

CITIZENSHIP CONFERENCE IS DENOUNCED AS "FRAME UP" TO "STING" PORTLAND.

Other Cities Urged to Steer Clear of Promoter Traveling Under Cloak of Christianity—Speakers Were Deceived.

Railroad officials in Portland and in other parts of the country have started on the trail of Clement H. Congdon, promoter of the recent "World's Christian Citizenship Conference," held in Portland and intend to prevent him from engaging in a similar enterprise in San Francisco or in any other city in 1915.

Advice has been sent to officials of the various roads in San Francisco and to officials of the Panama-Pacific Exposition that the recent Portland conference was a disappointment in attendance and that there was a gross misrepresentation of the number of speakers brought here from foreign countries.

While the conference was in progress last week Congdon declared that a score of cities in the country were bidding for the 1915 meeting, and mentioned among others Boston, Cleveland, Louisville and Toronto.

At the same time he displayed a telegram which, he said, came from officials of the Panama-Pacific Exposition, who sought to have the conference held in San Francisco during the exposition.

Congdon's Claims False. Inquiry in the last few days reveals that no one in either Cleveland, Boston, Louisville or Toronto ever asked for the conference. The supposition is that Congdon used the names of these cities for the purpose of getting San Francisco to "bite."

No doubt San Francisco did bid for the meeting after the proposal was made to the city for exposition officials are after every convention they can get in San Francisco in the year of the world's fair.

But unless the San Francisco people act against the conference, the city in Portland will steer clear of Congdon and his associates.

Investigation in the last few days has revealed that the most eminent speakers from foreign countries were induced to come to Portland.

The fact that they came in good faith, never suspecting the sincerity of Congdon nor the worthy character of the meeting, never has been disputed. They were misled upon Congdon, as were the people of Portland.

BRIDGE WORKS RUSSED BURNSIDE SPAN SHOULD OPEN IN 20 DAYS, SAID REPORT.

Preliminary Organization of Improvement Association Completed on East Side.

Preliminary organization of the East Burnside District Improvement Association was formed last night at a well-attended meeting of business men and citizens at 385 East Burnside.

At the meeting the committee, consisting of Daniel Kern, J. E. Viomer and H. H. Newhall, appointed at a former meeting, to investigate the Burnside bridge, submitted the following report:

First—Draw span. While there was considerable delay in getting the bridge completed so the draw can be swung into place in about 20 days or less.

Second—East approach. We found the work not progressing as fast as it should. The committee met on Thursday with County Commissioner Holman and Superintendent Murnane, Monday, and went over the work being done and reports as follows:

Third—Since our last meeting one week ago, another delay is to be noted on the draw span, making 24 hours a day of continuous work.

Work on the bridge was continued until the bridge is opened for pedestrians. J. J. Oeder, H. T. Drennen, E. R. Gellinskey and L. H. Wells were appointed to see that the work is done in a satisfactory manner.

Fourth—The committee, consisting of J. J. Oeder, H. T. Drennen, E. R. Gellinskey and L. H. Wells was appointed "steering" committee. The secretary was instructed to send special agents to furnish cars as specified at \$2 a day.

It was about this time that a number of Portland business men, newspaper men and several clergymen traveled on railroad passes and the residents of Portland gladly offered hospitality to all speakers.

Wrong Name Given Meeting. The term "two-week" conference was a deliberate misnomer. As from the speakers there was not a single delegate from outside the United States and Canada in attendance.

ASSESSOR WILL ASK RULING ON WHAT PROPERTY SHOULD BE EXEMPT.

Organizations Under Classification of Literary, Scientific, Educational or Benevolent Associations May Escape.

To give Attorney-General Crawford or District Attorney Evans an opportunity to decide whether they should be assessed and pay taxes, County Assessor Reed has called on heads of several clubs, fraternal orders and similar organizations in the city to produce copies of charters and legal briefs in support of their contention that they should not be assessed.

Mr. Crawford or Mr. Evans, in his opinion in each case and that he will be guided by such opinions.

These organizations, including the B. P. O. Elks, Multnomah Amateur Athletic Club, Portland Heights Club, Mount Scott Athletic Club, K. of C., Columbia Club, Irvington Club, Rose City Park Club and Columbus Club, have escaped assessment because they claimed to come under the head of literary, scientific, educational or benevolent associations, which are exempt under state law.

Assessor Reed has called upon these organizations to show why they are entitled to such exemptions.

Former Assessors Lenient. It was the policy of B. D. Sigler, who preceded Mr. Reed in office, and of Mr. Sigler's predecessors, to exempt the real and personal property of organizations such as those named when the property was used exclusively for the purposes of the organization.

In cases where it has been the custom to rent portions of the buildings, as the Elks, Masons, Portland Turn Verein, Oddfellows and others do, it has been the custom to assess the real estate and buildings at three-fifths of their value.

The Arlington Club has been paying taxes on the basis of a full assessment. The Commercial Club, however, is paying on a three-fifths basis, but voluntarily consented to a full valuation this year.

Mr. Reed's purpose is to have a sort of housecleaning to weed out those which are not genuinely entitled to exemption. It has been pointed out that organizations are not paying taxes on property which is not in actual use for club or organization purposes, but these instances are rare.

On behalf of the Irvington Club a letter has been written to Mr. Reed by William F. Woodward, president in that city, in which he called to the fact that the club maintains athletic instructions in various forms, a kindergarten and playgrounds for children.

HEILIG THEATRE 11th and Morrison SEAT SALE OPENS TOMORROW. 7 NIGHTS BEGINNING NEXT SUNDAY. Shubert Bros. Present by Arrangement with Charles Frohman.

JOHN MASON "AS A MAN THINKS" In Augustus Thomas' Master Drama of Broad Humanity. Masterpiece of Dramatic Art.

EMPIRE THEATRE Main 6, A 1925. MISS O'HOPPO and Her WONDERFUL ELEPHANTS, Fat Rooney and Marion Bell. Val Harris, Rita Roland, Lou Holtz.

THE COLUMBIA THEATRE Sixth and Washington Sts. Open 11 A. M. to 11 P. M. Programme: "The Forbidden Way" (two reel Essanay), "The Trial of Oscar" (Selig Drama), "The Millinery Bomb" (Vitascope), "The Danes" (Vitascope), "The Changes of Bill Summers" (Vitascope).

THE CAKES Portland's Great Amusement Park. LAST FOUR DAYS Autos That Pass in the Air. 4 P. M.—9:30 P. M. BAND AND VAUDEVILLE.

VENICE vs. PORTLAND JULY 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13. Games Begin Weekdays at 3:15 P. M. Sundays 2:30 P. M. LADIES' DAY FRIDAY. Boys Under 16 Free to Bleachers Wednesday.

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LANDSCAPE GARDENING. BETTER LANDSCAPE GARDENING. SWISS FLORAL CO. 1511. PACIFIC LANDSCAPE GARDEN COMPANY, 510 1/2 North 1st St.

COOLEST SPOT IN TOWN PANTAGES. WEEK July 7-A Balkaria, Romany Gifford, N. Bob Fitzsimmons (Julia May), "The Danes", "The Millinery Bomb", "The Changes of Bill Summers".

LYRIC SPECIAL FEATURE ARTHUR PELKEY, Heavyweight Champion and Ex-Multnomah Club Champion. The New Musical Comedy, "The Two Thieves."

WHOLESALE AND MANUFACTURERS DAIRY AND CREAMERY SUPPLIES. CLARKE-WARD DRUG CO. Alder at West Park. DIES AND SHEET METAL STAMPING.

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