

LATH IS INFERIOR SHINGLES ARE BAD

Directors Inspect Material Used in New Sunnyside School.

PRESENT ROOF CONDEMNED

Contractor Bennett Ordered to Replace It and to Tear Out Other Unsatisfactory Work—Conference Is Amicable.

For the first time in many months, the Board of Education and J. E. Bennett, the contractor, met in conference yesterday afternoon and parted without a hair-pulling contest.

down to these two items and they informed Bennett that if he would re-shingle the roof with "Star A Star" shingles, as called for in the specifications, and rip out all lath saved from unseasoned, mildewed and discolored sawwood, all else would be forgiven in the interest of a speedy completion of the contract.

"Quit Bluffing," Says Wittenberg. He pointed out to him that his attention had been called to the inferior materials when they were put into the building, and Mr. Wittenberg vehemently argued that the game was up and that Mr. Bennett's "bluffing" was good, quit bluffing and do as the Board directed.

Contractor Muir also made a little speech, in which he stated that while the roof undoubtedly was not up to specifications and much of the lath used was inferior, Mr. Bennett had substantially complied with the specifications in all other respects. He wanted the newspapers to say so, he added.

Architect Jones took a hand in the oratorical game, too, and kicked off and dissected with his jackknife a square yard of the much-maligned lath in order to illustrate his point, which was that the discoloration in the lath would in course of time work out through the plaster and give it a general resemblance to Joseph's coat of many colors. Mr. Bennett demurred, but his demurrer was overruled instantly. About half the lath in the building are more or less subject to the criticism made by Architect Jones.

Mr. Bennett claimed that if any poor material had gone into the building it had been used without his knowledge and with the knowledge of the Board's

FIRST BUSINESS SESSION TODAY

Oregon Methodist Conference Will Open in Big Tent at Sunnyside.

GATHERING IS IMPORTANT

Much Business Will Come Up Before Session, Which Will Continue Until Next Monday.

Beginning at 8:30 this morning, the first business session of the Oregon Methodist Episcopal Conference will convene in the big tent at East Yamhill and Thirty-fifth streets. Bishop

every direction. There is much territory yet to be invaded, especially in Southern Oregon. Even in this city, with its constantly growing suburbs, there is need of more churches and more workers, and their needs will be fully discussed and acted upon.

The first rally of the board of exam-

TODAY'S PROGRAMME. 8:30 A. M.—Opening of the conference; devotional exercises and address by Bishop Henry W. Warren.

iners took place yesterday. Its function was to examine those who desire to enter the ministry. This board is made up of Rev. W. H. Hepp, president; Rev. T. J. Abbott, and Rev. W. S. Gorm. Its work resulted in the examination of a large class of young aspirants.

PROMINENT METHODIST CLERGYMEN WHO WILL TAKE PART IN THE CONFERENCE WHICH OPENS TODAY



Rev. T. B. Ford.



Rev. F. Burgette Short.



Rev. D. A. Waters.



Rev. W. T. Kerr.

ing was so amicable, in fact, that Bennett and Directors L. N. Fieschner and Herman Wittenberg, constituting a special committee, sent out to inspect the work being done by Bennett on the two-story addition to the Sunnyside school, perched in a row on the ridge-pole of that edifice and allowed themselves to be photographed like the happy family in the old-style '90s.

building inspector, but reserved his decision as to what course he would pursue in the matter of making changes. He has the option of making the changes ordered or completing the building without doing so and suing the Board for the money.

Henry W. Warren, of Illinois, arrived yesterday afternoon, and will preside over the sessions, which will continue until next Monday morning.

who had completed their first, second, third and fifth years of study.

Inspectors Risk Life and Limb. Accompanied by T. J. Jones, architect for the school board, Alexander Muir, whom they took along as an expert, and several newspaper reporters, who joined the expedition in their correspondence, Mr. Fieschner, Mr. Wittenberg and Mr. Bennett climbed unfinished stairways, scaled shaky ladders and risked their necks in their quest around on slippery roofs, 30 feet from the ground, in order to inspect, piece by piece, the inferior material alleged to have been used by the contractor.

Want the Work Stopped. The Board's object in trying to reach some definite agreement with him is to secure the early completion of the three new school additions which he has contracted to build, and which are urgently needed to relieve overcrowding in the schools.

Pastorates Will Make Reports. Each of the Western Oregon pastorates will make report of its standing in numbers, monies received and paid out. The reports will show all gains or losses, both numerically and financially, together with a statement of the church and the outlook for the coming year.

Sawmill Workman Sues for \$10,000. J. E. Elliott, guardian ad litem for D. C. Elliott, a minor, brought suit for \$10,000 damages yesterday against the North Pacific Lumber Company for \$10,000 damages alleged to have been sustained by young Elliott May 4, 1906, while in the defendant's employ as a hook tender on the lumber dock of the corporation.

SENIOR BISHOP OF M. E. CHURCH COMES TO ATTEND CONFERENCE

Henry White Warren a Living Exemplar of Theory That Religion Is Good for the Whole Man.

BY ARTHUR A. GREENE. SENIOR Bishop Henry White Warren told me last night that he had been an optimist of him. He has grown old gracefully that the hope and enthusiasm of youth still abide with him. He is a living exemplar of the theory that religion is good for the whole man.

ful view of things temporal and spiritual. He smiles his Christianity. His work has made an optimist of him. He has grown old gracefully that the hope and enthusiasm of youth still abide with him. He is a living exemplar of the theory that religion is good for the whole man.

Organize to Extend Work. Among the most important pieces of church legislation will be the organization of a campaign to extend the work into new fields. In a growing state, this work is always needed as new settlements are being made in

CROSSETT SHOE MAKES LIFE'S WALK EASY. \$4.00 - \$5.00 BENCH MADE. Do You Believe in Signs? Make your wish a desire for Crossett shoes—wish for something that is worth the getting.

RIXDORFER INLAD Linoleum, made at Rixdorfer, Germany, was awarded the GRAND PRIZE the highest possible award at the St. Louis Exposition. It is heavy and extremely durable. More elastic, and therefore, easier to walk on than wood.

Exclusive Carpet House J.G. MACK & CO. Exclusive Carpet House 86-88 THIRD STREET

Imperial Hotel Co. Seventh and Washington Streets, Portland, Oregon. European Plan \$1.00, \$1.50, \$2.00 per Day.

Table with columns: STATION, WIND, DIRECTION, MINIMUM TEMPERATURE, MAXIMUM TEMPERATURE, STATE OF SKY.

CLASSIFIED AD. RATES. "Rooms," "Rooms and Board," "House-keeping Rooms," "Situations Wanted," 15 words or less, 15 cents; 16 to 20 words, 20 cents; 21 to 25 words, 25 cents, etc.

Fine Investment. 120 feet front on Russell st. by 95 feet on Rodney avenue on very desirable corner for business—can be bought very reasonably. Good 7-room house which will rent for \$25; so situated as not to interfere with the use of the corner for business building. Don't delay, but investigate at once.

NERVE 11% NET. This is an East Side piece on car line. Can be purchased NOW for \$7500. terms. ALBEE BENHAM COMPANY Phone Main 598. Concord Bldg.

Carved Oriental Ivory. Which They Are Able to Offer at Very Moderate Prices. BEST BUY IN THE CITY. QUARTER BLOCK ON FIFTH ST. INCOME \$107 PER MONTH. Price \$1,000—\$900 Cash; Balance 6 Per Cent.

AMUSEMENTS. 14th and Washington HELIG THEATRE Phone Main 11. TWO PERFORMANCES TODAY.

BAKER THEATER. Phone Main 1907. Geo. L. Baker, Manager. OREGON THEATER CO. LESSEE. Presenting Tonight and All This Week With Mattie Saturday.

EMPIRE THEATER. Milton W. Seaman, Mgr. Phone Main 1907. Portland's Popular Playhouse.

LYRIC THEATER. WEEK BEGINNING SEPTEMBER 24. A Sensational Melodrama "The Cuban Spy" IN FOUR ACTS.

The Grand. Nellie Andrews' Company of Grand Opera Vocalists. Mr. Jimmie Ward.

Pantages Theater Fourth and Stark Sts. "THE FOUR HEES." Harry Clifford & Co. The Patrons.

THE STAR. Week of Sept. 24. Phone Main 5466. ALLEN STOCK COMPANY Presents the Classic Heart Drama "THE MAD LOVE."

Actors Wanted. Amateurs and Professional Actors Singers. Performances daily at 8:30, 7:30 and 9 P. M. Ladies and children take any seat at weekly

MOVING PICTURES. Fine, complete Edison Moving Picture Machine, 2000 feet of film, 100 colored views, 5 sets new slides; for sale cheap. Address D 30, Oregonian.

Interest - ON - Your Money. Can be obtained at GOOD RATES by depositing with the "Oldest Trust Company in Oregon" Resources Over \$1,750,000.00

Term Deposits. Are accepted by this company in amounts of \$5 or more. We hold First Mortgage on real estate property for every dollar invested by you. These securities are held in trust for our clients and cannot be hypothecated or discounted, assuring absolute safety. These securities net 5 per cent per annum, interest payable semi-annually. There is no method today that presents equal safety for savings funds.

Northwestern Guarantee & Trust Company. Lumber Exchange Building (2nd Floor), S. E. cor. Second and Stark Sts.

PORTLAND. Is attracting more attention than any city on the Pacific Coast and is undergoing a MIGHTY TRANSFORMATION and in the near future will be the most progressive city that it has in its entire past.

Holladay's Addition. Is the geographical center of the city, and is the most DESIRABLE residence district and must of the will become BUSINESS property. Do not overlook these FACTS when making investments, and call and inspect the property, for seeing is believing.

Investments. 10 PER CENT ON \$2500. New Property on 2nd Street, 8.7 PER CENT ON \$10,000. New Property on Second Street.

Home in Irvington. 7-room house finely constructed, beautiful interior; ground 50x100 feet, in the finest part of Irvington. WILL H. WALKER, 235 Falling Bldg.