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The land - grant conference, held at Salem last week, to discuss the disposition of the Oregon and California land grant problem, closed its session last Friday night. Two resolutions, which however did not conflict, were adopted, the first asking congress to enforce the terms of the original grant. These terms provide for the sale of the lands to actual settlers at \$2.50 per acre, regardless of the real value of the lands. The other resolution provided for a committee to consist of the governor, the secretary of state, the state treasurer, the chairman of the conference and three of its members to be appointed by the chairman. The purpose of this committee is to confer with the Southern Pacific Company, which holds a \$2,50 per acre equity in the land, in an effort to secure their cooperation in the opening and settlement of the lands, without litigation. As the people of Oregon and the railroad company are interested alike in the settlement and development of the lands, for business reasons, it is anticipated that an early agreement for the disposition of the lands on an equitable basis may be reached and the recommendations forwarded to congress. But the railroad attorneys claim for their company not only a \$2.50 an acre equity, but that it may sell or lease the timber and minerals thereon. Really a solution of the problem appears remote, as far as Oregon is concerned, because the disposition of the land is vested in congress, and it must be remembered that Oregon is represented by a very small percentage of the entire congress.

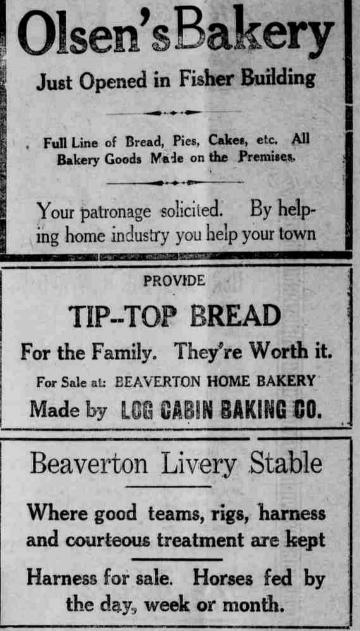
E. O. Shepherd, who launched the Sherwood News Sheet upon the journalistic sea about four years ago, has retired to take up the ministry. He is succeeded by Roy S. Blodgett, who thinks Sherwood is the prettiest town he knows of, surrounded by a good agricultural section inhabited by prosperous farmers. We are somewhat at a loss to know which to congratulate most fervently, not having ever been a minister, but judging from observation, financially, we conclude the odds are about even. So here is best wishes for toth.

The conference of delegates to the Western States Water Power convention at Portland this week will probably do about at much in changing the Ferris bill, as did the Land-Grant conference at Salem last week in settling the Oregon-California land problem. What the western states want is a power bill that will be liberal enough to induce capital to develop our water power and at the same time conserve the interest of the people. Easterners have not the same interest, or knowledge of western conditions, but they have larger vote. There is where hangs the doubt as to the results of the conference.

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