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REV. THOMPSON QUITS CHURCH

DOCTRINAL VIEWS CONFLICT
WITH CERTAIN ELEMENT.

IN HIS SERMON SUNDAY EVENING
REV. MR. THOMPSON WILL
GIVE HIS REASONS FOR UNITING
WITH CHRISTIAN CHURCH.

To the Editor—Will you kindly allow space in your valuable paper, which, by the way, I am pleased to note is now standing for whatever is true and right and for the highest progress, that I may state clearly why I have left the Baptist church and have become a member and worker in the Christian church.

I was baptized by Dr. Russell H. Conwell, along with over a hundred others, on Easter day, 1892, and was graduated from the Baptist seminary of the Colgate University at Hamilton, New York, in 1898. Since then I have had eleven years of strong pastoral service in Baptist churches, in the east, chiefly in Pennsylvania, and the northwest, in Washington, with the pastorate that has closed recently at this place. I do not remember that, in the matter of the usual Baptist doctrines and church practice, I had ever, as a pastor, been called in question specially, as to my thorough Baptist orthodoxy, until I came to Independence.

I moved here last fall with my family, goods and library, from Davenport near Spokane, at heavy expense which I could ill afford to bear. This church had raised no question about my doctrinal views, but had given me a unanimous and enthusiastic call which I accepted in good faith. I set to work preaching and teaching the truth, as I understood it, without fear or favor, as I have always done. But I soon found myself in conflict with a certain element that was then in the church. When I found how determined these were in their views, I sought to avoid further contention, but was not allowed to do so. I worked hard in preparation for, and in helping to conduct the union meetings, and at the close was very busy in gathering in and baptizing converts. But my work was cut short which the element referred to contrived to secure my resignation. (These members have since withdrawn from the church.) My many friends, while sympathizing with me freely, did not see the way clear to strengthen my hands against this small but bitter opposition. Within five months I seemed thus to be forced to again bear the heavy expense and trial of "candidating," and later, moving, to another field.

While I left a large church in the east, the experience here was the climax to several other trying experiences in the Baptist ministry in the northwest, in which the wrong-doing or neglect of others has, in several peculiar ways, added heavy burdens to my ministry.

In such an extremity, I began to give earnest study to questions which had occasionally arisen in my mind before, concerning the churches described simply as Christian,—questions which would otherwise have been pushed aside, for lack of time or through prejudice. I have found to my surprise that there is no such wide gulf between the two denominations as I had always supposed. I now believe that, in the Christian churches, I shall have full liberty, to teach all the strong positive gospel truths that I have been teaching, as well as certain additional scriptural principles; that have long been dear to my heart. Concerning this, I will speak more clearly in my sermon next Sunday evening.

My services with the Church of Christ in this place may last but a few weeks or months or it may later become a permanent pastorate; this to be decided later. I have tried to leave the Baptist church in such a manner as to leave it in good condition, and believe I have done so.

I ask for the kindly sympathy and

confidence of all former friends as well as new acquaintances. Sincerely yours,

MAYNARD R. THOMPSON.

Will Fight in Independence
Judged by the many feminine spectators that have seen the motion pictures of the Johnson-Ketchel fight at the different theaters where they have been exhibited, boxing has taken on great a hold on femininity as it has on California, says San Francisco Call.

Of the fifteen thousand spectators who saw the contest at Coffroth's Arena in California many hundreds were women. Despite its seeming improbability, members of the fair sex of the best families attend championship matches in California. Whether this is the result of a newer civilization is not known. Star Theater Saturday afternoon and night.

POLK LOSES GOOD MAN

R. D. Cooper was in Independence this week closing up his Polk county affairs preparatory to removing to Grass Valley, where he is engaged in merchandising. R. D. Cooper has associated with him at Grass Valley his brother, E. W. Cooper. These men are well known prominent men of Polk county, having been residents of Polk county almost continually for nearly forty-seven years. They were born in Missouri and crossed the plains in '63 and are of the well-known family of Cooper brothers who have their yearly reunions. R. D. and E. W. Cooper were formerly hardware merchants of Independence, some twenty years ago, and are known for their high integrity of character. It will be remembered that Cooper Bros. sold to J. F. O'Donnell, O'Donnell to F. E. Chambers, Chambers to Frazier & Rice, they to Huston & Simon, they to Hanna & Irvine and Hanna & Irvine to Hanna Bros.

CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENTS

Among the Methodists
The revival fire is still burning. Last Sunday night one more stepped out into the light. On Tuesday night the brother who had been converted Monday night united with the church. Others are thinking seriously. The Tuesday prayer meeting was well attended. About seventy-five were out. The young people's service will be conducted Saturday night. The regular services next Sunday: Preaching at 11 a. m. and 7:30 p. m.; Sunday school at 10 a. m. and Epworth League at 6:30 p. m. All are invited to attend.

Presbyterian Church
Next Sunday evening, at Calvary Presbyterian church Dr. Dunsmore will speak on "Thomas, The Honest Skeptic," continuing the series of sermon-lectures on character-building. This series of lectures have been largely attended and appear to have been much enjoyed by the large congregations. The singing is a very enjoyable feature of the service, some of the best vocalists in the city composing the choir. The public is cordially invited to all the services.

Christian Church
Rev. B. C. Black of Salem will preach Sunday morning at eleven and Maynard R. Thompson, the new acting pastor, will talk on this subject in the evening: "Why I became a member and a worker in the Church of Christ". All who care to know are cordially invited to attend. Bible school at 10 o'clock; mid-week meeting for Bible study and prayer, Wednesday at 7:30 p. m. There is already talk of organizing Baraca and Philathea clubs.

Stiff Neck.
Stiff neck is caused by rheumatism of the muscles of the neck. It is usually confined to one side, or to the back of the neck and one side. While it is often quite painful, quick relief may be had by applying Chamberlain's Liniment. Not one case of rheumatism in ten requires internal treatment. When there is no fever and no swelling as in muscular and chronic rheumatism, Chamberlain's Liniment will accomplish more than any internal treatment. For sale by P. M. Kirkland.

PREPARATIONS FOR SPRING MEET

INDEPENDENCE DRIVING CLUB
HOLDS ANNUAL MEETING

TALKS OF HOLDING HORSE
SHOW AND DRIVING EXHIBITION
IN CONNECTION WITH
ANNUAL EVENT IN JUNE.

A meeting of the Independence Driving Club was held in this city Saturday afternoon for the purpose of electing officers for the ensuing year. W. W. Percival was elected unanimously to the office of president of the club. Mr. Percival responded with a neat speech of acceptance. The new secretary is Oren Byers; treasurer, Roy DeArmond; directors, C. A. McLaughlin, A. B. Taylor and P. M. Kirkland. It is likely that the spring meet will be held in this city some time in June and there will probably be a horse show and driving exhibition in connection with the meet. There was some talk of a stock show in connection with the spring meet but it has practically been given up since there was not the necessary accommodation of building for that purpose here. The report of the secretary showed the club to be in a flourishing condition.

Among those in attendance from other points were C. B. Henley and Peter Cook who talked of hearty support from the outside for the spring meet. Both these gentlemen will be in attendance at the meet with a string of horses. It is likely that a four days' meet will be held and that the affair will be more extensive than any previous meet.

NEW DIRECTORS FOR CANNERY

The annual meeting of Independence Cannery Company was held in the opera house in this city last Tuesday morning for the purpose of electing officers for the ensuing year and for the transaction of other business matters pertaining thereto.

The meeting was called to order by President J. S. Cooper who stated the object of the meeting. Secretary S. E. Irvine read the report of the last annual meeting. The report of the treasurer showed funds on hand to the amount of \$9.85. The report of the secretary showed that the canned goods on hand had been shipped to Allen & Lewis of Portland on consignment f. o. b. Portland. These goods, according to the secretary, are in bad condition and need to be recooked and repacked. What the cannery company will eventually realize from the pack is a conjecture that few are able to come at with any accuracy. The board of directors reported that they are not in touch with anyone who will consider a lease of the plant.

After considerable discussion of matters in general, the meeting took ballot for directors which resulted in the election of the following gentlemen for directors of the company for the ensuing year: J. S. Bohannon, Word Butler, P. M. Kirkland, G. A. Wells, J. L. Hanna, D. A. Hodge and Geo. McLaughlin. The board is composed of all new timber and that they will make extra efforts to operate the cannery is the general belief.

Konjockety Club Entertains

The last reception given by the Konjockety Club, which was held in the Knights of Pythias hall March 2 for the entertainment of the Five Hundred Club, was regarded by all to be one of the most successful features of this season's social events.

The hall was most artistically decorated with pink crepe paper and Oregon grape together with many house ferns and plants, presenting a very pleasing harmonious scene which called forth many pretty compliments.

While the later guests were arriving Mrs. Dave Collins and Miss Denison sang, in a way that caused the room to become all attention. The fore part of the evening was given

to the playing of Five Hundred after which all were refreshed by a dainty lunch. During the lunch Miss Iva Burton gave two very good readings. The floor was then cleared and the fact that a carpet was down did not hinder in the least the fun and enjoyment of the dance which followed. Prizes were awarded to Miss Emroy McDevitt and F. A. Williams as the two having the highest score in the game of Five Hundred.

Those present were: Mr. and Mrs. S. B. Walker, Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Kutch, Mr. and Mrs. P. M. Kirkland, Mr. and Mrs. P. J. Dickinson, Mr. and Mrs. P. H. Drexler, Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Conkey, Mr. and Mrs. L. Damon, Mr. and Mrs. Joe Hubbard, Mr. and Mrs. Claude Hubbard, Mr. and Mrs. Marshal Merwin, Mr. and Mrs. E. E. Paddock, Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Butler, Mr. and Mrs. Guy Walk, Dr. and Mrs. Allyn, Mr. and Mrs. V. I. Dornisfe, Mr. and Mrs. C. Shenefield, Mr. and Mrs. Claude Skinner, Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Huff, Mr. and Mrs. F. A. Williams, Mr. and Mrs. Dave Collins, Mrs. Cromwell, Misses Eppley, Dennison, Schollard, Flora McCallon, Emroy McDevitt, Florence Burton, Iva Burton, Margaret Pomeroy, Cordia Gooch, Messrs. Roy DeArmond, Ross Nelson, Neville Eldridge, Burt Teats, Oren Byers, Clarence Henkle.

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INDEPENDENCE RESUMES RUN

SKINNERS HAVE MODEL PASSENGER
AND FREIGHT BOAT.

LAUNCH LOUISE IS EXPECTED
TO ARRIVE HERE WITHIN TEN
DAYS TO TAKE SCHEDULE
WITH THE INDEPENDENCE.

The launch Independence resumed her run again Monday on the Willamette between Independence and Salem after being off for over two months undergoing repairs and alterations. The launch is installed with a six-cylinder gasoline engine which occupies so little space in the vessel that one would hardly know it is there. The removal of the steam engine and large boiler from the launch gives much additional space for freight and passengers. It is expected by the management of the Skinner launches, the Louise which is expected to take the run also in a fortnight, that the time on the run between the two cities will be materially reduced, and by the addition of more modern appliances and machinery that the comfort of passengers will be materially added to.

The launch Independence is now leaving the O. C. T. dock here at 9:30 a. m. and leaving Salem on the return trip at 4 p. m.

For Sale—Rhode Island Red eggs for hatching purposes, 75c and \$1.00. Phone Main 376, I. M. Jackson, Independence, Oregon. 39-41

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