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**THE RURAL PASTOR**

Intelligent and Consecrated Leadership the Need of the Hour.

By Peter Radford.  
 Lecturer National Farmers' Union.

The rural pastor has greater possibilities than any other factor in our national life. The rural civilization of the Twentieth Century has opened up a new world of activities for him. There lie before him unexplored continents of usefulness, unemployed forces of civilization and tremendous responsibilities such as have never before confronted the pastorate.

The need of the rural communities today is intelligent and consecrated leadership. There must be a marshaling of forces that build life, strengthen character and broaden vision. The pastor should deal with living problems. In addition to the service he now renders he should help us lift the market basket, hold out a helping hand to the farmer and develop the potential energies of the community he seeks to serve.

**A More Useful Ministry.**

The farmer needs the personal touch of the pastor. He seldom comes in direct contact with his halloving influence, except when he is baptized, married and buried. We need to further extend Christian influence in the homes, as well as to spread the gospel in China; to instruct our children in the art of living, as well as to convert the barbarian and the Hottentot, and we should devote our energy and talent to the solution of problems of our own locality, rather than consume our energies in fighting vice and ignorance beyond our borders. It is as important that we discuss from the pulpit, the building of macadam highways from the church to our homes, as that we preach of the golden streets of the New Jerusalem. It is as much a part of the duty of the pastor to exhort us to own a home while on earth as to inspire us to build a mansion in the skies and that we should construct Christian character in our own community, rather than that we fight foreign sins in other lands. We want a religion we can farm by as well as die by.

**Christian Influence Needed.**

There is an emptiness in the life of rural communities and we want preachers who can weave into the social fiber, educational pastimes, profitable pleasures and instructive amusements. Too often we find the games of our young people a search for a suggestion in immorality and a stepping-stone to sin. The pastor should supervise the growing lives of young people, approve their amusements, create expressions of joy and pleasure that makes for Christian character and bless their lives with Christian modesty.

The farm is the nursery of civilization, and the parsonage of all religious denominations. Too long has the rural church been the gangway to city pulpits. The current should be reversed. The power of the pulpit is most needed in the country where the fundamental forces of human life originate. The farm is the powerhouse of all progress and the birthplace of all that is noble. The Garden of Eden was in the country and the man who would get close to God must first get close to nature. Many communities are church-ridden. We frequently have three or four churches in a community with a circuit rider once a month preaching to small congregations and all fail to perform the religious functions of the community. In many instances, more harmonious effort might result in a more efficient service. The division of religious forces and breaking into fragments of moral effort are oftentimes little less than a calamity and defeat the purposes they seek to promote.

A pastor in a neighborhood, studying the economic, social, moral and educational problems of the community, presenting fresh visions of potential possibilities and native power with beauty and new meaning, interpreting the thought-life of the community and administering to their daily needs, will contribute more toward the advancement of a locality than a dozen preachers who occupy the pulpits at irregular intervals, preaching on subjects foreign to the life of the community.

Church prejudice is a vice that saps much of the spiritual life of a community, and wasteful sectarianism is a religious crime against society. Denominational reciprocity should take its place. Non-support of church institutions and religious lethargy can often be traced to causes inherent with the church. There should be co-operation between churches and co-ordination of moral effort along economic lines, and there must be if the rural churches of this state are going to render a service which this age demands.

**Wins \$100 Prize.**

C. N. Jones prosperous young farmer of near Heppner, was a pleasant caller at this office on Friday afternoon, and poured some oil on our machinery. Mr. Jones has been farming a portion of the W. P. Dutton ranch for the past three years, and this fall has his summerfallow in excellent shape—in such fine condition in fact, that M. Dutton made him a present of \$100, cold cash, as a reward for good work. His summerfallow is absolutely free from weeds and now in excellent condition for putting in the fall grain.

**BUSINESS COLLEGE IS LIKED BY HOME GIRL**

Miss Josie Eskelson is Pleasantly Located at Capitol City.

Editor Gazette-Times, Heppner, Oregon.

Dear Sir: On leaving home my intention was to take a business training in Portland, but friends persuaded me to come to Salem and enter the Capital Business College, which is considered one of the very best in the northwest.

After having attended the college for one month I feel that I have made no mistake in my decision. I would like to tell the people of that locality that this is the proper place for any ambitious young man or woman to secure a thorough and practical business training.

The business courses here are very complete and cover a large field adaptable to any modern office. The stenographic course has been enlarged by the addition of Stenotypy which is the machine method of shorthand. While this method is designed to take the place of shorthand, both are taught here, which goes to show that Mr. W. I. Staley, the Principal of the school, is alert to the constantly growing requirements of business men, and consequently endeavors to keep his school abreast of the times.

The faculty are affable to all and personally interested in each student and his progress. They are always ready to lend their assistance in every possible way that will aid their advancement. This tends to make the students feel at home and gives a congenial atmosphere to the whole school.

I trust that this letter may be the means of further investigation on the part of those who contemplate taking a commercial course in the future with a view of becoming a really valuable asset in the business world.

I find Salem, the capital city of Oregon, a most delightful place. The city is beautifully located on the east bank of the Willamette river. Its streets are wide and lined with beautiful shade trees. The business section of the city has the appearance of being substantial and prosperous; and in the residence section are many very fine homes. There are some thirty-five miles of streets paved with hard-surface pavement.

From a friend and former resident,  
**JOSIE ESKELSON.**

**UNIVERSITY OFFERS AID TO TEACHERS**

All teachers in Morrow county have been offered assistance from the University of Oregon in covering the required work from the new State Reading List, the offer having just been received at the office of County Superintendent of Schools S. E. Notson. The superintendent, under section 24 of the school laws of Oregon for 1913, may not register any teacher until he is satisfied that at least one of the State Reading List books has been covered. The state university suggests that because of pressure of other work county superintendents may find supervision of this sort difficult. It has therefore prepared study helps, and is ready to assist the superintendent and the teachers in any of several ways, as indicated in the following letter from the secretary of the Extension division:

"1. If you care to utilize the facilities of the Extension division of the University, we will communicate, with your cooperation, with every one of your teachers, advising her of the legal necessity of doing the work, urging her to make selection of the book, and telling her we will send her questions and suggestions and aid her to get the most good possible from the book. When she has completed the reading we will give her a card certifying the fact, which card she shall file with you when she registers her certificate, as evidence that the work has been done.

"2. If you wish yourself to make the selection of book from the list, we shall advise the teachers of the choice and take the matter up in the same way.

"3. If you handle the work through reading circles, we shall be glad to furnish to your office or to the teachers direct, if you request, copies of the studies, helps on the books which are to be studied. We are also willing insofar as we can, to send men from our departments to address those reading circle groups. The amount of such assistance, however, is strictly limited by the number of men available and the amount of funds on hand.

"4. If you wish to employ both methods suggested above and group some of your teachers into reading circles under yourself or supervisors, with or without our aid, and require the others who are too remote to attend the circle meetings to do their reading with us, we shall be glad to undertake the work on that basis.

"As the University of Oregon is part of the public school system, there will be no expense to any of the teachers except, of course, that each teacher will have either to buy or to borrow a copy of the book which she reads."

Harry Turner, who farms in Sand Hollow, was a business visitor in our city last Friday.



**CHARLES A. BARRETT**

ATHENA, Umatilla County, Oregon.  
 REPUBLICAN NOMINEE FOR  
**State Senator,**  
 19th Senatorial District, comprising  
 Morrow, Umatilla and Union  
 Counties.

**BIOGRAPHICAL**—Native of the State of Maine. Resident of Umatilla County, Oregon for 42 years. Have held the office of Mayor, Councilman and Chairman of the Water Commission of the City of Athena and School Director of the Athena district for many years.

Member of the Oregon Legislative Assembly two terms and Senator for the 19th District one term, now a candidate for re-election.

With the experience already had in legislative matters I believe I can render valuable service to the people of the District and State. Have for many years been engaged in farming and in the farm implement business and know the requirements of the farmer and business man.

**State Interests**—I favor an amended tax law by which the burdens of taxation shall be distributed equitably and the time of tax payments fixed at dates when there is ready money in the country, one half payable May 1st and one half Nov. 1st in each year without interest or penalty.

I favor such legislation as will assure a lower tax rate and to that end there must be rigid pruning of appropriations and the abandonment or consolidation of public offices and commissions wherever possible.

I favor such amendment to the Corrupt Practices Act as will make it clear, reasonable and effective and give it teeth to punish where its spirit is not observed.

I favor the enactment of such statutes as will insure law enforcement without recourse to martial law.

I also favor the placing of initiative petitions in the hands of the several County Clerks and registration officers of the several precincts and prohibiting the employment of paid circulators. I favor the amendment of the Direct Primary law so that candidates for public office may have the election either to circulate petitions or to pay a reasonable election fee to the County or State as the case may be. The petition is becoming a nuisance to every registered voter.

(Signed) **CHARLES A. BARRETT.**

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