

PASTOR IS UPHOLD

First Baptist Church Votes for Dr. Blackburn.

RESIGNATION NOT ACCEPTED

After Tumultuous 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.

Coincidentally with the submission of the resignation of Dr. Blackburn four of the seven deacons, E. M. Bunyon, G. E. Jamieson, H. R. Beckwith and J. G. Malone, offered to leave their posts.

The congregation wrestled with the pastoral problem for four hours, and at times during the fierce 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 politics in the slums of Chicago, but he had never attended a more riotous meeting."

The Rev. Mr. Blackburn and Deacon Beckwith were involved in a question of veracity, and the story of the rupture between 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.

Pastor Pleads for Support.

The Rev. Mr. Blackburn made an impassioned appeal for support, and he detailed his church work from its inception, paying particular attention to that portion of the time he has spent in Portland.

Notice that the question of pastoral relations was to be brought up last night had been given the week before. As a result the greater number of the congregation were more generously attended than the usual Thursday evening gatherings of the church.

The moderator in opening the business meeting insisted that "this is a time for prayer, not for acting; a time for thinking, not for speaking," but the congregation would not accept of this.

Outside the church room a score or more of women and a few men were gathered. A number of elderly women who occasionally heard Dr. Blackburn preach came on the scene and took their seats together.

The neighbors took an interest in the matter, too. As long as it remained light the windows in adjoining houses were peeped by those who were sitting and watching the small crowd that stood about the church entrance.

On the inside of the church one would not have noticed the change in the weather nor the darkness of the night.

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HARBORS HIS HOBBY

Binger Hermann Prepares to Work for the People.

GATHERS DATA ON NAVIGATION

Roseburg Statesman Refuses to Discuss Mr. Brownell's Treatment of Himself, Neither Will He Talk of Federal Appointments.

Binger Hermann came to town yesterday. His wife and son are registered with him at the Imperial. Mr. Hermann's advent was regarded by many gossips as having political significance.

"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 faithful.

"Ask me something easy," he said again, and then replied: "Not the slightest idea," to a question about who would get the appointments.

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FERRY SITES VISITED

Executive Board Inspects Those Offered in Albina.

NEW WALKS FOR PARK BLOCKS

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

To cut the Park blocks out of the enforced cement sidewalk district, the Executive Board will ask the Council to pass a special ordinance.

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RARE INDIAN BASKETS

B. B. Rich Has Two Beaded Chilkats, Worth Their Weight in Gold.

BAND CONCERT TONIGHT

If the weather permits, the following programme will be rendered this evening at Park and Jefferson streets by Brown's Park Band.

Intermezzo, "Love's Dream After the Ball".....Czibulka

Scenes from "The Bohemian".....Raffo

Polpouire, "The Dazzler".....Mackie

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Meier & Frank Company Trunks and Traveling Bags—Third Floor. Meier & Frank Company "Vudor" Porch Shades, 6, 8, 10-ft. sizes.

Friday Surprise Sale Of high-class trimmed hats at a fraction of the cost of making and materials. Thirty styles to select from, including many of the most desirable and natty styles shown this season.

Excellent Shoe Values Summer clean-up of Footwear for ladies, men and children. An economy of rare occurrence is this.

The Basement Store Values for today and tomorrow worthy the attention of every shrewd housewife: 7-piece Glass Berry Set for 29c

Manufacturer's Carpet Samples Tomorrow morning at 9 o'clock we place on sale a great lot of manufacturer's samples of high-class carpets at less than half regular values.

\$5.00 White Linen Waists \$2.95 Each About 115 of the 300 White Linen Waists remain for those who come today.

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 Bible Institute, and successor of the noted evangelist, returned recently after an evangelistic tour of a year and a half in Australasia and Great Britain.