

METHODISTS OPEN ASHLAND MEETING

Oregon Annual Conference Formal Proceedings Start Today.

PORTLAND MEN ARRIVE

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ASHLAND, Or., Sept. 17.—(Special.)—The Oregon annual conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church nominally opened its sessions today although formal proceedings do not actually begin until tomorrow morning.

Ministers and delegates have been met upon arrival by automobiles and conveyed to church headquarters, which has been merged into a sort of ecclesiastical clearing-house pending the assignment of visitors to their respective places of entertainment while in the city.

Bishop Richard J. Cooke arrived today and is scheduled to participate in the reception features, as is also Rev. W. A. Schwimley, pastor of the Congregational Church, who will deliver a fraternal greeting to the conference body, the latter being represented by Mayor Neil and R. P. Campbell, of this city.

Portland Men Arrive. Rev. Benjamin Young, pastor of the Taylor-street Church, and Rev. Charles T. McPherson, pastor of Trinity Church, both of Portland, are among late arrivals on the scene of the annual gathering.

A familiar and welcome figure is the person of Rev. H. J. Van Fossen, former pastor of the congregation here, but now of Astoria. Today was given over to the examination of candidates for holy orders, about a dozen having gone through the rite on the relative merits of doctrine and belief, including Christian perfection, elementary English, homiletics, logic, American history, Butler's analogy, the English Bible, grammar, theistic belief, Christian ethics, etc., the topics arranged by gradations in curricula form.

Examination Committee Large. The committee on examination included: Revs. H. Gould, L. C. Poor, H. T. Atkinson, W. R. F. Browne, G. H. Fees, W. S. Gordon, J. K. Hawkins, W. R. Jeffrey, Jr., D. H. Leech, W. J. Douglass, A. R. McLean, D. H. Trimble and D. A. Watters.

Examinations for local deacons will be conducted by D. H. Leech, H. T. Atkinson, W. J. Douglass and W. R. F. Browne, while a like service in behalf of elders' orders will be held by D. A. Watters. The weather is fine and attendants upon the conference will combine business with pleasure by taking advantage of seeing the picturesque environments of Ashland, arrangements to that effect having been under way for some time past.

DOG SMUGGLING NEW FAD

Many Schemes Worked to Get Canines to Vancouver an Ferry.

VANCOUVER, Wash., Sept. 17.—(Special.)—Smuggling dogs from Oregon into Washington is becoming a practice of some persons crossing the Vancouver ferry on the Columbia River between Hayden Island and Vancouver. There is an order from the State Board of Health to the effect that dogs cannot be brought into Washington unless they have a certificate of health and freedom from rabies, signed by a licensed veterinarian.

Persons coming to the ferry from Portland, not knowing this rule, often bring their pets along. When informed that the ferry will not pass them across the river, many passengers become angry and abuse the pursers for the ruling. Others, who have been prevented from taking their dogs across the river, come prepared and hide the canines in the bottom of automobiles, wagons and buggies.

One woman, who had a little toy English terrier, carried the small animal under her coat until she was on Washington soil and then dropped him to the ground, looked back at the people on board the ferry, and walked up town. Some owners of dogs leave them at a waiting-room on Hayden island and cross to Vancouver, get a veterinarian to examine them, examine the dog and make out a proper certificate.

NEW HARD WHEAT IS TRIED

Tassy Stewart's Farm at Poe Valley Proves Productive.

KLAMATH FALLS, Or., Sept. 17.—(Special.)—A new hard wheat is being tried on the farm of Tassy Stewart, in Poe Valley. It is hard with a large proportion of gluten, and Mr. Stewart says that he is confident it will yield 45 to 50 bushels per acre. It is named Highgrade, and he has 140 acres of it. The ranch contains 700 acres, and his other wheats he estimates from 15 to 35 bushels per acre, all raised without irrigation.

WEDDING DAY CELEBRATED

Albany Man Starts Suit for Divorce on Marriage Anniversary.

ALBANY, Or., Sept. 17.—(Special.)—On the second anniversary of his wedding day, William O. Bergholz today instituted a suit for divorce from Dora Seneer Bergholz in the State Circuit Court here. He and his wife lived together only seven weeks. Bergholz recites in his complaint that they were married at Hermon, N. Y., September 18, 1910, and that November 15, while they were living at Star Lake, N. Y., he accepted a position in Cleveland, O. It was necessary for him to go to this new location in order to make a living, he alleges, but his wife refused to accompany him and deserted him.

CATTLE PRICES SOARING

At Canyon City Buyers Pay \$60 a Head, Record Price There.

CANYON CITY, Or., Sept. 17.—(Special.)—There is considerable activity at the present time in the cattle market and numerous cattlemen of Grant County are gathering for delivery at

Pendleton and Heppner. Messrs. Mc-Bee and Rogers, of Heppner, have recently purchased a thousand head of cattle in and about Canyon City and have already made one drive of about 500 head and will return in a few days to drive over the remaining 500 head. These cattle have been bought for feeding at their ranches near Heppner, and the bunch will be turned off in the Spring for beef. H. H. Trowbridge of Tese, this county, is also busy buying for Fall delivery. Prices that have been paid are the highest known in this locality. Messrs. Mc-Bee and Rogers paid on an average of about \$60 per head for the cattle bought by them, and prices prevailing generally are in like proportion. H. S. Tobey, of Condon, Gilliam County, Oregon, is in this locality buying sheep for his ranch near Condon. He has acquired a large part of the holdings of James Small, one of the

STAUICH REPUBLICAN OF ONTARIO DIES ON BIRTHDAY, AFTER BRIEF ILLNESS.



A. A. Brown. ONTARIO, Or., Sept. 14.—(Special.)—A. A. Brown, a staunch Republican, died here this morning, following an operation for peritonitis. He was sick but a few days. It was the first time he had ever called a doctor.

Mr. Brown was born in Illinois, September 7, 1854, dying on his birthday. In 1873 he married Ada Tucker, at Humboldt, Kan. He came to Malheur County 26 years ago and lived on his ranch west of here until nine years ago, when he moved to Ontario. In addition to his wife he left eight children.

pioneer sheepmen of this valley. It is reported that the prices paid are better than the prices prevailing last Spring. The general market for sheep is on the advance, which is very encouraging to sheep raisers.

BAKER FAIR UNDER WAY

CARNIVAL FLITS TODAY FROM STREETS TO GROUNDS.

Community Exhibits to Be Feature and Horsing Card Promises Interesting Programme.

BAKER, Or., Sept. 17.—(Special.)—What bids fair to be the best county fair ever held in Baker really begins tomorrow, though nominally it began Monday. The first two days, however, have been spent in actually setting up the shows and booths for the carnival uptown portion and the arranging of exhibits for them and making other preparations at the fairgrounds. The fair this year is the first ever held under the auspices of the Baker Commercial Club, which has made extensive preparations for the event and has practically the entire county behind it. The exhibits, which are of the most varied and generally distributed kind, have never made, are ready now for the opening exhibition.

Many community exhibits will be a feature of the agricultural display. Besides these, however, are the exhibits of the children of both the city and county and those of the women. The biggest drawing card of the week will be the horseraces, which begin tomorrow afternoon, to continue through the remainder of the week. There are 140 horses ready for the track, over twice as many as ever before, and among them are some of the fastest horses in the state. Hal McKinney, who broke the state record on the La Grande track Saturday on the free-for-all pace, making the mile in 2:00, is a notable example. Horsemen of this section look upon the coming races as the best, both in prizes and variety, in Eastern Oregon. The relay races, for which special conditions were posted today, is expected to be the fastest ever run in Eastern Oregon.

ALASKA PACKERS DO WELL

All Big Canneries Secure Guaranteed Pack of Salmon.

SEWARD, Alaska, Sept. 7.—(Special correspondence.)—The salmon packing season is practically at a close now, and the cannerymen of the Cook Inlet and Kenai Peninsula have, with scarcely an exception, taken their guaranteed pack for the season. In this immediate vicinity the Alaska Packing Company at Kaslof has the largest pack, amounting to 70,000 cases for the season. The Northwestern Fisheries Company at Kenai packed a few cases more than 50,000, and the Libby, McNeill & Libby cannery, at the same point, packed 35,000 cases. The Seldovia Salmon Company at Seldovia packed more than 23,000 cases, and the Fidalgo Cannery Company of Anasootes got about 44,000 cases at their Port Graham cannery. The packs contain a fair amount of Alaska reds and pinks, but at the close of the season there was an unusually large amount of humpbacks were packed largely for the foreign trade.

PNEUMONIA TAKES VICTIM

Mary A. Finucane Dies at Oregon City After 10 Days' Illness.

OREGON CITY, Or., Sept. 17.—(Special.)—Mary A. Finucane, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. P. F. Finucane, of 1216 Thirteenth street, of this city, died at the family home this morning at 1 o'clock from a ten days' illness of pneumonia. The funeral services will be conducted on Wednesday afternoon at 2 o'clock from St. John's Catholic Church, Rev. A. Hillsbrand, pastor, officiating and the interment will take place in the Mountain View Cemetery. Mary Finucane was the only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Finucane and was born in Oregon City on June 17, 1891, having resided in this city all of her life. She attended the McLoughlin Institute.

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PRUNE PICKERS IN DEMAND

Clark County Begins to Gather Crop Which Is Below Average.

VANCOUVER, Wash., Sept. 17.—(Special.)—Prune picking in this county is now on in earnest and pickers are in demand. The crop this year is very light in most places, though there are a few sections where the yield is about average. The growers have not yet disposed of their crops for this year and the buyers do not seem to be anxious to invest.

SALEM AFTER "SPEEDERS"

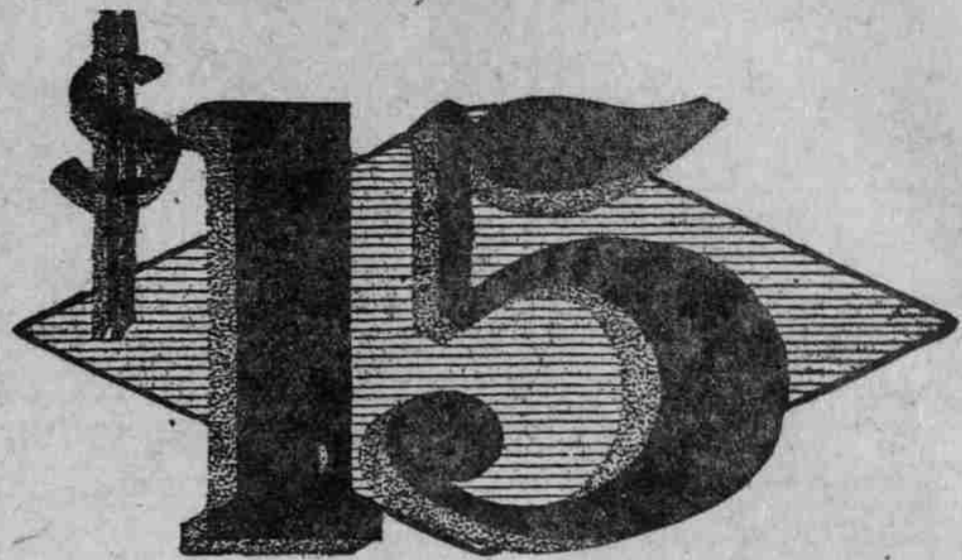
Council Also Disclaims Responsibility for Steel Bridge.

SALEM, Or., Sept. 17.—(Special.)—At a meeting of the City Council last night Councilman Jones scored the Salem police force for alleged laxity in allowing speeding automobiles to whirl through the city streets, branding it as a "disgrace and shame to Salem." As a result special men will be placed to go after the speeders. The bridge committee of the Council also asked that it be absolved from all responsibility in regard to the steel bridge across the Willamette River. A committee was named to confer with the County Court with a view toward taking some action in relation to the bridge which has been frequently con-



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The club discussed the question of river improvements last night in response to a letter from Major McIndoe, who advised the club that an examination and survey of the Willamette River has been authorized with the idea of opening a channel six feet deep from Portland to Eugene.

Hawley's Plan Not Opposed. The matter was discussed thoroughly by the executive board of the club and it was decided that the club would devote its principal efforts for the present toward obtaining the improvements recommended by Major McIndoe. In taking this action the members of the club announced they did not wish to be understood as opposing Representative Hawley's plan in the slightest, for they would gladly welcome the club announced they did not wish to be understood as opposing Representative Hawley's plan in the slightest, for they would gladly welcome the

cost of this work would be so great that it would require a long time to obtain the appropriation and that by concentrating their efforts in that direction they would get no appropriation at all.

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The club officers say they know Representative Hawley is working earnestly and successfully in obtaining appropriations for the improvement of the Willamette River and is sincere in desiring the action which he believes best calculated for the permanent improvement of river traffic.

McIndoe's Plan Favored. The plan of improvement of the river which the club endorsed last night is that recommended by Major McIndoe in his report of December 2, 1910. In response to the river and harbor act of March 3, 1909, Major McIndoe made a thorough survey of the Willamette from Oregon City to Eugene, and in his report he gives a full description of all bars on the river and the stream's general condition.

Major McIndoe, in this report, recommended the improvement of the Willamette from Oregon City to Corvallis by snagging and dredging, with auxiliary dam, dike and reventment construction, and the river's improvement from Corvallis to Harriburg by snagging and clearing the channel of overhanging trees. He found that conditions do not justify the improvement of the river above Harriburg.

According to Major McIndoe's report this improvement would give a low-water channel of from two and one-half to three and one-half feet from Oregon City to Corvallis and a high-water channel from Corvallis to Harriburg. This work could be accomplished, according to his estimate, for \$245,000. It was recommended that an annual appropriation of \$60,000 be made to carry out this work, \$30,000 of which permanent work, \$345,000 altogether, is to be expended according to the recommendation.

Deeress is Recommended. This report has gone through the regular channels of the United States Engineer Corps and has been approved

by all necessary boards. The only change made by the Board of Engineers for Rivers and Harbors, at Washington, D. C., which recommended that the annual appropriation be decreased from \$60,000 to \$40,000. It is in view of this fact that the report has been approved by the various boards of the Albany Commercial Club believes it advisable to concentrate present efforts for river improvement in obtaining this appropriation, and with it obtained and work under way, which will insure a low-water channel to Corvallis, the larger project could be undertaken then.

demanded and is alleged to be in a highly unsafe condition. Over this bridge passes all traffic between Polk County and Salem and for a number of years attempts to get action on a new bridge have been made with the only result that repairs were made about two years ago. From some quarters of Polk County efforts to secure a new bridge have been fought on the ground that a bridge over the Willamette at this point takes from Dallas and gives to Salem the lion's share of business from this part of Polk County. It is possible that overtures may be made toward construction of a new bridge.

Redmond Church Dedicated. REDMOND, Or., Sept. 17.—(Special.)—The new Catholic Church of this city was dedicated Sunday at 10 A. M. by Right Rev. Bishop O'Reilly. Solemn high mass was sung by a special choir from Bend, assisted by several local singers. Redmond has four churches now—Presbyterian, Baptist, Catholic and Methodist.

Tax Talk Given at Mosier. MOSIER, Or., Sept. 17.—(Special.)—Charles H. Shields, representing the equal tax organization, spoke here Saturday night before a large and appreciative gathering of the voters and taxpayers of this community. Sentiment of the people of this district seems to be in opposition to single tax.

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