

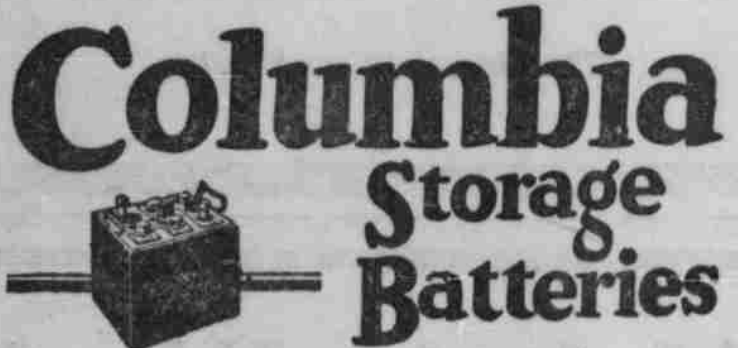
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FROST TAKES TOLL OF EASTERN APPLES

The apple tonnage of big eastern commercial fruit centers, which, according to anticipations, would reach heavy figures this year because of the failure last season, will be materially reduced by frosts, according to a letter just received by J. M. Wilson, Master orchardist, from a friend in the Shenandoah valley, of Virginia. The writer states that heavy frosts, with a temperature down to 28 degrees above zero, prevailed there two weeks ago when apple trees were in full bloom. Snow fell, freezing on the blossoms. The eastern orchardist says that 50 per cent of the apple blooms were killed.

Last Apple Car Rolled Saturday

The 2,000,000-box apple crop of the Hood River valley for 1921 was entirely cleaned up Saturday when the Apple Growers Association shipped the last car of its tonnage of 1,239,000 boxes. The Association is now busily engaged in preparing for the approaching strawberry harvest, which, because of the backward spring will be at least a week late.

Growers say that indications point to a bumper yield of both berries and apples. Pears, too, are showing a heavy bloom. Bloom indications point to an apple yield equally as large as that of last year. However, the vagaries of the blooming season, cloudy weather, cold rains and probable frosts may result in cutting down the tonnage. In case conditions are entirely favorable, the strawberry tonnage this year is expected to exceed 100,000 crates.

Bingen Product Moving

Asparagus and other garden stuff is moving in motor trucks from the Columbia lowland gardens at Bingen, Wash., to Portland over the Highway. The truck gardeners ferry across the river at an early hour and turn down the Highway in time for early marketing in the metropolis.

Sato Tsuboto, Japanese truck man, of Bingen, who was here Friday marketing green onions, spinach and asparagus, says that strawberries in the Bingen district are blooming freely and berries will be moving to market from there by June 1. He says that indications point to a good peach crop in orchards of the protected flats.

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A LECTURE ON Christian Science "Spiritual Regeneration"

BY JOHN J. FLYNN, C. S. Member of the Board of Lectureship of The Mother Church, Boston, Mass.

Delivered at First Church, Christian Scientist, Hood River, Sunday evening, April 29.

The speaker said in part:

For ages men have been engaged in an effort to get more out of life, to obtain a larger measure of liberty, and to find in the possession of both that ease, contentment and peace which are supposed to make up the sum of human happiness. But the prizes sought have been elusive; they have lost their value even with seeming attainment, for the struggle to capture them has, in the main, been carried along on the theory that happiness is something material and, therefore, to be pursued by indulging the material senses and turning loose upon the chase the sensual desires.

To judge by appearances, the world as a whole today is unhappy; never more so in all its history. If one were disposed to indulge in it, here would be an exceptionally tempting opportunity to satirize material prosperity. Prosperity and happiness, happiness and prosperity, as we all know, are almost invariably coupled in human thought and conversation. Humanity in general thinks of happiness as something largely if not wholly dependent upon, or certainly as a companion of, prosperity. In the opinion of the world, to be prosperous means to be happy.

MATERIALISM HAS ITS CHANCE

Never has materialism had its way more completely than in the last seven centuries. It has never been so well obstructed. To have opposed its headlong career during the greater part of this time would have been to invite opprobrium and hostility. It dominated nearly everything and everybody. An opponent of its methods would be as one crying in the wilderness in the midst of a howling storm. Here was its chance, and it made the most of it. For years it had been impatiently awaiting the day when it would prove itself the greatest force on the globe. The opportunity coming at last, it proved only one thing: its ability to destroy. It stopped production, it unsettled the thoughts of men; it wrought havoc and scattered wreckage wherever its power or influence was felt. The world is still staggering from its stuporous explosions. It counted upon its big loans, big profits, high wages, great bank accounts—the setting in of an era of inflation and artificial prosperity—for justification. All of these were realized to the satisfaction of human craving, and with their realization came a period of luxury and extravagance such as history had never before recorded; but in conjunction with it all came experiences in eminent, popular disappointment, and, worse than all, in widespread moral degeneracy, from which no permanent recovery is possible save that which shall be brought about through spiritual regeneration.

LOOKING IN THE WRONG DIRECTION

Outside of Christian Science, practically all are looking in a wrong direction for an acceptable and satisfying arrangement of the differences that are disturbing the world. It is generally hoped that by appealing to the individual and collective selfishness of men a basis of settlement may be found through territorial gifts, through some amelioration of indemnities, through resumption of trade relations, through preferential tariffs, or, when these, or any of them, fail of effect, through some kind of pressure. The thought of bringing about an understanding on a basis of good will, of unselfishness, of forgiveness and forgetfulness, of brotherliness, of the Golden Rule, of the Christy injunction that "ye love one another," is submerged by the false and foolish belief that behind every international treaty all the ancient geographical racial, tribal, political and religious bigotries, prejudices and bitterness must be preserved to meet possible or impossible emergencies.

Mary Baker Eddy, if the leaders of the peoples of earth would see it, as some day they must and shall, has long since made clear the basis upon which world harmony can be secured; namely, through the understanding of the one God, and only God, whereby the destruction of all false gods may be brought about.

A BLESSING TO ALL

We have from our revered Leader an unqualified indorsement of the action that the impossible never happens. We have learned from her that what blesses one, blesses all. Most of us realize from our own experience that good must radiate beyond the bounds of our vision, even beyond the bounds of our imagination. Our reasoning faculties teach us, even if our spiritual intuition be dull, that if Christian Science has in one instance through the intelligent application of Principle, there can be no limitations placed upon its healing efficacy. It needs only to be applied to government, to politics, to economics, to finance, to commerce, to sociology, to education, to the morals of the people, in order that it shall work marvelous changes in that potential power of democracy known as popular opinion.

There is no more efficacious agency than Christian Science for the promotion of better taste, higher aspirations and good will among all people. It is the most tranquilizing influence operating throughout the world today. Its doctrines have already transformed for the better the aspiration and character of millions of people in all parts of the globe, and every one of these is spreading its truth, expressing his gratitude, not so much by word of mouth, not by indulging in religious controversy, as by letting his light shine. Through the reflection of Life, Truth and Love, the omnipotent power of God is being more widely recognized now than ever before, and there is coming into the consciousness of the nations, slowly but surely, an attitude of thought which will eventually weld the hearts as well as the interests of men.

THE PARAMOUNT MISSION

It must never be lost sight of that Christian Science is engaged first and last in the task of restoring to the world the Word and perpetuating the works given and carried on by Christ Jesus, and that its grandest mission and its greatest joy is to restore primitive Christianity and to perpetuate these works as the Master himself, were he once more among us, would direct. He came with healing in his thought, with blessing in his voice, with healing in his touch. He went

around everywhere doing good. Christian Scientists make no stronger pretensions of belief in the Bible than do other professed Christians, but Christian Scientists go farther than mere belief: they trust, and strive to understand. And according to the measure of their understanding they make practical application of Bible truths and achieve demonstrations. One might believe in mathematics fervently, devotedly, unwaveringly, everlastingly, without ever getting further than belief. Mere belief would never solve a problem in figures. One must take chalk, or pencil or pen in hand and work the problem out in accordance with the principle of the science if anything is to be accomplished. Christian Scientists, following the instruction of Mary Baker Eddy, and adhering to the Principle which she discovered, prove the truths in the Bible through their understanding and their work as they go along, and bring realization of its prophecies and its promises into their daily experience.

AN INTELLIGENT UNDERSTANDING OF GOD

Christian Science is not blind faith; it is an intelligent understanding of God and of man's relationship to the Supreme Being, the omnipresent, omniscient and omnipotent Creator. It is an understanding of God which admits of no limitation, question or doubt with regard to His all-seeing wisdom, His all-inclusive power, His all-embracing Love. It is complete acceptance of the Father-Motherhood of the Eternal. It is an absolute acknowledgment that the God of our Bible reigns, governs, controls the universe, and that there is none other beside Him.

A WORLD NEED TODAY

Never has there been a time in all history when men were in greater need than now of that clearness of sight, that steadiness of purpose, that strength of character—that probity, perspicacity and unshakable moral stamina—which are imparted through spiritual regeneration and spiritual understanding. It is the mission and purpose of Christian Science to bring the kingdom of God to earth, by dispelling the illusion that materialism, usually, money-grubbing, money-getting, money-spending, can satisfy the human desire for contentment, peace and happiness. The wreckage of all our hopes, aspirations, ambitions based upon the attainment of mere worldly success, should constitute an impressive warning to the business and professional man as well as to the social striver of our day.

Wrong thinking is at the bottom not only of individual troubles and sorrows and sufferings, but it is the cause of all the harrowing evils that beset the family, the community, the nation and the world at large. Christian Science offers right thinking as a corrective— as an attainable, feasible and, in fact, as the only possible cure for this stupendous evil. If the thoughts of humanity were in harmony with the divine Mind, with the Commandments, with the Beatitudes, with the Prophets, with the teachings of Christ Jesus and his disciples, as revealed through Christian Science, as revealed through and expounded and taught by Mary Baker Eddy, the world would be freed from ferment, confusion and tumult. Christian Science corrects, exalts and strengthens the thought of the individual, and the thought of the community, the nation and the world will be straightened, elevated and strengthened proportionately with the increase in the number of individuals who shall claim, and win, their natural inheritance of light and who engage in the work of spreading it among their fellows.

Astoria Seeks Boat Line

Announcement of negotiations which are considered certain to result in the establishment of a river steam freight route from The Dalles to Astoria and of a subsidiary line of smaller vessels to ply the Columbia east of The Dalles was made at the last meeting of the Port of Astoria commission.

The effect of such a steamboat service would be to overcome the 10 per cent differential in rail freight rates or dered by the interstate commerce commission against Astoria and Puget Sound cities, from points in the Columbia basin south of the Snake river. It would also give the wheat growers of this district a better figure on their product because the water-shipped rate has already been arranged at a figure below the best existing rail rate to tide-water.

Larger marketing facilities would also be available at the lower transportation rate, not only to the basin south of the Snake but to the whole of the Inland Empire.

The plan, which includes the operation of light draft craft east of The Dalles and the transfer of the freight to larger river boats and to barges at The Dalles, is being projected by Astoria wheat buyers and shipping men and by interested farmers of the Inland Empire.

Immanuel Lutheran Church

9th & State Services at 10.45 a. m. The Synod of which our church is a member celebrates its 75th anniversary Sunday. The pastor will deliver a lecture on the early history of this large organization. People, who during the war were of the erroneous opinion that the Lutheran church was a part of the German governmental system, should bear this lecture. The pioneers of Synod were persecuted by the German government and sought refuge in America which promised them religious liberty. The great grandfather of the pastor was among those whose life was sought by the House of Hohenzollern. Sunday school meets at 9.45 a. m. Ladies' Aid meets Thursday at 2 p. m. P. Hilgendorf, Pastor. 1219 Columbia St. Tel. 1613

The Baptist Church

Each one of us belongs to two Kingdoms, the Natural and the Spiritual. The subject of the sermon on Sunday morning will be, "What the Natural Cannot Do." 1 Cor. 2:14. At night the subject chosen will be "The Duties of Church Members to Each Other and to the Community." Sunday school at 10 a. m. Ten minutes talk to the young at 11 a. m. B. Y. P. U. at 7 p. m. Preaching service at 8 p. m. Junior B. Y. P. U. at 5 p. m. All boys and girls from 9 to 14 are invited to attend the Junior B. Y. P. U. Prayer meeting at 8 p. m. Wednesday, Rom. 12. You are all cordially invited. C. R. Delepine, Pastor.

Tax Collections Reported Good

Sheriff Johnson reports that less than \$25,000 of taxes on the first half of the local levy for the year, a total of \$38,327.94, remains delinquent. Taxes paid to date reach \$232,590.77. The percentage of delinquency this year is less than on last when the total assessment reached \$485,000.

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