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BAPTIST CONVENTION.

The State Baptist Conference Meets in This City.

MINISTERS FROM ALL OREGON.

Report of the Proceedings of the State Baptist Convention Which Met in this City.

The seventh annual Oregon State Baptist convention was called to order at 2 o'clock Thursday afternoon by Rev C A Woody, convention secretary, in the absence of President Rev G T Ellis. After prayer by Rev Richardson, of Eugene, H M Clinton, of Portland, was appointed temporary chairman. W B Hall and T B Henderson were appointed a committee on enrollment. Rev J Sunderland, district secretary of the missionary union, and Rev D D Proper, state missionary of Idaho and Washington, were introduced to the convention. The committee on enrollment of delegates made its report. The nominating committee, Rev G W Hill, Rev G W Black, Rev T G Bush, O P Coshow, and Will W Brooks, reported the following officers, who were duly elected: President, H M Clinton, of Portland; vice president, Rev L J Trumbull, of La Grande; corresponding secretary, Rev C M Hill, of Portland; recording secretary, O P Coshow, of McMinnville; treasurer, N J Blagen. President Brownson, of McMinnville college, preached the annual sermon. The sermon was an eloquent plea for Christian fellowship. After the sermon, the exercises of the Woman's Missions Society took place, Mrs D C Driggs, of Oregon City, presiding. Mrs H M Clinton, the treasurer, submitted her annual report, showing $1592 received during the year, and a balance on hand of several hundred dollars. The report of the corresponding secretary, Mrs E S Latourette, was read by Mrs Chandler, of McMinnville. It was a concise and clear statement of the work of the society, showing advancement along the line. Mrs. Unruh, of McMinnville, presented the claims of Choi Lene, the little Chinese girl left to the care of the Baptist ladies, in a manner that touched every heart. The president, Mrs Driggs, presented her report, which covered minutely the work of the society for the past year. The convention then adjourned.

FRIDAY SESSION.

The early morning hours were taken up with a business meeting of the Woman's Board of Home Missions, and the Woman's Board of Foreign Missions, and a meeting of the board of managers. At 10:30, H M Clinton, of Portland, made a report on "American Baptist Publication Society and Sunday school." The subject was discussed by a number of delegates. Rev. A A Witham then addressed the convention on the history of the publication society. It was an able presentation of the objects, aims, needs, and work of the society. An animated discussion, led by the Rev. Mr. Wheeler, followed. The session then adjourned till the afternoon.

WORK IN THE AFTERNOON.

The afternoon session opened with song, and a prayer by Rev N K Van Tassel, of Astoria, followed by the report on the denominational paper by the Rev G T Brownson, of McMinnville, and Miss Alice Voss addressed the convention on the work of the Woman's Home Mission Society. The report on the home-mission field was presented by Mrs E G Wheeler, and showed that 84 missionaries are employed in this work. The report of the society was read by the president, Mrs C M Hill; an address on the subject was made by Rev L G Trumbull, of La Grande, missionary for Eastern Oregon. The board of managers for the convention rendered their report, which was unanimously adopted. The convention closed the year with a balance on hand of over $200, a cause for congratulation on the part of the management in particular, and the denomination in general. The work in the field was discussed by Rev G W Donnell, missionary for Western Oregon among the English-speaking Baptists; work among the Germans, by Rev W C Rabe; among the Scandinavians, by Rev A Westerberg; and among the Chinese, by Miss Rose Trumbull. It was moved and carried that the convention raise $1,000 more this year than has been the custom in previous years. The convention then adjourned till the evening.

MORE DELEGATES ARRIVING.

The delegates who have arrived here since our last issue are: Miss Mollie Morton, McMinnville; H C Chamberlain, Albany; Jason Wheeler, Albany; F Stannard and wife, Brownsville; T Carter and wife, North Palestine; T H Hunsaker, Dexter; Miss Preston, Dexter; Mrs Hughy, North Palestine; D C Latourette, Oregon City; W H Stephenson, Newberg; H M Williams, Newberg; Rev Van Tassel, Astoria; J H Teale, Portland; Professor Fargo, McMinnville; Mrs Wolfendon, McMinnville; W M Wills, Roseburg; F L Kneeland, Portland; A P Mead and wife, Portland; B E Critchlow and wife, Salem.

EVENING SESSION.

After a half hour's prayer and prayer and praise service last night, conducted by the Rev J H Teale, of Portland, a poem, "Columbus," by Joaquin Miller, was read by H M Chuton, and the report of the Home Missions Society was received. "Christianity as a Conservative Force" was the subject of an address by Rev R M Robb, of Eugene, and Rev C M Hill, of Portland, delivered an address on "Christianity as an Aggressive Force." It was an able and eloquent speech—an epitome of what Christianity has wrought during the past 400 years.

The nominating committee recommended the following additional members to the board of managers: For three years—Rev R M Robb, Eugene; Dr J M Pruett, Pendleton; Rev L J Trumbull, La Grande. For two years—Rev W H Pruett, Weston; Marshall Kinney, Astoria; Rev G W Hill, Albany. For one year—Rev T H Hunsaker, Creswell; Rev C R Lamar, Lebanon; J E Chenault, La Grande. The recommendations were adopted. Pendleton was decided on as the place to hold the next convention.

SATURDAY MORNING SESSION.

Young People's day was ushered in this morning with a sunrise consecration and prayer meeting, led by Miss Mattie Martin, of McMinnville. The meeting was largely attended and full of enthusiasm and spiritual power. The report of the programme committee was adopted with a few minor changes. Reports from the different societies throughout the state were encouraging, and showed substantial growth everywhere. A nominating committee consisting of Rev Geo W Hill, Will W Brooks, and Rev A A Witham, recommended as officers for the ensuing year, the following: O P Coshow, of McMinnville, president; Willis Brown, of Portland, vice president; Fred Kneeland, of Portland, corresponding secretary; Frank Stannard, of Brownsville, recording secretary; F E Donaldson, of Oregon City, statistical secretary; A S Locke, of Independence, treasurer.

SOME OF THE ADDRESSES.

H S Gile, the retiring president, then addressed the convention on "The Development of the Young People's Movement." "The Significance of the Young People's Society Work to the Young People," was taken up by O P Coshow jr., of McMinnville. Rev R McKillop, of McMinnville, delivered an excellent address upon the topic, "The Young People and Education." The reverend gentleman spoke of the importance of every branch of educational work and the necessity for fostering it at the present time.

FALLS CITY.

A Thriving Town Twelve Miles From Independence.

When we speak of Falls City being twelve miles from Independence we mean "as the bird flies," for the shortest road to this town is fifteen miles; but it only shows the wealth of resources of Polk county when we mention the fact that here at Independence is a town of 2,000, two miles distant Monmouth with 800, and Falls City 800 people, and within nine miles of Independence is Dallas, quite as large a town as this.

To persons living here who have not visited lately that little mountain town, its growth during the past year will surprise them. It is situated on the Little Luckiamute, at the falls, and has a fine water-power. The land between this city and the city at the falls is all the very richest of farming land, while beyond the falls magnificent forests of yellow fir, oak, and cedar, invite the hardy woodsman. During a brief visit to Falls City last week we gained the following notes of improvements made during the past year.

THE SCHOOL HOUSE

One of the most prominent buildings and one which from its beautiful location on the hillside can be seen for several miles down the valley, is the new public school building. It is one of the finest structures of its size in Polk county, and in architectural beauty the equal of any. It has four rooms for teachers, an ornamental tower on the corner, and a broad flight of steps leading up to it. It is well built and tastefully painted. It is to cost when completed $5,000 and two rooms are to be ready for occupancy in November.

OTHER BUILDINGS.

Two churches have been built, one the M. E. church, and the other the Free Methodist. L. D. Hallowell has completed a hotel building of sixteen rooms; G W Griggs, several buildings, the latest being a neat postoffice; Otto Missnaann occupies his new drug store; J. W. Mitchell a new merchandise store; E. E. Gilliam a new store; and residences have been built by G W Griggs, J R Moyer, D Nickels, A Robinson, D Bond, R M Gilbert, G Tillotson, F A Lucas, V A Schlappi, F C Raymond, J Kunsman, Mrs. Mary Tom, Ira Nehrling, Peter Wonderly, L C Barnhart, E E Gilliam, R M Kramer, Rev. J H Brown, parsonage, Thos McFaul. A steam sawmill with a capacity of 15,000 feet per day, belonging to R Sentor, is located in the hills near by. The Falls City mills have been leased by W T Shurtleff, and has a capacity of 10,000 feet per day, and Montgomery & Shurtleff have just completed a steam sawmill of 15,000 feet a day about two miles above Falls City.

Three shingle mills are in operation, one owned by M F Green, another by Rigus & Weaver, and the third by J McCoy.

The timber cut about Falls City is of a very superior quality, being a soft, mellow, yellow fir.

THE DETECTIVE'S MISTAKE.

He Found That a Married Man Couldn't Be One Successfully.

He was considered one of the best in his line. The case that required the most intelligent, persistent and careful work was the one that was usually assigned to him. He had been at work on one for three or four weeks, and at last had secured what he considered "clinching evidence." It was a bribery case, and his work had been to entrap the would be briber. He had done it. He had secured a single ten dollar note of the bribe money, but that was enough. The envelope containing the money had been opened in the presence of three persons, and each had put his mark on the bill so that it could be identified.

Naturally he was jubilant. People will be when they think they have won a great victory, and he had all the evidence he wanted in his pocket—an inside pocket at that. The bird was practically caught and he went home exulting.

Now mark what can happen to a man who has victory practically won but is careless. He thought of going to headquarters and depositing his evidence in a vault, but it was a long distance, and then it would be better anyway to go to the chief in the morning and announce that he had bagged the game. So he took it home.

Once or twice he thought he was followed, but when he reached home he scouted the idea, turned in and slept soundly. Robbery did not occur to him, even in his dreams.

In the morning—well, in the morning the money was gone. He almost fainted when he discovered the loss, and rushed into the dining room, crying: "I've been robbed! I've been robbed!"

"Nonsense," replied his wife. "What is missing?"

"A ten dollar bill."

"I took it," she said calmly. "I wanted to pay the butcher, and I didn't want to wake you. But I didn't touch the money in your pocketbook. I just took that loose ten dollar bill that was in your inside pocket. I'll get you another if you need it, but I thought that was one you had put aside for me."

He didn't try to explain. He didn't even answer, but he hunted up a broad, smooth sheet of water and for an hour stood looking out over it muttering to himself. At last he seemed to have made up his mind. He hastily wrote a note to the chief, took it to headquarters and left it. A minute later he was lost in the crowd on the street.

The note read:

"Please put me back on patrol duty. Several years ago I made a serious blunder that makes me unfit for detective work. I married."—Detroit Free Press.

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A Long Man.

A.—Fancy, X. is so fat that he has not seen his feet for the last ten years.

B.—Nothing extraordinary in that. I know a student who is so tall that he has to climb on a ladder to take off his hat.

C.—That's nothing at all. I have a cousin whose legs are so long that when he catches cold in his feet on the 1st of January he does not begin sneezing till the 24th or 25th of the same month.—Courrier du Midi.

Both Go Together.

Mrs. Bangupp—Marie, I wish you would take my diamond ring to a jeweler's and have it cleaned.

Marie—Yes'm.

Mrs. Bangupp—By the way, you might as well take my lorgnette, too, and have it polished. One is of no use without the other.—Life.

Interesting.

"I gathered those leaves at Newport last autumn," said Ethel, showing her collection of leaves to young Saphead.

"Really! How interesting! Just think, perhaps some of our best families have walked on those leaves!" said Saphead.—Harper's Bazar.

On the Beach.

"I wonder if that man who just plunged into the surf isn't musical!" said Ethel.

"I don't know. Why?" said Maud.

"He had regular piano legs," answered Ethel softly.—Truth.

One Way to Save.

Plug—Do you want to know how to save five dollars?

Slug—You bet I do.

Plug—Send me ten and I'll give half of it back to you in five minutes.—Detroit Free Press.

Too Bad.

"Well, if that ain't mean!" exclaimed the prisoner. "Every one o' the stories in this paper they've gimme to read is 'to be continued.' An me to be hung next week."—Tit-Bits.

Last Words at Parting.

He—Now, Emma, you must promise to love me till I come back.

She—Yes, love; but don't be long.—Zeitgeist.

A Baron.

"And so he is a real baron? What is he baron off?"

"Ideas, I think."—Yankee Blade.

No Danger Then.

Dashaway—Mr. Cleverton said that when you were out with him last night the clumsy waiter spilled ice cream all over your gown.

Miss Summit—Yes, he did. It made me wish I had gone out with you.—Truth.

Repairs Preferable.

During war times an old negro mammy met with an accident on the cars which left her with various bruises, including a sprained ankle and a dislocated wrist. Her mistress advised her suing the railroad company for damages. "I certainly would sue them, aunty," she said. "and for good sized damages too." "Lord, Lord," exclaimed old aunty. "Sue de company fer damages, honey. Doesn't ye think I'se got damages nuff? No, no, honey; when dis pore old nigga sues that company she done sues em for repayas."—Kate Field's Washington.

Proof Positive.

Bookstall Clerk (suburban railway station)—That man has just rented a summer cottage with a small grass plot in front and ten or twenty square feet behind.

Lounger—How d'ye know?

Bookstall Clerk—He just stopped and ordered seventeen gardening and agricultural papers.—Boston Globe.

One Better.

(Rivals.) Kittie—I heard my mamma say that papa was going to build a new house.

May—Pooh! when my papa wants a new house he doesn't have to build it himself—he just buys it.—Harper's Young People.

At a Fashionable Hotel.

Guest—Waiter, bring me a nutcracker.

Waiter—But, my dear sir, we have no nuts.

Guest—I know that. I don't want it for nuts, but for these grapes you have brought for dessert.—Exchange.

A Quick Return.

Summer Girl—Why are they sending that passenger back to the steamer? I thought it was abandoned.

Summer Man—Yes, but when he heard the prices they asked at the Seaside hotel for a room, he said he'd take his chances on the wreck!—Truth.

A Better Substitute.

Marjorie—I don't see how she could marry that old fellow. Why, paralysis has made him speechless.

Madge—But, my dear, his money talks.—New York Evening Sun.

It Works Both Ways.

Vickars—Why don't you have your poetry typewritten? You can get a much better idea of how it will look in print.

Wickars—Certainly. But so can the editors.—Exchange.

Absentminded.

Proprietor (of barber's shop)—How did you hack up this strop so?

First Assistant—I made a mistake; I thought I was shaving a man.—New York Herald.

Tommy Accounts for It.

Mr. Figg (impressively)—Here is an account in the paper of one more boy who went into the river on Sunday and got drowned.

Tommy—I 'spect his folks kept him so busy through the week goin to school and runnin errants that he didn't have no chance to learn to swim.—Indianapolis Journal.

It Matters Whose Ox Is Gored.

Wife—Dear me, it's a rainy Saturday, and I'll have the children racing about the house all day and breaking things.

Husband—What have you usually done on rainy Saturdays?

Wife—I have usually sent them to play with Mrs. Jenkinson's children, but she has moved away.—Boston Globe.

Woman and Lady.

Woman is a noble word; it is much better than lady. Walter Scott knew better than to write, "O lady, in our hours of ease," etc., and you couldn't hire Byron to revise a celebrated passage to read, "Gentleman's love is of gentleman's life a thing apart; 'tis lady's whole existence."—Boston Transcript.

Wanted His Dinner.

Miss Pinkerly—That Mr. Clubberly is a very funny man. He had the effrontery to call on me just before dinner yesterday, and of course I had to ask the man to stay.

Putter—Don't blame him, Miss Pinkerly. He had just got back from the race track.—Cloak Review.

Her Way.

Van Arnot—She told me it was her first year out.

Maid Marian—Why, she's been out four seasons.

Van A.—Ah, well; she counts four seasons to the year, I suppose.—Kate Field's Washington.

Had His Reason.

Mrs. Dix—I was ashamed of you, Ephraim, to dust the chair you sat on at Mrs. Henshaw's. I saw her little boy watching you.

Dix—I saw him too. I'm too old a fish to be caught on a bent pin.—New York Evening Sun.