

OPPOSE PLANS FOR FEWER DISTRICTS

Rev. M. Ford Seeks Delay, but Fellow Methodists Demand Action.

BOOTH RECEIVES OVATION

Prominent Layman Overcome by Demonstration—Makes Plea for \$500,000 Fund for Willamette University.

SALEM, Or., Sept. 25.—(Special.)—Sentiment in the Oregon conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church is strongly opposed to the plan of reducing the number of districts from four to two. This was clearly apparent this morning when the conference took up the discussion of the resolution introduced yesterday recommending the reduction. The question was very freely discussed and both the addresses and the applause so clearly demonstrated the attitude of the members of the conference that the friends of the movement sought to delay action.

Rev. T. B. Ford, one of the most active advocates of reduction of the number of districts, offered a substitute resolution directing that the question be submitted to a joint committee of ministers and laymen, with instructions to investigate and report at the next annual conference. But opponents of the reduction plan were determined to have the question settled now and amended the Ford resolution by providing for a joint committee to report tomorrow.

Leave Question to Hughes.

The ministers appointed on this committee are Rev. Benjamin Young, of Portland; Rev. J. K. Hawkins, of Roseburg; Rev. W. S. Gordon, of Eugene; and Rev. W. H. Selleck, of Salem. The laymen appointed are H. A. Booth, of Eugene; B. Lee Paget, of Portland; A. G. Hoffman, of Forest Grove, and E. S. Elmore, of Roseburg. The conference was in session tonight with Bishop Hughes in attendance, and after discussing the whole situation he decided to refer the matter to Bishop Hughes without recommendation. Bishop Hughes took occasion, this morning, to remind members of the conference that he is vested with authority to act in the matter as he may deem best, regardless of their recommendations, and he declared his intention to do so, though he said he would give due consideration to reasons that had been offered for and against the proposed change.

Subject Day's Chief Topic.

Discussion of the subject occupied the attention of the conference during the whole forenoon. Briefly stated, the reduction in the number of district superintendents is urged upon the ground that if only two were employed higher salaries could be paid, other men secured and better service obtained. Objection to the plan is based upon the assertion that two men cannot cover the territory satisfactorily, and that the rapidly increasing population of the state makes the work more extensive.

In the afternoon, at a joint session of the ministers and the laymen, Bishop Hughes took occasion to voice the opinion he has heretofore expressed, that no man who engages in preaching should engage in any other occupation.

Bishop Gives Sharp Talk.

"Take with you neither purse nor scrip," was the instruction given by the Master to his disciples," said Bishop Hughes, "and if he were here today he would say to the ministers of the gospel, take with you no mining stock, no insurance agencies, no real estate agencies, no business enterprises that will occupy your time and attention." The bishop was especially strong in denunciation of pastors who engage in selling mining stock and declared that "a number of ministers who engage in such enterprises left in their congregations unfavorable impressions of the ministry which it will take years and years and years to remove." These remarks were called forth by addresses that had been delivered by B. Lee Paget, A. F. Fiegel and R. A. Booth of the laymen's association, who spoke of the work of ministers and indicated their opinion that the minister should stick to his pulpit. Bishop Hughes plainly declared that no minister will receive much consideration from him if he asks to be given a specified appointment in order that he may be close to his farm or business interests.

Booth Receives Ovation.

A very touching incident occurred when Bishop Hughes introduced R. A. Booth. As the former defendant in the land-fraud trials advanced to the front of the rostrum, the whole audience arose and waved handkerchiefs and hats and hands by way of greeting and expression of kindly feeling. When the crowd was seated again Mr. Booth attempted to speak, but was overcome by the demonstration he had just witnessed and broke down and sobbed.

Work of Laymen Praised.

In closing the joint session of ministers and laymen, Bishop Hughes spoke highly of the work of the Laymen's Association, and recalled the important positions to which God had called laymen. Abraham, Moses, David and Daniel were laymen and not priests, he declared, and he recalled the names of the men whom he sent out to preach the gospel he chose laymen and not priests.

Support for Old Willamette.

A number of resolutions were adopted, among them being a pledge of support to Willamette University, an in-

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SCIO, Or., Sept. 25.—(Special.)—The question of submitting to the legal voters of Lane County at the regular November election a proposition known as "The Lane County Plan" is receiving enthusiastic support from this section. The school law requires that a petition signed by 100 or more of the legal voters and taxpayers of the



NEW SCHOOLHOUSE THAT HAS JUST BEEN COMPLETED AT ROCKWOOD.

ROCKWOOD, Or., Sept. 25.—(Special.)—One of the neatest and most attractive of Multnomah County's new schoolhouses has been opened for the Fall term, with Professor J. B. Lent as principal and Miss Ellen Taylor as assistant teacher. Another teacher will be employed as soon as all the children of the district are enrolled, which will be before the Fall work is done. The ninth grade is being taught here for the first time, it being the intention to continue the High School course every year hereafter. The new building cost \$6000 and was fully equipped under the direction of County School Superintendent R. E. Robinson. The present directors are Richard Tegart, chairman; Max Rueli and Frank Miller. It is their intention to inclose the grounds with a new fence and beautify them second to none in the county.

county shall be necessary to place on the ballot at any regular election the question of establishing county high schools.

Petitions are now being circulated throughout Lane County. Should this plan, as submitted, be endorsed by the majority of voters, one of the greatest obstacles to the high school movement in this county will have been overcome. The union high school law requires the majority vote of all the districts before the high school is started. High schools are being established in Lane County, where it was impossible to maintain them before. A small county tax is levied and each high school student, regardless of location, draws his share of the tax. The more high school students the more money the district or combination of districts draws from the county. Under this law county high schools can be established in every group of districts in the state not over 12 miles in extent, and which have 15 or 20 pupils to enter the high school.

GIVE CHECKS TO STRANGER

Hotel Guests and Proprietor Deprived by Young Man.

PRAIRIE CITY, Or., Sept. 25.—(Special.)—A well dressed young man, who claimed to be a representative of the Eign Watch Company, giving his name as Willard Bell, is in jail, accused of defrauding a hotelkeeper. Bell had credit at the Blue Mountain Hot Springs to the extent of \$40, where he was a guest for several days. One day, about three weeks ago, he announced his purpose to visit Prairie City and return the same day. The distance is 15 miles. Several of the guests at the Springs had checked to be cashed and accepted this opportunity to send the checks with the stranger; but he failed to return. He cashed the checks, but left the next morning on the stage for parts unknown.

TORRENS ACT IS UPHELD

Test Case of Title Registration in State of Washington.

SEATTLE, Sept. 25.—(Special.)—The constitutionality of the Torrens law passed by the last Legislature was upheld by Judge George E. Morris in the Superior Court today in deciding a suit brought to compel the county clerk to file an application to register title under the law. The clerk, when the application was made, refused to accept it on the ground that the law was defective. Both the title to the act and the act itself were attacked in a demurrer this morning. Judge Morris overruled the demurrer and held the law to be valid. The suit was a friendly one brought to test the law, and notice of an appeal was immediately given.

Removing Restricted District.

PENDLETON, Or., Sept. 25.—(Special.)—Mayor Murphy today instructed the Chief of Police to see that the row of one-story houses and the first floors of the two-story houses on Cottonwood street and having entrances from both Cottonwood and Main streets be vacated by October 1. This is the first direct result of the agitation which has been carried on from time to time for the removal from the heart of the city of the restricted district.

To Test Validity Filing Fee.

OLYMPIA, Wash., Sept. 25.—(Special.)—The constitutionality of that section of the direct primary law requiring candidates to pay a filing fee was argued in the Supreme Court today and taken under advisement. Assistant Attorney-General L. B. Knieker, who is friendly to the law, has filed a demurrer against him.

INDICT ONE NEGRO

Result So Far of Grand Jury's Deliberation.

BIG BATCH TODAY, MAYBE

Final Report at Pendleton Expected to Include Long List of Alleged Violators of Prohibition Order.

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MILLIONS OF FISH EGGS

Clackamas Station Preparing to Restock Oregon Streams.

OREGON CITY, Or., Sept. 25.—(Special.)—Sixty-nine thousand Chinook salmon eggs have been taken in two nights at the Clackamas station by the United States Bureau of Fisheries, which is also directing operations on the Columbia River at Little White Salmon. Big white salmon and at Bonaville, where eggs are being taken for the stations on Tanner Creek and Eagle Creek.

LET SMALLPOX RUN RIFE

Tacoma Health Officers Miffed at Opposition to Vaccination.

TACOMA, Wash., Sept. 25.—(Special.)—It is possible that all efforts to control smallpox will be abandoned. Health authorities threaten to shut down the city if the opposition to vaccination assumes serious proportions. "If the opposition to and violation of the vaccination law continues, then it is altogether possible that the health officers of the state will recommend the abolishment of the quarantine laws," said Dr. Sargentich today in discussing the recent convention of health officers held in Tacoma.

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SPECIAL TRAINS FOR FAIR

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Coldest in 33 Years.

THE DALLES, Or., Sept. 25.—(Special.)—The first frost of the season visited this vicinity last night, the mercury falling to 23, the lowest registered here in September for 33 years.

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LIQUOR DEALER SENTENCED

JAIL AND FINE FOR G. B. HANSARD, OF LEBANON.

"Bootlegger," Driven From Hiding Place by Fire, Is Taken Into Custody by Deputy.

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A warrant on the present charge was issued about two weeks ago and sent to Lebanon but Hansard could not be found. When the fire broke out in the roof of a two-story building on Main street last Friday, Hansard appeared on the roof, having been occupying the upper story. Deputy Sheriff J. B. Green was in the crowd at the fire with the warrant in his pocket and arrested Hansard. Having pleaded guilty on the seven prior charges, Hansard fought this case, but the jury returned a verdict of guilty this evening.

WIFE DESERTER CONVICTED

Seattle Man Made to Provide Wife and Child With Money.

SEATTLE, Sept. 25.—(Special.)—Judge W. A. Frater, in the Superior Court today found Charles H. Hardy guilty of deserting his family, the first conviction to be obtained under the law passed by the last legislature for the prevention of family desertion and non-support.

The law provides a punishment of a \$500 fine or imprisonment not to exceed three years in the penitentiary. The court is given the prerogative of compelling the defendant to pay to the support of his deserted wife or family a certain sum weekly. Judge Frater suspended judgment upon Hardy's promising to pay a certain sum each week to the support of his wife and child. Since the act was passed hundreds of divorce actions have been filed in King County, in which the chief allegation was desertion, but this is the first case to be tried under the act.

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