

THE CHURCH OF TODAY

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The term church is from the Greek word Kurios—Lord, and Kuriakos—the Lord's house; coming from the Greek through the Latin we have the word Ekklesia, which signifies—to call out an assembly of citizens of any Greek city for the transaction of public business.

After the departure of Jesus, his followers were known as disciples, brethren, believers, Nazarenes, Galileans, but during Paul's ministry, they were first called Christians at Antioch, being recognized as followers of Christ, the Messiah.

Jesus uses the term church but twice, once in Matthew 18:17, where he means the local assembly, and again in Matthew 16:18, where it is used in its highest sense, signifying "the eternal kingdom of God the Inalienable Petra"—Rock of Ages.

Jesus came to reveal to humanity the kingdom of God, not to organize a church. The following passages corroborate this view. The message of the Baptist was: "Repent ye for the kingdom of Heaven is at hand," and Jesus began his ministry saying "The kingdom of Heaven is at hand."

It is said he went through Galilee teaching and preaching the gospel of the kingdom.

He gives us in that incomparable sermon on the mount, a complete outline of what is required as the prerequisite of entry into God's kingdom, and the secret of perpetual growth therein.

Deeply enshrined in the utterances are recorded are the arcana—the mysteries of which his later utterances, his mighty acts and Godlike were exemplifications.

He definitely tells us in oft repeated statements the prime object of his incarnation. I want the reader to grasp this thought, for it is fundamental and of supreme importance.

From these passages with many others we learn that God's kingdom is eternal and eternal, reaching backward and forward. Every soul in every age, of whatever name, color, race whose face is turned toward God, and is living the best life he knows how is a member of God's universal and spiritual kingdom.

After departure of Jesus the apostles took up the work, and preached everywhere the gospel of the kingdom; they gathered the people together in every place, and sometimes appointed a man of mature years as presbyteros; or an overseer superintendent—episcopos; and usually there was appointed someone to look after the needs of the poor, deacon or ministrant—diakonos.

From these simple beginnings have developed, through the centuries, the elaborate and powerful ecclesiastical systems of several churches.

Of the growth of the early church, the centralizing of ecclesiastical power in the bishop of Rome in the fifth century; of the ecumenical councils; of the great schism of 589, when the eastern church separated from the western; of the reformation under Martin Luther in the sixteenth century. These subjects we leave to the student of history.

If we use the term "church" as embracing all the saints of all time, saving the kingdom of God, we must admit it is a divine institution; it is its author, its protector, and its future is secure.

If we refer to the organization, the ecclesiastical body, no matter what name it bears, we must recognize it as what it is, an organization created by devout men having in view the accomplishment of the greatest work committed to man.

Are these divine institutions? No, they are human, and as such they are bound to change and give place to a perfect church for which Jesus died as recorded in John 17:21, "that they all may be one; as thou, Father art in me, and I in thee, that they also may be one in us."

China employs nearly 4,000 exiles from Europe and America to her railways, postoffices, etc. There are 1,105 British and 174 Americans on the job, many of the latter in the most important offices.

POMONA PATRONS OF HUSBANDRY MEET WITH PLEASANT VALLEY GRANGE ON WEDNESDAY

Pomona Grange Goes Upon Record as Opposing Road Bonds

Table with 2 columns: Grange Membership, Grange Name, and Membership Count. Total: 973.

Pomona grange went on record as opposing the \$6,000,000 bond issue for good roads by a small majority of those voting. After a debate lasting two hours, in which State Master Spence, W. H. H. Dufur, E. D. Palmer and others spoke in favor of adopting a drastic resolution opposing the bonds; and with State Senator Lewis, Ben Worsley, of Clatsop county, and Representative A. Lauergaard, of this county, the principal speakers for them, the vote was taken. Many refused to vote and some had left, but the vote stood 20 to 12 in favor of the resolution which is given below:

The burden of the objectors to the bonding of the state was that the object was wholly in favor of the paving companies, principally the Warren Construction company. It was shown on the other hand that the interest on the bonds will be paid out of automobile licenses and that there will be no taxation to pay the principal. The bonds are to run for 25 years, and none of the proceeds are to be spent in Multnomah county, but in other counties where good roads are needed. Following is the resolution which was adopted:

Whereas, It has pleased the last legislative session to submit to the people of this state a proposition of bonding the state for \$6,000,000, termed for "Good Roads" bond issue.

Whereas, The granges of this state and nation have gone on record as favorably against great long time bond issues such as entail greatly added expense.

Whereas, These bond issues in order to make them effective and acceptable, are made non-taxable, and millions of dollars of these bonds are sold to the bonding interests and are non-taxable thereby diverting a large portion of our available monies to a channel of non-taxation, which is dangerous to the common people, therefore, be it

Resolved, By Pomona grange at its regular session March 21, 1917, that we are unequivocally opposed to this great bonding system and to these so-called \$6,000,000 bonds that are offered to the people of this state for their adoption at the next special election.

While we favor and believe in good roads and will do all in our power to favor the interests of good roads and the building up of communities at large by the building of good roads in an economical way, this so-called bond issue "Good Roads" we consider not only an injustice to the people, inasmuch as it proposes a system of road building which is not economical; for by the time these bonds have been paid in full the people of Oregon will pay nearly double value for their roads they will build under this bond issue.

County grange membership has fallen slightly off since the meeting of Pomona in December, according to the reports handed in at the Pomona meeting at Pleasant Valley on Wednesday of this week. In December the total membership was 986. It is now 973, showing a loss of thirteen in the three months. The attendance at Pleasant Valley

ODD FELLOWS JOIN IN ANNUAL EVENT

Five Odd Fellow lodges—Boring, Gresham, Sandy, Estacada and Rockwood are joining in a celebration of the founding of the order, to be held at Boring on April 28. On this occasion it will be for Odd Fellows and Rebekahs only.

A committee of arrangements from the five lodges has been formed with W. A. Morand, chairman, and L. H. Mallicoat, secretary. Each lodge is to furnish a part of the entertainment. Two years ago the celebration was held at Gresham; last year at Estacada.

Don't forget to read the want ads.

Commissioner Holman Lays Blame on Roadmaster J. B. Yeon

on Wednesday, at all sessions, was more than two hundred. Dinner was served to 172 at noon and many more came to the evening session who could not get there during the day. The gathering was fully representative, showing that the grange spirit is improving with each succeeding session. Every grange in Multnomah county sent large delegations, and there were visitors from other counties. State Master C. E. Spence was an all-day visitor. County Commissioner John Frye, and Ben Worsley, of Clatsop county, were present, also several other prominent men who were not members, but enjoyed the meeting during the open afternoon session. Mrs. Edyth Toder Weathered, a member of the State Agricultural society was also present. County Commissioner Rufus Holman was there also and made an address on county affairs.

Pleasant Valley grange enjoys the distinction of being numbered 348. It has adopted old Doc Yak as its patron saint and has a life-size portrait of the famous horned man over its inner entrance. The hall was much too small for the big crowd on Wednesday, but there is a plan on foot to enlarge the space by a series of folding doors which will permit the use of about half of the dining room when occasion requires.

State Master Spence's morning address was full of congratulations upon the progress the grange is making, and on the increased attendance at the subordinate grange meeting, as shown in the quarterly reports. He praised the public work being done, as it shows an interest in public affairs.

The principal grange event of the day was the installation of the officers for the next two years. They were elected at the December session. Mrs. A. E. Niblin served as installing officer, assisted by Miss Julia Mickelson. Mrs. Niblin's work is entirely original, beautiful and effective.

About forty candidates were invested with the fifth degree, the ceremony being followed by a splendid entertainment. Dinner and supper was served to all present at the two meal hours, and the session was declared to have been one of the best ever held in the county.

The next session will be held with Evening Star grange in June, to be followed by the September meet at Gresham.

Following the installation of the above officers at Pomona grange, on Wednesday, County Commissioner Rufus Holman was invited to address the assemblage upon county affairs.

His remarks were mainly devoted to the excessive expenditure of funds in the construction of the Vista House at Crown Point. He told of the original appropriation of \$12,000 but stated that Roadmaster Yeon had changed them without consulting anyone else to such an extent that the cost would now be over \$52,000. The commissioners were kept in the dark concerning the change until the bills came in for the larger sum. Mr. Yeon justified his action by saying that the people would approve his action when the work is finished.

The work is so far along that the county must now finish the building or leave it a wreck. Mr. Yeon's procedure was absolutely irregular and improper, but the district attorney has made legal changes to correspond and the building will be completed on the present plans, although it depletes the emergency fund and takes money from other sources. Mr. Hol-

QUARTERLY MEETING APPOINTMENT RECALLED

The fourth district quarterly meeting of the Portland district of the Free Methodist church will be held in the Free Methodist church at Gresham, April 19-22 and the quarterly meeting which was to be held March 25, is recalled. Bishop Sellen and all the pastors of the district will be present at this meeting.

Tailoring For men and women—cleaning, pressing and repairing done well. Peter Leonard, Powell street.

Bargain Dance at Orient. Saturday night, March 31. Good music. Beers' orchestra. Tickets 75c.

Grange Legislation and other Business of Pomona Session Hours

man opposed such extravagance but was in a minority.

The economical handling of the interstate bridge funds was spoken of; also the administration of the county poor farm, which this year has supplied every county institution with potatoes and has a surplus of 700 sacks for sale. Continuing further Mr. Holman said in part:

"I always like to speak of the work of the board of county commissioners to the citizens of Multnomah county. As taxpayers they should be as interested in the subject as are stockholders in a corporation in the financial statements of their board of directors.

"Although the work of the county commissioners is very interesting and consequently inviting to the best efforts of our most earnest citizens, yet, during the last four years while serving on the board myself, experience has taught me many startling truths relative to the work of a public official.

"To be efficient, a public official must reconcile himself to a comparatively brief career. The very acts which commend him in private employ, condemn him in the public service. In private employ, the successful employe whether he be the president of a large corporation or the newest clerk in the smallest store is zealous of the success of the enterprise in whose service he is engaged and to whose welfare he is always loyal. He never loses sight of the object for which every effort is directed and never confuses the real purpose with irrelevant ideas. To do this, he cannot temporize with influences detrimental to the best interests of his concern. In private employ he is rewarded for the application of such ideals by advancement and commercial success; while in public life he finds himself constantly warring with those who insist that their private advantage is paramount to the public welfare, and because they had voted for the public official concerned or knew his father or married his relation or belonged to his lodge or church, he should buy their merchandise, real estate, advertising space or insurance policy regardless of the needs of the public for any of these things or he should give every applicant a position regardless of the need of the public for the services offered. Each person disappointed is sure to harbor resentment and in time the disappointed ones become the majority and they pin their faith on a new Moses.

Many of the public are apt to judge a public official, not as he measures his every official act by the one test "How does this effect the public administration?" meaning thereby is it for the greatest good to the greatest number, but by the selfish thought, where do we, as single individuals, desiring to get something to our personal advantage from the public service at the expense of all the rest of the people profit with this commissioner? With the result that the conscientious official is misrepresented, apt to be misunderstood and ultimately repudiated.

Two Portland daily newspapers came in for a complimentary resolution at Pomona, in a resolution presented by W. H. Dufur, of Woodlawn grange. It was adopted after a few brief talks by a small majority of those voting, principally women members. The resolution, while being complimentary to the Journal and News, was a vicious slap at the legislature and a covert dig at the Oregonian and Telegram. It was all about the publication of the delin-

quent tax list and was as follows: Whereas, Pomona grange at its regular session passed a resolution in favor of notification of delinquent taxpayers by mail instead of the expensive system of publication by the press of the different counties throughout the state, and asked that their legislative session repeal the then expensive law of publication, and restore the inexpensive system of personal notice.

Whereas, The legislative session just passed ignored the prayer of the people asking for this much needed change.

Whereas, The Portland Daily Journal, and the Daily News did all in their power to influence the legislature to repeal this iniquitous law and substitute or pass the change demanded by the people, and when the legislature refused to make the change asked for, these two papers refused to burden the taxpayers of Multnomah county by publication of these lists although offered the same for publication, which saved the taxpayers of this county many dollars.

Resolved, By Pomona grange at its regular session of March 21st, 1917, that we commend these two papers for the fearless course they have taken in behalf of the taxpayers of this county and state.

Resolved, That a copy of these resolutions be sent to each of these papers, The Oregon Journal and Daily News.

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Old Doc Yak Named Patron Saint of Pleasant Valley Grange

Pomona Officers.

- Master.....J. J. Johnson
Overseer.....John Welbes
Lecturer.....Mrs. Mary Palmer
Steward.....Jacob Nelson
Asst. Steward.....S. E. Smith
Chaplain.....Mrs. A. F. Miller
Treasurer.....E. L. Thorpe
Secretary.....Mrs. E. M. Hall
Gatekeeper.....H. A. Lewis
Ceres.....Miss Julie Mickelson
Pomona.....Mrs. Sarah Frost
Flora.....Mrs. Clara Smith
Lady Ass't.....Mrs. J. C. Duke

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A woman's work committee was appointed consisting of Mrs. E. A. Niblin, Mrs. J. W. Townsend and Mrs. Christine Cavanagh.

A resolution was adopted opposing the change in name of Yamhill street, in Portland, making it Market street.

R. W. Gill, Mrs. E. A. Niblin and T. P. Campbell were instructed to act with a like committee from the Clackamas county granges in securing low excursion rates to Astoria during the week of the state grange in May.

The last piece of "resolving" was a message to Russia congratulating the people on their change in government. It was doubtless introduced as a joke but it went through unanimously.

Rev. A. J. Ware called to Baptist Pastorate. Rev. A. J. Ware has accepted the pastorate of the Bethel Baptist church of Gresham and will begin his work on April 1. Rev. E. A. Leonard, who has been acting pastor of the church, will close his work with the church next Sunday by preaching both morning and evening. The church has met all financial obligations. Pastor's salary, incidental expenses and missionary budget have all been paid and the new pastor begins his pastorate without any financial incumbrances.

Bargains in the Want ads.

QUESTIONS NEED SOLUTION

By An Interested Subscriber

Editor Outlook:—Having read with keen pleasure recent articles on current religious topics in the Gresham Outlook, and being desirous of getting more light on several matters that seems to me to be fundamental, I would ask if some of our local ministers would write and give us information on the following subjects: 1 If Jesus was reincarnated, he being the true pattern, the type man, may it not be possible that reincarnation is God's great operative law of human progress.

2 If, as we are told by our local ministers in nearly every sermon we hear, Adam and Eve were created perfect, why does not the Bible give some record of acts that would substantiate this theory? Instead we have only a record of acts performed by beings of a very low state of civilization. Was not what is called the fall of man, in reality the rise of man—the beginning of his upward journey?

3 In a recent sermon we were told that we must believe literally that "the sun stood still upon Gibeon and the moon in the valley of Ajalon" so that Joshua might slay the Amorites; that God Himself slew the enemies of Israel, and threw great stones upon them; and that we must admire the religious zeal of Joshua when he commanded his mighty men to put their feet on the necks of the Amorite kings; and that after this Joshua smote them and slew them, and then hanged them on five trees. These events are recorded in Joshua, 10th chapter. This preacher did not tell us where we could read the details of these events in the "Book of Josher," as stated in the 13th verse. I would like to read this book. If these accounts are to be taken in a literal sense, do they not misrepresent the character of the God we are asked to worship and love?

WHITE SHRINE MEMBERS VISIT MRS. CLEVELAND Mrs. Chas. Cleveland was given a complete surprise last night when a number of members of the White Shrine invaded her home and reminded her of the event of her birthday. Nearly all of those present were from Portland. Refreshments were brought which were enjoyed by the whole company seated around a long table in the living room. The evening was spent playing cards.

Those present, besides Mr. and Mrs. Cleveland, were Mr. and Mrs. T. J. Mendenhall, Mr. and Mrs. P. Borgen, Mrs. Alice Cowell, Mrs. Lulu Macrum, Mr. and Mrs. L. M. Davis, Mr. and Mrs. C. L. Peebler, Miss Margaret Howatson, Mrs. Bettie Chickering, Miss Nellie McKinley, Capt. and Mrs. Julius Allyn, Mr. and Mrs. A. L. Stevens, all of Portland, Mr. and Mrs. Wendell Cleveland, Mr. and Mrs. O. J. Brown and Master Robert Stevens.

DR. WILBER THOMPSON SAVES WOMAN'S LIFE

Dr. Wilber Thompson, son of Dr. A. Thompson of Gresham, and well known here saved the life of a woman at the Multnomah county hospital yesterday by giving three pints of his own blood.

Dr. Thompson is an interne at the county hospital and volunteered to give his own blood to save the woman's life. She had been bleeding internally for three days and immediate transfusion was necessary. She is a Portuguese and without relatives in this country. Her name is Mrs. Altera Govrialen.

The operation was performed by Drs. McKay, Ellis and Pease. It was successful and the woman will live. Dr. Thompson suffered no ill-effects but is rather weak from the loss of blood.

MRS. SARAH A. HARRIS PASSES AWAY TODAY

Mrs. Sarah A. Harris, mother of A. H. Shumate, died at the latter's home today, aged 89 years. Funeral services will be held at the Baptist church on Saturday at 2 o'clock. Rev. A. J. Ware of Oregon City will officiate.

Freight cars for shipping bananas in winter are heated by half a dozen or so large oil stoves ranged down the center of the car. The temperature is kept at an average of 35 degrees.