

Meyers Bros. to Have One of the Finest Department Stores in the Northwest

That Salem is a city of progress, that its prospects were never brighter, and that the coming fall's business is to be the greatest in the history of the city, is the opinion of the proprietors of the big department store of H. W. & M. L. Meyers. Backing it up in a substantial manner is the announcement which they have just given out that, beginning immediately, they will spend not less than \$500 in improvements to be made within the next thirty days. This, coming in the face of the pessimist's plaint of hard times, lack of confidence, etc., encourages a brighter outlook for the fall trade and will prove an incentive to every local line of commercial activity.

Contracts have already been let and

and will to other departments the additional room this gained.

The improvements will involve many changes on both the first and the second floors. Hundreds of feet of the very latest forms of display cases in handsome oak with myriads of glass doors, yards and yards of tables, all patterned after the best that inventive genius can supply for the benefit of every conceivable kind of merchandise that a department store carries in stock, have been designed and will be installed unit by unit as fast as the remodeling will permit. Many of these fixtures, while just being adopted in the big stores of the East are but modifications of ideas already in use in Meyers' store for years.



the workmen have begun operations on plans that will give Salem the most modern and up-to-date department store in Oregon outside of Portland. From now until the first of September, the store will be more or less noisy with the sound of the saw and the hammer, but from the chaos will emerge a better, greater and more modern shopping institution and one that the city will be proud of.

More Room Demanded.

The rapid and substantial growth of the Meyers department store has brought the management face to face with the demand for "more room." After a careful consideration of the situation and after many plans had been evolved and discarded it was decided among other changes to discontinue the men's clothing department

Objects Bought.

Moore room, better display of goods, broader aisles, freer access, better ventilation, more light and more cheerfulness are the objects to be gained by the changes planned.

The space now occupied by the men's clothing and shoe department will be remodeled entirely, and will be given over exclusively to the ladies' ready-to-wear goods.

One of the important innovations will be the addition of what will be known as the "French room", which will be devoted to the display of elaborate gowns.

Extra fitting rooms are to be added and the sewing room will be increased in size. Many other additions and improvements will find place in various parts of the big store.

Owe Oll to Salem.

"We are trying to give Salem an up-to-date department store," answered H. W. Meyers today, when asked regarding the improvements to be made. "We owe all we have to Salem, and we feel that we should show our appreciation therefor—not in words, but in a material way—that of giving the people of the city a thoroughly modern department store."

"It has always been our object to keep abreast and even ahead of the times in the conduct of our store, and as fast as necessary we have added improvements toward that end. We have been the first in many innovations here and we expect to continue to advance whenever possible."

"Now, after thirty-four years of successful merchandising we believe that we are in a position to give Salem what it deserves—a modernized department store that will not be equalled in the state outside of the city of Portland."

Support the Home Merchant.

"It is only by the support of the people here that we are enabled to do this. We have always advocated and still advocate the necessity of support for the home merchant and home industries, for it is only through this support that such big improvements can be made."

"We have always been optimistic and we continue so in spite of the talk of hard times, suppression of business, etc. We believe in the future, we believe in Salem. Our money is invested here, our interests are here and our hearts are in the business."

"Our sales show a large increase over those of last year, and we have no fear of the future. Good goods, courteous treatment and efficient service and the unflinching loyalty of our employees have been the foundation of our success."

"Now that the new store plans have been adopted and the contracts let, H. W. Meyers is preparing to take a trip to the East where he will meet the large importers returning from Europe with the latest creations for the world of fashion. While away he will visit a number of the largest Eastern factories to complete his orders for fall and winter stock."

Store Will Remain Open.

The store will not be closed during the remodeling, as the work will be carried on in such a way as not to interfere with the sales people and the customers. In order to give room for advance shipments of new goods a general clearance sale will be started next Monday morning.

Superintendent Walter Denton will have direct charge of the work of improvement, and he is both busy and happy in getting ready for it. He is an enthusiastic booster who radiates optimism in speech and action, and he welcomes the chance to demonstrate it.

"We are satisfied that we will have the biggest business this fall that we have ever had," said he this morning as he bent over one of the new floor plans.

STAYTON SAWMILL COMPANY WILL GREATLY ENLARGE

The new Brown-Petzel Lumber Company of Stayton have filed articles of incorporation. They will do a general sawmill and lumber business. Brown Bros. of Stayton will furnish the plant and the Petzel Estate, together with John Thoma, the present manager and bookkeeper, will furnish the stock logs and working capital.

The incorporators were: G. L. Brown, Wm. Petzel and John Thoma. Mr. Thoma just started on his seventh year's trip for the local sawmill.

The complete organization and election of officers will take place some time in August. The capitalization is for \$50,000.—Stayton Mail.

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GOD'S MESSAGE THRU MOVIES

The History of Man's Rebellion Against God—To Israel Alone God Spoke. Through the Law and the Prophets God Now Speaks Through His Son To the Church Alone—Only the Spirit-Begotten Can Discern Spiritual Things—The Proper Attitude of Heart—Consecration a Most Reasonable Step—The Responsibility of the Consecrated Child of God.



PASTOR RUSSELL

July 12.—The Photo-Drama of Creation is now being produced daily in more than eighty cities, both here and abroad. From all sides come words of commendation. The Bible is being opened up to popular understanding as never before. Pastor

Russell's text today was, "See that ye refuse not Him that speaketh"—Hebrews 12:25.

The Pastor introduced his discourse with a comment upon the opening verses of the Epistle to the Hebrews. There the Apostle is contrasting the Message which God sent through the Lord Jesus Christ with those messages sent previously through His servants—Moses and the Prophets of Israel. The Apostle elsewhere tells us that God speaks peace unto us through His Son. This statement suggests that previously there had been war. Away back in the days of Eden, when Father Adam and Mother Eve were on trial, Mother Eve was misled by Satan's suggestion and disobeyed God's command. Then Father Adam, following to his own understanding, sinned willfully, with his wife—rather than with God. Thus the entire race were brought into rebellion against the Creator and were condemned to death in Adam.

Then the Pastor went on to trace the history of the rebellious race of man. Cut off from fellowship with God, falling deeper and deeper into sin, degradation and death conditions, none were fit to be called children of God. About twenty-five centuries after the fall, the Almighty gave the Israelites opportunity to come into harmony with Him. Through He spoke to them especially, through Moses and the Law Covenant, directing that whoever would hear Moses and obey might come closer to their Creator. So we read, "They have Moses and the Prophets; let them hear them." God had not spoken to mankind in general; only to the little nation of Israel had He given a Message. To them He had not spoken in any other way than through the Law and the Prophets. The Apostle tells us that those who disobeyed Moses' Law died without mercy. Moses was God's mouthpiece; and therefore whoever disobeyed him came under the penalty of death.

The Apostle's argument, the Pastor declared, is this: Now, brethren, review the history of Israel, and see how from time to time they neglected the messages which God sent them (at the mouth of angels and of Moses, and note how disasters came on them because of that negligence. If, then, there was such a penalty inflicted for negligence respecting the words of Moses, what should be the result of refusing to hear Him who speaks from Heaven itself? If those who rejected Moses' Law died without mercy, how much severer punishment should they receive who would count the blood of the Covenant wherewith they were sanctified a common thing, and who would do despite to God's spirit of favor? Surely we may expect that there would be nothing further for those who reject God's arrangement for man's salvation!

Three Classes in the Church.

The Pastor next showed that the consecrated people of God will finally be found in one of three classes. The Little Flock, to whom our Lord declared it is the Father's good pleasure to give the Kingdom, is a limited number—so far as we can judge probably 144,000. Then comes the Great Company, "whose number no man knows"—God not having revealed it a class unworthy of a place in the Little Flock, but yet loyal in heart to God and the principles of righteousness. Last of all, is the class that go into the Second Death, the class that do despite to the Covenant of Grace. Formerly the Pastor was inclined to think that this class would be very small, but of late he realizes that according to the experiences of the typical people the number will be much larger than he once had thought; for many Israelites fell in the wilderness on account of having rejected the testimony of the Lord, and their death was typical.

No one is on trial for life, the Pastor declared, except those who have

gotten free from the sentence of Adam's death. No one has a standing with God except those who have turned from sin and have presented their bodies in full consecration to Him. Those who have taken these steps have been accepted by the Lord Jesus. In harmony with the Father's great Plan immediately after our Lord has accepted them. He counts them as His flesh; and then the Father also accepts that flesh; for, as the Scriptures point out, the flesh of Christ has been in offering throughout the Gospel Age. Jesus first offered His own flesh. When He had finished that work, He appeared in the presence of God and made satisfaction for the sins of the Church, beginning with the Apostles. Then the Father indicated His acceptance of their sacrifices by giving them the Holy Spirit.

Throughout the Gospel Age, the Pastor continued, all believers have received the Holy Spirit just as soon as they have been accepted of the Father, through the great Advocate. All through the Age the members of the Body of Christ have been coming to Him; and the flesh of the Church, the consecrated ones, has been counted as the flesh of Jesus. This flesh has been suffering for nearly nineteen hundred years—Christ suffering in the flesh.

Thus we see the fulfillment of the Scriptures which declares that the Church is being up that which remains of the afflictions of Christ. "If we suffer with Him, we shall also reign with Him." And "the sufferings of the present time are not worthy to be compared with the glory which shall be revealed" in the Church, which is the Body of Christ. The Prophets of old, says St. Peter, spoke of the sufferings of the Christ and of the glory that shall follow. All who share the sufferings will also share the coming blessings—glory, honor and immortality.

The Three Bodies of Christ.

Then the Pastor pointed out that those who are received of the Lord are in spirit all one as New Creatures. There is one Body of Christ in the flesh of the Church. Then there is the other Body of Christ, the New Creature Body, composed of the new creatures of all who are begotten of the Holy Spirit as New Creatures; and these New Creatures inhabit this flesh of Christ. Here are two Bodies of Christ—the Body of Christ in the flesh, and the Body of Christ spiritually, which is dwelling in these earthly tabernacles and seeking to bring them to the sacrificial point day by day in everything. He also showed that the final Body of Christ beyond the veil will be composed of the "more than conquerors"—Jesus, the Captain, and all who voluntarily lay down their lives in following His example.

Thus there are three Bodies of Christ. The final one is taken out of the other two. Those who are left constitute the Great Company and those who go into the Second Death. But those who constitute these Bodies are the only ones with whom God is dealing—the only ones whom He has yet received. And even those were not received until they had come to the full point of consecration and were begotten of the Holy Spirit as New Creatures. Therefore it is the New Creature that is on trial, not the flesh. Throughout the entire Gospel Age, only the New Creatures in Christ have been on trial for life or death eternal.

Who May Reject Christ.

The Pastor then explained that no one can reject Christ in the full sense of the word and go into the Second Death unless he had fully come into Christ and had become His disciple. While many have heard of Christ and have been drawn toward Him, yet until they offer themselves to God in consecration and receive the begetting of the Holy Spirit, they do not really hear Him who speaks from Heaven. Those who are begotten of the Holy Spirit get a new understanding, a new bearing, new ears as it were, and new eyes. As New Creatures they see, hear and understand differently from what they formerly did. As St. Paul says, "The natural man receiveth not the things of the Spirit of God; for they are foolishness unto him; neither can he know them, because they are spiritually discerned." No one can discern spiritual things until he has been begotten of the Holy Spirit.

But there is such a thing as rejecting Christ after one has heard about Him. One may turn his back upon the world, and turn his face toward God and start in the right direction. Every step of the way he will receive a little blessing. But if, when he has progressed to the place where he sees consecration clearly, he should turn back, it is a question whether his former progress in the right direction has not done him harm.

The Pastor illustrated this point by referring to the Tabernacle in the Wilderness. If one going toward the Tabernacle had entered the Court, had recognized the sacrifice of atonement upon the Brazen Altar, had progressed to the Laver, representing the purification of the flesh, and then had halted, he could not have seen the beauties of the Tabernacle. Even if he had come up to the very door of the Tabernacle, if he should then stop, all his previous progress would count for nothing.

So, if one should seek to put away the filth of the flesh—to live as moral a life as possible, to become cleaner and cleaner in his daily conduct—unless he present himself in consecration to God, his morality is of no avail in the matter of bringing him into covenant-relationship with God. Only by faith in the blood of Christ can he approach the Mercy Seat. "There is none other name given under heaven amongst men whereby we must be saved."

Any one who gets a glimpse into the future—when the Millennial Reign of Christ and His Church shall have begun—and who hears of the goodness of

God, but is not melted by his own imperfections and his need of a Savior, will, the Pastor believes, be much disadvantaged. Whoever hears the voice of God speaking peace through the Lord Jesus Christ should press on to know the Lord. If even a little glimpse of the coming Restitution, when the whole earth will become like the Garden of Eden and when all men will have the privilege of coming to perfection, does not appeal to one, that one is not in a very favorable condition of mind. Whoever does not love the God who has made so loving a provision for mankind is not in a favorable condition for further knowledge.

The Pastor clearly pointed out that those who have never heard of the goodness of God have very little responsibility in proportion to those who do hear. The heathen millions who have not heard of God could not present their bodies in sacrifice. Our Lord declared that those who knew not would be beaten with few stripes in comparison with those who did know. "Whoever therefore has heard, and who knows the will of God and the difference between right and wrong has a responsibility, and will receive stripes for disobedience, even if he does not now come into a full test or trial for life eternal."

"The Cup of Salvation."

The proper attitude of heart, the Pastor declared, is that of appreciation of God's mercies. As the Psalmist has said, "What shall I render unto the Lord for all His benefits toward me? I will take the cup of salvation and call upon the name of the Lord." Whoever hears of God's loving provision for the salvation of mankind should feel like removing from his heart everything that would hinder the love of God from flowing in freely and bringing forth the fruitage of love, devotion and appreciation. To those who especially love God and desire to know His will He has offered a cup, which represents His providences for that special class. Jesus Himself drank that cup, and set us an example.

The Pastor then discussed the subject of consecration, and showed how reasonable it is for one who has come to a knowledge of the goodness of God to offer himself to the Lord. He declared that whoever carefully considered the matter would realize that all one has to offer is far too small. But God says to such, I know that you have practically nothing to give; but you must give all that you have—be it much or little. In comparison with what Jesus gave, you have nothing; for what you have is imperfect and sinful, whereas His offering was holy and undefiled. But He will impute His merit to your offering, and thus make it acceptable.

In the typical Tabernacle and its sacrifices, the Pastor declared, this matter of consecration is represented by the offering of the two goats on the Day of Atonement. The goat represents the flesh of the one offering himself in consecration. Consecration is the trying of the goat at the door of the antitypical Tabernacle. Then the High Priest kills the antitypical Lord's goat. Henceforth the New Creature, begotten of the Holy Spirit at the moment when the sacrifice was accepted, is represented in the Body of the High Priest.

Then, as members of the Body of the antitypical High Priest, the consecrated and spirit-begotten ones are privileged to enter the antitypical Tabernacle, the spirit-begotten condition. There they may have fellowship with God as they partake of the antitypical Bread of Presence, and as they walk by the light of the antitypical Golden Candlestick, which gives them light respecting the deep things of the Word of God. The things in the typical Tabernacle were hidden from the sun; they were dark as respects outside light, but they had the interior light. Those in the antitypical Tabernacle condition have also blessed association with the Incense Altar; not that they have anything, perhaps, to do with offering the Incense, for that which was offered by the great High Priest of their Order was sufficient for all the members of His Body and makes them acceptable in the Most Holy.

Responsibility to Christ.

The Pastor then dwelt on the responsibility resting upon all who have offered themselves as living sacrifices and have been accepted and begotten of the Holy Spirit. "These have come under the Headship of Christ. His will is to be their will. His Spirit is to be their spirit. When they were baptized into that one Spirit—when their spirits were immersed into that of our Lord and He accepted them as members of His Body, they recognized themselves as under His Headship. This is what produces the oneness of spirit—the sympathetic heart-oneness of all the members of Christ.

As long as the Headship of Christ is recognized, there must of necessity be much harmony among these members. But should any member get out of harmony with the Head, he is proportionately unable to get a blessing himself or to do good to others. The greatest blessing and usefulness comes from co-operation with the Head in what ever work He is doing.

In conclusion, the Pastor declared that only in proportion as we are in harmony with our Master, the great Head of the Church, can He use us as His members. The voice of the Lord is being heard throughout the earth today. Therefore, all who hear it should see to it that they do not refuse the Message of the hour. To all those who do refuse—as most of them are doing and will do—the tribulation that will come will be all the more severe—"a Time of Trouble such as never was since there was a nation." "no, nor ever shall be" hereafter.

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SACRIFICING THE RAILROADS.

(Savannah, Ga., News.)

It looks a little as if the postoffice department were bent on making it appear that the department is self-sustaining, even if, in order to do so, it has to be unjust to the railroads. Recently, at its instigation, it is alleged, Representative Moon introduced a bill which provides a new method for paying the railroads for carrying the mails, a method which the railroads regard as grossly unfair. It would reduce the compensation of the railroads about 20 per cent, or approximately \$10,000,000 a year. The railroads contend that they ought to be at least \$15,000,000 more than they are now getting.

Recently congress appointed a joint committee of congress to investigate the whole subject of compensating the railroads for carrying the mails, and the committee has given a great deal of time to the subject. It is about ready to make a report. It does look as if congress should do nothing in the matter until it has this report.

The postoffice department, it is pretty safe to assume, doesn't know a great deal about the cost of carrying the mails. Its aim is to get the mails carried as cheaply as possible.

But the railroads should be given a square deal. It is reasonable to suppose that the joint committee is pre-

pared to report a measure that would be fair as between the people and the railroads.

The people are more interested in doing what is right than in the efforts of the postoffice department in making a record for keeping the expenses of the department down.

It is hardly reasonable to suppose that the joint committee would report in favor of making the compensation of the railroads for carrying the mails greater than it ought to be. If it has any bias at all, it is more likely to be in favor of the government.

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