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The Airlie boys' and girls' basketthe boys by a score of 19 to 5 and holds before them. Surely Confuthe girls, a score of 29 to 1.

Messrs. Tom Woody, Frank Tubandt and William Engelhorn motored to Portland Saturday evening, returning Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Osborn were

W. H. Carney and Robert Harris attended the basketball game in Dallas, Saturday evening.

A number of the young people from here attended the dance at dom of mind expressed in those Well's, Saturday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. M. K. Crowley are in Portland for a few weeks to visit with relatives.

Interpreting China By Rev. L. V. Lewis

A study of Confucius and his teachings continued from last week. is shown in his "Spring and Aut-

chiefly in what is known as the wrote the fourth, while the fifthteachings. The others simply set by his disciples.

While the spiritual teachings of Confucius are very vague yet he seems to accept a dualistic explanation for the origin of the universe, definite purpose of setting forth accounting for heaven, earth and man as springing from pre-existing male and female principles, which he names Yang and Yin.

glimmer of some eternal principle fucius dealt entirely with the past about heaven are very uncertain, but, about the present, that which he knew, he spoke in no uncertain

The favorite disciple of Confucius, Yen Hui, asked him the secret of self-control. Confucius replied, "Overcome egotism and return to propriety". When pressed for details, the master added, "Do not say anything improper; do not listspeak of anything improper; do not move toward anything improper, and be chary of speech". Again Confucius said "A man of noble mind stress on duty. When asked how seeks to perfect the good in others one may best serve the spirit he reand not their evil". Can not this piled "When one cannot serve man, be placed besides any of the teachings of Christianity? But it was stern and unbending is his estimate the difficulty of carrying out these lofty teachings which led Confucius of every man unaided, always to do to prescribe slowness of movement those acts which he ought to perand of speech in order that the spirit might have time for meditation instead of being called to impulsive action.

The Christian revelation teaches us that the law of God involves for each man a cross-denial of self and the acceptance of the duty imposed upon each through his conscience. That Confucius faced this light and accepted his cross is clear from the following sentences, "If on self-examination I find that I am not upright, shall I not be in fear even of the beggar? If I examine myself and find I am upright, will go forward against thousands and tens of thousands." So the greatest disciple of Confucius, Mencius, once said "I love life and I love righteousness, but I must decide between the two. I choose righteousness". Surely, these confessions are worthy to stand alongside of the sayings of Marcus Aurelius and Epictetus, and Moses and Isaiah and Jeremiah, each of whom ac-

Notice of Final Settlement

Notice is hereby given that the undersigned administratrix of the estate of Laura Colby Price, deceased, has filed her final account in the state of Oregon for Polk County, and that Monday the 23rd day of January, 1922, at the hour of 10 A. M. thereof in the county court room of said court, in the city of Dallas, Oregon, has been appointed by said court as the time and place for the hearing of objections to the said final account and the settlement thereof.

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Nettie S. Boche, Administratrix of the estate of Laura Colby Price, deceased. B. F. Swope, Attorney.

cepted his cross and followed the light God gave him. The one test at the final judgment, whether men ball teams played games with the have heard of Christ or not, will Falls City teams Friday evening. be their acceptance or rejection of Both visiting teams were defeated; the cross which the unseen Christ

cius heard God speak through his

conscience and obeyed.

Again in the acceptance or rejection of this cross the soul comes to a crisis. And this is the experience of religious faiths universally. Sakymuni had his hour of absolute surrender to his call, a surrender risiting the Airlie school Monday. as clear and marked as was Augus-Mrs. Osborn was a former teacher tine's. Mohammed had his day of seclusion from which he came forth changed in every fiber of his being. So Confucius appears to have had his day of decision when he writes, 'At thirty I took my stand".

> Then look at the spiritual freewords of his, "At sixty I never relapsed into any known fault; at seventy I could follow my own inclinations without going wrong" Of course we must make allowance for the low moral standards of the age in which he lived, yet I believe it is safe to regard the statement as a sincere expression of his judg-

The moral standard of Confucius and his conception of truthfulness "By these Annals I will be known. Nine Classics. Of these, Confucius and by these Annals I will be corrected and edited three and judged" yet one is at once impressed with the shocking disregard for the Analects or Dialogues of Confu- truth shown in the writings. In cius, written by his disciples-fur- fact at times they are thoroughly nishes the best embodiment of his misleading. He not only ignores and conceals facts of history but he forth the doctrines as understood also misrepresents facts of history. This will become clear when we know that Confucius believed firmly in the Divine right of Kings and the Annals were compiled with the the principles, not facts upon which he believed civilization rest-

At fifty-six the leader of a civil There also seems to be a faint faction captured Confucius and some of his disciples, but released or person existing back of these them on an oath from Confucius dual principles, Yang and Yin. Con- promising that they would go to P'u. Confucius broke faith as soon and present, therefore his teachings as the group were out of sight and went to Wei instead of to P'u. When one of his disciples asked the ground of this strange conduct he replied that "no oath given under duress was binding". Of course we do him serious injustice if we judge these faults in the light of our day for Confucius impresses all students of his life as a puritanical character, lacking in natural affection, but, everything considered, worthy en to anything improper; do not of the imitation with which the Chinese have honored him.

Throughout his life and teachings Confucius lays the supreme how can he serve the spirits?" So of duty that he asserts the ability form and to conquer those temptations which ought to be suppressed.

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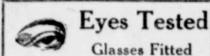
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