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### METHODISTS MEET IN ANNUAL CONFERENCE

The thirty-eighth annual session of the Columbia River conference of the Methodist Church, convened in Spokane yesterday, with about 200 ministers and laymen in attendance from Oregon, Washington and Idaho. Bishop Charles W. Smith, of Portland, presided. The conference will close on September 4 with announcement of appointments for the coming year.

It is expected the usual number of changes will be made by Bishop Smith and his cabinet, which is composed of the following: Rev. Dr. Amos A. Luce, Spokane, district superintendent of the Coeur d'Alene district; Rev. Dr. Charles E. Gibson, Spokane, district superintendent of the Spokane district; Rev. Walton Skiplow, Portland, district superintendent of The Dalles district; Rev. O. W. Mintzer, Wenatchee, district superintendent of the Columbia district; and Rev. Gabriel Sykes, Walla Walla, district superintendent of the Walla Walla district.

#### MRS. CUNNING GIVEN RECEPTION AND DINNER

The ladies of Canby Relief Corps held a social and dinner at the residence of Mrs. Alida Shoemaker on Wednesday, August 23d, that was an enjoyable affair. It was called a farewell to Mrs. Agnes Cuning, who will shortly leave to spend the winter in California.

Mr. and Mrs. Jewett, of White Salmon, who are old members of the Post and Corps, were present to meet and renew acquaintance with their old time friends. Mrs. O. H. Baker, president of Canby Post, on behalf of a few members of the Corps, presented Mrs. Cuning with a handsome gold badge of the order, in an address that was a touching testimonial. Mrs. Cuning, taken completely by surprise, for once could not talk, except to thank the donors for the gift, and pledged herself to assist in giving each member a similar token. Mr. and Mrs. Jewett both spoke of the pleasure it gave them to meet so many of the old and new members, and hoped all of the comrades and ladies of the Relief Corps assembled at Rochester, N. Y., would have a pleasant time.

Comrade Coffin, Judge Wilbur, and

Dr. Edgington, spoke of the good work done by the order. Mrs. Bentley, Corps artist, regretted that an accident to her camera prevented her from taking a picture of the gathering. Miss Edna Jaeger, of Seattle, who is staying with Mrs. Shoemaker, entertained them with some choice classical and popular music. She is a lightning player and her fingers fly over the keys apparently without touching them, but the music flows as from a full orchestra.

#### HOOD RIVER MINERAL WATER PLACED IN USE

The Hood River Mineral Springs company has been busy during the past week attempting to control a large vein of mineral water that flows about twenty feet under the ground. Two foot cement casings were sunk a few days ago with which to corner the water, but after partially gathering it the pressure burst the casings. Re-enforced casings have since been sunk and the water was corralled Friday night in the upright casings and has risen to a level of about 20 feet, where it is overflowing the top of the casing.

#### CITY OFFICERS GATHER IN POKER PLAYERS

Chief of Police Robert Lewis and Night Watchman Hlecox made a raid on a poker game last week in an upper room in the city. Considerable money was on the table when the raid was made and it was confiscated by the chief. The poker players pleaded guilty and were fined \$10 and costs. They were surprised to see a gun pointed at them by the chief with orders to hold up their hands. Three obeyed instantly while the other raked up a lot of the loose cash and slipped it into his pocket.

#### Oregon May Be Given First Choice

Oregon may be given first choice in locating its state building on the grounds of the Panama-Pacific Exposition at San Francisco. Due to the good feeling that prevails between the two Pacific coast states, and the help given San Francisco by Oregon in being made the Panama Exposition city, a sentiment favorable to letting Oregon place its state building anywhere it wishes on the entire exposition tract has developed and will probably develop into a definite promise.

Oregon commissioners expect to score a big hit at the coming exposition, and assert it will be as much an Oregon affair as an exploitation of California. Exhibits to be shown from this state are expected to equal fully, if not actually outshine, the showing made by California itself.

#### Dethman Buys City Home

By purchasing the handsome residence of E. A. Franz on Oak street, Friday, Chris Dethman, one of the valley's oldest and wealthiest apple growers, will become a resident of the city and spend part of the year in town. Although owning one of the finest homes in the valley, Mr. Dethman wants to give his children the advantages of a high school education, and believes the latter can be better accomplished by their residing in the city. The purchase includes most of the house furnishings, and possession is given at once. Mr. Franz will build a new house of smaller dimensions.

#### Retires From Post-Intelligencer

After being editor in chief of the Seattle Post-Intelligencer for seven years, Erastus Brainerd has resigned. He will be succeeded by Scott C. Bone, one of the best known journalists of Washington, D. C. Under Brainerd's guidance, the editorial page of Washington's leading Republican organ has commanded a considerable following. There are various stories as to why Mr. Brainerd parted company with former U. S. Senator J. L. Wilson, publisher of the P.-I. One of them is that he will head a new evening paper in Seattle.

#### Alliance News

There will be three services at the Alliance Tabernacle next Sunday, September 3d, at which the following subjects will be considered:

At 11 a. m. "The Ordinances of the Church and their Importance", at 2:30 p. m., "Does The Scripture Warrant Us to believe Christ Heals the Body Today", at 7:30 p. m., "The Trouble Between Capital and Labor, the Cause, where will it end?"

Come with us, we will do thee good. C. E. PERRY, Pastor.

#### Revival at Odell

Evangelist C. L. Organ and wife, of Des Moines, Iowa, will begin a series of meetings at Odell next Thursday evening.

Rev. Organ comes highly recommended as a speaker and a musician. He has recently closed a successful revival at Woodburn.

The meetings will be held in the Union church, under the auspices of the Christian church. The public is invited.

### HUNTS JACK RABBITS WITH AUTO LIGHTS

Hunting jack rabbits by the glare of automobile lights is one of the sports not enjoyed by every section of the country, but which is becoming popular in the vicinity of Hermiston.

P. C. Holland, president of the Hermiston Gun Club, according to the Pendleton Live Wire, was the first to adopt the plan of hunting the animals at night by auto. With his daughter at the wheel they drive out into the country at night, and as the rabbits sit staring at the glaring light they are plucked off by Mr. Holland with his 22 without even a pause being made in the speed of the car.

#### Coming to Coast in Summer

Eastern tourists are beginning to learn of the summer resort advantages of the Pacific Northwest, and it is expected that 1912 will see more pleasure seekers headed this way than ever before. W. D. Skinner, general freight and passenger agent of the O. W. R. & N., recently returned from Chicago, says the tide is gradually being turned in this direction. His road has done a great deal of pioneer work in this regard and the results are just now becoming apparent.

#### Endeavorers Elect Officers

The Endeavor Society of the Christian church meets at 7 p. m. The leader for Sunday evening is Mrs. P. C. Schreuder. The newly elected officers are: President, Mrs. Schreuder; vice-president, Harry Cash; secretary and treasurer, Dr. E. B. Carpenter; pianist, Mrs. Merle Waddie; chorister, Mr. Schreuder.

#### Carpenter's Nose Badly Hurt

Ray Robinson, a carpenter, working on the building of the Hood River Vinegar Company, was seriously injured Friday. While handling large timbers he was struck in the face and his nose almost torn off. It is expected his face will be considerably disfigured.

#### Soft Drinks for Family Use

Hood River Sweet Cider, Hires' Root Beer, and Soda Waters of all flavors can be obtained for family use at all the confectionery and grocery stores at \$1.00 per dozen, with an allowance of 50c per dozen for the return of the bottles to the party from whom purchased. Keep a few bottles in a cool place during the warm weather.

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- One-fourth case City Sodas ..... \$1.15
- Gold Dust Washing Powder, per package ..... 20c
- Citrus Washing Powder, per package ..... 20c
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