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Presbyterian General Assembly Is Criticized

BY DELEGATE FROM PORTLAND

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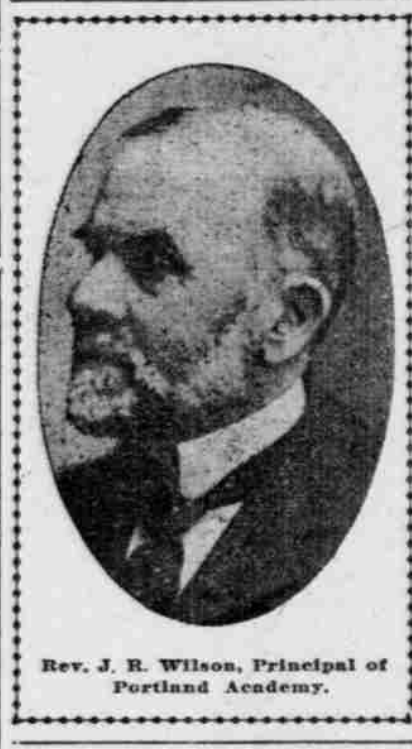
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At the meeting of the Portland Presbytery yesterday in the Mount Tabor Presbyterian Church. The pastoral relations between the First Church of Astoria and Rev. Henry Marcotte were dissolved. Dr. J. R. Wilson submitted the report of the work of the general assembly in which he declared that too much politics was used in the election of the moderator, calling out a sharp rejoinder from Dr. Hill. The presbytery voted to investigate the cause of the decrease in ministerial candidates; the presbytery started a movement to prevent a Congressional appropriation of the Lewis and Clark fund; the doors are closed on Sunday; and closed the work of the day by ordaining and installing last night the Rev. David A. Thompson as pastor of the Sellwood Church.

beautiful scenery, the missionary authorities at once conclude that the people out West could sustain themselves. "I don't believe," declared Dr. Wilson, "that \$100,000 for education will come to the West as the result of the General Assembly meeting in Los Angeles, but of course in a business way the advantages to the West are great. We must learn to help ourselves, build our own schools and our own churches."

Dr. E. P. Hill took exception to Dr. Wilson's remarks about the methods used in the election of the present moderator of the General Assembly. He said that he had supported him and he had no apologies to make. He considered that the methods used were perfectly honorable throughout. Dr. Hill was about to reply when the speakers were called to order, and what promised to be a lively debate was shut off by Moderator Scott.

Rev. H. Marcotte's Transfer.
Rev. Henry Marcotte then addressed the Presbytery, announcing his resignation from the pastorate of the First Church of Astoria, where he had served for seven years, and his acceptance of the call to Westminster Church of Portland. He said that Sunday evening last the Astoria Church had released him.



Rev. J. R. Wilson, Principal of Portland Academy.

so he could accept the call. Commissioners J. T. Ross and John Bryce were present from the Astoria Church, and both made statements to the effect that the Astoria Church had released Mr. Marcotte with much regret, yet with the understanding that he would be entering a larger work. They asked the Presbytery to dissolve the pastoral relations with the Astoria Church and to install the first Sunday in December, provided the new Astoria Church was finished and dedicated by that time.

Commissioner Ross of the Astoria Church, then read the following resolutions, adopted Sunday evening last: Whereas, The Rev. Henry Marcotte, after seven years of a successful pastorate over the First Presbyterian Church at Astoria, during which time he has endeavored himself to his church and congregation by his earnest and devoted efforts to promote the welfare and prosperity of the church and the extension of the kingdom of the Lord, Jesus Christ, has tendered his resignation and now asks the members to join him in a request to the Presbytery of Portland to sever the pastoral relations now existing; therefore, be it



Rev. D. B. Thompson, Ordained Pastor of Sellwood Church.

Resolved, That we deeply regret the contemplated severance of the pastoral ties that have so closely and harmoniously bound pastor and people together for so many years, and that by a dispensation of Divine Providence our beloved pastor has been called of God to labor in the cause of the Master in a larger field, and that under the circumstances the Astoria church would

TO CAPTURE CONVENTION
RAILROAD MEN WILL LAY PLANS AT SPOKANE.

North Pacific Passenger Agents Want National Convention to Come to Portland in 1904.

A large delegation of local railroad men will attend the convention of Friday evening to attend the convention of traffic men, to be held in Spokane on Saturday, for the purpose of taking formal action looking toward securing for Portland the national convention in 1904 of the American Association of Traveling Passenger Agents. The Spokane convention will be a special meeting of the first district of the Pacific Coast Association of Traffic Agents. It is called for the special purpose of recommending to the national convention here, because of the benefits that will accrue to this district. A party of about 50 will attend.

To Close the Fair on Sundays.
After lunch, served by the women of the Mount Tabor Church Presbytery, devotions were conducted by Rev. W. C. Lamb, when Rev. Mr. Tufts of the Anti-Slavery League, addressed the assemblage, explaining its purposes. The presbytery indorsed the work of the league.

A report read by Rev. William Travis, chairman of the committee on Sabbath observance, set in motion a movement to have the Lewis and Clark Fair close its doors on Sundays. In the report was a resolution recommending the presbytery to call the American Sunday School Union, the Bureau of Reform and the Women's Christian Temperance Union to ask Congress to stipulate in making appropriations in aid of all such expositions that the doors must be closed on Sundays to make the appropriation available. After discussion the resolution was adopted.

Secrecy of New Ministers.
Rev. Dr. J. R. Wilson of the committee on education, reported on the alarming decrease in the number of young men preparing for the ministry, and also on the methods by which they obtain an education. The report recommended that the presbytery appoint special committees to investigate the causes of the decrease of candidates. Dr. Wilson urged the importance of the investigation. He said, however, that all the professions were suffering. Young men were shaping their courses in schools for engineers, engineers-electrical, mining, civil and few were preparing for the law, medicine or the ministry. The presbytery adopted the recommendation and placed the Astoria Church and the committee on education, which, with the aid of Dr. Wilson, will make a thorough investigation of the subject from all points of view.



Rev. Winfield T. Scott, Moderator of the Portland Presbytery.

from this city and similar numbers of railroad men from other Oregon and Washington towns will be present. The convention will hold one session on Saturday evening. Preparations have been made in Spokane to give the visiting traffic men a royal reception, and all the backing they may desire in securing the national convention.

Rev. S. W. Gamble addressed the presbytery in behalf of Sunday observance. Rev. E. M. Sharp submitted the report on foreign missions, showing substantial interest in the matter. An extended report on home mission. Statistics were given to show the progress made in Portland churches and elsewhere.

William Wadhams, P. B., (prince of beggars, a title conferred on him by the home mission committee) spoke of the efforts made to build a new church at Springwater. Much progress had been made. Also it was reported that a coming national convention at New Orleans in December as delegates and they will go provided with invitations from their district association, the general body, and many other organizations, all of which are anxious to see Portland win the fight. The delegates selected from this district are: W. B. Seaworth of the Northern Pacific; J. W. Casey of the Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul; J. R. Nagle, of the O. R. & N.; George W. Andrews, of the Pacific Coast Steamship Company; and Robert Cunningham, of the Great Northern. It is certain that these men will attend the convention and it may be that others will go from here. Besides these delegates, about 25 selected from the Pacific Coast at large, will attend.

The majority, if not all, of the delegates already selected will attend the convention in Spokane Saturday. M. J. Roche of the R.R. Grande; Mr. Seachrest, and others were busy yesterday making up the Portland party. The list will probably be completed today. Two special sleepers have been secured and the railroad men and their wives to the number of not less than 50 will occupy them. The cars will leave this city over the O. R. & N. Friday evening at 9 o'clock and will arrive in Spokane the next morning.

During the forenoon a trolley ride will be taken about the city and sightseeing will be indulged in. In the afternoon the visitors will see the races and the fruit fair. At 8 o'clock in the evening the women will visit the theaters and the railroad men will go into convention. The home trip will be commenced Sunday afternoon at 4 o'clock.

Aside from extending a formal invitation to the passenger agents to hold their next meeting in Portland, the convention is designed to serve the purpose of arousing enthusiasm among the people of Washington and especially the Sound district. It is planned that the passenger agents after their convention, if it be held here, shall make a trip to Spokane, Seattle and other Washington points, and it is desired that they shall be met with an enthusiastic welcome in that country.

All the railroads and apparently all the interests of the Pacific Coast will be united in the fight to secure the big convention for Portland. The delegates will go to the meeting at New Orleans with the Oregon Kidney Tea is prepared without alcohol, which is injurious to kidney and bladder diseases.

M. E. CONFERENCE RETURNS POPULAR PASTORS TO THEIR CHARGES



Rev. J. R. T. Lathrop, Grace Church.

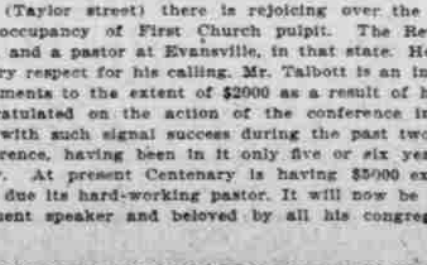
Rev. J. R. T. Lathrop, who has so satisfactorily and successfully filled the pulpit and administered the financial affairs of the Grace M. E. Church, at Twelfth and Taylor, has been reappointed, to the great satisfaction of his entire congregation. The Rev. Mr. Lathrop has had charge of this pastorate for the past three years, coming to this charge from Indianapolis, Ind. He is a most able man and an unusually fine preacher. Last year he succeeded in raising a debt of \$20,000, and fully demonstrated his ability as a financier. The retention of Mr. Lathrop at his present post is considered a very wise move of the conference.



Rev. H. J. Talbott, Taylor-Street Church.

At the First Methodist Church (Taylor street) there is rejoicing over the retention of Rev. H. J. Talbott, who will now enter the third year of his occupancy of this church. He is a native of Portland, a preaching elder in Indiana and a pastor at Evansville, in that state. He is unusually popular and a strong Christian character, well fitted in every respect for his calling. Mr. Talbott is an indefatigable worker and his church is now undergoing repairs and improvements to the extent of \$2000 as a result of his earnest labors.

Centenary Church is to be congratulated on the action of the conference in retaining the Rev. W. B. Hollingshead, who has filled this pastorate with such signal success during the past two years. The Rev. Mr. Hollingshead is one of the younger men of the conference, having been in it only five or six years. He formerly occupied a Eugene pastorate, coming here from that city. At present Centenary is having \$3000 expended upon it in repairs and remodeling. For all of which great credit is due its hard-working pastor. It will now be one of the handsome churches of the city. Mr. Hollingshead is a most fluent speaker and beloved by all his congregation, by whom greatest satisfaction over his retention is expressed.



Rev. W. B. Hollingshead, Centenary Church.

WILL SUE CITY OFFICIALS

Municipal Association to Begin Civil Proceedings.

Exact Legal Means by Which Reform Organization Will Move Against Gambling Not Stated.

The Municipal Association intends to begin civil proceedings against the city officials without delay because of their refusal to close gambling in Portland. Just what the nature of these proceedings will be the members of the association refuse to say. The committee which was appointed two weeks ago to investigate what legal means existed for closing gambling and what would be the best method for the association to adopt made its report at a well-attended meeting of the reform organization last night. The association after some discussion, instructed the committee to engage attorneys and to institute civil suits as soon as possible. The usual method of criminal proceedings against the gamblers themselves will not be adopted for the present.

The question of what legal proceedings can be commenced against the city officials is a matter of some doubt among local attorneys. The association itself disclaims any intention of attempting to impeach Mayor Williams, and even this is not, strictly speaking, a civil proceeding in the eyes of the law.

"I suppose," said a prominent attorney last night, "that a restraining order or injunction could be obtained, but I cannot say what good this would be. Nor do I think that any of the officials could be held on their bonds. I confess that I am at a loss to know what civil proceedings the Municipal Association can take, and will await their next definite announcement with some interest."

EULOGIZE THE HEN.

The State Poultry Association Holds First Fair Meeting.

Edward Carlisle, a Portland poultry-raiser, was the speaker at the first meeting of the Oregon State Poultry Association, held last night at the Chamber of Commerce. President E. J. Ladd waited for some time after the hour set for the meeting before he introduced Mr. Carlisle in hopes that a larger gathering would be present. When he did not appear he finally introduced the speaker, and about 14 people heard his paper, which was entitled "The Poultry Raiser's View." Mr. Carlisle believes that a man should be known by the hens he keeps, and declares that people are prone to neglect them because they think that the birds care for themselves. He said that statistics showed that a city the size of Portland consumes about 200 eggs to the person, and that the annual egg crop for the city alone would amount to over 200 per cent of the population.

Mr. Carlisle had many surprising things to say about the history of the chicken. He proved by figures that the hen is the most useful bird on earth, and at the same time the worst enemy that a farmer has. He said: "The busy hen supplies the eggs, and at last, when her work is done, she is herself eaten. She asks nothing for it, all we ever give her in thanks; then when we should be thankful for the small care she deserves if we have any feeling left, she is neglected and tortured by thoughtless people, who force her to occupy a place that is unclean and infested with insects, and furthermore abuse her if she should attempt (by using her far superior judgment) to relieve her condition somewhat by trying to roost on the garden fence. The hen is a noble creature. The Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals does not include her in its list."

At the close of Mr. Carlisle's paper, Mr. Ladd discussed plans for the coming poultry show and mistakes which the association should avoid during the Lewis and Clark Fair. He called attention to the fact that the exhibitors should be treated as poultry-raisers, and stated that the fair had refused to accept or take charge of any exhibit unless it was in charge of a caretaker. He estimated that 2000 birds would be shown during the fair of 1905. The committee appointed by the association has talked the matter over with a Lewis and Clark committee. Mr. Ladd's intention of the Lewis and Clark Fair officials to give medals and diplomas, and not cash prizes. This, Mr. Ladd thought, would be a mistake, as they should offer both. There is to be another exhibition at which the exhibitors should receive prizes. The arrangements will be made for the annual poultry show, Mr. Ladd thought it would be a good idea for the different breeders of chickens to subscribe \$1 apiece, the money to be spent in cups, the subscriber to accompany his money with a vote as to which breed of birds he wished his money to buy a cup for. The next annual show will be held on the second Tuesday in November.

VAGUE THREAT IS MADE.

O. R. & N. Opposes Opening of Randolph Street.

In the Albina ferry, members of the ferry committee of the Executive Board admit that they have a bear by the tail. While the contract has been peacefully let for the building of the bridge, the matter has been disposed of, there is no end of protest to various landings suggested. Protests spring up at every turn. The latest and, possibly, the most formidable against the present intention to sell the old ferry site and open up Randolph and Russell streets yesterday afternoon by the Oregon Railway & Navigation Company. The communication bore the signature of President A. L. Mohler and is couched in very positive terms, with the exception of one portion, in which a very subtle intimation is made that should the city insist upon opening up Randolph street as a thoroughfare so as to interfere with the traffic of the railroad company, dissenting results will ensue. The statement is thought by city officials to imply that the company's shops would be moved from their present site, which would be no small matter, inasmuch as the company rents a large part of its business on a payroll of over \$1,000,000 a year. All this is gravely set forth in the communication, which is as follows:

To the Mayor and the Common Council, City of Portland, Ore.: Gentlemen: So far as this company's interests are concerned, I hope you will not sell the present Albina ferry-landing and the Randolph street crossing. The effect of opening up either Randolph or Russell street will be to seriously interfere with the operation of our railroad shops and terminal yards and cause a delay in delivering the grain to the warehouses, resulting in an additional delay in the loading of ships, which will have the effect of embarrassing the grain and other business on that side of the river in Portland.

It will furthermore prevent the economical operation of our shops tracks and yard, and prevent the carrying out of future plans for the mutual benefit of the city and railroad. While I know you are giving the matter every consideration, we feel that a payroll of \$1,000,000 per annum is a heavy interest directly interwoven with the prosperity of the city's inhabitants who are interchangeably supporting others. The opening of these streets will unquestionably result in the growth of that direction. Yours respectfully, A. L. MOHLER.

SPOTTERS ON THEIR TRAIL

Chicago City Council Will Try to Locate Graters in Public Service.

CHICAGO, Oct. 6.—After hearing an explanation from Mayor Harrison concerning the municipal "grater" charges the Chicago City Council last night voted to establish a system of espionage over the city employees. It also appointed a committee of nine Aldermen to conduct an investigation of the city departments. Three confidential agents, or detectives, it is provided by the action of the Aldermen, shall be employed by the Civil Service Commission to be assigned in different departments at their discretion and furnish the commissioners with information which may lead to the detection of dishonest dealings. In this way the Council proposes to keep a constant eye on the city employees. The present rigid civil service laws regarding proof.

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Remarks were made by Rev. J. V. Milligan, who contended that the importance of the branch warranted giving it more attention. He thought that some definite plan should be adopted to get a larger collection and on motion the report was adopted with the recommendation that the committee should submit to the Presbytery a plan for a definite increase in collections. Rev. Levi Johnson moved on motion the report was extended plans. Rev. William Travis, formerly Sunday school missionary, supplemented the remarks of these speakers. The following standing committees were appointed: Bills and overtures—C. W. Hayes, W. C. Scott, S. W. Lawrence.

Minutes of General Assembly—H. H. Pratt, J. R. Welch, A. M. Sibley. Minutes of Synod—A. Robinson, L. Johnson, A. Matheson. Narration of General Assembly—L. Johnson, William Wadhams. Narration of Synod—E. M. Sharp, chairman. Finance—William Robertson, W. H. Marketh, J. T. Ross.

Resolutions—F. H. Mitchell, J. E. Day, H. King. Politics in General Assembly. At 11 A. M. commissioners to the general assembly held at Los Angeles, Rev. Henry Marcotte and W. H. Marketh, made brief reports, but the statements and observations of Dr. J. R. Wilson made a profound impression and called out some criticism from Dr. Hill and support from Dr. W. S. Holt. Dr. Wilson remarked that he had learned a great deal while attending the general assembly. He was a body of splendid mediocrity and full of business. So active was it that it finished his work in nine instead of 14 days. It worked rapidly, on motion Dr. Wilson commended it highly. There was one thing Dr. Wilson very strongly disapproved and he warned the Presbytery that some important matters were coming up. He disapproved of the politics that had been used in the election of the moderator, intimating that the wires had been long and carefully laid that stretched clear across the continent to the Pacific Coast. Dr. Wilson condemned all politics in the election of the moderator. He said that an effort was now being made to overthrow the Peoria constitution, which takes much of the arbitrary power out of the hands of the moderator and places it with committees composed of men skilled and well able to exercise it for the good of the Presbytery Church. Dr. Wilson then pointed out the elements that were now engaged in the effort to overthrow the Peoria constitution and restore to the moderator the power it took from him. He detailed the modifications that had been made in the constitution and said that no two chairs of committees could come from the same electorate section, thus distributing the management and powers of the church.

Dr. Wilson warned the Presbytery that it was proposed to overthrow this constitution with the modified plan. Passing on Dr. Wilson said that educational commissions proposed to raise \$100,000 for endowment of Presbyterian schools, but he said that unless the practical laymen of this commission, such as William H. Ladd, of Portland, took the matter in hand and laid plans and carried them out, he did not think the money would be raised, but, if they did, it would certainly come.

Color Question Will Come Up. Another mighty question, continued Dr. Wilson, that will engage the attention of the giants of the next general assembly was the matter of separating the colored and white Presbyteries of the South. The question would then be decided should they be separated. The synod would take care of themselves. Dr. Wilson remarked that this was one of the most important and most difficult questions facing the Presbytery Church. Men were divided on the problem.

"What are your views? Where do you stand, Doctor?" was asked by one of the ministers. Dr. Wilson smiled pleasantly and then replied: "Don't ask me. I am like the man who said he was either an aristocrat or a Democrat—in feeling the former, but in principle the latter."

Dr. Wilson gave a very fine outline of the work, and then spoke of the advantage of the General Assembly to the West. He said that from a business standpoint the effect was very great, but from the missionary standpoint nothing was gained by holding the General Assembly on this Coast. He said that when the delegates visited the fine cities of Los Angeles with its magnificent street car service, and Portland with its