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REV. J. WHITCOMB BROUGHER TALKS ON OREGON TELLS A STORY WITH BARK ON IT

Portland, August 5th.—In his sermon yesterday morning at the First Baptist Church, better known as the White Temple, Rev. J. Whitcomb Brougner, in discussing the text, "Peter said, 'I go a fishing', and they said unto him 'We go with thee' ", said in part:

"Tom Richardson, Secretary of the Oregon Development League, in a recent letter printed in the 'Oregonian', urges upon all good citizens to write a personal letter to their friends in the East, setting forth the attractions of Oregon as a place in which to live. He suggests that the ministers make a statement along this line to their congregations.

I think this is a splendid idea. The preachers and churches ought to be interested in this movement. Like draws like. If we want substantial citizens from the East to come to our State, then the best people out here should seek to influence them to come. There is nothing so influential in this regard as a personal letter. If we believe in the future prospects of Oregon, let us talk and write about them. I want to urge upon the three thousand members of the White Temple and its congregation to take up this idea. I have already suggested this thought in

our Church Calendar. Members have been requested to send the Calander to their friends, invite them to visit Portland and especially the White Temple. This has been done. This is one of the reasons why so many strangers are to be found in the congregations at the White Temple every Sunday. Let us continue this kind of work. Write a personal letter to your friends in the East. Tell them of the almost limitless wealth our State has in its timber and mines, wheat and hay, cattle raising and fruit growing, and various farm products. Show them the advantages of our climate, describe to them the beauties of our scenery, urge them to take advantage of the colonist rates in effect from September 1st to October 31st from all points in the East. Get them to visit Oregon and see for themselves.

I heard the other day of a young Quaker who wrote back to his father, telling him of the wonderful size of the berries and farm products in this coun-

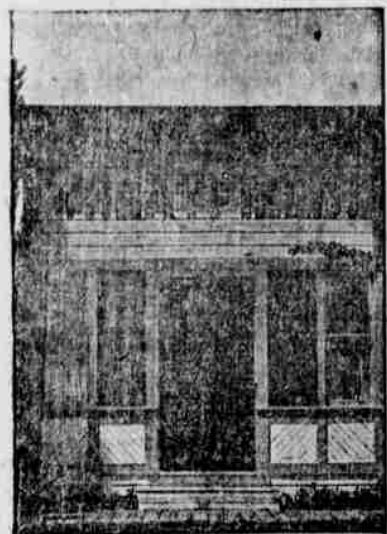
try. He told him that the bark of the Sequoia Gigantica tree was 24 inches thick. The old father wrote to him and said, 'My son, I regret that thee hath fallen into the habit of lying, along with other Westeners. You know the bark of no tree could so thick'. The son, upon receipt of this letter, went and got a large trunk of bark 26 inches thick. He expressed it to his father in Pennsylvania, C. O. D. It cost the old man \$14.00 to get it out of the express office, and when he looked it over, he sat down and wrote: 'My son John: Thee need not prove thy statements any more. It is too expensive. We will take thee at thy word'.

Let us not be afraid of exaggerating the advantage of our State. Let us tell the truth, and let us invite in this personal way our friends to come to Oregon. It will fill up our State with the very best class of people, and give unto us citizens who love to live under Christian influences and believe in good government."



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