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At the Churches

Episcopal
 Rev. Hamilton of Grants Pass will hold services in the St. Mark's hall every Sunday evening at 7:30 except on the first Sunday of each month, and on that day will hold morning services.

Adventist
 The United States in Prophecy will be the subject of the sermon at the Seventh Day Adventist church on North Riverside Sunday evening. This will close the series of meetings that have continued for some time.

Zion Lutheran
 Services at Zion Lutheran 512 W. Fourth street will be conducted in German at 11 a. m. and in English at 7:30 p. m. Subject of morning sermon, "The Might of Faith." Evening's theme, "How to Estimate The Man." Sunday school (English) at 10 a. m.
 Come and worship.

First Church of Christ, Scientist.
 Sunday morning service at eleven o'clock; subject of lesson-sermon, "Soul." Wednesday evening service at seven-thirty. All are welcome. Sunday school at ten. All under the age of twenty are invited.
 Reading room hours, two to five p. m. daily, except Sunday. Church office, North Oakdale.

Christian
 Corner Ninth and Oakdale. The meetings continue with increasing interest. The evangelist L. Ellis Purlee will preach both morning and evening and throughout the following week. The bible school meets at 10 a. m., C. E. at 6:30 p. m. Preaching at 7:30 p. m. You are cordially invited to come and worship with us. D. D. Boyle, minister.

Baptist
 Every member of the Baptist church and congregation are earnestly requested to be at both services Sunday Feb. 16.
 Dr. R. W. MacCullough of Scranton, Penn., will preach at both services. Dr. MacCullough comes very highly recommended, having held pastorates in Brooklyn, New York and other eastern cities.
 Dr. MacCullough expects to be with the church three Sundays. There will be special musical numbers at both services. The public is cordially invited to these services.

Methodist Episcopal
 Corner Bartlett and Fourth Sts., E. Olin Eldridge, pastor. Sunday services as follows:
 Preaching 11 a. m. and 7:30 p. m. Subjects, morning, "The Republic of God," evening, "What Think Ye of Christ?"
 Sunday school and Men's bible class 9:45 a. m. Epworth League, 6:15 p. m. Junior League, 3 p. m.
 Revival services Sunday evening and continued throughout the week. These meetings have already been held with unabated interest for the last three weeks. Fine congregational singing led by chorus choir under the direction of F. C. Edmeades. Special features for Sunday.
 Bishop R. J. Cooke of Portland, will be present on Tuesday evening next, and deliver his celebrated lecture on "Christian Education." Dr. Fletcher Homan, president of Willamette University will also be present and make an address. Bishop Cooke is recognized as one of the most distinguished preachers on the American continent. This will be a rare opportunity for the people of Medford.

Presbyterian
 At the morning service there will be the reception of members. The subject of the morning sermon will

THE SWAMP LAND STEAL.

IN the 1911 session, H. B. 186 was passed by the Bowerman assembly faction of the legislature. It authorized the state land board to contract for the drainage of lakes, marshes and swamps, the reclamation of such submerged land, and its sale to the person or corporation reclaiming them.

The bill was vetoed by the governor because it did not provide for the sale of the land in small tracts to actual settlers, and because it enabled great land corporations to secure large tracts at small cost and hold them for speculative purposes, retarding development.

The legislature in its first efforts to "put the governor in a hole" over-rode the veto at the behest of its author, Senator Thompson, who is said to represent large land corporations in Lake county. There are 273,000 acres of such land involved.

The law creates a land monopoly, because the state board is forced to deed the reclaimed land to the party draining it. The parties securing the land, also secure the water they drain or pump off, which they are enabled to sell for reclamation purposes, and thus secure a virtual monopoly of lands surrounding the lakes and swamps.

Under the law, the claimer gets the land at his own price, for there is no competition—and if the board fixes the price higher than suitable, the reclamation stops. The claimer is not required to give bonds to carry out the contract, and no penalty for failure to complete agreement.

A bill has been introduced to repeal this law. It is H. B. 578. By passing it, the legislature will have a chance to redeem itself with the people. If it fails, the legislature will have succeeded in putting itself "in a hole" instead of the governor, for the referendum will be invoked and individual legislators be made to explain why they voted to give away the public domain.

THE LEGISLATIVE FIZZLE.

THIRTY-ONE bills have been passed by both houses and sent to the governor in the first 31 days of the session—just a bill a day—out of 939 bills introduced. Such is the extraordinary record made up to today by the 90 gentlemen who comprise the Oregon legislature. Not one appropriation measure of any consequence is included in these 31 bills. But four are of constructive importance.

This is the opinion of the Portland Journal. The opinion of the Portland Telegram is equally flattering. Says the Telegram:

"Oregon legislators have just eight days left in which to make amends for 32 days given over to the most dismal farcical procedure ever marking the conduct of a law-making body in the state's history. Up to date the 27th assembly belongs in a class by itself—the worst ever."

These are the golden opinions the legislature is winning in all quarters. It costs the people \$5 a minute while the legislature is in session—and they spend their days and nights protecting special interests. Saving the corporations, playing peanut politics, giving away state swamp lands, wagon road grant lands, tide-lands, and refusing to enact anti-trust laws or power tax laws, or legislation to curb monopoly.

So far the legislature has failed utterly to enact any good roads legislation—the one thing demanded by everyone. Only six days are left.

Six days left to act on nine million dollars of appropriations not yet out of committee. A reign of chaos during closing days, with hastily passed, ill-advised measures enacted by the hundreds is the prospect.

No wonder people talk of abolishing the legislature.

KEEPING THEM UNPROFITABLE.

PRESIDENT YOUNG of the Hill lines in Oregon has returned from the east with the program of his company for the coming year. He announces the prosecution of the Portland east side freight terminal, further development of the power plant on the Mackenzie river, and the purchase of rolling stock for the Oregon Electric. Regarding the extension of the Oregon Trunk, Mr. Young is quoted as saying:

"As for the rumors that the Oregon Trunk is to be extended from Bend to Klamath or in any other direction, I can say there is no such intention for the present."

According to the above, no new projects or extensions outside of Portland are contemplated. The Oregon Trunk and the Pacific and Eastern will continue unprofitable enterprises because incomplete and leading nowhere. No new investments are scheduled.

It is a question whether announcement would be made if extensions were contemplated. Hill has a habit of extending first and announcing afterwards, for obvious reasons.

Notwithstanding the fact that Portland is already too large for her tributary territory and developed out of proportion to the state, the railroads continue their policy of putting the bulk of their expenditures into over-developed Portland instead of developing the territory that must be depended upon for traffic.

be. "The Joy of Defense." The quartette will sing, "Oh for the Wing of a Dove," from Hymn of Praise by Hindlejohn; "God of Our Fathers," by Schnecker. The evening service will be a Lincoln Memorial service. To this all the old soldiers are most cordially invited, as well as the public. Mr. C. E. Gates will speak of "Lincoln, The Man." Mr. A. K. Ware will speak of "Lincoln, The Man of the People." Mr. W. H. Gore will speak of "Lincoln, the Man of Convictions," and Rev. W. F. Shields will speak of "Lincoln, the Man of Sympathy and Immortal Oratory." Miss Hance will sing "The Star Spangled Banner." The congregation will sing, "God Bless Our Native Land." The quartette will repeat, "God of Our Father," and render other selections. This will be a great evening of pa-

triotic service and to it all are invited. Miss Hance will render "Abide With Me," and the service will close with "My Country, 'tis of Thee."
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Alexander is said to be mentally irresponsible, and this in connection with his condition and story of privation led the officials to be lenient. Upon the showing made by District Attorney Kelly Judge Tou Velle committed Alexander to the poor farm.

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