DEPOSED PASTOR DEFENDS POLICIES

Rev. Albert Ehrgott Says Church Is Not Intended to Be "Saints' Rest."

HE WILL STAY 2 MONTHS

East Side Baptist Congregation Hears Discourse on "Progressive Christianity"—Stagnation in Church Denied by Minister.

Rev. Albert Ehrgott's sermon at the East Side Baptist Church last night, from the pulpit of which he was deposed by vote of the church last Thursday night, as a defense of the policies he has advocated. Although he did not refer directly to the opposition that has grown up against him he evidently tried to show that he had been in the right and his critics in the wrong.

Rev. Mr. Ehrgott combatted the idea that the church is to be a "saints' rest." His subject was "Progressive Christianity." He said that "social salvation is to win the day for the salvation of the people by the application of the whole of the gospel to the whole of life. It is the using of the church not as a saints' rest, using the Bible not as a cow chews cud, but making the church a basis from which to go forth and attack the problems of the day which need attacking, and making the Bible not a toy to soothe and please me only, but a weapon with which I can help subdue the wrongs of today."

Christ's Example Cited.

Mr. Ehrgott said that "Christianity is broader than any one church or denomination." He said the church should not only feed the poor, but study the underlying causes of poverty. He referred to hours of labor and environment. He declared that if the spirit of Christ does not triumph in the church it will triumph outside the church.

"Don't allow the men on the street corners," he said, "whose hearts are throbbing in sympathy with the downtrodden, to champion the cause of the men who are down. Let the church do it. Let practical progressive Christianity grapple with these great questions and try to solve them in the spirit of the great Christ who, when he saw men in trouble, had compassion upon them and helped them."

Mr. Ehrgott took for his texts the story of the mother of Zebedee's children, who sought for them from Christ the first place in the looked-for kingdom, recorded in Matthew 20, and the statement in Mark 2 that Christ ate "with publicans and sinners."

Ehrgott to Stay Two Months.

He declared before entering upon his sermon that he would remain with the church the full two months allowed him by the rules of the church, "unless," he said, "it seems for the good of the church that I leave sooner."

"I never desire to thrust myself upon anybody," said Mr. Ehrgott, "but I do insist upon the voice of the majority ruling, as I insist upon a democratic form of government.

"In the interest of the church, and because of some things of which I know, and which you may not know, it will be well for me to continue with the church to tide over this unpleasant invasion. I expect, God willing, to remain two months, which our constitution provides for. I shall certainly need your prayerful co-operation now more than ever.

"I wish also to correct an impression that has gone forth that prominent members of this church have gone to other churches because of this minister, and the ministry he was giving. The fact is no one has gone on that ground. The fact is one person took a letter and went on other grounds, and this was clearly understood.

Stagnation Is Denied.

"As for the stagnation of this church, that is all folly and falsehood. We have received into the church during the past year 40 members by baptism, letter and experience. Our congregations were in a very healthy condition, and in fact all our church work is in good condition. I merely say these things because they should be said, in truth and fairness.

"In view of an editorial which appeared in a paper today I will say I am not foisting myself upon any church. All I wanted was the majority voice. I am staying these two months in the interest of the church. If it develops that it is not in the church's interest, I can easily turn myself to something else tomorrow."

WORK ENDS FOR SERVICE

Excavation for Theater Stopped as Church Meeting Is On.

The steam shovel which is making the excavation for the new Sullivan & Considine Theater at the corner of Seventh and Yamhill streets, across the street from the Unitarian Church, was shut down at 11:15 yesterday morning in order that it might not disturb the church service.

"About five minutes to 11 the preacher came over," said J. M. Brown, foreman for the C. J. Cook Company, "and asked us if we would not shut down early so that the noise of the donkey engine would not disturb the service. Lee De Camp, the architect, was here, and he thought he had better shut down. So did I. So we took our noon hour three-quarters of an hour earlier than we otherwise would."

When told that Rev. W. G. Eliot, Jr., knew nothing about the request that he shut down, Mr. Brown said: "Well, the man who talked to me looked like a preacher. He was well dressed."

Mr. Eliot said the request probably came from one of the ushers or trustees.

APARTMENTS ARE ROBBED

Mrs. Tait Loses Cash and Order Book From Landore.

Between $35 and $40 in cash and a reservation order book for the Portland Symphony Orchestra were stolen from the apartments of Mrs. B. E. Tait, of 288 Tenth street, according to her report. The robbery took place early Saturday night. She left the rooms for a few minutes to go to another part of the building. When she returned various articles which had been in her handbag were scattered about the room and the handbag was found later in the yard. The cash and order book were missing. Mrs. Tait lives at the Landore Apartments. She says she is not worrying over the loss of the money, but that the order book represents considerable work and she is endeavoring to recover it.

NOTED COMEDIANS LEARNED NEGRO CHARACTER WHILE EMPLOYED AS COOKS ON MISSISSIPPI RIVER BOATS.

M'INTYRE AND HEATH, VETERANS OF MINSTRELSY.

McIntyre and Heath, who have been on the stage together for 40 years and who are heralded as emperors of minstrelsy, will begin a week's engagement at the Orpheum this afternoon. Their offering today and tomorrow will be "Georgia Minstrels," their foremost classic. "The Man From Montana" will be presented by them Wednesday and Thursday, and for Friday the fun creators will be seen and heard in "Waiting at the Church." Whatever sketch receives the greatest number of votes from Orpheum audiences will be presented by McIntyre and Heath Saturday and Sunday. This celebrated pair learned all they know about negroes while they were cooks on boats plying on the Mississippi River years ago, and it is said their characterizations of the real darkey are so true to life that Southern negroes frequently mistake the comedians for members of their own race. "Georgia Minstrels" has broken all theater records the world over for its long stage life. McIntyre and Heath have been stage mates longer than any other duo in the world, and another record to their credit is that they crowd every theater selected by them for the portrayal of blackface acts that have made them famous. Otto J. Johnson assists the comedians in their sketches. A novel feature about McIntyre and Heath is that their names are their only billing, their long stage career making "McIntyre and Heath" sufficient billboard advertising.

250 GO TO BULL RUN

Transportation Club Guest of Mount Hood Railway.

TRIP IS MOST ENJOYABLE

Excursionists Conveyed by Special Train—Stop Made at Gresham, Where Speeches Are Delivered to Residents.

Members of the Portland Transportation Club and their friends, 250 strong, went over the line of the Mount Hood Railway & Power Company from its Portland terminus at Montavilla to the terminus at Bull Run, a distance of 20 miles, yesterday afternoon, as the guests of the railway company.

The excursionists were conveyed by special cars of the Portland Railway, Light & Power Company from Third and Morrison street to the Mount Hood Railway station at Montavilla, where they left on their trip by a special train at 1 P. M. The number of those making the journey was larger than anticipated, and as a result every seat was taken, and many persons had to stand in the aisles and on the platforms. In a large baggage car that had been pressed into service, the excursionists occupied benches. L. F. Knowlton, general manager of the company, and other officials of the road, accompanied the excursionists.

With a balmy sky and clear weather, the excursionists had every opportunity to enjoy the country, and particularly the beautiful scenery in the foothills.

A few stops were made along the road, the most notable of these at Gresham, where representatives of the Commercial Club and citizens had gathered at the station to greet the visitors. A short programme of speech-making marked the stop. Gresham residents circulated through the crowd and distributed Gresham "booster" buttons, while the speakers were delivering their messages. A. Meyers, president of the Gresham Commercial Club, introduced F. L. Everson, an attorney, who spoke briefly. On behalf of the Transportation Club, W. T. Buchanan, publicity manager of the Portland Railway, Light & Power Company, responded.

Upon the arrival at Bull Run, where the tracks of the line at present end, the passengers viewed the large power stations being erected there by the company, and the large auxiliary conduits of the city water system of Portland.

The passengers walked to the top of the hill, where the small town of Bull Run is situated on the line of the Mt. Hood Automobile boulevard, now being constructed. Winding, seemingly, for miles in graceful curves on an elevated plateau, the well-constructed roadbed, as yet unused, proved an agreeable revelation to those who saw it.

An amusing feature of the visit was the general rush for the small grocery store in the town by the passengers, who had their appetites whetted by the ride and the walk.

The return trip was started shortly after 4 o'clock, and the special cars had reached the down-town district by 4 o'clock. This is the second excursion of the kind to be made over the new line, which has been in operation about a year. The first was made last July, when the Portland Ad Club members were the guests of the railroad company.

FLAX GROWING IS URGED

Campaign Planned to Show Farmers How to Increase Product.

R. H. Smith, manager of the Western seed department of the American Linseed company, will go to Corvallis to consult with Dr. James Withycombe, of the Oregon Agricultural College, and lay plans for a campaign of education among the farming men of the Willamette Valley to stimulate the development of the flax-growing industry. On this trip he will also visit M. L. Jones, of Brooks, an agriculturist who has grown flax for many years and who recently announced that he had 35 bushels of linseed to dispose of among farmers who wished seed enough to start flax growing on their farms.

Indorsed by the promotion department of the Portland Commercial Club, as the first feasible plan suggested for bringing the flax industry in Oregon to a position of importance, Mr. Smith expects the Agricultural College to offer effective co-operation in the campaign he will make. "It is a matter now," he said, "of making the farmers of the state acquainted with the market that awaits them as soon as they are ready to raise the flax. Until the past few weeks, not many in Oregon realized that there is a factory in Portland manufacturing linseed oil, and which is capable of handling as much as the farmers can raise. It is not a matter of establishing a linen factory and going to a vast amount of expense to prepare a market for the raw flax produced here. The factory is already established and in its operation has been obliged to import thousands of bushels of linseed from the East, simply because the farmers of Oregon are not raising flax.

Mr. Smith has wired to Canada for an expert from his company to come to Oregon to take part in the campaign of education for flax culture. He will receive assistance from the promotion bureau of the Commercial Club, working with the Oregon Development League, and from the Oregon Agricultural College.

CHURCH SWELLS FUND

GRACE METHODIST ADDS TO WILLAMETTE ENDOWMENT.

Nearly $14,000 Is Now Raised and $9000 More Is Yet to Be Secured for School.

Grace Methodist Episcopal Church has raised nearly $14,000 of the $25,000 it is to give toward the Willamette University endowment fund. About $775 was raised at the church yesterday morning in additional to what has been pledged already by members of that church. Among those who have pledged large amounts are L. O. Ralston, $5000; J. L. Hartman, $2500; James P. Rasmussen, $1500, and the Ladies' Aid Society, $500.

Dr. John W. Hancher spoke at Grace Church yesterday morning. He preached at Salem last night. A circular letter sent out by Dr. Hancher to all the Methodist ministers of the city telling of the $100,000 gift of Peter W. Severson to Willamette University, was read yesterday morning by the ministers to their congregations. At Taylor-Street Methodist Church it was hailed with applause.

Rev. C. O. McCulloch, of Clinton Kelly Memorial Methodist Church, spoke yesterday morning on "Salvation Social, Not Solitary." His text was the story of Joseph and his brothers in Egypt and Joseph's declaration, "Ye shall not see my face except your brother be with you." The minister declared that "no man can reach heaven without making every endeavor to take his brother with him."

CANADIAN PACIFIC MOVES

The Canadian Pacific office, passenger and freight department, is now located at Third and Pine (Multnomah Hotel building).

Missionary Society to Meet.

The annual meeting of the Woman's Foreign Baptist Missionary Society of Oregon will be held in University Park Baptist Church tomorrow morning at 10:30 o'clock. All members are requested by the president to be present.

GIFT OF PIONEER IS GLAD SURPRISE

Y. M. C. A. and Y. W. C. A. Officers Express Appreciation to Donor.

SCOPE OF WORK WIDENED

Secretary Stone Says Money Given by Peter W. Severson Will Enable Plans for Expansion to Be Effected.

The donation of $50,000 each to the Y. M. C. A. and Y. W. C. A. of Portland by Peter W. Severson, a pioneer resident of this city, came as a complete and welcome surprise to the officers of both organizations.

"It was not until after the papers transferring the securities to the Y. M. C. A. had been signed Saturday," said H. W. Stone, secretary of the Y. M. C. A., "that I had the slightest notion of Mr. Severson's intention to give our organization financial assistance. I recognized his picture appearing in the morning papers as that of a man whom I had seen in the lobby of the Y. M. C. A. building, I believe, several times, but I have never had the privilege of meeting him personally.

Stone Not Informed.

"The only inkling I had of the intended gift was a telephone call that came a few days ago, asking the names of the trustees of the organization. By this I knew that something probably was in the air. Whether some one had planned to make a will in favor of the Y. M. C. A., or what it might be I had no idea. Other officers of the Association here, with the exception of the trustees who were present when the papers were signed in J. L. Wells' office, were totally unaware of Mr. Severson's intended gift until the announcement was made to them late in the afternoon.

"The $50,000 will be applied to the regular endowment fund of the association, and will bring it up to a total of between $125,000 and $126,000. This will make possible much needed enlargement in the scope of activity of the Y. M. C. A. We have been issuing circulars from time to time urging the business men of Portland to lend their assistance to bring our endowment to a total of $500,000, which amount will be necessary to bring to the highest efficiency all departments of the association, in view of the rapid growth of our membership and the increasing scope of our educational activities. Mr. Severson's donation makes a long step toward the realization of this goal, and such support as this will soon put the organization on a very substantial footing for effective and lasting growth."

Y. W. C. A. Endowment Increased.

E. C. Bronaugh, who represented the Y. W. C. A. when Mr. Severson transferred $50,000 to that organization, was himself unaware of Mr Severson's intention until he was called upon to take part in the transaction. The money will be applied to the endowment fund. Whether, with this added resource, the association will attempt immediate and extensive improvement of its equipment will not be determined until the directors have had an opportunity to meet and consider the matter, which probably will be done early this week.

Mr. Severson very modestly refuses to consider that he has done anything of unusual merit in making his big endowments.

"I am an old man," he said yesterday, "and I have plenty. I could not take the money with me to the other world, even if I wished to. I believed that the Y. M. C. A. and Y. W. C. A. were doing a good work and thought that I could do no better than to help them, since I had an opportunity to do so. Willamette University I have heard much about. It is an old institution and one that has done much good for the state, and in giving the $100,000 to it I felt that I was helping a little bit in developing the educational facilities of the state. Education is not so hard to secure in these days as it used to be, and it is a pleasant thing to be able to make it still more easily secured. I did not stipulate what use they should make of the money, although Mr. Todd spoke to me as to whether I wished to endow some chair or to have the money devoted to some special department of work. I think that the college officials will be better qualified to determine what use it may best be put to than I am."

Mr. Severson is not a college graduate, his education being secured in the public schools in Pennsylvania, prior to the time he came to Oregon, in 1858.

SEVERSON'S GIFT SEPARATE

Willamette to Continue Campaign for $425,000 Endowment.

WILLAMETTE UNIVERSITY, Salem, Or., March 24.—(Special.)—President Homan announced tonight that, while no definite decision had been reached in regard to the disposition of the $100,000 endowment fund given to the university yesterday by Peter W. Severson, of Portland, it was probable that two chairs would be established at the university in honor of Mr. Severson and his wife. What these would be President Homan said was not known yet.

"The trustees will meet with Mr. Severson soon," said President Homan, "and then we will make our decision. The gift of Mr. Severson was wholly unexpected on our part and we appreciate it more than words can express.

"Mr. Severson's gift to the university will not be included in the $425,000 endowment fund which we now are trying to secure. We shall regard his gift as separate and continue our campaign to obtain the full $425,000 as before Mr. Severson so generously came to our aid."

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WORD MAKES NO ARRESTS

Ex-Sheriff Says It's Easy to Get Liquor on Sunday.

Although ex-Sheriff Tom Word had but a few minutes yesterday to devote to conducting his usual Sunday crusade against violators of the Sunday closing ordinances, he declares it was not difficult for anyone who was really in quest of a drink to find it, not only in the North End district, but elsewhere in the business section. He made no arrests yesterday for reasons which he refused to explain, but which he says may come out in the future.

In addition to his own short investigation of saloon conditions, he had plain clothes men in the field and they reported a number of saloons, rooming-houses and apartment-houses where liquor was being dispensed without even the formality in some cases of covering up the tracks by use of the straws customary in glasses in which are soft drinks.

Raymond Man Would Vote for Taft.

RAYMOND, Wash., March 24.—(Special.)—H. W. McPhail, vice-president of the Willapa Harbor State Bank, of this city, is a candidate for delegate to the National convention which meets in Chicago on June 15. Mr. MacPhail is an ardent supporter of President Taft and was instrumental in organizing the Taft Club of this city. He is well and favorably known throughout the southwest section and no doubt will receive the support of the adjoining counties.

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