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NEW PASTOR INSTALLED.

Rev. H. E. Marcotte Made Regular Minister at Westminster Church.

At a meeting of the Portland Presbytery last evening, Rev. Henry E. Marcotte was installed as pastor of the Westminster Presbyterian Church, the Holladay's Addition, Rev. W. S. Holt, D. D., acting as moderator. He announced that all the Presbyterian forms of calling a pastor had been complied with and he pronounced Rev. Mr. Marcotte legally called to the pastorate of the Westminster Church. Dr. Dunning delivered the invocation, and Rev. E. M. Sharp read the Scripture, after which Rev. J. R. Wilson, D. D., President of the Portland Academy, delivered the sermon, which was scholarly and appropriate to the occasion.

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NO CHIME OF BELLS

Offer to Trinity Church Has
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SOME PEOPLE OBJECTED

They Said Bells Would Be a Nuisance
and Thereby Caused Unknown
Donor to Change Her Mind.

Work on the Building.

Sweet chiming bells will not ring in the tower of the new Trinity Episcopal Church in Portland. Their music will not vibrate through the air on Sunday mornings and evenings, to call the faithful to worship and remind the sluggish enjoying his extra Sunday morning snooze of his religious duties. There will be no opportunity for any Portland writer to weave a romance about the chiming of bells in Trinity as Sarah Grand did about the cathedral chiming in "The Heavenly Twins."

When the plans for the new church were under discussion an unknown benefactor, said to be a lady, offered a gift of a chime of bells to Rev. Dr. A. A. Morrison, the rector. When the news began to be noted about the parish there were diverse opinions among the members. Some whose ears had been jarred by the discordant jangling of a number of bells in their vicinity, did not hesitate to say that the bells would be a nuisance, and they would rather see the church without them. These criticisms of the intended gift came to the ears of the unknown donor, and, mortified at this lack of appreciation, she withdrew the offer.

Dr. Morrison was asked yesterday who were the objectors, but he would not give names, contenting himself with saying that they were members of his church. He added, however, that the church was about to begin. With that love of the church which marked the people in the middle ages, the people were not long content with a single bell, and enlarged the number until there were enough to play the airs of hymn tunes and by practice men grew as skilled at ringing the bells as at playing the organ and other instruments. It gradually became the ambition of every parish to have a chime of bells, and their music had a great charm when mellowed by distance it floated from the village church over the peaceful hill and dale. But in our cities, where churches were numerous and close together, the effect was most discordant when several chiming bells began ringing, each playing a different air for all fell on the ear together and an effect far different from that intended was produced. Now that there is a clock in every house and almost every person has a watch to tell him the time and a newspaper to tell him when the church service begins, many people are prone to regard the church bell as having outlived its usefulness, in a city at least, though it adds much to the attractions of country life.

Even without its chime of bells, the new Trinity Church will be an ornament to the city. The excavation of the site is under way and part of the material for the foundation is on the ground. All the contracts have been let except those for the lighting and heating plant, and it is confidently predicted that the building will be ready for dedication on Easter day, 1905, adding one more to the attractions which the city will offer to the visitors to the Lewis and Clark Park.

The parish has enough money on hand to finish the chime itself free from debt, but it is intended to build a parish-house in the rear of the site at the same time, to be used by the Sunday School and for meetings and entertainments connected with the church. The total cost of the buildings and their furniture is estimated at \$100,000, and the parish still lacks about \$25,000 of this sum. In order to raise this deficit, the work of asking subscriptions still goes on, and Dr. Morrison hopes that the church itself will be opened and dedicated free from debt. Until this is done it will not be consecrated, for it is a rule of the Episcopal Church that no house of worship shall be thus finally set apart to sacred uses as long as any debt hangs over it.

MAY FIND EAST-SIDE BERTH.

Homeless Fireboat May Be Anchored
at East Washington Street.

After being turned away by the O. R. & N. Co. and the property-owners at one side of the foot of Stark street, the homeless fireboat may have to go to the foot of East Washington street as suggested by Rodney L. Gilean, at the last meeting of the fireboat committee.

Mayor Williams yesterday received a communication from President Mohler of the O. R. & N., advising him that it would be impossible for the company to allow the fireboat space near the Ash-street dock. Alterations may be made in the future, he said, which would require all the frontage available.

The foot of East Washington street, the former landing place of the ancient Stark-street ferry, can be used by the city for a slip for the fireboat, it is believed. So, if necessary, its berth will be on the East Side.

CRUSHED BETWEEN LOGS.

Edward Buzbee Meets Death Near
Gresham.

GRESHAM, Or., Jan. 27.—(Special.)—Edward Buzbee, a logger in the employ of Soger & Wing, met death Monday. He was hauling logs and had occasion to stoop over between two logs when his team started up, bringing the two logs together. His head was caught between the logs and he was crushed to death. He was aged 35 and left a wife and three children.

Competing Line Bought Out.

LOS ANGELES, Cal., Jan. 27.—The Los Angeles-Pacific Railroad Company bought out the Southern California Railway and the Hartman syndicate for \$240,000 the Los Angeles, Ocean Park & Santa Monica Railroad, being a 12-mile line connecting Los Angeles with Ocean Park and Santa Monica. Eight miles of this line is under track. This deal means that a competing line between Los Angeles and Santa Monica will not be operated.

Leaves His Millions to Grandson.

DECATON, Mich., Jan. 27.—The will of the late Manuel Wells, a multimillionaire of Milwaukee, was filed here for probate today. The estate is valued at anywhere between 10 and 25 million dollars. It is left to his grandson, who is the son of Fanny Wells Norris, an only daughter.

Visitors to Portland

Should not miss the delightful trip up and down the Columbia River. Particulars at O. R. & N. city ticket office, Third and Washington.

You may trust Fido's Cure to stop coughs and relieve sore spots in the lungs, etc.

MURINE EYE REMEDY.

Cures Sore Eyes. Makes weak eyes strong. Murine doesn't smart, it soothes. Eye pain. Druggists and opticians.

Not Far to Go.

Philadelphia Press.

"Hello, old man! Never saw you walking so fast. Where are you going?"

"Fellow just stole my automobile and went off down this road."

"But surely you don't expect to overtake him so?"

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