

MORAL DECLINE IS

CLAIMED BY PASTOR

Baptist Minister Is Not Pessimistic Regarding Trend of Religion.

ONE PLEADS FOR EMOTION

Pulpit Optimist Thinks World Grows Better—Another Would Revive Old Methods of Bringing People Into Church.

Rev. Duncan M. McPhail, of the Arleta Baptist Church, added zest to the Portland Ministerial Association's meeting yesterday in the Young Men's Christian Association auditorium when he expressed a different opinion regarding the state of religious feeling from that of Dr. Cullen E. Cline. Dr. Cline had just concluded his paper on "The Decline in Religious Sentiment" when Rev. Mr. McPhail arose and expressed his opinion that the outlook for religion was never more hopeful than now, and that religious impulses were never stronger. He deplored the tendency among many preachers to dwell on the present-day religious life from a pessimistic standpoint.

At this point Dr. Cline arose and reminded the chairman that Mr. McPhail had already spoken longer than the prescribed five minutes, and thought that others should have an opportunity to express themselves.

McPhail Resents Interruption. Turning to Dr. Cline, who sat near him, Mr. McPhail said: "This is the first time I have ever taken any of this association's time, while you have consumed hours of it."

Thereupon he continued his remarks in support of the view that present-day religion has nothing to fear, and concluded by saying: "I shall be busy eating the doughnut while the pessimists are looking at the hole."

Other members of the association expressed the opinion that the many distractions and amusements are responsible for the decline of religious interest, but believed the problem could be solved by getting the attention of people. Another declared that if people of today expect to have the old-time religious sentiment they must go to God for it.

Religion Staves on Water. At the conclusion of the discussion Dr. Cline arose and said: "There must be some way of getting at the hearts of men of sense. Say what you will, talk what you will, we must get hold of the hearts of men. We must put the spiritual life on water. It takes the Spirit of God to get men."

Dr. Cline's paper showed careful and thoughtful study of the phases of religion as presented through the churches. While costly churches are built and while contributions to religious undertakings were never so generous, Dr. Cline said, that affectionate and emotional appeal essential to the religious life is wanting; men are less moved by the great facts of religion than formerly.

Emotion at Minimum. "The fact that impresses us at the outset," said Dr. Cline, "is that we are not a community of worshippers. In the past, at funerals and in the presence of death there is a minimum of emotional feeling. It is manifest that after all the congregation is an assembly of hearers."

"Thus we pass the brief hour of the service and go home and refresh ourselves with a good Sunday dinner. We are satisfied; we seem not to need anything better."

"It is, after all, feeling and sympathy that persuades sinners. Every great preacher that ever awakened religious feeling in others has been distinguished by his power to think and by his power to feel deeply. These people saw things clearly and finally saw them divinely."

Times Work Change. Some of the reasons given by Dr. Cline for the decline in religious feeling were the fact of God's existence, but their hearts are not moved by it as were the hearts of the people in scriptural times.

Destructive criticism, the discoveries of science and the material prosperity he said, were some of the things that have given a setback to the old-fashioned emotional religion.

Rev. Albert Ehrhart reviewed the preparations for the Rose Musical Festival and expressed the opinion that the concert should be such as the churches of the city could well be proud of.

YOUNG ELOPER RELEASED

Boy Wins Sympathy of Grand Jury, and Leaves County Jail.

Sympathy aroused by reason of the defendant's youth and apparent inexperience led the May Grand Jury Saturday to return a true bill with respect to Lyle Sadler, the youth who was charged with having stolen a horse and buggy from C. Hansen, sexton of Riverside Cemetery, to elope with Mrs. Georgia Burchet, a young woman of Rainier, Or., who was employed as a domestic by Hansen. Sadler was bound over from Justice Court on a charge of larceny.

Sadler and Mrs. Burchet, aged 20, passed several days wandering around the country together, sleeping in haystacks and barns and eating only when wives of farmers took pity on them. They are alleged to have taken the horse and buggy and to have gone to McMinnville and then to Salem, where they crossed to the east side of the Willamette River, returning through Portland.

At Linton young Sadler pawned the horse for a few dollars and the couple proceeded by train to Rainier.

Mrs. Burchet reached Rainier to find her younger sister dead and ready for burial and her mother with a new baby born on the day of the sister's death. Sadler and Mrs. Burchet were arrested. Sadler has passed a month in the County Jail. Mrs. Burchet has a child a year of age.

OREGON TO BE ON HAND

Commercial Organization Will Send Delegates to Seattle.

Commercial organizations from all parts of Oregon will be represented at the convention of the Northwest Development League at Seattle, beginning Wednesday and concluding Saturday. Included among the delegates will be representatives of the Oregon Development League, the Portland Chamber of Commerce and the Portland Commercial Club.

Most of the 18 delegates named from the Oregon Development League will be in attendance at some of the sessions. Those named as delegates were: Joseph H. Young, George M. Hyland, Arthur L. Finley, W. E. Comer, William McMurray, C. L. Smith, W. H. Chaplin, David S. Mann, John M. Scott, A. M. Clark, A. B. Frame, M. G. Hall, E. C. Johnson, General W. E. Finley, William F. Richardson, A. D. Charlton, Joseph Woerdie, C. C. Chapman, all of Portland; C. B. Watson, Ashland; William Hanley, Burns; H. D. Scudder, Corvallis; M. A. Currey, Eugene; John E. Graike, Astoria; A. O. Hunter, Bend; J. E. Sawhill, Bend; J. W. Brewer, Redmond; J. S. Van Winkle, Albany; W. Lair Thompson, Lakeview. R. W. Raymond will be one of the delegates to represent the Portland Chamber of Commerce.

In addition to the delegates from commercial organizations, prominent railroad officials also will be present and take part in the proceedings. Louis W. Hill, Carl R. Gray and other officials of the Great Northern Railway, accompanied by several prominent Minnesota bankers will go to Seattle in a special train during the convention.

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Today Will Be the Basement Day--All Day

Lingerie Waists at \$1.19

We purchased several hundred of these excellent Waists at a very special price for our basement. We place the entire purchase on our bargain tables for a rousing sale today. The very newest ideas are represented in this lot; low or high necks. The new pleum flounce, etc. They are made of fine swiss lawn, elaborately trimmed in lace and embroidery. Dainty new Waists that are excellent values at \$1.50 and \$1.75, specially priced for today's sale at the low price of \$1.19

\$1.00 Shirtwoists 59c

In the basement underprice store, a sale of women's new Shirtwoists, made of fine percale in neat stripe patterns; have French cuffs and soft separate collars; plain or pleated fronts, with pockets; complete range 59c of sizes. Regular \$1.00 values, at only 59c

Women's \$22.50 Suits \$11.95

In the Basement "Underprice" Store

All thrifty women will participate in this big sale of Suits—a marvelous lot of Suits offered at this low price. Materials are the newest Spring and Summer fabrics—in serges, worsteds, homespuns, diagonals, whipcords, silk, pongee, etc.; colors are black, navy, cream, tan, gray, browns, and smart mixtures. All are the very newest styles. They are made and fit just as good as the most expensive garments—lined with good satin, and made to retain their excellent shape. Complete range of sizes for women and misses. Splendid \$20.00 and \$22.50 suits offered for today at, special \$11.95

\$1.50 White Skirts 89c

In the basement underprice store, a sale of women's splendid White Skirts, made of fine soft cambrie, with deep flounce of dainty embroidery, and tucks; have underlayment of heavy muslin. A splendid \$1.50 skirt, 89c Specially priced for today, each, only 89c

\$1.00 Gowns at 69c

In the basement underprice store, a rousing sale of dainty Muslin Gowns, made of fine soft muslin, slipover style, daintily trimmed with torchon lace and embroidery; have pretty embroidered initial; cut full and long. 69c A good \$1.00 gown, for today, at only 69c

Beautiful Foulard Silks for 48c

Messaline Silks 45c

In the basement underprice store, a sale of 3700 yards of rich Messaline Silk, offered at this special price. A good, reliable quality, perfectly dyed and woven; rich, lustrous finish, all pure silk. A choice of 35 of the season's best colors; also black and cream, for dresses, waists, foundations, trimmings, linings, etc. Offered special for today's sale at the low price of, yard 45c

85c Rich Taffeta Silks 59c

In the basement underprice store, a sale of taffeta silk, medium weight, rich, lustrous taffeta, standard widths, excellent qualities, shown in all the wanted colors; our best 59c regular 85c quality, specially priced for this sale at the low price of only, a yard 59c

\$2.00 Reducer Corsets for \$1.19

This remarkable sale of Corsets will appeal to the good judgment of every woman. We offer this splendid model, made specially for full figures, fitted with nonrustable steels; has abdominal straps; six supporters, made of good, reliable coutil. Comes in sizes 19 to 30. Regular \$2.00 Corset, specially priced for today in basement at \$1.19

\$2.50 Royal Worcesters at \$1.29

A special purchase of Royal Worcester Corsets for the basement store. This is an extraordinarily good number; made of fine batiste, and modeled for the average and medium figure, with low bust, very long skirt and back; tops are trimmed in dainty lace, with drawstrings. They are fitted with hose supporters. Sizes 18 to 30. Excellent \$2.50 quality, \$1.29 specially priced for today's sale at only, a pair

\$1.00 Corsets Now Offered 59c

Four splendid models at this special price; made of coutil, batiste and net, modeled for the average figure; tops are nicely trimmed; four hose supporters. Excellent quality that sells regularly at \$1.00. Sizes 18 to 30. Specially 59c priced for today's sale, in the basement, at only, pair

On the Center Circle—Main Floor

15c Embroidery at 5c—\$1.25 Embroidery 48c

Thrifty women will gather about the center circle today for these beautiful Embroideries. Thousands of yards will go in the disposal—all high-grade. Many are the hand loom Embroideries, the kind that wears and washes best. Widths from 2 to 27 inches, at these remarkable price reductions for today's June White Sale: Reg. 15c Embroideries 5c; our regular 35c Embroideries 17c; 75c Embroideries 37c; regular \$1.25 Embroideries 48c

On the Bargain Circle—Main Floor

Women's Aprons, Only 25c—Another Lot at 59c

On the bargain circle, between the elevators, a sale of women's gingham Aprons, made with bibs, fitted styles, and large "coveralls" of checked gingham. They are well made, are neat and desirable. Of 59c special for this sale at only 25c Don't forget to ask for votes.

Another lot of large size "Coverall" Aprons with sleeves; these are made of good gingham, and are priced at only, ea. 73c On the bargain circle, between the elevators, a sale of white lawn Tea Aprons and percale Aprons, with large bibs; offered 25c special for this sale at only, each 25c

OFFICIAL SCANDAL ENDED

Naval Reserve Jinx, Finally Captured, Walks the Plank.

A. J. Capron announced last night the capture and final extinction of the Official Jinx that has been harbored on board the cruiser Boston of the Oregon State Naval Reserve since its organization. Backed by an intrepid following of marines, he pursued the Jinx from place to place on the vessel and finally cornered it in the captain's cabin, hobbled it and led it upon deck. Here, amid the cheers of the brave sailors, the Jinx was forced, in spite of its feckless exterior for another chance, to walk the plank.

As it disappeared with a soft plunk the newest two American battleships will be the first in the world to group three 14-inch guns in single turrets.

with the city of Portland. There is nothing in the statutes, he states, that gives the county any power or jurisdiction.

Mr. Dennison's opinion concurs with that given by W. C. North, appointed by the North East Side Improvement Association to answer a letter from the County Court asking for suggestions with regard to the proposed lease. All future negotiations for public use of the deck must therefore be between the city administration and the railway company.

Divorce Suit Ends in Shooting.

SEATTLE, Wash., June 1.—Frank Conrad, a filer in a sawmill in Ballard, a suburb, today shot and killed his wife and then killed himself in the same way. Mrs. Conrad filed suit for divorce several days ago, alleging cruelty. Since then Conrad had been drinking heavily. Today he went to the house of his wife and the tragedy followed immediately. The Conrads were middle-aged people and had nine children, most of them grown.

REAL ESTATE MAN IS HELD

Walker Indicted for Obtaining Signature by False Pretense.

Augustus Walker, a real estate dealer, was arrested yesterday by Deputy Sheriff Phillips on a bench warrant issued Saturday by Presiding Judge Kavanaugh, following the arrest of the May Grand Jury of an indictment charging Walker with obtaining a signature by false pretense. He was released on bail.

The trouble arose over a property trade which Walker made with Otto Hein, branch manager for a meat company. It is charged that Walker represented himself to be in a position to give clear title to farm land in Crook County, which he was trading to Hein for a piece of land near Forest Grove, Washington County, and that Hein was induced by fraudulent statements to convey the Forest Grove property to Walker.

Deputy Sheriff Bulger has arrested Ben Newman, who was