

METHODIST REUNION IS PLEA OF BISHOP

Portland Churches Criticized. Efforts Wasted Needlessly, Is Declaration Made.

Way to do good is told. Sale of Properties of Grace and Taylor-street Congregations and New Edifice With Missions, Bishop Cooke's Advice.

A personal appeal to set aside their differences and unite again in upbuilding a strong and harmonious new church was made Monday night by Bishop R. J. Cooke before a joint meeting of members of the old Taylor-street Church and of the First Methodist Episcopal Church now worshipping in the Grace edifice at Twelfth and Taylor streets.

At the conclusion of his discourse the bishop prayed that the people of the two churches in this Christmas time might have their minds directed to the spirit of Christ. Above him as he spoke a glowing star beamed in electric lights for a Christmas celebration at the church, to one side a Christmas tree, and Christmas greens hanging from the walls and ceiling.

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Serious Thought Urged. "This is what I ask of you, in the name of God, soberly and seriously to consider."

Brethren Held Deficient. Bishop Cooke was stern in his condemnation of what he termed "the deficiencies of some of my brethren," and said that he refrained from much that he might say because he did not desire to expose these deficiencies.

Expense Declared Waste. "There is not in Portland today a single Methodist mission. We do not preach the gospel of Christ on Sunday morning to men who do not need it. We spend our money, our emotions and our energy on people who are already converted, and the thousands who need it never hear the gospel of Christ."

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crusted feelings that there must be victory at any cost! Oh, how in the name of the Heavenly Cross can we ever justify ourselves for the neglect of men, for whom Christ died, in Portland?

"Give me the money that you waste," he went on with intense earnestness, and I'll build a fine church where they are needed in the next few years. Give me the money that you waste and I'll build the missions. He pointed to the needs of a modern church, and the shortcomings of both the old Taylor-street structure and the Grace Church as the home of a large congregation.

"My brethren, I would that you would find some way that would put you in harmony with the signs of the times, with the demands of the church, with the demands of the city, the needs of the unchurched masses, and of the children crying around you," he pleaded.

Early in his discourse, the bishop said that he desired that once should be held between the lines of what he said as in any way forecasting his decision in settlement of the difficulties of the congregations. "I want to present facts to you which I think no one will dispute," he said.

He said that after 15 months of the most unproductive labor he ever went through in his ministerial life of 40 years, he went on, "that I could have remained this Christmas with my own little family and my stricken boy."

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Settlement in Sight. "Still unsatisfied, he went on, he had called the members of the two churches and present quarterly conferences together and talked it over with them."

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MANICOPER WANTS CHURCHY MULLEN Manager of Lincoln Club Is Negotiating With Canadian Champion Team.

Youngsters to be tried. Heads of Northwestern League Announce New Force of Recruits to be Tested on Mound—Lynch Needs One Outfielder.

Charley Mullen, manager of the Lincoln Club of the Western League, probably will assume the leadership of the Vancouver champions in 1914. Robert Brown, who is president of the Vancouver Northwest leaguers, said last night that he was convinced that Harry Scharnweber would not return.

Wagner to Play First. Mike Lynch expects to convert Wagner, ex-Seattle, into a first sacker. Sporka has Wuffel at second, Butler at third and Yohe at third, and Manager Mike believes Wagner would prove a hit at the initial cushion.

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remember that it is only one act and not an entire afternoon of Goldin's tricks. A great big riot is Meade Muller and Ed Stanley, whose patter and punning is so rapid-fire that the audience doesn't get it—and a lot of the audience never gets out of it. Ed bills as the Prince of Fidelity, and looks it. Maude is a straight "nut," who has a breezy, buoyant personality, a shake-hands-over-the-footlights way with her, and an adjustable voice. She spouts in baritone and warbles a la Tetrazzini. The act is keen, and well rehearsed. Also it's of top-line quality. Scintillating brothers play the accordion with skill. A sketch written by Frederick Allen, who plays the principal role in it, is called "The Had to Tell Him." It is notable mostly for Mr. Allen's clever acting. The plot is new. Tron's dogs, a half dozen sagacious, well-trained little canines, open the bill with a most diverting act. One white little pup, Hector, counts and adds numbers to the edification of his audience. Truly Santa has brought a good bill for the Orpheum stockers.

Empress. "A NIGHT IN A POLICE STATION," presented this week at the Empress, is an all-star performance. The little musical comedy opens with a poker game among the force. This gets a laugh and then the real show begins. Jerry O'Donnell is the lieutenant in charge of the station and he is master of the situation. Every one of the 18 members of the cast sings well and can act. Lulu Belmont takes the part of a wife, who is arrested for a fight in the streets. She is a sprightly little toe-dancer and is charming and vivacious. Musical specialties are introduced and the act from beginning to end is one of the best ever shown at the Empress.

Pantages. IN SPITE of headlines, press agents' reports and all else, first place on the Pantages bill this week should go to "The Musical Spellers," a colored band with remarkable sense of tempo, rhythm, harmony and enthusiasm, that is if the plaudits of the multitude are anything by which to judge. The music was really of the highest quality, varied and their ability so manifest that the audience just rose in their seats and cheered them to the echo. The bill is a trifle short in actual playing time, but makes up in quality and is a well-balanced and wholly enjoyable Christmas week offering.

ARMY OF IDLE CAMPING. County Gives Food and Citizens Supply Clothes for Unemployed. PREGNO, Cal., Dec. 23.—One hundred and twenty men formed into an organized band of unemployed arrived in this city from the north today and are now camped in a warehouse on the south border of the town. They are provided with food sufficient for two days given by the county and clothing has been donated by citizens. The men probably will leave Wednesday for the south. They are indigent in their idea of where they will go, but express intention of visiting Visalia and the Tulare County citrus belt.

STRANGER KILLS HIMSELF. Body of Unidentified Man Found on Road Near Vancouver. VANCOUVER, Wash., Dec. 22.—(Special)—Contemplating Christmas without a cent in his pocket, an unidentified man shot himself between the eyes and died on the road four miles east of Vancouver. Peter Feldt, a woodchopper, found the body. All marks of identification had been removed from the clothing. The body was brought to Vancouver, where it will be held pending investigation. The suicide was well dressed in a new gray suit. The clothes were made in Chicago. He was about 45 years old.

BLACK DIAMONDS WIN IN BOWLING GAMES. Warrea Construction Company and Foresters of America Lose in Saratoga House League. The Black Diamond and Keystone fives were the victorious bowlers in last night's game of the Saratoga Alley House League. The Diamond men trimmed the Warren Construction Company in two of three games and the Foresters of America succumbed before the onslaught of the Keystone men.

DAY'S STAMP SALE \$8999. Amount is \$700 More Than Ever Before Recorded Here. With the sale of \$8999.73 worth of stamps at the Portland Postoffice up to 6 o'clock Monday, a record was established that surpasses the previous high mark by about \$700. This sale represents a bona fide holiday demand for stamps, according to Postmaster Myers, as there were large sales yesterday to railroads, corporations or other large buyers.

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74 Sixth Street. Northwest of the Wells, Fargo & Co. building. North of the Southern Pacific Co. City Ticket Office. West of the Commercial Club building. "Look for the Sign of the Plane" TOOLS. Preer Tool & Supply Co. (Successor to Preer Cutlery & Tool Co.)

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