

SEES NO TROUBLE

Rev. Alexander Blackburn Does Not Intend to Resign.

SAYS HIS FLOCK IS SATISFIED

Recent Marriage of the Pastor of First Baptist Church Said to Be the Bone of Contentment—Trustees Express No Opposition.

Rev. Alexander Blackburn and his bride returned yesterday from a ten days' wedding trip. Last night they attended a prayer meeting held at the First Baptist Church of Portland, where the pastor and his wife were greeted by members of the congregation. The fact that Mr. and Mrs. Blackburn were to be home last night was known to members of the congregation, but whether this influence on the attendance at the prayer meeting is a matter that is open to almost any answer.

The pastor of the church has no intention of paying any attention to the trouble that has been brewing in his congregation during the past two months. He intends to continue his pastoral duties as in the past, and allow the situation to run its course. If the opposition to the Rev. Mr. Blackburn forces the fight against him he is confident the congregation will sustain him. In fact, the pastor declares he is not worried at all.

For four and a half years he has been pastor of the church and he intends to continue in that position. Each of the trustees, Mr. Blackburn said last night, has assured him that they would not attempt to force him out of his position. This assurance, he explained, had been given some time ago, but at a time subsequent to the first factional discord in the church.

Unless the opposition to the minister attempts to call a business meeting of the congregation to consider the question of his resignation, the situation, he will see no test of strength between the two factions prior to the next election of deacons. The deacons in the Baptist church are elected for a period of three years, vacancies being filled each year. The election is held in October, and it is likely at the time the two factions may make some showing of strength, though the only effect that would have would be to show which was the dominant faction. The deacons are merely advisers of the pastor.

The Rev. Mr. Blackburn is confident there is no serious trouble in his church. He acknowledges that some dissatisfaction exists, and believes he could estimate the strength of the opposing forces pretty closely. But, he intimates, the dissatisfaction did not grow out of his marriage or the announcement of his engagement. Though he did not say so, the inference was plain that the minister believed this to be a pretext taken by those opposed to him, for their stand.

There has been some showing of opposition or dissatisfaction during the past two months, but I believe it is true that the only open manifestation of the existence of any differences has been made during the past week or so. Yes," the minister acknowledged, "the dissatisfaction showed itself about the time my engagement was announced, though I do not believe that had anything to do with the matter."

"I have no intention of resigning. I shall continue to do my duty as pastor of the church, as though nothing had occurred. I have no reason to believe that there is any serious split in the church or that any differences have arisen which cannot be adjusted by mutual agreement. There will be any disposition to ask me to change this policy."

"It is true that some people have spoken to me relative to this, but none of them has suggested my resignation. To-night, when the prayer meeting had been concluded, the greetings of the congregation to me were all friendly. There was nothing to indicate that any serious trouble existed. All of my deacons have assured me that they would not ask for my resignation. It is true this assurance was not given recently, but it came in the course of the first indication of trouble appeared."

"I am sorry anything has been said of this matter, and I am sorry that there has been any differences of opinion. But I am firmly convinced that everything will work out satisfactorily."

To put the case bluntly, the opposition to the Rev. Mr. Blackburn seems to have grown out of his marriage to Virginia K. Watson, a widow. It is not disputed that the pastor had a perfect right to wed if he so desired, but some members of the congregation have objected to the pastor's engagement to another. Opposition to the pastor is based principally upon the ground that the pastor had failed to him has deemed it necessary to specify the length of time that a minister or any other person should allow to elapse between wives.

Without alleging this as a ground for opposition, some of those fighting Dr. Blackburn declare they are opposed to his pastorate on the ground that he has not been as thorough in his ministrations as they would desire. Some have raised any question as to the character and ability of the Rev. Mr. Blackburn, and it is apparently generally conceded that he has filled the pulpit of the First Baptist Church in an acceptable manner. Nor is it disputed that a wife is a good thing for a minister to have.

A meeting of the deacons was held this week, with the trustees and finance committee of the church. At this meeting the general situation was discussed, but nothing definite was decided. There has been some talk of circulating a petition for a meeting of the congregation, to take action, but thus far nothing has been done. A discussion of the advisability of such a meeting has developed. The pastorate of the Baptist Church is one of the most desirable in Portland. It carries a salary of \$2,000 per annum, and the pastor is continued in charge as long as his congregation is satisfied with him. When another minister is extended a call to come to a certain church, this is accepted as a hint by Baptist pastors that a resignation is in order.

JETTY BIDS ARE OPENED

Contract for 150,000 Tons Will Be Let at Once.

Bids for supplying stone for the Columbia bar jetty were opened yesterday by Captain W. C. Langitt, United States engineer. Contract will be awarded for 150,000 tons of stone right away by the local office. The contract for 45,000 tons will be awarded at Washington, the bids for which will be forwarded to the National capital.

Extension of the jetty will begin within a month. Construction of the wooden tramway will commence in about three weeks. Piles and lumber for the tramway are now being delivered. Two large rafts of piles went down the river yesterday. The extension will be 2 1/2 miles long. The bids opened yesterday on 150,000 tons of stone were as follows: Northwest Construction Company, of Astoria, 15 cents per ton; delivery by rail; quarry at Bugby Light, 35 miles above Astoria. Columbia Contract Company, \$1.25 per

ton; delivery by water; quarry at Fish-er's Landing above Vancouver.

Robert Wakefield & Co., \$1.25 per ton; delivery by water; quarry at Bugby Light, 35 miles above Astoria. E. M. Herlihy & Co., of Seattle, \$1.02 per ton; delivery by rail; quarry at Bugby Light. The bids on 45,000 tons were the same as on the 150,000 tons. The bids on the 45,000 ton within the construction season.

MAY DELAY PORTAGE ROAD

Government Must First Determine Its Own Rights.

Can Uncle Sam give to the State of Oregon for its portage railroad above The Dalles lands through the rights of way which he has acquired for his boat railway project. Again, the Government does not have a complete right of way for its boat railway, and, therefore, the state will not be asked to permit them to be used for any project other than a boat railway, at least without special act of Congress.

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Secretary Max M. Shilleck, of the Board of Trade, yesterday received a letter from Congressman J. N. Williamson, enclosing letters from the War Department on the subject.

Congressman Williamson states that he has received such a flood of inquiries regarding the matter that he desires that the entire letter from the secretary of the War be published, thus furnishing ample explanation to all interested parties. Following is the letter from William Cary Sanger, Assistant Secretary of War:

Re: J. N. Williamson, Dear Sir—I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of a letter signed by yourself and United States Senators Mitchell and Fulton, calling attention to the fact that the proposed portage road, made by the Oregon Legislature, for the construction of a portage railway across the Columbia River, above The Dalles, and asking as to the present rights of the United States Government, and what concessions, if any, can be made by the State of Oregon to enable the State Government to proceed with the construction of the railway project over the right of way held by the United States.

Replying thereto, I beg to inform you that the Chief of Engineers, U. S. Army, to whom the matter was referred, reports under date of 17th inst., as follows: "In the river and harbor act of August 18, 1884, Congress adopted a project for the improvement of Columbia River at Three-falls. Providing for the construction and equipment of a boat railway from the foot of the Dalles Rapids to the head of Celilo Falls. Preliminary to the construction of the construction of the boat railway the United States acquired title to certain lands, and in other cases the land was either purchased or condemned specifically for the right of way or for a site for the proposed boat railway."

WITHOUT ANY AUTHORITY

Mayor Williams Improves His Cross-Walk and Had No Permit.

Even the cross-walks of the city are undergoing a course of treatment in anticipation of the visit of the President. At the meeting of the street committee of the Executive Board yesterday, Mayor Williams announced that he had laid a new cross-walk in front of his house on Commercial street. The Chief Engineer, however, had no permit for this, and the Mayor looked anxious for a moment.

"Mr. Elliott, did I need to take out a permit for that cross-walk?" asked His Honor of the City Engineer. "I hardly think that was necessary," answered the engineer. "I move that the Mayor be arrested," cried R. L. Gilman. The motion failed to pass, but the Mayor looked anxious for a moment.

That the committee may the better view the different points at which street improvement are being made, the Chief Engineer will soon be provided with W. L. Bolse and Mr. Gilman were very much in favor of the use of the vehicle, as they declared they had spent much valuable time in visiting the various points of the city where street work was being done. The horse formerly used by the City Engineer will do the pulling. The presence of an automobile was suggested, but the committee was unable to determine the present state of the city's finances such an equipage was out of the question.

IN FUNSTON'S HONOR.

Phi Delta Theta Fraternity Entertains General at Dinner.

The Alumni Association of the College Fraternity Phi Delta Theta, of Portland, Or., gave a dinner last evening in honor of General Funston at the Commercial Club. The association is composed of Wallace McCamant, Laydell Baker, R. W. Wilbur, Percy Lewis, S. C. Spencer, F. St. J. Fox, C. M. Eldeman, E. F. Dempsey, A. J. Montgomery, Walter Gilbert, Allen Wright, Ben W. Reed, of Rainier, Or., and H. W. Thompson, of Eugene, Or. The evening was one of the most enjoyable in the history of the Alumni Association, and was a most interesting occasion, by the presence of General Funston and the interesting stories as told by him of life and conditions in the Philippine Islands. General Funston has been a member of the fraternity for a great many years.

Something New Eastbound.

Double daily service to Chicago via the Union Pacific and Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul line. New overnight service. It is as satisfactory as it is new.

BUSINESS ITEMS.

If Baby Is Cutting Teeth. Do not use the old and well-known remedy, the Mother's Soothing Syrup, for children's teething. It soothes the child, softens the gums, keeps the kidney and bowels regular.

CAMPAIGN OF ADVERTISING

FAIR COMMITTEE ON PRESS AND PUBLICITY WILL GO SLOW.

Have Expended Only \$1000 So Far, but Contemplate Extensive System at the Proper Time.

The Lewis and Clark committee on press and publicity will ask for an appropriation of \$50,000 to put the merits of the coming Exposition before the people of the world. This sum is estimated to be necessary in order to carry out the plans of the committee.

It is not the intention of the committee to ask permission to spend this money, or any considerable portion of it, immediately. Instead, the committee will wait a year or more before it begins an active campaign, but no opportunity will be allowed to escape to promote the best interests of the fair. The appropriation is to be asked at once, because the directors have just called for estimates of expenses from all committees, and they must go in at once.

That the publicity committee is inclined to be very economical is demonstrated by the fact that less than \$1000 has been spent by its direction up to date. When it is remembered that from this total has been paid out all the money for printed matter, stationery, the expenses of delegates sent to induce different conventions to come to Portland, and similar costs, the sum of \$1000 indicates a determination to be economical at present.

The committee is taking advantage of opportunities as they present themselves. It is declared to be entirely too early to spend money advertising the Fair on a liberal basis for two years in a period of time long enough to permit people to forget almost anything. But constant reminders of the coming attraction which can be secured at a minimum of expense are sought by the publicity committee. This keeps up interest and enables the committee to hold back and expend its principal effort at the St. Louis Exposition, where a bureau advertising the Lewis and Clark Fair will be maintained. After that event the committee will begin a more extensive campaign in favor of the big Fair of 1904.

The coming of President Roosevelt on May 21 and the ceremonies attendant upon the laying of the cornerstone for the Lewis and Clark monument will give the publicity committee an opportunity to advertise the Exposition. Photographs of the Exposition grounds and plan of the proposed monument and similar interesting features are to be prepared in advance and forwarded to the principal newspapers of the United States. At the dedication ceremonies other photographs will be taken, and these are to be sent out to the newspapers. Many of the leading publications of the country will use them; they are of interest as illustrating the progress of the President's party. Incidentally, the photographs furnish a big advertisement to the Fair, after the President's departure leaves Portland a handsome souvenir to be issued, containing appropriate photographs of the different events during the President's visit and a copy of his speech. These are being prepared, and every member of the Presidential party and other prominent men of the country will receive them. They are to be set up in a most unusually attractive form, and will unquestionably be welcomed by the recipients.

Chairman J. N. Fleischner, of the committee on publicity, is doing all the situation demands. He is carefully laying plans and awaiting developments. Each member of the committee is a practical business man who has made a study of advertising effects for years and understands the value of advertising at opportune moments and the folly of appealing to people to call the attention of people to something at a wrong season. The committee has not been surprised to learn that there are many people who do not know an exposition is to be held in Portland in 1904. Why, a committee from the World's Fair went to England in 1902, a year before the present exposition, and met some of the most prominent people in London who knew nothing of the exposition, and who could not realize that a world's fair could be held 1000 miles west of New York.

"It is too early to begin a campaign of thorough advertising for the Fair. Money spent in advance of the St. Louis Exposition must be expended cautiously in preliminary work, for to undertake anything upon a large scale would be wasting our funds."

The time for publicity regarding the Lewis and Clark Fair may be divided into three periods, as follows: "First—Preliminary period, when the country, its resources, scenery, etc., may be advertised by books, pamphlets, and other printed matter judiciously distributed.

"Second—Period of the St. Louis Exposition, when every effort should be made to direct attention of visitors to St. Louis to the Lewis and Clark Exposition.

"Third—Period immediately following the close of the St. Louis Fair, when the Lewis and Clark Exposition should be widely advertised throughout the world. "This is the best and most systematic plan for giving publicity to the Exposition. It is also the most economical, and will be productive of the greatest results. "The publicity committee will always be glad to receive counsel and advice. Most of the criticism has proceeded from persons who are endeavoring to force themselves on the pay roll of the company. The committee will make up the personnel of its bureau with regard to efficiency only. Hack writers and hack talkers will not be considered. The committee knows the kind of work that must be done, and it knows also the kind of people that are required for such work. "While the plans of the committee have

not been fully developed, I might say that one way of advertising the Fair will be to make Portland known as the beautiful Summer city. Particular attention will be called to the fact that there is no extreme heat in Portland in Summer; therefore, there are no months in the Exposition period when the Exposition cannot be enjoyed in comfort. In all other expositions, except San Francisco, attendance was low in July and August, on account of Summer heat. In these other expositions the attendances fell away after June 30 and did not begin again until about September 1. This is a fact that will count greatly in favor of Portland in the important matter of gate receipts.

"We hope the board will set aside \$50,000 of our estimate, for our work, but, of course, we cannot tell how much we shall get until the funds are apportioned. Let it be our aim to get for all that this money will be carefully expended and will be made to go as far as possible. Up to date the committee, except contracts on hand, has expended less than \$1000. If we had given our estimate to every proposition made to us by people who think they know about our business, we should now have a long list of accounts we expect to have apportioned to us."

"One instance will serve to show how we are managing our affairs. We have been asked for nothing advertising that would cost us nearly \$5,000 if we had

DESIRE ORIENTAL EXHIBIT

WILL BE MADE FEATURE OF LEWIS AND CLARK FAIR.

Directors of Exposition to Ask Advice of John Barrett and Possibly Secure His Services.

The Lewis and Clark Exposition will make a feature of Oriental exhibits. The directors are using every effort to make the displays from Asiatic countries a distinct success, and to gather at convenient points showings of the products and industries of the various empires of the Far East.

A group of Oriental villages, showing the industries of the countries they represent, and typical of the people inhabiting these regions, is one of the plans the directors have under consideration. Especially are the directors anxious to have a good display from China and Japan, the maris that are being opened up to the commerce of this country. The Pacific Coast ports are regarded as the doorways to the Orient, and the directors are anxious that the Lewis and Clark Exposition should further this idea.

The advice of John Barrett, who made the arrangements for the Louisiana Purchase Exposition's Eastern displays, will be sought in the best manner of obtaining similar favors for the Lewis and Clark Exposition. Mr. Barrett is connected in an official manner with the St. Louis Fair, and it is probably impossible at present to obtain his co-operation with directors of the Lewis and Clark Fair position. If he could lend his services, however, it is likely the directors would be inclined to look to him for help. In the matter of advice, however, Mr. Barrett is unquestionably the best authority, and his sympathies are with Portland and the Northwest; it is believed he will gladly aid in this manner.

There are propositions before the Fair directors for securing exhibits from a number of Oriental countries. Some of these are regarded as feasible, while others may not be advantageous. It was suggested at a meeting of the executive committee yesterday that Mr. Barrett be asked for advice covering the general situation, and this will enable the directors to proceed with a better understanding of the situation.

An effort is to be made immediately to induce the State Department to permit United States Consul Miller, at Niu Chwang, China, to aid in the gathering of Chinese exhibits for the Lewis and Clark Fair. Mr. Miller is in a position to put the advantages of the Fair directly before the people of the Chinese districts. With the approval of the Chinese government it is believed there will be no difficulty in gathering a creditable Chinese exhibit. It is likely the exhibit sent to St. Louis could be utilized, and other displays added to it.

A plan that was outlined yesterday in a letter from Mr. Miller is to show a Chinese village, as well as a Chinese representative of different Chinese districts. These Orientals would be shown engaged in the different pursuits of their territory, and would attract a great deal of attention from the visitors to the Exposition.

The question of gathering such an exhibit for the Lewis and Clark Exposition and the labor of interesting the Chinese government were considered yesterday. Mr. Miller has volunteered his services. He is deeply interested in the success of the Fair, and would be glad to aid in any way. The executive committee approved his plan yesterday and will at once take steps to secure permission from the State Department for Mr. Miller to take up the work. He will be informed immediately of the situation.

The question of inviting an exhibit from Corea was under consideration yesterday. Colonel Dosh, who is in charge of the Oregon exhibit, has been authorized to make the trip to Corea and investigate the possibility of securing an exhibit from that peninsula. He may do so before he returns to Portland, after the close of the Japanese Exposition, which will not be open after July 31.

There is a good prospect of an exhibit from Japan. The visit of J. Kuchii is expected to go a long way toward securing a display from the country, and Oregon's friendly interest in Japan's exhibition is another strong factor in turning the scales in favor of the Lewis and Clark Exposition. While the directors of the Fair believe they will succeed in Japan, such a verdict is not regarded as a foregone conclusion, and an active effort to induce the government to loan favorably upon the Lewis and Clark Exposition will be continued.

EXTEND CONGRATULATIONS.

Lewis and Clark Exposition Sends Message to St. Louis Fair.

A congratulatory message was sent yesterday by Mr. Elliott, acting president of the Lewis and Clark Exposition, to President Francis of the Louisiana Purchase Exposition at St. Louis, upon the auspicious inauguration of the coming World's Fair. The message reads as follows: "D. R. Francis, President Louisiana Purchase Exposition, St. Louis, Mo.—The Lewis and Clark Exposition, Centennial Exposition, will be held at Portland, Or., in the year 1906, congratulate St. Louis on the auspicious inauguration of the preparations for the Louisiana Purchase Exposition, which will not be open after July 31. The organization of the Lewis and Clark exploring expedition to the Pacific, lay in the mind of President Jefferson as part of the same great plan of National expansion. As the centennial of one is to be celebrated at St. Louis in 1904, so that of the other is to be celebrated at Portland in 1906."

DIVANS FOR MARQUAM.

Manager Heilig Will Renovate His Theater This Summer.

About \$4000 will be spent on the Marquam Theater building this Summer in general repairs, and it is expected by June 1 that that great five story edifice, the theater will be taken out, and 75 handsome divans put in their places. These divans will seat 150 people altogether, and will be arranged in two rows, without any partition or arm separating them. They are specially meant for family parties. Manager Heilig was asked for information about the matter last night, and was not communicative, but stated that he expected to make some changes this Summer.

From another source it is learned that the Marquam Theater, owned by the Grand Opera House, is to be re-decorated in the present shade of terra cotta and gold, and there will be new carpets and new curtains. A new front curtain will be painted by Somers & Landers, of Chicago. The divans will be of blue colored plush, to match the remainder of the seats. They are now being made by Andrews & Company, of Chicago, and will start on their journey to this city on Monday. These divans are largely used in theaters in the large cities of this and other countries, and are very convenient. Divans are sometimes called "the fat man's delight." Many fat men have squeezed themselves with considerable difficulty into theater seats, and have been obliged to leave. They have ultimately brought themselves to a standstill, they have been in no mood to enjoy the opening part of the show, neither, if they had money, to leave the theater, engaged couples and young married folks rarely rave about theater divans, as they are absolutely sitting side by side during the performance and can drop hands.

At present the Marquam Theater is very much in need of improvement. Dust is thick on the walls, and the upholstery, curtains and drop curtains are very much soiled by every day tear and wear. Little wonder. The theater interior has never been systematically cleaned or redecorated since it was first opened, about ten years ago.

FOR PRESIDENT'S PARADE

Societies That Will Be in Line Should Notify General Beebe.

Those fraternal, military and labor organizations, and societies that participate in the parade to be given May 21 in honor of President Roosevelt, have been requested to communicate their desire to General Beebe, grand marshal, prior to May 7. Such communications should be addressed to the grand marshal at his office, 1 and 3 First street.

It is necessary that the grand marshal be notified by May 7 of the societies that will participate in the parade in order that complete arrangements may be made for handling the different societies. They must be assigned places in line and given the kind of work that must be done at the President's arrival. Many other details must be worked out, all of which require time.

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BERRIES FOR BEAUTY—SHREDDED WHEAT FOR STRENGTH

"Naturally organized foods make possible natural conditions. There is no other way."

Shredded Whole Wheat Biscuit is a naturally organized food. It contains all the properties necessary for the complete nourishment of the whole body.

Eat Natural Food and have perfect health. Start to-day.

Recipe—1 quart of washed and picked berries; crush 3/4 of them; add 1/4 of a cup of sugar and a cup of ice water; chill for half an hour. With a sharp pointed knife cut centers from 6 Shredded Whole Wheat Biscuit, making oblong baskets. Fill with the crushed berries and let the syrup saturate the biscuit. Cover top with remaining whole berries and sprinkle with sugar. Serve with sweet cream. Any fresh fruit may be used in same way.

Order from your grocer to-day. The Natural Food Co., Niagara Falls, N. Y.

THE LATE CHARLES H. FRIENDLY, PIONEER MERCHANT.

Many friends and associates of the late Charles H. Friendly read the announcement of his death yesterday's Oregonian with regret.

Mr. Friendly was a pioneer merchant, and one of the best-known business men in Oregon. He came to this country in 1852, settling first on French Prairie, where he was engaged in partnership with Jacob Seller. They started in business at Parkerville, but he left the firm a year later and opened a store at Corvallis. He formed a partnership with M. Seiler, and the firm being known as Friendly & Seiler. In 1865 Mr. Friendly opened a commission house at the corner of First and Alder streets, and in 1872 he enlarged his warehouse corner of First and Alder streets, and until recently traveled over the state in the interest of his business.

Mr. Friendly was born in Germany in September, 1829, and was married in 1851 to a widow and five children—Mrs. J. Rosenthal, Mrs. Sig L. Cohn, of Spokane; Miss Ceila Friendly, Seymour Friendly, and J. C. Friendly. The funeral will occur from the family residence this afternoon.

He was a member of the Grand Lodge, A. O. U. W., and the Grand Chapter, R. W. M., of the same order. He was also a member of the Grand Council, R. W. M., of the same order. He was also a member of the Grand Council, R. W. M., of the same order. He was also a member of the Grand Council, R. W. M., of the same order.

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