EUSTER ALLEGED

Rev. T. B. Ford Said to Be After Place of District Superintendent.

ACTION ON SALARY LEGAL?

Pastor Declares Meeting of Board, at Which It Was Voted to Cut Off His Salary After June 15, Is Open Rebellion.

That the troubles of the Rev. W. T. Euster and the Sunnyside Methodist Episcopal Church are the result of a deeplaid conspiracy to make Rev. T. B. Ford, of Hood River, superintendent of the Portland district is the assertion made yesterday by friends of the pastor, The action of the official board of the Sunnyside Church in refusing to pay Mr. Euster's salary after June 15 is said to be a part of this plot, Mr. Euster contends that this action of the board is illegal and in defiance of the rules and discipline of the Methodist Church, besides being in open rebellion to the bishop and

the Oregon Conference, The conspiracy is alleged to be directed against both Mr. Euster and Rev. W. B. Hollingshead, the present district superintendent. The plan, it is said, is to land Mr. Ford in Mr. Hollingshead's place at the end of his term, which will comat the meeting of the Oregon Conference in September. It is asserted a great many letters have been written by the wo-called conspirators, which confirm the existence of a plot on the part of Mr. Ford and his friends and show that the issue is not so much against Mr. Enster personally. Letters covering 400 pages are said to have fallen into the hands of those affected, proving the existence of Mr. Ford's ambition.

Meeting Alleged Illegal.

The latest phase of the row is the action of the board taken last Monday night, when it decided it would not pay Mr. Euster's salary after June 15. Mr. Euster says this meeting was illegal, a "star chamber" session, not regularly called, as required, from the pulpit. The action came as a great surprise to the pastor, for he did not know the meeting was to be held until 10:30 o'clock that night, when he returned from the Hawthorne Park Tabernacle. Then Charles E. Lenon told him of it. Mr. Euster said thorne Park Tabernacle. Then Charles E. Lenon told him of it. Mr. Euster said

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"The meetting of the board had not been called for last Monday night, but I announced at the tabernacie that there would be a board meeting next Monday night. It was an illegal meeting, according to the rules of the Methodist Church, and an open rebellion, but in line with the policy of the faction which desires to ruin the Sunnyside Methodist Church. It was a most dastardly thing to do toward a man who has been trying to erect this beautiful church and do his duty by the people for the board to hold a meeting without his knowledge and declare it will cut off the salary of the pastor and set him and his family adrift.

"I have been sweet-tempered all the way through this trouble. I have continued to preach to the people. For some time I had not the people.

tinued to preach to the people. For some time I had no management of the finances of the new building. That was taken away from me some time ago by the building committee. The comby the building committee. The com-mittee dismissed the architect and em-ployed Fred G. Oppenhelmer, a carpen-ter, to superintend the erection of the new church and paid him more than

new church and pald him more than the architect fees, a pure graft. "At the meeting Monday night Rev. Henry P. Blake, who is not a member of this conference, was chosen to preside. When it came to vote on the resolution to cut off my salary, Mr. Blake told the meeting that the action was rebellion, but Herbert Gordon, one of the leaders of the opposing faction, declared, 'let it be rebellion then.' I am willing and ready to submit to the constituted authority of the Methodist Church, and have no fears of the result.

"I have said nothing unkind of the leaders of this faction, but have said if I have made mistakes I am sorry. I am not alarmed over the action taken. I have received many assurances of assistance and symmetry over. I have received many assurances of as-sistance and sympathy over the tele-phone today. There is an investigat-ing committee of five, with Charles E. Lenon as chairman, which has been making a careful investigation into all the details of the trouble, and will sub-mit a full report covering every phase of the case. Bishop Smith also has been investigating the trouble."

Work on Church Stopped.

Six weeks ago when the trouble between the building committee and Mr.
Euster culminated, the committee met
and adopted resolutions that it would
not proceed with the erection of the new
stone building while Rev. Mr. Euster
remained pastor. Since then there has
been no work done on the new church.
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considerable building material has been accumulated but the stoneoutters are absent. Since then Charles W. Smith, resident bishop, has been looking into the trouble. One night he remained until midnight in session with the official board trying to reach a settlement, with but small success. Bishop Smith said yesterday regarding the action taken at the meeting Monday night:

"I have been looking into the matter and have met with the officials of the Sunnyside Church, but have not arrived at a decision one way or another concerning the case. Of course the pastor cannot be dismissed without permission of the bishop on any action of the official board. Such action is clearly illegal, according to the rules of the Methodist Church. The motion to withhold his salary would be contrary to the rules of the church. I do not know how soon I can reach a conclusion in the case, certainly not until I have given a thorough investigation to all the details connected with it."

Board Wants Quick Action.

The official board was infomed of the probable effect of trying to out off the salary of Rev. Mr. Euster, but it appears to be the policy of the leaders of the opposition to bring the matter to a head at once without waiting for the meeting of conference next September and in advance of the investigating committee's report. The whole matter is in the hands of Bishop Smith, but it may go to the conference before a settlement has been

conference before a settlement has been reached one way or another.

Mr. Euster had nothing to say concerning the alleged conspiracy. He declared he would be loyal to the church, to the bishop and to the district superintendent, and declared that he would continue to preach at Sunnyside and to live on bread and water if necessary.

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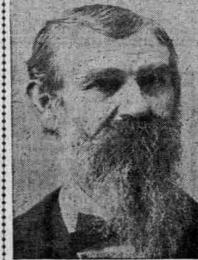
board and one of the opponents of Mr. Euster, said yesterday:
"The official board does not care to enter into a controversy over this matenter into a controversy over this matter. The facts and conditions are well
known in the community. I will say,
however, that the meeting held Monday
night was a legal meeting. Rev. Euster
called this meeting himself for Monday
night, but he recalled it later. The official board then called this meeting and
sent out the notices. Further than this
I do not care to make any statement."

SHEEPMEN PLAN MEETING

National Convention to Be Held in Portland January 5, 6 and 7.

The Portland Commercial Club was notified yesterday through D. O. Lively. general agent of the Portland stockyards, that the executive committee of the National Woolgrowers' Association had fixed January 5, 6 and 7 as the dates for holding the 47th annual convention in Portland next year. Portland was chosen as the place for holding the convention at the reg-ular annual meeting held at Ogden, Utah, last year. Over 5000 delegates attended the

PIONEER RESIDENT PASSES.



The Late Michael Peterson. Michael Peterson, one of Oreanchael Peterson, one of Oregon's oldest pioneers and a respected resident of Portland for many years, died at his home, 331 Thirteenth street, at 8:30 last Saturday night. Funeral services were held Monday at the home of the aged pioneer. Interment was in Riverview Cemetery.

The deceased was born in Johnston, Pa., April 25, 1829, where he lived until he attained his majority. In 1852 he came to Oregon, and in 1855 he was married to Miss Mary E. Hussey, of Yamhill County. In 1854 he moved to Portland, where he resided until his death last Saturday.

The late Mr. Peterson is survived by a widow and two children, Mrs. Lou L. Clark and Frank C. Peterson, both of Portland.



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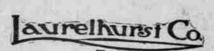
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President Gooding, who lives at be made with the local committee for ments will be made to exhibit thoushoshone, Idaho, and George Walker, holding the convention.

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