### PASTOR IS UPHELD

First Baptist Church Votes for Dr. Blackburn.

RESIGNATION NOT ACCEPTED

After Tumulthous Debate of Charges Counter-Charges and Hisses, Secret Ballot Results 121 to 100 in His Favor.

By a vote of 121 to 100 the congregation of the First Baptist Church last night refused to accept the resignation of the Rev. Alexander Blackburn, the pastor who has been under fire for over two months. Dr. Blackburn accepted this vote as a vindication and says that he will remain with

Coincident with the submission of the resignation of Dr. Blackburn four of the seven deacons, E. M. Runyon, G. E. Jamieson, H. R. Beckwith and J. G. Malone, offered to leave their posts. J. G. Malone, superintendent of the church Sunday school, and the superintendents of the Chinese and Savier-street missions also resigned. The church postponed action on these resignations for two weeks.

The congregation wrestled with the pastoral problem for four hours, and at times during the flerce debate charges and hisses were hurled back and forth and a tumult reigned that provoked the declaration from one member that he "had worked in ward polities in the slums of Chicago, but he had never attended a more riotous meet-

The Rev. Mr. Blackburn and Deacon Beckwith were involved in a question of veracity, and the story of the rupture be tween the deacons and the pastor was given as many conflicting versions as there were persons to relate the incidents that led to the present factional fight. deacons declared their first trouble had grown out of the rumor of the pastor's reported engagement and their efforts to remonstrate with him and lead him back into the straight and narrow path from which they alleged he had strayed. The pastor, all unappreciative of the deacons dicitude, failed to realize that he was on

Pastor Pleads for Support. The Rev. Mr. Blackburn made an ir pussioned appeal for support, and he de-tailed his church work, from its incep-tion, paying particular attention to that portion of the time he has spent in Port-land. He story occupied nearly an hour's time in the telling, and the orators who defended him consumed nearly all of the time that was left.

time that was left. Notice that the question of pastoral re-lations was to be brought up last night had been given the week before. As a result the prayer meeting last night was more generously attended than the usual Thursday evening gatherings of the There were those joining in the devotions of the congregation who were comparative strangers to the church, and when the "business" meeting was called the church members suggested the pro-priety of closing the doors, with all strangers remaining out in the night. The meeting was closed to all save voting mbers of the church.

"A Time for Prayer and Thinking." The moderator in opening the business meeting insisted that "this is a time for prayer, not for acting; a time for think-ing, not for speaking," but the congrega-tion would not agree with him. For hours the members did anything save refrain from talking. Impassioned addresses were punctuated with hisses and hand-clapping, the supporters of the pastor receiving the

ore generous bursts of applause. Outside the church rooms a score of more of women and a few men were gath ered. A number of elderly women wh coastonally heard Dr. Blackburn preach caucused on the stone steps and told each other how they would vote if the opportunity presented itself. Occasionally one of their number tiptoed to the door to peek through the glass and report the progress of the meeting to the gathering n the steps. One elderly woman relieved the monotony of the discussion of the church fight by reproving a younger at-tendant of the church who wanted a

inger man to preside. I don't know whether I did right or ." she said later, "but I just told her right out that men acquire wisdom and judgment with years." And the caucus on the church steps agreed with her that

men learned as they lived. Eager Crowd of the Curious.

A small crowd of curious women gathered about the doors leading to the church auditorium, listening with bated breath to the scraps of oratory that leaked through the keyholes. In the Sunday-school room of the church quite a number gathered to gussip of the struggle and listen to that portion of the debate that found its way through the doors. The street entrance to the auditorium was crowded, and every now and then when the janitor opened th door to let some rostless spirit depart from the meeting be collided with a listen-ing woman or child. Haif a dozen women found a door in the upper portion of the church building that gave them an oppor-

church building that gave them an oppor-tunity of hearing without being disturbed. They pre-empted all the good listening spots, and formed a close corporation that kept away outsiders.

The neighbors took an interest in the matter, too. As long as it remained light the windows in adjoining houses were pec-pled by those who found amusement in watching the small crowd that stood about the church entrances. But when it got the church entrances. But when it got cark and the weather grew colder, the crowd melted and the windows came

On the inside of the church one would not have noticed the change in the weather nor the darkness of the night. The pyrotechnic display of the orators and the heated words that were tossed about dis-pelled the gloom and made the 200 odd members lose all thought of the tempera-

Pastor Submits Resignation A special committee reported to the con-gregation that it could find nothing in Dr. Blackburn's work or character that called for condemnation. The report was read and laid aside, and then Dr. Blackburn

presented a written resignation as pas-tor. He ignored the church fight entirely in his resignation, but when he spoke to the congregation a moment later he went into details enough to satisfy those who wanted the subject broached.

In his speech to the congregation Dr. Blackburn instead that he enjoyed his work in Portland; he liked the city and

the people, and he wanted to remain here and continue to preside over the Baptist Church. He rebuked those who had critiand continue to preside over the Baptist Church. He rebuked those who had criti-cised his course, and insisted that he had been open and honest in everything that

James Edmunds, Clerk Veszie, of the church; O. P. M. Jamieson, Captain J. A. Siaden and several others insisted that the church could not accept the realgna-tion of the pastor, "It would be a dis-grace to the church to allow Dr. Black-burn to leave," Clerk Vezzie Insisted vehemently, and he continued to insist that the congregation owed to itself the duty of refusing to allow the pastor to de-

Mr. Dean endeavored to counsel moderation, but he did not find any support for his plan. He wanted the two factions to get together and find a way out of the

Mrs. Drake, who had just returned to Portland, was the only one who urged the acceptance of the pastor's resignation.

She thought this would lead to church harmony, and she insisted it should be

Deacons and Pastor Dispute. The fireworks came as a side issue to the dispute over the resignation of Pastor Blackburn. It was when the deacons endeavored to tell their version of the strained relations, and when Dr. Blackburn endeavored to tell the congregation the way he viewed the deacons' attitude, that the trouble began and the caucus of elderly women on the steps was adjourned and the number about the cracks in the doors became layer. The fireworks came as a side issue

and the number about the cracks in the doors became larger.

The deacons and the pastor had widely divergent views on the origin of the controversy between Dr. Blackburn and the rest of the church organization. While the speakers did not employ the delightfully clear English of the street there is no doubt but that the representatives of different factions intended to convey the impression that other speakers had perverted the facts and the truth lay only with the speaker. In the North End they with the speaker. In the North End they would have said "it's a lie," but at the Baptist Church the speakers insisted that "Brother" So and So was in error. However, there was no difference in the man er of gestures employed to punctuate the

emarks.
Whenever the speakers strayed away from the simple question of church har-mony and the effect of the acceptance of Dr. Blackburn's resignation there was trouble. It was impossible for any one to endeavor to explain that the trouble has grown out of Dr. Blackburn's remar-riage without provoking a heated re-sponse that some of the details suffered by the telling.

Voters Mustered Together.

The debate showed the fact that the vote would be close, and there was a hurried gathering of supporters of both sides. Runners were sent out to bring in members residing in the neighborhood,

in members residing in the neighborhood, and more than a score responded later than 19:30 P. M. Some, it is reported, were even brought from beds to vote on the pastoral question, and the closeness of the vote justified these precautions.

The usual plan in Baptist business meetings is to vote by raising the band. Last night secret ballots were ordered, and the tellers reported that III of the 22 voting had declared Dr. Blackburn's resignation should not be accepted. Then, since it was nearly 11:30 P. M., the congregation decided to postpone for two weeks the question of accepting the other resignations presented. resignations presented.

Bitterness Still Exists.

That bitterness exists still among the congregation was made evident by the scraps of conversation between members as they filed out of the auditorium.

"Of course he won't resign. Not he," exclaimed one woman in anger, and her companion responded: "He wouldn't re-sign as long as he had a majority of

The anti-Blackburn faction crowded bout and congratulated the leaders of their contest and planned revenge at the coming business meeting, when the other resignations are to be taken up. They did not attempt to restore harmony, and

left the church as soon as possible.
"They would never have got that vote any other way," a member of the Black-burn faction insisted. "On the question of accepting his resignation many voted dispense with Dr. Blackburn's services."
And the pastor said simply: "I have been vindicated. I intend to remain here as pastor of this church."

BOAT WAS TOO FAST.

uring high water. The arrest was made by Harbor Master Ben Biglin. He has been watching the vessels closely since the water has at-tained such a height that it is dangerous to create swells along the water front. ordinance regulates the speed of ves etween the northern part of Ross and the southern part of Swan

City Attorney McNary has satisfied him

MADE 30,000 CONVERSIONS IN ONE YEAR

RECORD OF REV. R. A. TORREY, OF CHICAGO,

With a record of 30,000 conversions during his absence the Rev. Dr. R. A. Torrey, pastor of Moody Church, superintendent of the Moody Church, superintendent of the Moody Church, superintendent of the Moody Church, Institute, and successor of the noted evangelist, returned to Chicago recently after an evangelistic tour of a year and a half in Australiasia and Great Britain.

Dr. Torrey was accompanied by Charles Alexander, the gospel singer.

The evangelists visited Australia, China, Japan, Tasmania, New Zealand, India, Scotland, Ireland and England.

"The United States is the finest country in the world, and Chicago is the best city," said Dr. Torrey on his return. "I'm giad to get back, We are going to take a vacation and then Mr. Alexander and I will sail for Liverpool. We will devote a month to each town of importance in Great British.

"Enormous crowds have been the feature of our trip. In Glasgow we addressed 150,000 persons in four weeks, and in Melbourne one evening 52,000 persons were reached. We converted \$247 persons in Melbourne alone. "New Zealand is the workingman's paradise. The labor laws of that

"New Zealand is the workingman's paradise. The labor laws of that country seem to have been particularly successful. There are no rich people there, and there are no poor. I have seen the labor conditions in New Zealand, but I still feel that the workingman has the best chance in this country. I do not know whether the system of compulsory arbitration which has been adopted in that country would work out in the United States. The conditions are different.

"Australia, too, has peculiar labor laws, but they are not working out as they were expected to. Working men must be paid a certain amount of wages under the law, and there is a fine imposed on the employer who pays less than this amount. As a result men who are too old to be worth the wages paid to younger men are thrown out of employment and forced to fall back on the benefits of the rension law hefore those are actually

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Binger Hermann Prepares to Work for the People.

**GATHERS DATA ON NAVIGATION** 

cuss Mr. Brownell's Treatment of Himself, Neither Will He Talk of Federal Appointments.

Binger Hermann came to town yester-His wife and son are registered with him at the Imperial. Mr. Hermann's advent was regarded by many gossips having political significance, but he cleared all such apprehensions away by explaining that he came to get informa-tion from the Government engineers about harbor improvements. In the course of the day he called upon Captain Lang-

of the day he called upon Captain Langfitt to get useful data.

"Ask me something easy," was Mr.
Hermann's response when he was asked
how soon the four land office jobs in his
district are to be apportioned among the
faithfuls. "Ask me something easy," he
said again, and then replied: "Not the
slightest idea," to a question about who
would get the appointments. "Go to the

would get the appointments. "Go to the honorable Senators," he added, graclously. "Ask the honorable Senators," was Mr. Hermann's response again, when a ques-tion was put to him about the United States District Attorneyship, Mr. Hermann could not be led on to say anything about Mr. Brownell's alleged unfaithful-ness to him in the last election. "I do not wish to say anything about that mat-ter," he remarked. "No. I have not in-vestigated the reports at all. I will not do Mr. Brownell the injustice even of com-menting on them." Nevertheless, Mr. Hermann did not indicate by hint or word that he believed Mr. Brownell had been loyal or that he believed the "reports" to be untrue. The story is going about that Mr. Hermann actually is looking into

professed logalty to Mr. Hermann, and was accordingly made chairman of the convention; that he abandoned the convention to the enemy, and all but lost Mr. Hermann the nomination; that he encouraged his friends to strive for himself after Mr. Hermann's forces went to pieces; that he did little or nothing for Mr. Hermann in the campaign preceding the election; that Clackamas, one of the stanchest Republican counties, was carried by Mr. Hermann's Democratic opponent by an amazing majority; that Mr. Brownell, after it was all over, said that Clackamas County didn't want Hermann, anyhow-these facts, together with the rumors that Mr. Brownell gave secret ald and comfort to Mr. Hermann's ene-mies, are all very interesting, no doubt, even to the mind of Mr. Hermann.

Captain of Steamer Is Arrested for Violating Speed Ordinance.

Captain C. M. Allen, of the steamer Regulator, of the Regulator Line, is under arrest for violating the city ordinance which forbids vessels speeding faster than five miles an hour within the city limits during high water. next December. He would prefer to have it rushed to confirmation by the Senate rather than to have it open to protest for five or six months.

Mr. Hermann confessed that he was highly interested in the talk about a new

chairman of the State Central Commit-tee. However, he did not have the faint-est idea who would get that position. Mr. Hermann is very much devoted to harbor improvements. This has been his favorite vocation in the past, and will evidently be so in the future. Mr. Her-mann desires to acquire so much popular favor this year that renomination next

April will come to him without the fight which he had to wage this last time.

"I shall spend the entire Summer," said Mr. Hermann, "studying projects for harbor improvements. I shall visit every port on the Oregon coast, between the Columbia River and Fort Orford, Nehalem, Tillamook, Yaquina, Coos, Alsea, Umpqua, Coquille, Slusiaw. I shall go over them all, and by personal contact learn the commercial needs and engineering problems of each. I shall take with me charts and information which the Government engineers will give me, so that I may know just what is to be done and what should be done for each harbor. Then when I go before committees in Congress I shall have precise knowledge to impart to them. This is what carries conviction to the committees. They rely upon recommendations of engineers, of course, but this sort of testimony has more weight with them than any.

"Yes, it will take a great deal of time and effort to reach the places I intend to visit. You see, I shall have to come back inland so often in order to go from place to place on the coast. Where will I go first? Well, I think I shall begin with Tillamook and Nehalem. Fortland is directly interested in those two ports, if

Tillamook and Nehalem. Portland is directly interested in those two ports, if I understand the situation correctly. But, first, I shall return to Ropeburg. About the middle of July I shall go to Tilla-

mook.

"I have just inspected the Willamette at two places where Government work is needed right away, namely, at Salem and Albany. At Salem erosion of the bank opposite the town is creating sandbars out in the channel, to the hindrance of navigation. At Albany the river threatens to go off into a stray channel, which will leave the town a mile from the stream. At woth places revetments are needed. The cost of each improvement, I estimate, will be between \$55,000 and \$50.000. Considerable dredging must be done 1: "Not the about who "Go to the also, for which work a dredge is to be built at a cost of about \$25,000. The engineers are new preparing specifications." Mr. Hermann will remain in town probable today and tomorrow.

> FERRY SITES VISITED. Executive Board Inspects Those Offered in Albina.

In an effort to choose the East Side landing of the new Albina ferry, Mayor Williams and the members of the special committee of the Executive Board went to Albina yesterday afternoon. No site was definitely selected, though many were in-

Superintendent J. P. O'Brien, of the O the "reports," and that this purpose is perhaps more than incidental to his present mission down the Valley.

That Mr. Brownell had the Clackamas delegation to Eugene instructed for himself instead of for Mr. Hermann; that he had been been to be the party through the yards along the water front. The railroad company objects to the proposed site at the foot of Randolph street, and Mr. O'Brien set forth the reasons for this decision. A ferry at this situation would railroad company objects to the proposed site at the foot of Randolph street, and Mr. O'Brien set forth the reasons for this decision. A ferry at this situation would obstruct the yard engines at their work, and for this reason the O. R. & N. desires that the ferry be placed somewhere else.

Association, headed by President Samuel Connell, met the officials at Russell street and escorted them about the proposed

The foot of Russell street was inspected but the incline at the edge of the water prevented its acceptance. The party re-turned with no more definite decision than when it left. Another trip must be made to Albina, as well as several to the West Side landings, before the Executive Board can decide upon the question. The spe-cial committee of the board which has in

charge the new Albina ferry is composed of Messrs. Howell, Sichel and Beebe. When the sites are selected there will arise the question of purchasing the ground. The property-owners along the Albina water front are not anxious to dispose of their ground, and the Executive Board may have some difficulty in buying the site which is selected.

The plan of the special ferry committee is to build or purchase a ferryboat slightly larger than the W. S. Mason, now in use as the present Albina ferry.

But They Will Be Laid of Granite Sand Instead of Cement.

To cut the Park blocks out of the en croed cement sidewalk district, the Exutive Board will ask the Council to pass special ordinance. The sidewalks round all of the Park blocks are now in around all of the Park blocks are now in had condition, but the cost of laying ce-ment walks would eat a big hole in the repair fund of the city. On the contrary it is the purpose of the board to lay granite sand in place of the dilapidated walks now on the ground. The sidewalk question came up at the meeting of the street committee of the Executive Board vesterday afternoon M

Executive Board yesterday afternoon. M. Park and Jackson streets, presented a pe-tition asking that the walks now on the blocks near his home be removed, if it was not the intention to replace them with cement walks. In answer City Engineer Eillott was instructed to tear up such walks as were actually dangerous. The granite, which is practically a coarse white sand, will be laid as soon as pos-sible. These walks will be much cheaper and will present a more attractive appearance than even the cement walks now be

FIVE LINEMEN AT WORK Forty on a Strike Expect Aid From National Brotherhood.

The situation in the linemen's strike re mains unchanged. The five men who re-mained with the local branch telephone company at the time of the general strike all over the Coast are still at work, and the delegates of the Electrical Workers' Union have not been able to induce them to leave work.

The telephone company has no con-struction work under way in Portland, and, so far the strike has not seriously affected the local office. The union men say, however, that a quantity of con-struction was about to be commenced, and that the strike will effectually stop it. So far as the Portland men are concerned there was no cause for a strike, but the trouble was general all over the Pacific Coast, and the telephone linemen in every city except Scattle are out. The 40 linemen who quit work in Port-

land expect to receive aid from the head-quarters of the National Brotherhood of Ejectrical Workers if the strike is of long duration. The decision of the Western Conference ordering a general strike had the sanction of the high officers of the brotherhood, and financial aid has been promised the strikers.

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