

HAD A DAY OF ORATORY

EPISCOPALIANS INDULGED IN LONG DISCUSSION

Debate Centered Upon an Important Amendment to the Constitution, Which Was Finally Adopted.

SAN FRANCISCO, Oct. 7.—This was a day of oratory in the house of deputies of the Episcopal Synod convention.

The Rev. Hudson Stuck, of Dallas, offered the following resolution, which was referred to the committee on education:

Resolved, That the degree of doctor of philosophy implies in the holder original research of a character to further the progress of some science, and should be given only on residence at a duly incorporated and qualified college on proof of such work by examination and thesis.

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PORTLAND PRESBYTERY

FALL MEETING CALLED TO ORDER AT OREGON CITY.

Officers Elected and Considerably Routine Work Transacted—Session Will Be Concluded Today.

OREGON CITY, Oct. 7.—The Fall meeting of the Portland Presbytery met this evening in the Presbyterian Church, and opened with a sermon by the retiring moderator, the Rev. W. S. Wright, of Sellwood.

The house proceeded with the discussion of the amendments to the constitution, the question being the provision that special forms of service may be prescribed by canon for certain congregations not in full communion with the church.

An attempt was made to limit debate to 30 minutes. The Rev. Dr. Fulton opposed any limitation to debate on this most important subject.

The house, by a large majority vote, refused to limit debate, regarding such procedure as unconstitutional.

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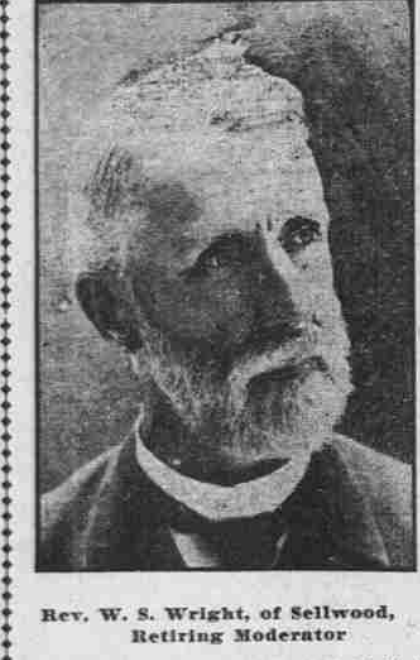
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PROMINENT MINISTERS OF PRESBYTERIAN CONFERENCE.



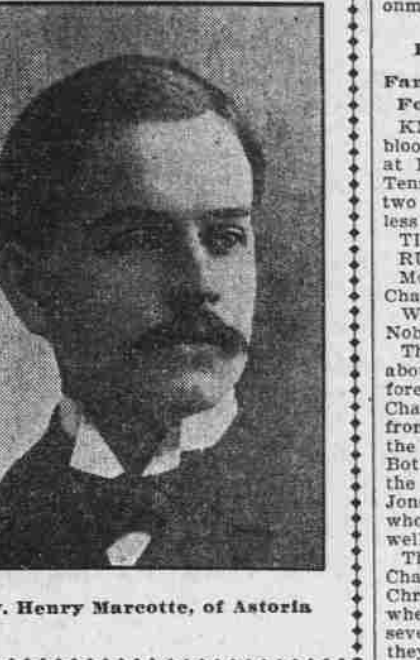
Rev. W. S. Wright, of Sellwood, Retiring Moderator



Rev. A. J. Montgomery, Oregon City



Dr. Edgar P. Hill, Portland



Rev. Henry Marcotte, of Astoria

God is love; at another, that he is anger. We can only be assured of his love through its manifestation on Calvary.

After the sermon the presbytery was conferring in the usual manner with prayer. The Rev. M. D. McClelland, pastor of the Fourth Presbyterian Church, of Portland, was elected moderator.

Dr. Edgar P. Hill, of Portland, was elected temporary clerk. The Rev. Edward M. Sharp, pastor of the Mount Tabor Church, of Astoria, was elected secretary.

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Supreme Court Verdicts. Judgments Rendered in Two Cases—Court Orders.

SAN FRANCISCO, Oct. 7.—The Supreme Court today handed down two opinions, both on the subject of the allowance of costs and disbursements.

S. E. Young et al., respondents, vs. John Hughes, as administrator, appellant, from Marion County, R. P. Boise, Judge, on motion by Justice Moore.

The question was upon the taxing of costs in the Supreme Court. The appellant, having been allowed costs, filed a bill therefor, in which he demanded, inter alia, for printing the abstract, \$6 pages, \$38; brief, \$4 pages, \$48; stenographer's fees for transcribing testimony, \$40, and for preparing a petition for rehearing, \$20.

The court affirmed judgment in the case of the Oregon Short Line Railroad vs. the Postal Telegraph Cable Company.

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A VERITABLE SHE-DEVIL

OHIO WOMAN IS CHARGED WITH FOURTEEN MURDERS.

List includes Four Husbands, Five Children and One Sister—All the Deaths Strangely Alike.

DAYTON, O., Oct. 7.—Mrs. J. A. Witmer, a widow residing in this city, has been arrested by the police at the invitation of the coroner, and is held a prisoner at the central station pending an investigation into very serious charges.

Mrs. Witmer, the police say, is suspected of 14 murders, the list including four husbands, five children, one sister and four members of different families in which she was employed as housekeeper.

The last supposed victim was her sister, Mrs. Anna Pugh, who died a week ago under mysterious circumstances.

An autopsy performed at the request of Mrs. Witmer's mother, who came here from Detroit, is said to have disclosed the presence of arsenic and copperas poisoning in the stomach.

Following closely upon the death of her first husband, Fred Schwager, came, according to the police, the death of her second husband, John A. Witmer, who died suddenly several years after the marriage, and three children of this marriage died in rapid succession.

The child, a son, died in the hospital, and the child, a daughter, died in the hospital.

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BLOODY FIGHT AT A CHURCH.

Family Feud Causes the Death of Four Men—More Trouble Expected.

KNOXVILLE, Tenn., Oct. 7.—In a bloody fight at the Union Baptist Church, at Big Springs, 10 miles from here, yesterday, four men were killed, two mortally wounded, and three wounded less seriously.

The killed were: ANDREW JOHN F. CHADWELL, RUSH AND HENRY MORGAN, and mortally wounded—John Morgan, Asa Chadwell.

Wounded—Mr. Jones, leg broken; Mr. Noler, flesh wound; Sheriff Brewster, slight.

There was preaching at the church, and about 600 people gathered there. Just before the 11 o'clock service began, Tip Chadwell went to the church building.

The feud between the Morgans and Chadwells has existed a long time. Last Christmas they met at Walnut Hills, Va., when a pitched battle ensued, in which several were killed.

Eighteen months ago they met near the Hancock Hotel, in this city, and one was killed.

The Morgans and Chadwells are prosperous and influential, and have large families, and all their members are fearless.

Report of a Second Clash. MIDDLESBORO, Ky., Oct. 7.—A report reached here tonight by way of Tazewell, Tenn., that a second clash between the Chadwell and Morgan factions had occurred last night, but that the story is unconfirmed.

At noon, when a horseman arrived here from Ewing, Va., five miles from Big Springs, no more trouble had occurred.

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Second Trial of Caleb Powers. GEORGETOWN, Ky., Oct. 7.—The second trial of ex-Secretary of State Caleb Powers, charged with complicity in the murder of Governor William Goebel, began here today.

The defense sprang a sensation by filing an affidavit to require Judson G. Hall to vacate the bench. The judge thereupon adjourned court until tomorrow.

The affidavit alleges in forcible language the partisan feeling shown by the judge in the former trials.

Man Killed by a Mob. TRENTON, Tenn., Oct. 7.—Matthew Wilson, a married man, aged 35 years, was killed by a mob near Rutherford last night.

Wilson was charged with attempting a criminal assault upon his sister-in-law.

Was a Strange Character. The late Jacob Ahles, who had Traits of a Miser.

KALAMA, Wash., Oct. 7.—Jacob Ahles, a pioneer of 1852, died at his home near Kalama yesterday, aged 85 years.

He was born in Germany and came to this country when a boy.

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