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"To thine own self be true, and it must follow as the night the day, thou canst not then be false to any man."

A PROGRESSIVE STEP

The movement that has been launched here to unite the memberships and resources of the Baptist and Christian churches is one of the most important developments in the life of the community in the past two years, according to the idea of this newspaper.

Importance may be attached to the move from several points of view. The effort to secure fusion of the two bodies deserves to succeed for any one of these several reasons.

In the first place there are many people at present more or less lukewarm in their formal allegiance to any church who are honestly skeptical of the efficacy of religion as a force in life because of the division that exists among churches, and the multitude of differences that have developed about interpreting the teachings of Jesus. If two of the divisions of the Protestant church in Hermiston can present to the world an example of tolerance that will result in them making their union permanent, that argument will not apply with such force to this community.

The added strength that would be a result of such a fusion from the strictly religious point of view abundantly justifies the efforts being made to combine the two bodies.

From a business and economical point of view the fusion idea should have support from all.

It has long been a tenet of journalism that a newspaper has no call to meddle with the religious ideas of the individual, and The Herald is not commending the proposed union in any spirit of controversy, and it will not permit in its news columns of individualistic or denominational interpretations of religion. But the effort of the two bodies to combine is so eminently sound, so full of common sense that from this point of view it is not only a subject that lends itself to editorial support, but The Herald believes it would be lacking in a sense of duty if it refrained from urging support for the movement.

Sincere worship of God is one of the vital forces of this nation. Without being cynical it may be safely said that Hermiston has not spent too much time in religious work. If the fusion of two weak Protestant congregations can be effected and one reasonably strong church thereby created, the religious forces of the community will have been strengthened immeasurably, and such a result will be good for Hermiston and the Hermiston country as well as for the individuals who live here.

A farmer living near Pendleton was in Hermiston the other day to buy some feed from the Farm Bureau Co-operative. There is nothing unusual in that, because some of the big customers of the local exchange come from up in the wheat belt. What really was significant about his visit, according to Sid Barnard, manager, was the fact that on a feed purchase of \$10 he saved \$2.95 by buying in Hermiston instead of Pendleton. And if he had bought in Pendleton it would have been for spot cash at a cash store. All of which shows that Hermiston is attractive as a trading center far beyond what could ordinarily be figured on as its own normal territory.

BEEF PRICES UNCHANGED IN LOCAL MEAT MARKET

The newspaper stories about the high prices for beef cuts of all sorts since the price of cattle skyrocketed do not apply in Hermiston, where prices here have not advanced during the past year and a half, according to a statement by M. W. Sims, one of the owners of the Hermiston market.

"The price of cattle has gone up from a nickle to 11 cents during the past 18 months on the local market, but we have held our retail prices stationary for all beef cuts," Mr. Sims said. "Hogs are lower now than they were for a while, and we have reduced the prices for various cuts 10 cents per pound."

Reports from Pendleton and Portland are that beef prices have advanced sharply.

May Players in comedy, "Don't Lie to Your Wife," Saturday night in the Auditorium after the basketball games.

Control of Dirigible Simple but Effective

When I say Lincoln Beachey was running the dirigibles I mean it literally. The dirigibles of those days (1911) were about 40 feet long and their envelopes contained 20,000 cubic feet of hydrogen gas. They looked like cigars—and lasted about as long. There was a lift of only 80 pounds to every 1,000 feet of hydrogen and this compelled us to construct the under carriage of bamboo.

This bamboo work was in the form of a steamer gangplank with a railing on either side. The motive power was furnished by an ordinary motorcycle engine situated in the center of the gangplank.

Beachey was the sole occupant of the dirigible, being engineer, crew, navigator and captain. He could not help being at least a captain, because that title was conferred on any man the minute he put a foot in a balloon basket.

Beachey controlled the antics of his dirigible by his activities on the 30-foot gangplank. When he wanted to fly on the level he stayed in the center, hugging the engine. When he wanted to go up he ran backward on the gangplank, and when he desired to come down to earth he scooted forward until his weight caused the nose of the dirigible to droop. He weighed only 135 pounds, but couldn't shake a toe without causing his oiled-silk hippo to respond with a wiggle and a shiver.—William Hickman Pickens in the Saturday Evening Post.

Student of Farm Life

Margie had often seen cows in the pasture and had had the process of supply and demand, as pertaining to dairy products, explained to her by her mother. However, personal contact with the gentler species of the cow had not been her privilege. On a recent visit to the farm, she was taken to the barn just at milking time.

On her return to the house her mother asked her what she saw in the barnyard, expecting her to list the different animals.

Her reply came: "Well, mother, I saw them squirt the cow."

Water Really Chief Constituent of Body

Water is a more important substance than we are inclined to admit. Besides its value as a beverage, its utility as a home for fish, its function as a common carrier of the world's shipping, its use as a washing medium, it plays an important role in human life as the chief constituent of the body.

The human body is approximately two-thirds water. An average person of 150 pounds weight carries around with him at all times about 100 pounds, or 12 gallons of water. This water supply is very delicately adjusted so that the intake of water and the water resulting from oxidative processes balances the losses occurring from the various excretory processes.

This compensatory balance sometimes fails. The extremes of malregulation which result are represented by thirst and anhydremia on the one hand and edema on the other.

Skelton of the University of Minnesota found that the muscles contain about half of the total water supply of the body, the skin about one-fifth and the watery blood only about one-fourteenth of the total. When marked loss or withdrawal of water from the body occurs the resultant drying up is taken care of principally by the muscles and not by the blood. The muscles lose only a small proportion of their water even in the extreme cases, and the loss per unit of weight is smaller than for other organs, but the total is larger because of the large capacity of the muscular system.

Ancient Chinese Tombs Gigantic in Extent

Some 200 miles west of Peking, China, says the Pathfinder Magazine, Carl Whiting Bishop, curator of the Freer gallery, examined tombs of the North Wei dynasty, which was founded by Tartars from Mongolia and lasted from the Fourth to the Sixth century B. C. The enormous amount of labor which went into the construction of these tombs is indicated by the size of one of them. It is 80 feet high and has a circumference of nearly half a mile, being made entirely of earth. In front of this was an altar and impressive temples undoubtedly marked the site.

These temples, as is common in China, were of wood and so have disappeared. China had no stone architecture. This is a distinctive feature of Chinese civilization and explains the absence of such ruins as the Roman Coliseum, the Athenian Parthenon or the Egyptian Sphinx. The Chinese used wood altogether.

High Court Denies Todd Rehearing.

Olympia, Wash.—The state supreme court denied A. Ruric Todd, recalled mayor of Kelso, a rehearing. Todd is under sentence to serve a term in the Cowlitz county jail for malicious persecution.

\$4,283,716 Provided for Air Stations.

Washington, D. C.—Expenditure of \$4,283,716 for new construction of army air stations would be authorized under the James bill, reported by the house military committee.

WINSLOWS ON ACREAGE NOT FAR FROM SANTA ANA, CALIF.

Mr. and Mrs. James Winslow who moved away from Hermiston a few weeks ago are located near Santa Ana, California, according to a letter received by The Herald from Mrs. Winslow in which she asked for the home paper to be sent to them. They bought two acres of land and have built a house on it and are pretty well settled.

"If any of our Hermiston friends want to look us up they must come to Westminster, two miles west," she said in her letter. "Our mail box is at the end of the road leading into our place. Mr. and Mrs. George Prindle called last week. We hope to see some more of the Hermiston people. I called on Dr. and Mrs. Illsley in Fullerton while I stayed there with my daughter. They are all well and like California fine."

ODD FELLOWS AND REBEKAHS INITIATE OFFICERS MONDAY

25 Year Jewel Presented to W. R. Longhorn as Part of Work of Evening.

Almost 100 members of the Odd Fellows and Rebekah lodges attended the joint installation in the lodge rooms Monday night, several persons from out of town being present.

The following are the officers for the coming year in the Odd Fellows lodge: Noble grand, Cecil Warner; vice-grand, Herbert Thompson; recording secretary, W. R. Longhorn; financial secretary, J. S. West; treasurer, J. A. Reeves; right support, of the Noble Grand, T. H. Gaither; left support, Aubrey Dean; right support of the Vice Grand, Will Logan; left support, L. C. Dyer; warden, Gwynn Hughes; conductor, Leslie Thompson; right scene supporter, Leo Hurly; left scene supporter, Oscar Payne; chaplain, Childs Barham; outside guardian, Marvin Watson; inside, Shirley Stockard.

Officers for the Rebekahs are: Florence Mullins, Noble Grand; right support of the Noble Grand, Grace Logan; left support, Dora Mikesell; warden, Rita Dyer; conductor, Beulah Simonds; inside guardian, Maude Sale; outside guardian, Alto Knerr;

chaplain, Monta Prindle; Vice Grand, Nell Reeves; right support of the vice grand, Mary Hughes; left support, Emma Strohm.

Installing officers in the Odd Fellows are district deputy grand master, Jasper Templeton; grand marshal, W. R. Longhorn; grand warden, J. S. West; grand secretary, O. T. Lockridge; grand treasurer, O. C. Pierce; grand guardian, Marvin Watson; grand chaplain, H. O. Thompson.

Installing officers in the Rebekah lodge: District deputy president, Mrs. F. Beddow; grand marshal, Mrs. Nellie Gaither; grand warden, Mrs. Jennie Wooster.

An event of the evening was the presentation of a twenty-five year jewel to W. R. Longhorn. Mr. Longhorn has been a member of the local lodge since its beginning twenty years ago, and active in all its works. Past Grand Master S. L. Bowman made the presentation. A number of talks were made during the evening and refreshments were served to those present.

ness nowadays that we were attracted by an incident on the street last week. We saw a white-haired gentleman approach two boys who were playing with a kitten and join them. Then we saw him extract from his pocket a pair of gloves, return one of them and pull the other carefully over his right hand.

This completed, he employed his gloved hand to pat the kitten and tickle its ribs for a minute or two. He then arose, carefully removed his glove, replaced it in his pocket, bowed to the two boys and strolled on.—New Yorker.

Would You Be Rich?

So many want to be rich. Are you sure you want to be rich? Don't forget your greatest happiness from doing the everyday things that bring you a living? Aren't the very things—at least some of them—that you have to do because you are not rich, the things that bring you your greatest content, your greatest peace of mind? Think of your life without the necessity of earning a living, without the necessity of work. Would it be a full complete, happy life?—Grove Patterson, in the Mobile Register.

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