

**METHODIST DOINGS**

**Some Aftermath of the Revival Meetings**

At the Methodist church the last two prayer-meetings have been well attended. Forty-seven were present at the last. The leader was Hal Bond.

The Epworth League had its business meeting and social in the league room of the church Tuesday evening. A large number were present and enjoyed the evening very much. Refreshments were served.

Last Sunday was a big day at the church, both morning and evening. Two hundred were present at both services. It was a fine sight Sunday, the 19th, to see eight men stand at the altar and be baptized and received into the church. There were eleven received that day and last Sunday two men were baptized and received.

Last Friday night a very enjoyable reception was given by the church to the new members and to those who are soon to become members.

The church was beautifully decorated by the girls of the booster class with ferns and daffodils.

Songs were sung by the Girls' Glee club.

Addresses of welcome were made by Rev. T. C. Cook representing the church; D. S. McWilliams, the Sunday school; Oren Frum, the Epworth league, and Mrs. Morhinweg the Intermediate league.

A response was made by H. E. Davis. Miss Koontz was heard in solo.

Games were played and home-made candy served.

Sunday evening the following program was given:

Prayer, pastor.  
 Song, "The King of Love My Shepherd is," Glee club.  
 Reading, Miss Alta Hayes.  
 Japanese song in costume, Standard Bearers.  
 Pantomime, Standard Bearers.  
 Address on missions, pastor.  
 Solo, Miss Koontz.  
 Women's Foreign Missionary society thank offering.  
 Benediction.  
 The thank offering amounted to \$25. Cor.

**Brownsville Grange**

The regular meeting of Patrons of Husbandry was held March 26 at Brownsville with Worthy Master G. Ackerman in the chair.

We opened at 1 o'clock by singing No. 114, after which Sister Davidson read the minutes of last meeting.

A motion was passed that a birthday box be prepared by the committee, the proceeds to be used for floral offerings.

A letter from National Master F. J. Lowell urging us to take a stand for a fair and just settlement of the coal strikers' question was read and laid on the table for further discussion.

Sister Pearl gave a talk on opposition to strikes.

We then installed Pomona and assistant steward.

The grange expressed its regret at losing Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Stone and hope to welcome them back in the near future.

We were again reminded that Pomona meets the fifth Saturday in April at Morning Star.

Sister Phillips extended us an invitation to attend Fairmount grange next Saturday night, April 1. Lecturer's hour was as follows: "Speech in poetry," J. Ackerman; "Mr. Holloway told us his favorite mode of locomotion, which is the airplane," Mrs. Pearl; reading, "Ben Pottin' it off" H. Ackerman.

As a suggestion for the good of the order at our next meeting the brothers are to serve dinner, sisters, Seeing is believing.

Mrs. Pearl will give a reading: "A Good Husband."

The April meeting was called for 1 o'clock, with dinner at 12 sharp. A cordial invitation is extended to all members to be present.

Grange Reporter.

**Jots and Tittles**

**Short Stories of Happenings in Linn County Generally and in Halsey Particularly**

New members join the local churches every week lately.

The entertainment at the Methodist church Friday night realized \$25.

Scio has a new boys' and girls' Holstein club and LaSalle a sheep club.

F. W. Robinson sold about 5000 bushels of oats to T. J. Skirvin last week.

Douglas Taylor and wife and H. A. Renninger were at the county seat yesterday.

New shingles have been put on the south slope of the confectionery store this week.

Linn county's taxes are but \$12,000 more this year than last. But they are more, not less.

The Brownsville sheep club has no leader yet but has organized with Kenton Thompson, president; Delbert Shea, vice-president and Robert McFarland secretary. The other members are Mason David-

son, Burnelle White, Paul Wright, Floyd Farrier, Ellis Fenelle and Royal Ackerman.

Cattle are being tested in this county for tuberculosis by a federal agent, Dr. J. Thistlewait of Portland.

John Archibald's barn, 4 1/2 miles northeast of Shedd, burned Sunday and four calves perished with it. Loss \$6000. Insured for \$8000.

Mrs. Etta Vawter of Medford stopped on her way home from a visit in Portland and called on her mother-in-law, Mrs. W. J. Ribelin, in this city, going on home Tuesday evening.

Among members of the Halsey encampment of Oddfellows who visited Brownsville Thursday night were Jim McMahan, Tom Hover, George Hayes, D. Hillman, O. W. Frum, Joe Pittman, Andrew Brown and Frank Kirk. About eighty were present and a banquet was spread after the session.

Mr. and Mrs. B. M. Bond were visiting relatives in Albany Sunday.

Rev. C. G. Morris of the Brownsville Methodist church was in town this morning.

Mrs. G. W. Morhinweg went to the county metropolis last week and visited Mrs. Nancy Taylor.

The Albany Herald says Leon Morse bought a Brownsville residence at sheriff's sale Monday.

While cows in several rural communities in the county are being tested by Dr. Thistlewait, the Canada thistle clubs in those places will not let the thistle wait.

Last Sunday was a beautiful day and nearly everybody enjoyed the bright sunshine, but gloom returned next day, with rain, and gardens are still on the waiting list.

The tops have been taken off all the trees around the hotel except those on the west front of the building, and a lot of wood they contained. In a few years they will be ready for another harvest.

Lyman Marsters from Willamette university and William Marsters, his brother, came home Saturday, the former to spend his vacation at home and William for the week end. William returned Sunday to his employment in a mill at Portland.

**STARTLING INVENTION Oil and Gasoline for 1000 Years Assured**

That fabulous machine which takes wool into a hopper at one end and turns out perfect suits of clothes of assorted styles and sizes at the other has an honest-to-goodness rival, it is reported from Denver. Henry L. Brown of New York is the inventor. The apparatus takes oil shale, of which America has enough to supply the country with oil 1000 years, and extracts and refines the oil, separating the gasoline, and 150 other coal-oil products, such as medicines, dyes, synthetic rubber, etc.

The shale is fed into the apparatus at one end and a series of revolving fans carries it through, automatically discharging the products at the other. The residue comes out as a dust of hydrocarbon.

Noted scientists, engineers and oil experts have witnessed the process and declared the invention equal in importance to the steam engine, the telephone, the automobile, etc.

**Ash Swale Assertions**

Mrs. Carlson and Mrs. Malow went to Brownsville Friday.

The Ash Swale farmers have been getting along nicely with their plowing, though there has been discouraging weather for general farming.

O. E. Barnes went to Brownsville Friday.

Little Albert Poland, who has been seriously ill for the past two weeks, is much better and is able to be around again.

Mr. Foote has rented the Bill Harrison place for five years.

Charles Carlson went to Lebanon Saturday on a business trip.

Dora Harris, who is attending business college at Eugene, spent the week end with her mother, Mrs. Troutman.

Mr. Carlson and family visited the Sylvesters Saturday.

Charles Carlson, W. W. Poland, George Drinkard and F. H. Webber drove to Salem Monday and returned the same day.

The Cascade contracting company, who have been operating on Saldie Butte, have shut down on account of the weather.

Charles Cox of Dover was elected director to represent the Linn-Benton county district of the Oregon Growers' Cooperative association, at a meeting held in Corvallis, March 17. Mr. Cox is a well known member and a booster of the association. A local advisory committee was elected for Linn county as follows: J. Q. Blacklaw, Lebanon, Albany, Linn, Albany, C. R. Wildmer, Albany. The Benton county advisory committee is: Roy Yocum, Corvallis, W. S. Brown, Corvallis, George W. Thoroquist, Alpine.



Halsey Christian Church

**Church Announcements**

Christian; 10, Bible school.

11, Communion services. Special talk to children. Sermon, "Christi-n Unity".

6:30 Christian Endeavor.

7:30, Sermon, "Conversion of a lot of Murderers".

Thursday, 7:30, Evangelistic prayer-meeting.

We will observe Neighbors' day next Sunday morning. Every member is urged to bring a neighbor. We have set a goal of 150 in attendance.

Our evangelistic meetings begin Friday, April 7.

Lester Jones, pastor.

Asa did that which was good and right in the eyes of the Lord (v. 2).

1. Cleared the land of idolatrous emblems and images (vv. 3, 5). (1) Strange altars. These were the altars devoted to other gods. (2) High places. These were places where unlawful sacrifices were offered. (3) Broke down the images. These were upright stones connected with idolatrous worship. (4) Cut down the groves. These were trees or poles connected with tree worship. He had all these relics of idolatry destroyed in Jerusalem and other cities throughout his kingdom.

2. Commanded Judah to seek the Lord (v. 4). He knew that if the reformation was to be effective it must be by the positive seeking after and worshiping of God, accompanied by obedience to His commandments. Destructive work avails little unless followed by constructive.

11. Asa's Defensive Preparations (vv. 6-8).

1. Built fortified cities (v. 6). The cities are not named, but the meaning, doubtless, is that it was a general system of defense which involved the cities at strategic points.

2. He erected walls about the cities (v. 7). These were usually of stone. Upon the walls were observation towers from which the position and movements of the enemy could be seen, and from which defensive warfare could be waged.

3. Made gates and barred them (v. 7). The reason he assigns for these defensive preparations was that they had sought the Lord God. Those who really trust God will make every effort to provide defense.

4. Had an army of spearmen (v. 8). These spearmen were also protected with large shields. The army was made up of 480,000 brave men. They were prepared to wage an offensive as well as a defensive war.

III. Asa's Victory Over Zerah, the Ethiopian (vv. 9-12).

1. Asa set the battle in array (v. 10). He went out to meet the enemy. He first made a disposition of his means of defense. This was wisdom on his part. Intelligent faith shows the possessor to do first that which is within his power.

2. Asa's prayer (vv. 11, 12). He cried unto the Lord. He sought the source of national power. In this prayer note (1) his conscious helplessness. As he faced the Egyptian army two to one against him, he was clearly conscious of his impotency. The first requisite in obtaining help from God is conscious weakness. The Christian conquers not by self-reliance, but by self-distrust and faith in God. (2) Appeals to God for help. He knew that though they were helpless before the mighty enemy, with God's help they could win the victory. One man with God is a majority. (3) Reposes faith in God. The word "rest" means to lean upon—to cast the entire weight upon. In the measure that we realize our need of support will we lean hard upon God. (4) Advanced courageously. He went forth depending upon God to fight for him. Real faith does not wait until it sees its way clear, but goes forth expecting God to clear the way. (5) Fung himself upon God's arms. "O Lord, thou art our God." His cause was God's cause. If God has taken us for His people, and if we have taken Him for our God, no enemy can prevail against us. May we experimentally say, "Thou art my God," and hear Him say, "I am thy God!"

3. The Egyptians smitten (v. 12). The enemy fled before Israel and could not recover themselves.

**PUTTING SOW IN GOOD SHAPE**

Animal Usually Needs to Gain About One-Half to Three-Fourths Pound Daily During Cold Months.

A sow older than two years, one that has completed her growth, usually needs to make a gain of about one-half to three-fourths of a pound daily through the winter to put her in good shape for farrowing. A gilt or yearling sow has to continue her growth besides producing a litter of pigs, and a pound a day gain is none too much if these young sows are thin at the beginning of winter.

Abide in Him. And now, little children, abide in Him; that when He shall appear, we may have confidence, and not be ashamed at His coming.—1 John 2:28.

**Methodist:**

Sunday School, 10.

Preaching, 11.

Junior League, 3.

Intermediate League, 6:30.

Epworth League, 6:30.

Preaching, 7:30.

Prayer meeting, Thursday, 8.

Rev. C. T. Cook, Pastor.

**Pine Grove Church:**

Sunday School, 10.

Preaching, 11, by Bro. Egley.

Prayer-meeting, 7.

Bible Study, Wednesday, 7.

**Sunday School Lesson**

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**LESSON FOR APRIL 2**

**ASA RELIES ON GOD**

**LESSON TEXT**—II Chronicles 14:1-12.

**GOLDEN TEXT**—Help us, O Lord our God, for we rest on Thee.—II Chron. 14:11.

**REFERENCE MATERIAL**—II Chron. 14:2-16. Isa. 41:10-13.

**PRIMARY TOPIC**—A King Who Trusted God.

**JUNIOR TOPIC**—God Helping Asa.

**INTERMEDIATE AND SENIOR TOPIC**—A Ruler Who Relied on God.

**YOUNG PEOPLE AND ADULT TOPIC**—The Source of Personal and National Power.

I. Asa's Reformation (vv. 1-5).

Asa was the grandson of Rehoboam. Both his grandfather and father favored idolatry, but in spite of this record of his ancestors, Asa had a will of his own, and though young when he came to the throne, inaugurated a campaign of reform which brought great good. He not only had the handicap of the idolatry and immortality fostered by the two former kings, but he had to contend against the influence of his mother who had encouraged immoral worship (I Kings 15:13). In order to carry out his reformatory measures he had to wrest authority from her by deposing her.

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**High School Notes**

By the process of elimination the boys' basketball team of Halsey high school claims the championship of Linn county. Following is an extract from the Scio Sphinx:

"Scio has won ten successful games, but has no claim on the championship, for we have been ruled out by a few minor technicalities. Lebanon, though stronger than Crabtree, cannot claim it, because Scio's last semester team defeated Lebanon. Albany cannot claim the championship, as Crabtree defeated Albany. Crabtree cannot claim the championship, as Crabtree did not play Lebanon nor Halsey, which is one of the strongest teams in the county. Crabtree also refused to play the Scio team, considered Linn county's champions until the last moment, when the claims were forfeited because of a small technicality. Halsey has never been defeated by anyone except Scio, and Scio must forfeit the victory, therefore Halsey should claim the Linn county championship."

This further proves the good sportsmanship of Scio. The Scio boys have the reputation of being good losers as well as good winners. In congratulating the Halsey boys we also extend congratulations to Scio for the flourishing school paper, the Scio Sphinx.

Last Monday the English 4 students expended their energy writing poetry. Some of the students showed unusual talent.

**Halsey Boy Scouts**

The Halsey Boy Scouts are Frank Koontz, Tom Miller, Martin Koontz, Truman Robinett, Elias Robins, James Rector, Albert Pyburn, Wilbur Norton, Erroll Sneed, Elliot McWilliams, Cecil Redford, Clarence Cornelius and Freddie Heinrich.

Saturday they went out south, west of Lake Ogle for a hike and for practice. Signalling, cooking and first aid were demonstrated and practiced. Dr. Gernjobst, the scoutmaster, was unable to make the start with them at 9 a. m. but joined them later. They came home about 5:30.

**His Busy Days.**

Many a man can't settle down to enjoy life because he's kept too busy raising the cash to settle up.