

REV. W. H. FOULKES
LEAVING PORTLAND

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Effect in April.

NEW YORK NOW NEW FIELD

Rutgers Church, Over 100 Years
Old, Gets Prominent Minister,
Who Regrets Severing Ties.
Big Growth Seen Here.

Dr. William Hiram Foulkes has resigned his pastorate at the First Presbyterian Church, to accept a call to fill the pulpit of Rutgers Presbyterian Church of New York City. He announced to his congregation at the local church at yesterday morning's service his intention to leave Portland next April.

PASTOR OF FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH WHO HAS ACCEPTED CALL TO RUTGERS PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, NEW YORK.



REV. WILLIAM HIRAM FOULKES.

Dr. Foulkes is a member of Williamsburg lodge of Masons, a member of the Sons of the American Revolution, president of the Oregon Anti-Saloon League, and a life member of the Commercial Club.

Rutgers Church is located at Seventy-third street and Broadway, between Central Park and the Hudson River, and while not as large as the Portland church, is one of the most influential in New York. It is over 100 years old. For two years it has had no pastor. Dr. Robert Mackenzie, now secretary of the Presbyterian Board of Colleges, last filled its pulpit.

Dr. Foulkes, who wired last Friday his acceptance of the call, arrived in Portland from Clinton, Ia., March 17, 1907. To his congregation yesterday morning he said:

It is an exceedingly difficult task that confronts me this morning. For I must put into words sentiments, reflections and a purpose which are hard for me to express. After consultation with the officers of the church who were present at the prayer meeting last Thursday night, I have thought best that I should communicate to the members of the church and congregation without further delay, my thoughts which bind us together as pastor and people be soon severed. A hearty and unanimous call to the pastorate of Rutgers Presbyterian Church in New York City, from which an informal, but official call, has already been placed in my hands. It is inexpedient for me to attempt to rehearse all the reasons by which I arrived at this irrevocable conclusion. Some few considerations, however, I ought to share with you.

When, nearly four years ago, I received assurance from the First Presbyterian Church of Portland, similar to those now being received from Rutgers Church, that my pastoral services were unanimously desired by this church, I heartily accepted and joyfully entered upon its work. As to the real reason of that ministry I believe it is to judge and to minister to the needs of your pastor, and I am sure, been good to you as a church. In every department of church life, I have seen and felt a substantial spiritual as well as material progress. We have, also, received thus far 500 new members since my coming to this church. The largely increased benevolence of the church bears witness to your growth and liberality.

The First Church of Portland is an outstanding church. Its influence in the Northwest, through the entire Pacific Northwest, under the able ministrations of my predecessor, the late Rev. J. M. Hill, has grown steadily in its influence, not merely upon the city, but upon the whole country. It has, therefore, contributed to maintain its high position. I shall consider myself grateful to God and to you for the opportunity which this church makes its burdens peculiarly heavy. Time has been tried to leave in a reasonable way. The time has come in my ministry, however, in view of the urgent call, and long-lasting usefulness. It seems best for me to think of resigning my pastorate and to devote my time to the work of preaching and pastoral work rather than in making my ministry more extensive.

Call is Making Enough.
I don't need to tell you that the call to New York has come unthought. When I returned from Scotland last summer, the committee of Rutgers Church, who had placed in my hands the assurance of its deliberate conviction that I was the man for the position, called me to Portland in July. I gave careful consideration to the matter and then came to the conclusion that the time had not yet come for me to leave Portland. My answer to that effect was promptly received. The matter was considered closed.

A fortnight ago, however, nearly four months after my destination, the committee of Rutgers Church approached me with a renewed and urgent request for my resignation, stating that during all the time, despite my unfavorable decision, they could not resist the common conviction that I was the man to assume the leadership of their church. After general deliberation, it became clear to me that my duty lay in the line of the acceptance of the formal call which will be soon issued.

Rutgers Church is one of the leading churches in New York City. It is located on Seventy-third and Broadway, and is in one of the most substantial residential sections of our American metropolis. It wields a great influence in the Presbyterian Church, and is destined, I believe, to occupy even a greater position in the future. It numbers among its officers and members many of the leading citizens of New York. In point of membership it is not nearly so large as the church of which I have just resigned, while First Church, Portland, has over 1400.

The conditions of the call which I intend to accept, I have been informed by the committee, will doubtless be so generously arranged by the people of New York that it will not be necessary for me to leave Portland for several months, thus avoiding the unpleasant change of residence and the unfortunate breaking of the year's work in mid-winter. At the unanimous request of the members of the session present this day night, I shall ask to be permitted to remain here until the first of April, or even longer, until the first of May, in order that you may be able to proceed at once in the matter of securing a suitable successor, whom I know the great head of the church will send to you.

My genuine gratitude arises to God for your constant loyalty to me and your many kindnesses to me and to my family during these four years. It is not easy to think of severing ties that have been so truly tested and blessed to me. May our Heavenly Father make these remaining months we shall spend together the most fruitful period of my pastorate and the best in the history of the church.

is in a residential section, he said, and he will be given an opportunity to confine himself more largely to preaching. He believes that his knowledge of the West, gained during the four years he has been in Portland, will be invaluable to him.

The Presbyterian minister preached at Rutgers Church two Sundays while attending the sessions of the general assembly at Atlantic City last May. When he returned from his trip to Edinburgh and Oberammergau he was urged to take the pulpit, but declined.

Mr. Foulkes is to give a stereopticon lecture at the First Presbyterian Church next Tuesday night on the "Passion Play."

Members Regret Resignation.
Fletcher Linn, a member of the session of the First Presbyterian Church, said last night that the first any of the church members knew of Dr. Foulkes' intention to make the change was last Thursday night, when at the meeting of the session he told them of his decision.

"It came as a complete surprise to us," said Mr. Linn. "I intended to appoint a committee to select a successor, although this is not absolutely necessary, as we have until the first of May to find a man."

"There has been nothing but the best of good feeling between Dr. Foulkes and the members of his congregation. But my understanding of the situation is that he desires eventually to enter some theological seminary as an instructor, and to that end desires to devote himself more exclusively to study. This church, being practically the head of the Presbyterian churches on the Pacific Coast, makes large demands on Dr. Foulkes' time to visit other churches. His new position, I think, will give him more time for study."

William M. Ladd, another member of the session, was called upon, but was found to be ill. Mrs. Ladd said the first the congregation knew of Dr. Foulkes' acceptance of the Eastern call was at the session meeting Thursday night.

When Dr. Foulkes came to Portland he received \$4000 a year, and the manse. This was increased to \$5000, and the rental of a house, later, this being the amount paid to Dr. Hill, his predecessor.

Though the church session has had no opportunity to act on the resignation of Dr. Foulkes, there is talk that he will be persuaded to remain in Portland, efforts will be made to secure some prominent minister from the East to fill the pulpit. Already the church has received John Timothy Stone, of Chicago and Baltimore; Rev. Pleasant Hunter, of Newark, N. J., and Rev. John Edward Bushnell, of Minneapolis. Funds are being suggested by members of the First Church.

IMPROVEMENTS TO PLAYGROUNDS

Improvement of the playgrounds of the public schools is being pushed, and it is hoped that it will be possible within a short time for the children to spend the intermissions in the open air instead of having to amuse themselves in the basements of the schools.

Where there is not ample ground surrounding the school to provide a playground, an effort probably will be made to obtain adjacent land. However, this question has not yet been passed upon. The main object in the improvements which are being carried on is to make the playgrounds sanitary, bringing about good drainage and providing ample concrete walks so the children can keep their feet dry. A portion of the ground is to be used as a playground and the rest will be seeded with grass. It is also planned to plant native trees.

In many cities the school grounds are provided with playground devices, and it is hoped by the School Board that these can be installed in the grounds of the Portland public schools in the near future. When the newly-acquired school sites were bought, enough land was obtained to provide playgrounds. These are in the suburban districts where land does not bring high prices. It is the contention of the School Board that where the grounds are only 200x100 feet the purchase of an adjoining piece of ground should be made before buildings are put up and the lots advance in price. Improvements are being made with the \$10,000 fund which was recently set apart for that purpose. Grounds at the following schools have been graded and laid with walks: Irvington, Brooklyn, Richmond, Oakes, Irvington, Brooklyn, Woodstock and Geddes. The Jefferson and Kern school grounds are under contract for improvement.

CAGE IS DISGRACE

City Cruel to Its Lion, Rev. Mr. Corby Declares.

HUMANE WORK REVIEWED

Much Remains to Be Done to Ameliorate Condition of Children, Says Minister—Lack of Home Life Deplored.

REVENGE IS SATISFIED

SAYING HE PAID FARE TWICE, MAN CLANGS NICKEL BELL.

Conductor, Jammed in Scrounging Crowd, Loses Money at Rate of \$10 per Minute.

ATHENA CITIZEN PASSES

J. F. Gross, Aged 60, Had Been Oregon Resident Since 1878.

BETTER FACILITIES BEING PROVIDED FOR CHILDREN.

Purchase of Additional Land Adjoining Schools May Be Necessary in Some Instances.

ARTHRUR FRAZER, PIANIST

Will Appear at MASONIC TEMPLE AUDITORIUM

Tuesday Evening, December 13 Under the Auspices of the MONDAY MUSICAL CLUB.

Mr. Frazer is an Oregon boy, formerly instructor of music at the University of Oregon and has recently returned from a year's study abroad. Appearing on the Programme with Mr. Frazer will be Miss Ethel Rowland, mezzo-soprano, for several years a prominent choir-singer of Boston.

All members of the Monday Musical Club will be admitted on presentation of their cards of membership. The price of admission for the general public is 50 CENTS.

11 JURORS JOIN PARDON PETITION

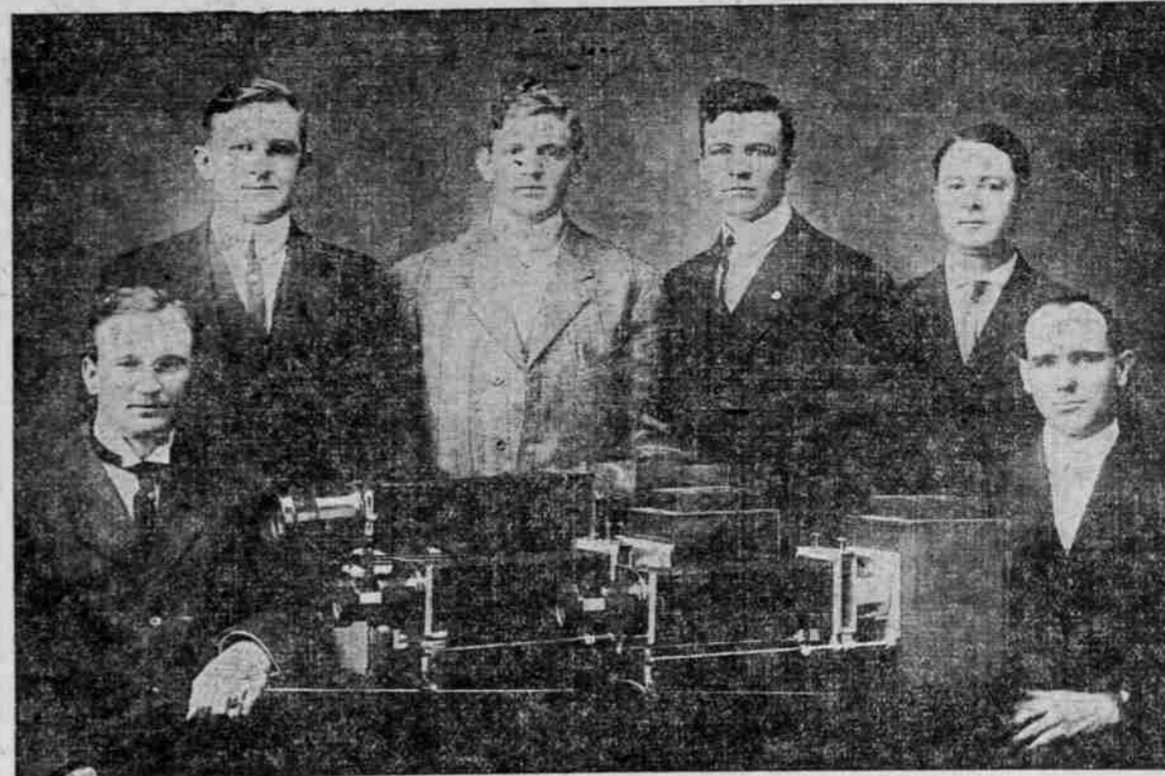
Prosecutor Also Asks Governor That J. Thorburn Ross Be Not Punished.

WIDE CIRCULATION GIVEN

Convicted Banker's Attorney Will Argue That Client Already Has Suffered Enough—Bowerman Likely to Hear Case.

Eleven of the 12 jurors who convicted J. Thorburn Ross, president of the defunct Title Guarantee & Trust Company, of converting state funds to his own use, have signed a petition for Ross' pardon. Ross is now experiencing a delay in the taking up of a five-year term in the Oregon State Prison while the United States Supreme Court is passing on a writ of error in the case. One of the petitions for pardon bears the name of John Manning, who, as District Attorney, directed the Ross prosecution. The petitions for a pardon have been circulated by Ross' brother, John T. Ross, of Astoria, and by his nephew, E. D. Ross, of Portland. Just how many signatures have been obtained is not disclosed, although it is known that the petitions are bulky and probably contain many thousand names. Acting Governor Bowerman will likely be called upon to act upon the pardon. While the exact date for presenting the request is not set, it is understood that the case will be brought to a climax before the change of administration occurs. Wallace McCamant, an attorney for Ross, will present the arguments favoring a pardon. It will likely be argued that Ross already has suffered enough for any wrong he has committed. The assertion will likely be made, too, that he has been made the victim of strong public feeling to a large extent. Mr. McCamant, however, declines to discuss the case at this time. Ross' case has been in court since March, 1908. Although several charges against him grew out of the wrecking of the Title Guarantee & Trust Company, he was indicted on the charge of converting to his own use a large amount of money deposited with his bank by the state. When brought to trial he was convicted after a hard-fought trial. Five years' imprisonment, a fine of \$50,000 was the penalty first imposed. This was taken on appeal to the Oregon Supreme Court, which modified the sentence, inasmuch as Ross, being unable to pay the fine, would serve the term of the sentence by being compelled to remain in the County Jail something over 700 years. The Supreme Court opinion was written by Justice Eakin. There was one dissenting voice, that of Justice King, who took the stand that no crime had been committed by Ross.

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The firm of P. C. Lavey & Company will within a few days start these machines and lecturers on a tour of the middle Western and Eastern States for the purpose of showing the people of those states that part of Oregon known as "The Klamath Country" and the Butte Valleys of California and the towns of Klamath Falls and Worden, Oregon, and Mt. Hebron and Dorris, California. Our idea is to bring at least a trainload of homeseekers to this country when the tourist season again opens. We will have in all six machines and lecturers (three of the machines being shown here).

We firmly believe that the Klamath country is the great comer of this wonderful state, and we propose telling the people why, also how to get there. We have consistently worked for that part of Oregon for the last year, and we have brought many families into the state.

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We have not and will not ask financial aid in this work from any commercial club or individual. P. C. Lavey & Company will bear all the expense, and if we are the cause of helping other real estate firms to gain business we will be happy because there is room in this great state for all of us.

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What we want in this state is smaller farms and more people on those farms.

We believe this to be a great work, and we are glad we are in the harness. This firm is progressive and aggressive, and has just finished a wonderful year's business. The future looks bright and promises a greater year's business next year than this has been. Let's all cheer up and work together for a greater Oregon, and do this without holding our hands out for contributions.

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