

REV. JOHN PARSONS SOON TO BE TRIED

Methodist Minister, 60 Years Old, Is Accused of Misusing Fund.

BISHOP BLAMES ANIMUS

Clergyman, 63 Years in Oregon, Now in Alaska, to Face Church Tribunal for Alleged Unprofessional Business Deal.

TACOMA, Wash., Sept. 17.—(Special.)—Charged with misappropriation of church funds and other offenses, Rev. John Parsons, 60 years old, for three years superintendent of the Alaska Missions of the Methodist Church, will be placed on trial next Wednesday before the Oregon Annual Conference at Salem.

Rev. Mr. Parsons, who is in Alaska, will not appear personally at the trial. A number of depositions and letters from Fairbanks, Alaska, will be entered in his defense.

The charges against the minister principally are that he took for his own use funds for the Alaska Missions, and that he figured in an unprofessional business deal closed in Fairbanks. Although friends doubt the charges, and Bishop Smith characterizes them merely as trivial indiscretions, the trial is in progress.

Rev. Mr. Parsons, who was in Oregon for 33 years, before his Alaska experience, has my confidence," said Bishop Smith of the churches, which do not believe him capable of the charges. A member of his church, named Wheeler, is responsible for the charges. Personal animus is probably the cause of his action.

"Rev. Mr. Parsons told me several weeks ago that there was no truth in the charges and explained that in a deal at least his accusers had confused him with another man of the same name, who was, he said, mixed up in a shady business deal."

Rev. John Parsons was a resident of Oregon for 34 years, during which time he was prominent in the work of the Methodist church. He entered the field about 30 years ago as pastor in Southern Oregon. He advanced rapidly, serving as pastor in churches at Eugene, Albany, Forest Grove and other places. Thirteen years ago he was appointed superintendent of the Salem district of the church, which position he held for five years when he was appointed pastor of the Salem Methodist church. He was appointed to the superintendency of the Alaska missions eight years ago and has been there since.

Rev. J. W. McDougall, superintendent of the local district in Oregon, says Rev. Mr. Parsons is a family man and one of the most able and earnest pastors in the church.

METHODISTS WILL CONVENE

Pastors and Laymen Prepare for Meeting at Salem.

SALLEM, Or., Sept. 17.—(Special.)—With the programme for the 58th session of the Oregon Annual Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church completed, arrangements are now going ahead for the final details in caring for the accommodations of the 400 pastors and laymen who will convene at Salem September 20 to 25. Those of the ministry will be cared for in the homes of the Methodists in this city, while the laymen will secure accommodations at hotels and private homes.

There promises to be much of interest for the visiting Methodists when they pass through Salem, since a conference has been held in Salem the Old People's Home of the Methodist Church has been established. The Leslie Church in South Salem and the Lee Mission Church in North Salem are now being completed and construction work will be well along by the time the conference opens.

It is expected that those who are present will visit these places of interest, especially the Jason Lee Memorial Church. This is being constructed through contributions of churches all over the Northwest in honor of the pioneer Methodist missionary and pastor on the Pacific Coast.

Following is the complete programme for the conference:

Tuesday—7:30 P. M. the Epworth League, A. A. Hays, presiding, address, C. W. Williams, First Church, Lewiston, Idaho.

Wednesday—9 A. M. organization of the conference, Bishop Charles W. Smith; 2 P. M. the Woman's Home Missionary Society, Mrs. Fletcher Human presiding; 4 P. M. the Church Temperance Society, J. C. Boller, presiding; 7 P. M. a World Value of Temperance Reform, Clarence True Wilson, assistant field secretary; 8:30 P. M. the Board of Christian Missions and Church Extension, H. J. VanFossen presiding; address, Robert Forbes, corresponding secretary.

Thursday—8:15 A. M. studies in Victoria; 9:30 A. M. studies in Victoria; 10:30 A. M. studies in Victoria; 11:30 A. M. studies in Victoria; 1:30 P. M. the Board of Foreign Missions, Robert Forbes presiding; address, Adna B. Leonard, corresponding secretary.

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FIRST GRAIN CARGO SAILS

Collingham Leaves Portland With Load for United Kingdom.

First of the ships carrying wheat from Portland this season, the British steamer Collingham, with a cargo of 232,000 bushels for the United Kingdom, left down early yesterday morning. The French ship Dougray Trouin completed her wheat cargo yesterday and is standing out in the channel. She will probably leave today.

ITALIANS SELECT ROYALTY FOR FETE

King and Queen Named to Reign Over Festivities of Columbus Day.

DISCOVERER ALSO PICKED

Dazzling Celebration of First Oregon Holiday in Honor of Navigator Is Planned by His Countrymen—Fund Big.

At the culmination of an active and enthusiastic nine-months' campaign for the first celebration of Columbus

Day in Oregon under the new law which makes that day a holiday, the Italians of the Northwest at a meeting at the Swiss Hall, at 235 1/2 Third Street, last night selected members who will represent Christopher Columbus, Queen Isabella and King Ferdinand at the celebration planned for October 12.

Angelo Cuneo, second vice-president of the Columbus day celebration, was elected to represent Christopher Columbus. He received a vote of 2618, while his opponent, Joseph Stasi, had 3246. A. P. Simoni, with a vote of 1715, for the place of King Ferdinand, won over D. Rinaldo, whose vote was 807.

For Queen Isabella, Florida Ferretti was elected with a vote of 2791. Her opponent, Maria Dierstorfer, had 2853 votes. The cash boxes in which the voting was done for the last half hour of the contest were taken, and gold pieces were counted. One envelope contained \$146.

Immediately after the announcement February 17, that Governor West had raised the bill creating the new holiday, the contest began. It has not been confined to Italians of the city or of the state, but participated in by the seven Italian societies of the Northwest. Angelo Cuneo and Joseph Stasi have been active rivals for the honor of representing Columbus. A. P. Simoni and D. Rinaldo would play King Ferdinand, and Florida Ferretti and Maria Dierstorfer have run a close race to act the part of Queen Isabella.

Votes Raise Celebration Fund. The campaign and arrangements for observance of Columbus Day have been under the auspices of the Columbus Day Celebration Association, an organization formed for this purpose by the seven Italian societies of Portland. Votes were obtained by the payment of 10 cents for each, the money raised in this way being put into the treasury of the association for the purpose of defraying the expenses of the celebration.

The content was confined wholly to Italians, as it was their desire to make the celebration distinctly Italian. Only Italians were permitted to contribute money for votes. Albert H. Ferrara, president of the association, said he is gratified over the way his countrymen responded to the call. Mr. Ferrara believes that when the great cause for alarm. The midnight bulletin, however, was not reassuring. It read: "Late tonight M. Stolypin is still showing symptoms of peritonitis. Temperature 98, pulse 116 to 120, respiration 25."

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WOMEN CAUGHT IN RAID

FIVE NOTORIOUS RESORTS ARE INVADED BY POLICE.

For Two Hours After Midnight Patrol Wagon Carries Unfortunate to Headquarters.

A general raid of five notorious resorts was made last night. The raid began just before midnight. For two hours the patrol wagon was sent scurrying through the streets for load after load of painted and bedizened women. When the raid, one of the biggest and most successful in the city's police history, was completed, more than 20 women and 15 men found in the houses were behind the bars.

Everett street, Sixth street and the French quarter were strictly combed by Patrolmen Gill and Wylie and Patrolman West in plain clothes, under the direction of Captain Bailey, of the first night relief.

From 30 North Seventh street, Pearl Slesman, Dolly Beyer, Lillian Long and Jewel Flint, and C. Boyd and F. E. Edwards, who were visiting the place, were taken. From 324 Everett street Jus Johnson and G. Carroll were taken. Mary Peters, Katie Burns, Jessie Collins were arrested at 66 Seventh street North, and from 48 Seventh street North were arrested Loretta Walker, Loretta Le Mont, Jennie Pratt, Lola Lopez, Lila Mooney and Marcel De For were arrested at 27 1/2 Davis street. C. W. Allison, G. A. Ray and G. B. Jackson were arrested at 70 Fourth street North, in company with Marie Kelley, Dottie Clay and Gladys Wright. Ruby Duval, Lulu Durand and Rosalie Smith were taken from 423 Fourth street North. From 25 Seventh street North were taken Marie Reed, Edna Tremont, George Crow, George Johnson and Frank Lewis.

Patrolmen Gill, Wylie and West, in plain clothes, entered the house at First and Davis streets and arrested Sadie Smith, Marguerite Waller, Madeline Smith, Anton Myers, Joe Watkins, John Sullivan and Max Willaway, found in the house when the officers entered, were also arrested.

Victors to Get Trophies. Each of the successful contestants will receive an engraved silver cup, to be his absolute property. The cups are now on exhibition at Belding Brothers' jewelry store, with two others which will be given to the Italian society making the best showing in the parade, and to the society appearing with the greatest number of open votes. Those present announced that the center of the disturbance apparently was about 400 miles from Washington and he believed it was connected with the eruption of Mount Etna.

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The following bulletin was issued this afternoon: "A change for the worse in Premier Stolypin's condition set in last evening. Symptoms of local peritonitis were noticed, with indications of effusion of blood. At 6:30 o'clock this morning the patient's temperature was 98.3, pulse 90, respiration 26 to 28. The temperature two hours later was 98.6, pulse 104, respiration 24 to 26. The bandages were removed at 10 o'clock and the mouth of the wound was found to be in a satisfactory state. The bullet was felt in the skin and removed, a local anesthetic being employed. The patient stood the operation well in every way.

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