

LOGGING CAMP OFFICES BURN

ENTERPRISE, Oct. 29.—The office of the Swamp Creek camp of the East Oregon Lumber company burned Monday evening and R. A. Brack, bookkeeper, was fatally injured. His face and hands were severely burned. L. F. Cronmiller, superintendent, was scorched a little while serving as fireman.

Mr. Brack was lighting a gas-line lamp in the office when it went wrong in some way and the liquid was sprayed over his head and shoulders. He tried to throw it out down and the gasoline covering him was ignited. Mr. Brack got outside as quickly as he could and threw himself upon the ground and rubbed his face and hands into the earth. This stopped the fire but not until he had been severely burned.

Word of the fire was telephoned to town and R. J. Campbell drove out and brought Mr. Brack to the hospital.

The office building and most of the company books and papers, not in the safe were a total loss. The rear room of the building was also

erupted as a sleeping room by three men, who saved most of their personal effects.

A few feet away from the office stood the company's store. This was saved, with one side well scorched and partly burned. A locomotive was run close to the buildings and it pumped water on the company's store and the men of the camp all turned out and assisted, some forming a bucket brigade and others carrying pails from the buildings.

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Dr. Rev. John A. Richardson, Lord Bishop of Fredericton, N. B., born in England, 54 years ago today.

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The results of the campaign against the so-called Compulsory Education Bill, which is in fact a Bill to Establish State Monopoly of Education, may be grouped under two heads:

Facts demonstrated

The FACTS DEMONSTRATED, no longer seriously disputed by anybody, are these:

That the Bill was given a False Title, to mislead the public and deceive the voters.

That it in no respect pretends to improve the existing law as to the Public Schools, but simply destroys the Private Schools.

That not one cent of public money goes to the support of any private or parochial school in this State, or ever has, or ever can, under the plain prohibition of the Constitution and laws.

That it will increase taxation at least \$1,000,000 each year, and require from \$3,000,000 to \$4,000,000 investment in new public school buildings.

That it vests in the County Superintendents arbitrary and unappealable power to grant special privileges to the wealthy and influential, by which they will be exempt from the law.

That it will prevent parents from educating their children in private schools both inside and outside of the State, as they cannot even send their children elsewhere to be educated.

That so far from being mailed in support of the Bill, the Masonic Fraternity in the State is divided, many of the leading Masons are openly opposed to it, and the Grand Master of the State Grand Lodge has publicly denied that the Grand Lodge endorsed it.

That the best elements in the social, religious, educational, and political life of the State are opposed to the measure.

That the educational leaders, inside and outside of the State, are opposed to the Bill. Dr. Nicholas Murray Butler, of Columbia University, says: "It should be called a Bill to ruin the American system of education impossible in Oregon." The Presidents of Yale, Princeton, Chicago, Leland Stanford and other great Universities have emphatically condemned it.

That the private schools, under the existing law, are required to conform their course of studies to the public schools standards, the English language is made compulsory, and they are subject to the inspection and supervision of the State authorities.

That the proposed law will close up every orphan asylum, home for defective and dependent children, and other private charities, where any elementary instruction of the inmates is attempted.

That it destroys the rights of minorities, the most vital and valuable principle of Americanism, and does that has preserved this country from the tyranny of Old World Governments.

THE ARGUMENTS UNANSWERED against the bill are contained in the "Voters Pamphlet" issued by the State. The chief points of the same are as follows:

Arguments unanswered

1. THE LUTHERAN ARGUMENT: "If you see fit to send your child to a school in which your religion is taught, not one day in the week, but every day, and the whole training of the child is permeated by such religion, the State, under the Constitution, must not prohibit you from so doing. This bill is manifestly unconstitutional."

2. THE PORTLAND CITIZENS' AND TAXPAYERS' ARGUMENT: "If the number of children now attending the public schools is to be increased by adding those now taught in the private schools, it is inevitable that overcrowding must result unless new buildings are supplied, and it is also certain that taxes must be materially increased."

3. ST. HELEN'S HALL (EPISCOPAL) ARGUMENT: "No inviolable fact or condition affecting public interest has been called to our attention that would furnish in the slightest degree an excuse for the proposed legislation."

4. THE PRINCIPALS OF PRIVATE SCHOOLS' ARGUMENT: "It is against the best American ideals of freedom, in that it tends to men and women freedom of thought and action in the choice of environment and influences for their children."

5. THE SEVENTH-DAY ADVENTISTS' ARGUMENT: "We are not at all certain that a man educated in the public school is more intelligent than if he were educated in a private or sectarian school, nor have we heard any convincing argument that a person is necessarily more patriotic if educated in a public school, than if he were educated in a school not supported by public taxation."

6. THE CATHOLIC ARGUMENT: "There is no occasion now for agitation that will estrange old friends and neighbors, and that will divide our people into classes and factions. No greater misfortune can befall us than movements calculated to create divisions."

7. THE PRESBYTERIAN MINISTERS' ARGUMENT: "It is based on the philosophy of autocracy—that the child belongs primarily to the State; it is an unjustifiable invasion of family authority, and threatens ultimately the guarantee of our American liberty."

The foregoing "Negative Arguments" are as strong today as when written and filed. They remain unshaken and unshakable, after three months of public discussion.

The great International Convention of the Episcopal Church, meeting in Portland recently, adopted strong and unequivocal resolutions condemning this bill.

The State Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church, at its meeting in Salem last August, refused to entertain any movement looking to an endorsement of the bill, by the express ruling of the Presiding Bishop.

Upon the foregoing statement of the case we invoke the fair and intelligent judgment of the voters of Oregon, confident of the result if a regard for the inherited and fundamental principles of reasonable liberty are to prevail in this state.

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