

REV. J. C. WALKER WILL NOT RETURN

Methodist Conference Cosps at Hailey and Appointments are Announced--Rev. Walker Goes to Union--Rev. J. D. Gillilan Comes to La Grande.

Rev. J. C. Walker returned this morning from the annual session of the Idaho Methodist Conference which has just completed its labors at Hailey. The next conference will be in Baker City.

This was the first conference of the new change where several counties in eastern Oregon that heretofore were in the Columbia River district were added to the Idaho conference La Grande District.

In redistricting the new conference the four counties of Walla, Wapato, Baker and Grant were formed in one district and will heretofore be known as the La Grande district and will be headquarters and residence of the presiding elder.

This change resulting in Rev. Walker who has been pastor of the La Grande church the past year and was expected to be returned but the bishop after going over the situation decided that it would be better for this year to have the presiding elder in a district to his regular work in the La Grande pastorate. After this La Grande will be regularly supplied.

Another reason why Rev. Walker was assigned to Union is that it is considered one of the best financial centers in the conference and this particular time Union is without a house of worship, having sold their church with the expectation of building and Bro. Walker seemed to be the man of men to take charge of the work.

The La Grande Methodist church regrets very much to lose Rev. Walker

and his estimable family and it was as much of a surprise to him as it was to his congregation when the announcement was given by the Bishop, whose decision in such matters is supreme. Presiding Elder J. D. Gillilan has been pastor of the M. E. Church at Pocatello for the past six years and has been recognized as one of the strong men of the Idaho Conference for many years, having previously been honored with the presiding eldership and has been chosen secretary of every annual conference during the past 20 years.

The conference appointments are published in another column.

FAIRBANKS OPENS THE CAMPAIGN

White River Junction, Vt., August 30.—Senator Charles W. Fairbanks, of Indiana, delivered his first formal speech of the campaign here this afternoon. Large numbers of people from all parts of Windsor county and from western New Hampshire were present. The demonstration was arranged particularly as a welcome from the people of Windsor county to the Indiana senator, whose father was born within its limits. Sen. Fairbanks' address was in part as follows:

"The four years succeeding General Harrison's defeat will not be soon forgotten. They stand in sharp contrast with the years of Republican administration, both before and after. They were four years of arrested development, of panic and distress without a parallel in American history. Field,

factory and mine suffered alike, Armies of unemployed throughout the country, hopelessly seeking for an opportunity to work, regardless alike of either the number of hours or the rate of wages. To many from foreign shores who have since then sought our hospitality, and to many of the young men of our country, who for the first time will exercise the highest privilege of an American freeman, this may seem an overdrawn picture. There are many of our countrymen who will confirm it with testimony gathered in their own hard experience.

"In 1896 the American people resolved to return to Republican administration and to Republican policies. We came into power pledged to overthrow the Democratic tariff law and to enact in lieu of it a genuine protective measure. In due time we put upon the statute books the Dingley law. Prosperity returned and spread her blessings among all sections and all peoples within the ample limits of the republic.

"Three years ago our great and beloved leader in the contests of 1896 and 1900 fell at his post of duty. His successor has since then administered our national affairs with conspicuous ability. He has been an earnest student of the country's needs. He has been conscientious and untiring in the discharge of his great responsibilities. He has been inspired by but one purpose, and that has been to do well the work committed to his hands."

Local Option

There is no question but what there will be something doing for and against the Local Option Law to be voted upon in this county at the coming election in November. Those who favor the passage of the law and those who are opposed are working under instruction from their respective headquarters in Portland under the instructions of their attorneys.

Petitions have been circulated in various precincts of the county for several days asking that the Local Option law be submitted including the county as a whole. This petition has not yet been filed with the county court.

Today a petition was circulated in La Grande precinct No. 2 in the interest of those who are opposed to the law, signed by over 100 names asking that this precinct vote upon the law by itself. This petition was filed with the county court this afternoon. Now the question arises as to what effect, if any, these two conflicting petitions may have.

CONVICT HYDE IS CAUGHT

With Girl Companion in Male Attire he was Captured in Butte, Montana.

Spokane, August 30.—Edgar Hyde, the escaped convict from the Walla Walla penitentiary, who was arrested in Butte, Mont., slat in the city jail last night. He is the man mentioned in the papers all over the country as the companion of Jessie Morrison, the girl tramp, who was also arrested in Butte. She was traveling in male attire with him at the time. Both are from Tacoma.

State Warden F. A. Dryden of the penitentiary at Walla Walla and Jesse T. Mills, a member of the Washington state board of control, brought Hyde to Spokane yesterday from Montana.

"Hyde was sent to Walla Walla for 15 years for robbery, from Tacoma," said Warden Dryden yesterday. "He was released on parole, but still has 11 more years to serve. He was paroled by Governor Melville on recommendations from Pierce county which seemed ample to justify it."

"He worked in a mattress factory in Tacoma for a while after being given his release. Soon he broke his word, and left the state. We concluded from the descriptions that the man arrested in Butte was the one I wanted. He pretended he did not know me when I went to see him in the Montana jail. "It will be very difficult if not absolutely impossible for him to get a parole again. The girl is still in the Good Samaritan home in Helena."

Mr. Dryden will take his prisoner to Walla Walla today.

Hill to Retire

Albany, N. Y., August 30.—David B. Hill, in conversation with friends here today, announced that he intends to retire from politics January 1 next, and that, no matter what the result of the coming campaign may be in the state or nation, he will relinquish the leadership of the Democratic party in New York. He added that in the event of democratic success this fall he would not accept any position under the national or state democratic administrations or again become a candidate for election to any office whatever.

Former Senator Hill made these statements on the eve of his birthday anniversary. He was born August 29, 1843.

Gold In Japan

Tokio, Aug. 30.—A gold mine, believed to be of great extent and considerable richness, has been discovered in the Kesen district, Ikuzen province, on government land. It is estimated that the yield will amount to nearly 3,000,000 pounds sterling.

PHILIPPINE CITY DESTROYED BY FIRE

Manila, Aug. 29.—The city Binang island of Luzon, has been destroyed by fire. One hundred persons perished in the flames and 5,000 were rendered homeless. The government is furnishing shelter and food for the destitute.

Work On Letters

Oyster Bay, Aug. 30.—President Roosevelt is putting the finishing touches on his letter of acceptance and no callers are expected today.

PARKER SAYS NOTHING

Esopus, N. Y., Aug. 30.—Judge Parker declined to make a statement today regarding D. B. Hill, expressed intention to retire from political leadership of the party in this state on January. He worked uninterruptedly today on his letter of acceptance.

Labor Day

Governor Morrison of Idaho has issued his proclamation earnestly recommending the celebration by all the citizens of Idaho on Monday Sept. 5th as Labor Day. He says: "Let there be to the extent possible a cessation of the usual occupations and a gathering of those who toil and those who employ labor, to the end that mutual interests may be recognized and honored and a broader sympathy established. Let the convention assemble under the banner of brotherhood and exalt the truth that Labor wide as Earth has its Summit in Heaven."

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Married

HALL-McKENNON—In this city Monday August 29, 1904 Dr. Marshall E. Hall and Miss Fannie R. McKennon at the home of the brides uncle and aunt Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Berry, the Rev. Edward B. Hays pastor of the Presbyterian church officiating.

The wedding was a very quiet affair only a few of the relatives, and near friends being to witness the ceremony. The ceremony was performed at seven thirty and following the services Dr. and Mrs. Hall took the train for Portland and San Francisco, where they will remain a few weeks. Just prior to the ceremony Mrs. A. L. Richardson sang "Oh Promise me" and then Mrs. W. W. Berry played the wedding march.

The Rev. Edward Hays performed the beautiful and impressive ring ceremony of the Presbyterian church,

The bride was given away by her uncle Mr. J. M. Berry. Mr. Chandler McKennon the brides brother was the Doctors best man. Those present were Hon. J. M. Church, Mr. and Mrs. E. A. Holmes, Mr. and Mrs. John McDonald, Edward Holmes, Walter Glasgow and Howard O'Brien, of Walla, Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Berry, Dr. and Mrs. A. L. Richardson, Mrs. C. T. Bacon, Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Berry and Chandler McKennon.

The young people are well liked and respected by a host of friends who join with the Observer in wishing them a long and happy married life.

EXTENSIVE IMPROVEMENTS

A force about 20 men are engaged at the station of the La Grande Electric Light and Power Co. The dam is being repaired and every portion of the machinery is being overhauled. The plant is in the hands of practical and experienced men who have made a decided improvement since purchasing the property. When they complete their water power repairs they expect to be able to run the plant by water at least seven months out of the year. This will result in no small saving as under present conditions their fuel expense is great.

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