

CHURCHES GAIN NEW MEMBERS

Agnostic and Atheistic Influences Gradually Diminish in U. S.

NEW YORK, April 18. (UP)—America's churches appear to be turning the tide against the agnostic and atheistic forces which weakened them in the post-war period.

The Christian Herald will say in its annual statistical analysis tomorrow that 1,115,000 new members were gained the past year—almost double the number of 1917.

Baptists, the survey shows, led the other congregations in winning new members, gaining 375,842 during the year. The Catholic church was second in the number of new adult communicants with 360,153.

The Methodist church, which in 1917 was one of the largest gainers, dropped to fifth ranking in its gain for 1919, adding only 45,145 new members.

On the other hand, the Disciples of Christ, which has been engaged since 1924 in evangelical activities, added 153,053 new members last year and ranked third in growth.

Other large gains in 1919 were: Lutherans, 58,527; Presbyterians, 42,211; Protestant Episcopal, 24,448; Congregationalist, 12,860; Reformed, 10,362; and Latter Day Saints, 25,543.

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Northern through Portland, but the haul out of California has been non-competitive and the interest of the northern railroads in California business largely has been ended at Portland.

With its own line into California the Great Northern would be spurred on not only by competition but also by the fact that, as a California railroad, it would be directly interested in fostering and increasing trade between California and the North.

Had the Great Northern had its own line into California last year it would have been vitally interested in finding markets for the thousands of tons of fruit that rotted on the ground. It would be vitally interested in seeing that early fruits and vegetables moved into Washington, Idaho, Montana, the Dakotas and Minnesota from California rather than from the Gulf states. It would be vitally interested in seeing the territory supplied by California factories pushed further and further east.

The Great Northern is a railroad of 8,500 miles traversing a country with essentially different products than those produced in California. If the proposed unification of the Great Northern and Northern Pacific now pending before the Interstate Commerce Commission is consummated it will bring those two great northern roads, and the Burlington system and the Spokane, Portland & Seattle, jointly owned by them, under one control. In other words, the Great Northern is proposing by the construction of 200 miles of actual new track to give California a 27,000-mile railroad system, the largest in the world, entering this state and directly and vitally interested in the trade of this state. The Great Northern also forms the natural link between California and the great markets of Canada through its connection with the Canadian Pacific and Canadian National railways.

"It is because the Great Northern believes the trade between California and the northern tier of states is not adequately developed that it seeks to build this line."

When Vice President Kenney was in San Francisco for conferences with President Harry M. Adams of the Western Pacific on traffic matters relative to the proposed new route, he intimated that construction of the proposed line would permit California producers to complete more favorably in the northern area.

Kenney is accompanied by H. H. Brown, general traffic manager, and E. H. Wilde, general passenger agent. All have their headquarters in St. Paul, Minn.

Kenney pointed out that in addition to the new trade route that would be created by the proposed line, a rich area in north-eastern California would be given rail service for the first time. This area is rich in timber and has splendid agricultural potentialities as soon as an outlet for the products is provided. From a passenger standpoint the proposed line passes through one of the most scenic regions in America.

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