to get his clothes for him, but two days later Boyse was in bed again, eating a stew of beef and mushrooms purchased by the repawning of his suit. "I might as well eat while I may," he said, "for I must some day starve, whether I will or not."

WEEKLY INDUSTRIAL REVIEW

New Payrolls, Improvements and Factories and Enterprises that Will Give Labor Employment, and Matters Affecting Industries and Investments.

SALEM, OREGON, Jan. 11.—One of the plausible things to come before the legislature is a state institution for the care of crippled children.

Canby—Three new residences under construction and three more planned.

The Oregon Blue Sky law, one of the clubs to keep capital out of Oregon, has been upheld by the Supreme court.

Eugene—Socialists are initiating a bill for a large municipal market.

Newport—Ed Stocker will remove a sawmill plant from Philomath to near this place.

The resources of Oregon and Agricultural education are to be advanced by an O. A. C. college quartet going east to give concerts.

The Cottage Grove tax levy is 12 mills less than 1914.

The Southern Pacific shops have re-opened at three places employing 1200 men.

The program of the Multnomah delegation to cut off a million dollars of fixed charges will reduce state taxes one mill.

Eugene—Lane county tax levy reduced three mills and \$108,399 cut from budget.

Irving farmers are boosting the sugar beet industry.

Springfield tax levy reduced 5.4 mills.

A. C. Ruby, Portland stock man, builds \$25,000 residence.

Condon—Bids being taken for new Congregational church.

The attempt to collect nearly \$50 liability insurance from a man erecting a \$1,000 house at Portland shows what a state system costs.

Albany—W. B. Glafke establishes a branch wholesale house here.

Oregon canneries report a good market for their products, but will ask relief from restrictive legislation.

It is estimated the One-board plan of business administration in place of six commissions for higher education institutions in Oregon would save half a million.

Plans are complete for the \$100,000 hotel to be erected by Mayor Simpson and associates at North Bend.

Richland—Drs. Sanders and Eastland will build a general hospital.

Guy Laffollette is the new owner of the Crook County Journal at Prineville.

Baker—This city spent \$200,000 on new buildings in 1914.

The North Bend Manufacturing Company is getting out \$15,000 myrtle wood novelties for the Panama Fair.

Three new bridges on the Columbia highway to Astoria will cost \$40,000.

Baker county mining output for 1914 was \$1,500,000.

Tax reduction in Polk county amounts to \$116,901 below 1914.

Prosper—Cut in wages at shingle mill leaves plant short of help.

Eugene improvements for 1914 total \$750,000.

Lane county is promoting the sugar beet industry.

Senator Farrell's proposition to cut all salaries above \$4,000

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twenty percent is good—but why not cut \$3,000 and \$2,000 salaries?

Salem—Seventy men with families have been set to work digging sewer ditches in North Salem.

Central Oregon Irrigationists will ask state to appropriate \$1,350,000 for projects.

Oregon City—Crown-Willamette Paper mills have made places for 33 more men.

Prosperity is in the air but, it has not got down to earth.

The local brick manufacturers at Eugene won out on the armory contract over convict made brick.

A Pendleton manufacturer of toilet preparations makes a house to house canvass to introduce her line, and gives a free treatment at an up-to-date beauty parlor to each purchaser.

Grants Pass is pushing for three new industries in 1915—a beet sugar factory, a custom mill to crush ore, and a plant to prepare lime rock for fertilizer.

ASCENT OF PIKES PEAK.

Dr. James Was the First Man to Set Foot Upon the Lofty Pinnacle.

Tradition relates that the early American explorer who ascended Pikes peak found there a rough altar of blocks of granite that cover the summit, erected by earlier Mexican explorers. The piety, the courage, the curiosity, the adventurous spirit, the thirst for gold—distinguishing characteristics of the early Spaniards—render it probable enough that they explored the neighboring mountains and that they ascended to the summit of Pikes peak.

History does not record any such ascent, however. Captain Pike, as he records in his diary, never ascended the summit of the grand mountain, which is today his greatest monument. On the bleak November day he and his party had ascended the ridge in the southeast, in the midst of a gathering snow-storm, and then gave up the attempt, he made this statement in his diary:

"The summit of the grand peak,

which was entirely bare of vegetation and covered with snow, now appeared at a distance of fifteen or sixteen miles from us, and as high again as that we had ascended. It would have taken a whole day's march to have arrived at its base, and I believe no human could have ascended to its summit."

The distinction of being the first white man—and as far as historical records go, the first man—who ever set foot upon the lofty pinnacle, belongs to Dr. Edwin S. James, who, with three unknown men and a volunteer named Harris, reached the summit on July 14, 1819. "Dr. James was a member of the party headed by Major S. H. Long, who was sent out in 1819 by Secretary of War J. C. Calhoun, in charge of "an expedition from Pittsburgh to the Rocky mountains."

The party followed the Platte river from the Missouri, reached the mountains in June and explored the country along the range from the Cache la Poudre to the Arkansas, among the prominent features mapped out being the great peak headed, the head of the Cache la Poudre, which today bears Major Long's name. On July 13, 1819, the party encamped at the famous "Indian Medicine Springs." From here Dr. James and his four followers started to ascend, probably through Engleman's canyon, what he designated as the "highest peak." Starting early in the morning, they reached the summit about 4 o'clock, and after an hour's rest began to descend, spending the night on the side of the mountain. They reached the springs at noon of the next day.—Colorado Springs Gazette.

Sweet Names, Bad Odors.

The unsavory street with the sweet sounding name often greets one in London's mean quarters. "Pleasant Grove" this writer remembers on his daily walks years back—evil looking, evil smelling, with a bone boiling factory that tainted a whole neighborhood! "Cynthia street," too, not far away. Who is Cynthia, what is she, that her romantic name should be soiled by such utterly drab associations? And Hoxton Lane—its fair sounding nomenclature, its "Land of Promise," which leads—absit omen!—to the workhouse!—London Chronicle.

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