

DR. EPLEY'S CHORUS A SUCCESS

"A Pillar of Fire" Given Last Night in the Christian Church.

Nearly 500 people were at the First Christian church last night to enjoy the production of "Pillar of Fire" by Dr. Epley and his chorus. The singers were costumed in very appropriate and attractive costumes, and sang with good effect. There was a place in the production that the chorus possibly could have been made smoother and the climaxes stronger had they had more time for rehearsing, but, to take the entertainment as a whole, it was one of the best local talent productions that has ever been given in the city in many a day. The church was not lavishly but very prettily decorated with palms, which stood at either end of the stage. Before 8 o'clock the program began with the children of Israel in the production assembled to hear the promise of God to Jacob. They were garbed in the costume of an oppressed people, being servants and despised. Rev. D. A. Errett, who sang the message, as well as several other solo parts, has a rich bass voice, and sang with distinctness and volume. He was dressed as a prophet, with a large apostolic beard, which gave him some trouble, but, considering that it was an impromptu effort to manage a beard, as he has none of his own, he did well. "The Stars on the Jordan are Shining Tonight" was effectively rendered by Dr. Epley, who, owing to the unavoidable absence of Mr. Wenger, rendered several of the tenor solos almost impromptu. In all, Mr. Epley, as probably no one present could have done, sang with a precision and expression which at once marked him out as being Salem's best. Mr. Dunlap sang in good voice the tenor solo "The Promise of Jacob." "The Answer of Pharaoh" was taken by Ivan Martin. A very pretty contralto solo was "The Evening Moon," rendered gracefully and feelingly by Miss Nellie Sykes. "Now We Turn to the Camp," which was possibly the most difficult solo, owing to its unusual modulations, was well rendered by Mrs. Charlton. Mrs. D. A. Errett sang "The Reeds of the Shepherds" in excellent voice, and won the applause of the audience. The "Evening Sleep" song was effective with the colored lights, but was hardly up to the standard of the way it has been rendered at rehearsals. The quartet, duet and sextet work was among the best numbers of the program. The children's chorus was one of the favorite numbers, as was demonstrated by the applause. The children sang "Is It Far to the Promised Land?" while the senior chorus slowly marched. This scene, with the light effect, was the most attractive part of the whole. Frank Churchill and Chester Catlow were accompanists, and played through the production in perfect unison. In fact their parts could not have been done better. Dr. Epley is to be congratulated upon being able to get such a large number of voices together, and perfect them in the manner that was shown last night.

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INTEMPERATE HABITS INCREASE THE LIABILITY TO CONSUMPTION.

The susceptibility of people to tuberculosis is just about trebled by intemperate habits. This is the estimate of scientific men. The disease is not caught as you catch scarlet fever or smallpox but by germs from dried sputum getting into the lungs. If our bodies are strong and healthy the germs are resisted successfully by the operation of nature; if weakened and depleted, the germ will make headway, and death is inevitable, unless proper methods of cure are followed. Temperance lecturers could well make use of these facts. Neglected colds are also a prolific source of consumption, as they leave the lungs in a peculiarly receptive condition for the tubercular germ. A simple remedy, which is said to break up a cold in twenty-four hours, and cure any cough that is curable, can be obtained from any good prescription druggist at small cost: Take one-half ounce Virgin Oil of Pine (Pure), two ounces of Glycerine and eight ounces of good Whisky. Shake well and take in teaspoonful doses every four hours. To avoid substitution, it is best to purchase the ingredients and prepare the mixture yourself. The Virgin Oil of Pine (Pure) should be purchased in the original half-ounce vials, which are securely sealed in a round wooden case, with engraved wrapper, with the name—Virgin Oil of Pine (Pure), guaranteed under the Food and Drugs Act, of June 30, 1906, serial number 451, prepared only by Leach Chemical Co., Cincinnati, Ohio—plainly printed thereon. There are many rank imitations of Virgin Oil of Pine (Pure), which are put out under similar names and style of package. Never accept these as a substitute for the Pure Virgin Oil of Pine, as they will invariably produce nausea and never effect the desired result.

DISCUSS COUNTY TAXES

Silverton Farmer Advocates State Tax League.

Says County Court Is Responsible for High Taxes for Years to Come.

Ed. Journal: Judge Scott, in his statement and explanation in the Weekly Capital Journal of February 21st, seems to labor under the impression that the taxpayers of this county blame the county court for all the taxes they have to pay. Now, we do not blame the county court for all nor for any that is reasonable; but we do blame them for the extremely high county tax now collected. The several county's apportionment of the state tax is based on the amount each county expends on themselves, so if our county tax is high our apportionment of the state tax will be high in proportion; therefore, we will have to blame the county court if our proportion of the state taxes are high. In 1910 a new apportionment will be made, based on each county's expenditure from 1905 to 1910. Then such amounts as now are collected in Marion county will figure in the computation, if the county court expend at the same rate for the next two years, what will our proportion of the state tax be from 1910 to 1915? However, we will not forget to blame the present county court for any high proportion of our state tax in the years 1910 to 1915. When John H. Scott was first asking for the office he now fills he made people believe that he could and would run Marion county with \$40,000. From his late statement it appears that the average for the last ten years was nearly \$82,000 annually. Besides this large sum collected in cash, the writer of this knows positively about some private property the same Judge Scott has taken for public use without any compensation whatever, and has heard about more. The people now seem to be falking a good deal about high taxes, and wondering what to do to get reform. The writer of this suggests to all the offices of the county courts and the state legislature with men regardless of party connection, who themselves pay some taxes, and who otherwise have a reputation for honesty and good common sense, in order to accomplish this a state taxpayers' league should be organized, with branches, if possible, in every voting precinct in the state. Taking into consideration the last levy for the expenditures in Marion county, more than \$126,000, and the last appropriations of the state legislature, nearly \$4,000,000, it seems high time for the taxpayers of

this state in general, and the taxpayers of Marion county in particular, to do something. Should like very much to see this subject discussed by people who know how.

O. L. HATTEBERG.

The suggestion of Mr. Hatterberg that an organization of taxpayers be formed is a good one. Something is necessary. The majority of the dominant party has grown so large that the machine is easily organized and meets with little resistance. In the legislature there was only one Democrat in the lower house, and yet on matters like the normal schools and the railroad commission, to be appointed or removed by the governor that Republican house was almost evenly divided. So with other matters of great importance. When the Republicans divided almost evenly it shows that there is a strong reform element, even in the dominant party. A leader who would be anti-machine, or anti-graft, or evil if what you please, would have carried the whole organization the other way, and it might have been a different result. The taxpayers' organization, if it can be kept out of the hands of the machine, and could be conducted with an intelligent program back of it, would be all right. The movement should start in some town like Silverton, but the professional politicians who want political power merely for the purpose of getting places and pushing grafts should be kept out of it.

Direct Primary Not to Blame.

The direct primary has abolished the political boss, but it has not abolished the cunning, pledge-breaking politician, nor the machine. The machine is composed of those who live by political plunder. It is fed by those who get power in the name of a political party, and then use the power not for public business but for personal ends. This is a cold, hard saying, but it is true. Abraham Lincoln was a politician and when he was elected President he built up a political machine. He organized his cabinet and his principal appointments to carry out a certain program, but it was a program that he had fully and clearly laid before the people, and his machine was for the purpose of keeping his pledges made on his campaign. That kind of a machine is necessary. This is a machine for the people. The people are sometimes fooled by the pretences of machine leaders, and put them in power on good representations, only to find that it was part of the game of deception to get political power. In the old days men who failed to keep political pledges were hung to the nearest tree. Traitors to the people were not allowed to play the game a second time. Whether we will ever return to these heroic days remains to be seen. It is to be hoped Mr. Hatterberg will be able to get the farmers and taxpayers interested. As a rule, they move too late. It is none too soon to begin creating a public sentiment that shall wrest the management of public affairs out of the hands of a conscienceless and reckless machine, and if they insist on remaining the controlling force in the Republican party, that

party should have no future in Oregon.

Republicanism Not to Blame.

The work done by men like La Follette, in Wisconsin; Hughes, in New York; Deneen, in Illinois, and Governor Cummins, in Iowa, shows that there are men in the Republican party who do not bow down to corrupt machine rule. Mr. Bryan, in his address before the Washington and Oregon legislatures showed that honest men, animated by intelligent public spirit and a proper regard for the interests of the party to which they belong, were moved by the same impulses. The loud-mouth partisan clamors from a selfish standpoint of making a little temporary advantage out of his political activity. This class are never able to rise above partisanship of the narrow type. They are not Republicans nor Democrats. They are the foes of good order and good government. They disgust the honest middle class of taxpayers by party trickery. It is time for the substantial middle class to save their property from the Huns and Vandals of party politics.

New Independence Bank.

The First State Bank of Independence, Oregon today filed articles of incorporation with the corporation department of the state, and it is understood that the new institution will begin business in our neighboring city within a few days. The capital stock of the new concern is to be \$25,000, and the incorporators are C. C. Patrick, A. F. Hofer, W. A. Messner, Fred N. Stump, Wm. Riddell and M. Merwin.

How to Remain Young.

To continue young in health and strength, do as Mrs. N. F. Rowan, McDonough, Ga. did. She says: "Three bottles of Electric Bitters cured me of chronic liver and stomach trouble, complicated with such an unhealthy condition of the blood that my skin turned red as flannel. I am now practically 20 years younger than before I took Electric Bitters. I can now do all my work with ease and assist in my husband's store." Guaranteed at J. C. Perry, druggist. Price 50c.

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NORTH BEND AWAKE.

Some Live Suggestions by an Entertaining Little City of Coos.
At its meeting last night the North Bend Chamber of Commerce discussed the transportation question and decided to lay the matter before the Southern Pacific Company. An appeal will be made to have the Breakwater put on the Portland run, and other steamship companies will be urged to have vessels touch this port.

North Bend will also be advertised in the Pacific and Sunset magazines, the chamber having decided to run a full page ad in each of the above publications.

A half-page was taken in the Oregonian's immigration issue, and will appear on March 11th.

Quite a number of slogans have been submitted. But the chamber has not yet awarded that life membership.

The following are the best that have been submitted up to the present time:

- "Get in Step with North Bend"—Rev. Burkhart.
- "See North Bend First"—C. S. Winsor.
- "North Bend"—the Home of Opportunity—Thomas B. James.
- "Follow the Leader—North Bend"—Thomas B. James.
- "Put Me Off at North Bend"—Thomas B. James.
- "50,000 in North Bend in 1915"—F. H. Campbell.
- "I Came, I Saw North Bend, and Stayed"—F. H. Campbell.
- "If U C North Bend U Will Stay"—R. S. Coke.
- "North Bend for Progress"—R. J. Coke.

"50,000 for North Bend"—R. J. Coke.
"North Bend Makes Good"—J. Coke.
"Buy Your Ticket to North Bend"—F. H. Campbell.
"Coos Bay Makes Good"—C. Sain.

COMFORTING WORDS.

Many a Salem Household Will Find Them So.

To have the pains and aches of had back removed; to be free from annoying, dangerous kidney disorders is enough to make any kidney sufferer grateful. To know how this great change can be brought about will prove comforting words to hundreds of readers. P. Pratt, proprietor of the Front livery stable, 268 Front St., Salem, Ore., says: "Doan's Kidney Pills are a remedy of exceptional merit and their value deserves to be known to all in need of a remedy for backache or kidney trouble. I suffered from a deranged state of the kidneys and heavy aches through my back and loins when I went to Dr. Stone's drug store for a supply of Doan's Kidney Pills, received prompt and effective relief almost from the first dose and in short time I was in such good condition that I didn't feel any need to use them or any other remedy of the kind." For sale by all dealers. Price 50c. Foster-Milburn Co., 230 New York, sole agents for the United States. Remember the name—Doan's—take not other.



Smart Dressers

Young Men are, as a general thing, the smart dressers. The up-to-the-moment young man is a sort of a lexicon of clothes, style and correctness. He knows what's what, and gets it. But good fit, the newest colors, patterns, etc., are not enough; for unless that snappy, jaunty appearance—characteristic of OUR SUITS—is there it isn't what the young man wants. Our success in pleasing young men is not just "luck," it's due to our knowledge of what the young man wants and our ability to provide it for him. Prices always reasonable. Did you ever notice how many young men come here for clothes? THERE'S A REASON FOR IT.

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