

SAYS PREACHER MISUSED CASH

Conference Hears Charges Against Rev. J. B. Stark, Lakeview ex-Pastor.

BENEVOLENT FUND MISSING

Agitation Is On for Reforming District Boundaries - Conference to Meet Next Year at Sunnyside Church.

ALBANY, Or., Sept. 22. (Special).—With the pastors in session in one church, the laymen in another and the trial of an accused preacher in progress in a private residence, this proved the busiest day of the annual Oregon Methodist Conference. There were some sensational incidents, among them being the charging of Rev. Mr. Sanford Stark against Rev. John B. Stark, until last year in charge of Lakeview Church.

Oregonian Makes Stir

After the arrival of The Oregonian today, containing the story that there would be no change of districts this session, the pastors became agitated. Immediately began demanding that the matter be acted upon by this conference. Tomorrow morning Dr. B. A. Waters, pastor of University Park Church, Portland, and until last year presiding elder of what was then Salem district, will introduce a resolution calling for reforming of the boundaries. It is said tonight there will be no opposition to this resolution. The best information, Portland will be the big district. Salem district will be revived, Eugene district continued, and a fourth district created in the far southern portion of the state. A pastor may be selected from one of the charges to be the presiding elder in addition to his charge. If this occurs, Dr. L. E. Rockwell, in charge of Portland district, or Dr. W. B. Hollingshead, of the West Portland district, will be transferred to the revived Salem district.

Row Over Advocate

A big discussion, that reached red-hot proportions at times, occurred at the laymen's meeting when the question of how to put the Pacific Christian Advocate on a paying basis came up. It was during this that Mr. Fliegel lashed the preachers, declaring the lay members must have charge of the paper, as the preachers will not act. Union Royal, who introduced a resolution, was pointed out as a point of view, and the paper, replied vigorously, refuting Fliegel's remarks. Bishop J. M. Walden, who happened to be present, spoke briefly in harmony. The occasion of this discussion was the fact that the general conference at its last session decided to furnish no more funds for the publication of the Advocate, and it must pay its own way in the future. It is said that loyal support is being given it, and that it will survive.

A Clerical Anomaly

A peculiar state of affairs became public today in the case of J. F. Farmer, once a Methodist, later a Baptist, but who was sent to take charge of Montevilla Methodist Church during this year by Presiding Elder Rockwell. It now develops that he has no standing as yet, not even being a Methodist by membership, and his relations will be determined tomorrow morning.

Conference Here Next Year

This morning Dr. T. B. Ford, of the Sunnyside Church, and president of the Portland Methodist Ministers' Association, extended an invitation to the conference to meet in his church, and Dr. Short, of Taylor-street Church, moved to accept this invitation. The conference voted yes, and the gathering will occur there. Bishop McDowell presided at the conference today, but it is likely he will ask Bishop Walden to preside tomorrow, in order to give the former more time to arrange with the presiding elders for the general appointments, to be announced Sunday evening. Not until the last moment will it be known what changes will occur.

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There is Joy at Merrill

Canal to be Pushed South From There at Once.

Klamath Falls, Or., Sept. 22. (Special).—

Word comes from Merrill, 22 miles south of here, that the citizens of the town and farmers of the country are considerably elated over the report that the call by the Government for bids for the first ten miles of the main canal of the lower project will be followed by a call for bids for the extension of the canal south of Merrill.

FIGHTER DENYER

Turner - Kelliher Land - Fraud Cases Before Salem Court.

STATE CHARGES FORGERY

Outcome Will Affect Procedure on Other Indictments and in the De Laittre Contest Before State Land Board.

Alleged Forger Discharged.

SACRAMENTO, Cal., Sept. 22.—Harry G. Norman, who is wanted in New York to answer a charge of forgery and who was taken into custody yesterday, was released on a writ of habeas corpus today in the Superior Court by Judge Shields. It was held by the court that the warrant was not sound because it was sworn to upon "information and belief," by a local officer.

Forgery Is Alleged.

One of the indictments charges that H. H. Turner and A. T. Kelliher uttered a forged instrument, to-wit: a certificate of application for the purchase of state land, with intent to defraud. The other charges that the same persons forged a contract application by signing a fictitious name thereto. Copies of the applications alleged to be forged are set out in the indictment, showing that the applications are in the usual form. They purport to have been signed by men who swore to the same before H. H. Turner, notary public.

De Laittre Certificates.

De Laittre, who is a prominent lumberman and banker in Minneapolis, brought a number of certificates of sale of state land before the State Land Board at Salem, Oregon, yesterday. The State Land Board cited De Laittre to appear and show cause why his certificates should not be cancelled, the grand jury having reported that the applications upon which the certificates were issued were probably fraudulent. Testimony tending to support the grand jury's report was taken and the argument on the contest was postponed until the October meeting of the board, which will be after the decision upon the demurrers. While the outcome of the criminal cases will not necessarily influence the civil case, it may have some influence one way or the other.

Supreme Court Convenes.

SALEM, Or., Sept. 22.—(Special).—The Supreme Court will convene for the regular October term on October 2, at which time the hearing of cases will be resumed. The regular October term of the court begins on Tuesday, October 2.

FOR DEFENSE OF THE SOUND

Government Board Locating Mines and Torpedo Stations.

SEATTLE, Sept. 22.—To map out locations of the Puget Sound mines and torpedo stations, the members of the torpedo defense board left this morning for a three days' trip of inspection of the various bodies of water. It is understood that mines amounting to \$50,000 and now stored near Fort Ward will be used. The material was brought to the Coast during the Spanish War. The mines and torpedo stations will be in place by the first of next year.

Victim's Name Not Known—Temperature Rallied Healed.

ABERDEEN, Wash., Sept. 22.—(Special).—A young man, whose name is supposed to be Adams, fell off the wharf of the Michigan Mill Company last night, and drowned. He was loading lumber, and, being close to the edge of the dock, slipped off. The side was running out, and before assistance could reach him he went down. He had started to work at noon, and his name had not been given to the company to be placed on the payroll.

JURY CONVICTS MEGORDEN

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SALEM, Or., Sept. 22.—(Special).—The jury in the case of Oliver Megorden, tried for the murder of his wife at Nyssa, Or., on March 23, brought in a verdict of guilty of murder in the first degree last night after being out only 30 minutes.

BEACH RATE REDUCED.

Three Dollars for Round Trip Announced by O. R. & N. Co.

The every-day round-trip rate from Portland to Astoria for passengers has been reduced by the O. R. & N. Co. from \$4 to \$3 tickets on sale until October 31, with final return limit October 31.

CLEAR THE SNAKE RIVER

Obstructions to Navigation Are Blown Out of Channel.

LEWISTON, Idaho, Sept. 22.—(Special).—Captain S. V. Winslow, who has charge of Government work on Snake River, returned today from the Upper Snake at the mouth of Salmon River, where some serious rock obstructions to navigation were blown out. Mr. Winslow's crew is now blowing out rocks in Snake River between here and Astoria. He expects to place the channel of the river in such condition that navigation may be made possible during any season.

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Lumber Mill Burns.

SCAPPOOSE, Or., Sept. 22.—(Special).—The planing mill and dry kiln, filled with lumber, belonging to I. G. Wikstrom, was burned last night. The fire caught in the furnace room. The loss is about \$5,000, no insurance. The lumber yard and other property were saved, after a hard fight. Mr. Wikstrom will probably rebuild at once.

KILLED IN FREIGHT WRECK

ONE DEAD AND TWO SERIOUSLY INJURED ON O. R. & N.

ARLINGTON, Or., Sept. 22.—Fireman James Heater was killed, Engineer John Healy and brakeman Brown were severely injured, and the line of the O. R. & N. was blocked several hours by the wreck of an eastbound freight train near Quinn's station this morning. The blowing out of the crown plate of the engine caused the accident.

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occupied in argument. The principal witnesses for the state were Robert and Olive Megorden, children of the accused, in whose presence Megorden brutally beat and then shot his wife.

Peter Stone's Body Found. KALAMA, Wash., Sept. 22.—(Special).—The body of Peter Stone was found this morning floating in the Kalama River about nine miles from Kalama by H. H. Carr and Alfred Shuman. Stone came to Kalama two months ago, looking for employment. He was informed he could get a position working for the county in building a road up the Kalama River. He worked a few days, and on August 3 was missed. Deligent search did not find him proved of no avail. The coroner did not think it necessary to hold an inquest and the body was buried on the bank of the Kalama River.

Divorces at La Grande. LA GRANDE, Or., Sept. 22.—(Special).—The decision rendered by Judge Eaken in the case of Edmunds vs. Edmunds, gives Mrs. Edmunds a divorce and awards her the care and custody of the minor child. Judgment also rendered for her costs in the case.

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EUGENE COUNCIL IS ASKED TO DELAY BOND ISSUE.

Plan to Get Better Rates and Service From Old Water and Light Companies.

EUGENE, Or., Sept. 22.—At a special meeting of the City Council tonight ordinances were passed levying assessments for the costs of several new sewers, constructed during the past summer. A petition was presented to the Council, signed by about 20 tax payers, asking the Council to defer action on the matter of issuing bonds in the sum of \$20,000 recently authorized by vote of the people for the purpose of providing municipal water and light systems.

THE petition emanates from the Commercial Club. The reason for asking the Council to defer action is a belief that concessions in rates and improvement in service can be had from the prospective purchasers of the present systems, whereby the city can obtain what the people demand. By securing such agreement both the old companies would probably be transferred to the capitalists who have them bonded and the city would have satisfactory service without assuming a large municipal debt and the responsibility of providing these utilities.

The matter was left with the Council and in order to get at some understanding another meeting was called for next Tuesday evening, at which time representatives of the companies will be given an opportunity to state their side of the controversy and make any propositions they may desire.

NORTHWEST DEAD.

James M. Haggerty.

SPOKANE, Sept. 22.—James M. Haggerty, of Mansfield, O., well known in the Northwest as a writer, died in the Sacred Heart Hospital this morning of typhoid fever. He operated extensively in the Okanogan Country, and gained much notoriety about three years ago when citizens of Leavenworth, Wash., infuriated by his criticisms of the Palmer Mountain Tunnel Co., tarred and feathered him, rode him on a rail and drove him out of town. The investments of C. C. May, president of the Big Bend National Bank of Davenport, in this venture, were the main cause of the bank's failure of May's subsequent arrest at Boston. Mr. Haggerty was Associated Press correspondent at Skagway, during the Klondike rush, and made himself unpopular by his reports.

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in this county. He has been a leading citizen of that community for many years. He leaves a son and two brothers, residents of this city.

Arthur Johnson.

EUGENE, Or., Sept. 22.—(Spl.)—Arthur Johnson, a resident of the western part of the county, was drowned yesterday in Smith River near his home, but no particulars of the accident are obtained.

New Mill at Centralla.

CENTRALIA, Wash., Sept. 22.—(Special).—A pile-driver has been at work this week driving piles for the new mill of the Eastern Railway & Lumber Company at Centralla. When the pile-driving is completed, a force of carpenters will be put to work on the mill structure, which will be \$525000. The new mill will cost about \$40,000. It will have a capacity of 100,000 feet per day and will

Committed to Asylum.

OREGON CITY, Or., Sept. 22.—(Special).—Herman Cammel, aged 37 years, a German farmer from Stafford, was today committed to the State Insane Asylum after an examination before Justice Lly Stipp, in the absence of County Judge Ryan. Cammel's mental illness is both suicidal and homicidal in its nature.

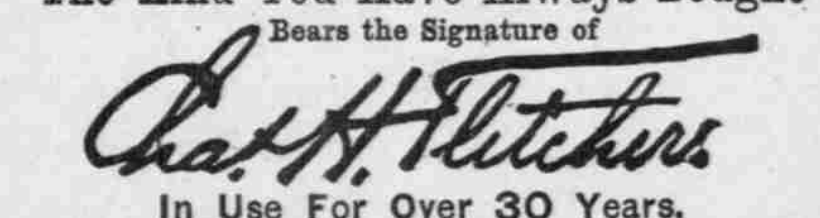
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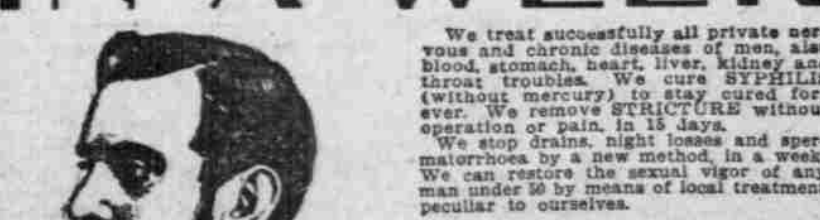


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