

PROTESTANTS URGE BIBLICAL EDUCATION

Ministers of All Denominations Attend School Board Committee Meeting.

RATIONALISTS MAKE FIGHT

"Religion Not Connected With Morality," Is Contention, Met by Assertion That Bible Reading "Elevates Moral Tone."

A large delegation of Portland ministers, representing all Protestant faiths, appeared before the teachers' committee of the School Board Tuesday night to urge that a textbook, "Selections From the Bible for the Public Schools," be introduced for reading in the Portland schools.

Nearly a score spoke in favor of the adoption, while H. C. Uthoff, secretary of the Portland Rationalist Society, opposed the adoption. He declared that the reading of the Bible in the public schools would be unconstitutional and unjust, and challenged the ministers to establish any connection between morality and religion.

The following committee presented the petition: Rev. J. R. Knowell, of Laurelwood Congregational Church, chairman; Rev. L. K. Richardson, of the Kenilworth Presbyterian Church, secretary; Rev. John M. Lowden, of the Hassalo-Street Congregational Church; O. C. Wright, of the Baptist Church Extension Society; Rev. E. Snyder, of the Piedmont Presbyterian Church; Rev. S. R. Hawkins, of the Central Christian Church, and Rev. Luther R. Dyott, of the First Congregational Church.

In addition to committee members several others, including the following, spoke in favor of introducing the Bible readings into the schools: Rev. Maxwell Hall, of the First Christian Church; Mrs. J. S. Dale, Rev. Boudinot Seeley, of the Rose City Park Presbyterian Church; Professor Norman Coleman, of Reed College, and Rev. William S. Spriggs, of the Arleta Baptist Church.

All Seats Should Join, He Says. "We are not urging the book for the purpose of forcing the Bible upon anyone and we positively are not in sympathy with sectarianism," said Dr. Dyott. "This book should be indorsed by Roman Catholics and the Hebrews as well as by the Protestants. It is impossible to find any one book that will do more to build up the minds of the pupils in an acceptable way than will the Bible."

Dr. Coleman told of his experience in schools where the Bible was read and studied. "There is no literature that approaches life so simply and so directly and on such common grounds as the Bible. In the schools where within my knowledge it has been taught before children of the Protestant, Catholic and Jewish faiths, absolutely no sectarian feeling grew in the hearts of the children ever came to me, either from the Board or from the parents. To it was traced all the good and noble and profane and coarseness and a distinct elevation of moral tone among the pupils. It should be approached with an open mind without any spirit of hostility, and should be handled very carefully to avoid any possibility of dead, mechanical treatment."

Mr. Uthoff said that he represented 500 or 600 people in the contention that the reading of the Bible in the public schools was contrary to the American spirit, as laid down by Washington. Jefferson said that the state and church should remain separated. He declared that the Ten Commandments were not applicable in modern times. "Why not as well give them readings from the book of the Mormons, or the writings of Confucius or Robert G. Ingersoll?"

Those remarks were attacked by several speakers, who showed that the Bible was distinctly American, that it was used constantly in the courts, that Congress is opened every day with prayer and that three-fourths of the states use the Bible in one form or another. The speakers declared that some knowledge of the Bible was essential to citizenship and morality.

Rev. William T. S. Spriggs, of the Arleta Baptist Church, quoted figures showing that it had been decided as lawful in 10 states and that it has long been used in many others where the matter has never been tested in the courts. He declared that it was not a religious book or a church book, necessarily, but a book belonging to all of the people. Presidents Wilson, Grant and Cleveland were quoted as establishing this view.

"It is a crime to have a juvenile court to condemn children when we do not educate them in matters of morality," he said.

150,000 Signers Claimed. It was announced that the feeling favorable to the introduction of Bible readings in the schools was so strong that a petition signed by 150,000 Portland people could be secured, if desired, and if necessary to the adoption.

"I challenge any minister to a debate, either on the platform or in the press, to show that there is any connection between morality and religion," shouted Mr. Uthoff. "It is absolutely untrue that morality depends in any way upon religion."

The committee of the School Board took the matter under advisement and will make its recommendation to the general council at a later time. The book urged for adoption was compiled by the Chicago Women's Educational Union and is dedicated to the strictly non-sectarian in its treatment.

EUGENICS SCIENCE AWRY Chocolate and Bonbons Eaten for Girl and Boy Arrives.

CHICAGO, May 10.—Despite the fact that, essentially speaking, Roger Burnham White was ushered into this world a failure, his parents do not intend to leave a stone unturned in shaping a successful career for him. Roger is the four-month-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles E. White, Jr., of Oak Park. Prior to his birth Mrs. White ate great quantities of chocolate and candy, and followed other eugenic prescriptions laid down by Dr. Hirsch, court physician to the czar. Mrs. White wanted a girl.

Now they are reconciled, and a career is to be molded for the irrepressible boy along lines to which his special type is adapted. His godfather, Roger Noble Burnham, a sculptor of Boston, and a cousin of the late Daniel Hudson Burnham, of Chicago, will scientifically measure the youngster.

Overdose of Laudanum Fatal. VANCOUVER, Wash., May 13.—(Special.)—Ernest Schram, a butcher, who passed away six hours after found in a dazed condition, died from an overdose of laudanum.

OREGON POLITICAL GOSSIP

Nelson R. Jacobson Points Out Statute That He Says Permits Him to Withdraw as Candidate for Congress and Cites Case When Opponents Withdraw to Aid Walter Evans—Judge Bennett Addresses Democrats. Dr. Withycombe Back From Trip—News of the Candidates.

NELSON R. JACOBSON, ex-candidate for the Republican nomination for Congress in the Third District, who has been campaigning against himself since Secretary of State Olcott ruled that he couldn't legally withdraw nor have his name stricken from the ballot, having once filed his nominating petition, thinks Mr. Olcott is mistaken in his interpretation of the law.

Mr. Jacobson points to section 3243, of Lord's Oregon Laws, which provides how, after having been nominated, a candidate may withdraw by giving his reasons in a signed affidavit. He discussed this statute with Attorney-General Crawford, who agreed that he could withdraw, says Mr. Jacobson. "I think this section has been overlooked by Secretary Olcott," Mr. Jacobson explained yesterday. "I had it in mind when I withdrew, for I remembered how George N. Davis and W. W. Carter, in 1912, a few days before the primary election, withdrew in favor of Walter A. Evans as candidates for the Republican nomination for District Attorney of Clatsop County. Their withdrawals were accepted by the Secretary of State."

In his nominating petition a candidate must declare, in truth, that he will not withdraw if nominated, but this section of the law in question clearly provides that he may withdraw by giving his reasons therefor. In my case, however, I had never got the nomination. I was not a party candidate. And having complied with the requirements of this section, I think I have a clear legal right to withdraw. The section referred to by Mr. Jacobson reads: "Any person who has been nominated and accepted some nomination, as provided in this act, may cause his name to be withdrawn from nomination at any time prior to the election by writing declining the nomination, stating the reason, signed and acknowledged by him before some officer authorized by the laws of this state to take acknowledgment of deeds, and certified by such officer, and by filing the same with the Secretary of State or the County Clerk of Courts, with whom the certificate nominating him as a candidate was filed. Such withdrawal may be made by telegram to the Secretary of State, through a County Clerk, as provided by section 3246, in the case of certificates of nomination."

Mr. Jacobson intends to go before the next meeting of election board officials and explain his case to them, so that they can tell voters that No. 15 on the Republican ballot, his official number, is not a candidate. The support Mr. Jacobson would have had is expected to go to C. N. McArthur.

A large audience of Democrats heard an address by Judge A. S. Bennett, candidate for the Democratic nomination for Governor, at the Central Library Tuesday night. C. E. S. Wood presided. In introducing Judge Bennett, Mr. Wood referred to him as a man of sterling worth as a citizen and of distinguished attainments as a lawyer. He declared him to be a man of the Abraham Lincoln type, one truly of the people.

Judge Bennett, in his address, lauded the work of the present Democratic Administration. He declared that no other party in the history of the country has accomplished so much in so short a time. If elected Governor, Judge Bennett promised that he would speed every question of state with a fair and open mind and that he would bring to bear on its solution the very best that was in him. He emphasized that he did not promise to make any specific reform, but that he would do his best to reduce the cost of government and to make taxation lighter.

There are two Hurlburts, both candidates for Republican nomination, on the Republican primary ballot. One is T. M. Hurlburt, candidate for Sheriff, and the other, C. M. Hurlburt, candidate for Joint Representative from Multnomah and Clackamas Counties.

Fred A. Frischkorn, candidate for the Republican nomination for Constable, has been doing some active campaign work. Mr. Frischkorn is just concluding a canvass of the various barbers, for he is also campaigning for the Mount Scott district. He recently spoke at Alberta before the Hebrew Good Government Club, in Woodstock, and before labor unions.

"Who can have faith in a man who changes his political faith over night and on the next day blossoms out as a candidate for office in his new party?" said E. L. Anthon, member of the executive committee of the Lincoln Republican Club, discussing the candidacies of Ralph E. Williams and C. W.

QUEEN FIGHTS ALL DIRT

ELENA OF ITALY GUARDIAN ANGEL OF SANITATION ADVOCATES. Former Princess of Montenegro Causes Strenuous Prophylactic Regeneration in Domain.

ROME, May 10.—Queen Elena is the guardian angel of all things and all people in Italy who count for sanitation and in the names of those that don't. As the result of a recent investigation by the Queen certain phases of Italian life are undergoing the most strenuous prophylactic regeneration in their history.

Previous to becoming Queen of Italy, Elena was merely a princess of Montenegro, daughter of King Nicholas, who holds court under the trees in front of the royal palace and who receives personally anybody and everybody who has need to see him, from the street sweeper of the city to the ambassadors of the leading power. As a girl, Queen Elena acquired the same democratic qualities. She played with the children of the Montenegro capital, distributed her charities to the poor in person and went about the streets unhampered by any traditions of customs.

As Queen of Italy, Elena hasn't been able to remain faithful to all of this early training, but she has, she says as much of it as she could and at Rome she still "drops around" to visit and inspect the most unhealed of places without letting anybody know her advance that she is coming. This not only serves to remind her of her informal girlhood days at Cetina, and saves her from the social and ceremonial preparations that follow a pre-announced visit, but it also gives her the opportunity of knowing actual conditions.

Recently the Queen dropped in, in this informal way, on a sanatorium and school for tubercular children. It was an institution that had been founded under the patronage of the Queen, was supported by her and bore the impressive name of "Colonica School of Queen Elena." A look around at the sanitary conditions left the Queen in some doubt as to whether she wasn't doing the ba-

WELLAND CANAL IS TOLLS PRECEDENT

Borah Says Britain Insisted on Right to Discriminate, Although It Is Waived.

CONTENTION IS ON FILE

Slow Progress Being Made by Senators in Debate Indicates Vote Will Not Be Reached for Perhaps Two Weeks.

WASHINGTON, May 13.—It became apparent yesterday that the Senate cannot reach a vote on the proposed repeal of the tolls exemption clause of the Panama Canal act for at least 10 days or two weeks, unless Democratic leaders make an extraordinary effort to speed up the proceedings. Under the present speaking each day, action on the repeal bill is still some distance in the future.

In the three hours it gave to tolls yesterday the Senate listened to a speech by Senator Hoke Smith, who favors repeal, and to a debate between Senators Borah and Williams over regulations governing the Welland Canal, which led to a dispute between the United States and Great Britain several years ago.

Welland Canal in British Control. Senator Borah contended that Great Britain had not to this day yielded its interpretation of the treaty governing the Welland Canal, but had withdrawn its discrimination against United States commerce merely as a matter of business to protect its own commerce from retaliatory measures taken on the part of the United States. He said the contention of Great Britain at the time that the treaty enabled it to surrender was still on file in the State Department, unaltered in a single syllable.

Senator Williams asserted Senator Borah denounced Canada's attempted bad faith in the Welland Canal incident as a sort of defense for the same action on the part of the United States in the Panama incident.

Part of Sovereignty Surrendered. Senator Williams agreed with Senator Sutherland that the United States could not pay the tolls of its own commerce in Congress. "So we surrendered just as much of our sovereignty?" suggested Senator Borah.

"There never was a treaty entered into where a nation did not surrender a natural right," replied Senator Williams. "You speak of the canal as if you had a simple title to it, while in a matter of fact the very deed by which we got the canal—here the deed was a treaty—was full of conditions. We surrendered part of our sovereignty, yes, but not in the sense that you seek to make the American people believe we surrendered our sovereignty."

"I do not expect the American people to surrender none of our independence," he said. "Yet we surrendered part of our sovereignty over about the most important territory we possess, Senator Borah replied."

VIOLET STORM REPEATS

ALLEGHENY VALLEY TWICE HIT WITHIN 24 HOURS. Scores Are Injured, Many Probably Fatally, and Property Loss Is Quarter Million in One Place.

PITTSBURG, May 13.—The second disastrous wind, rain and electrical storm in less than 24 hours struck Pittsburgh and the Allegheny Valley last night, injuring scores of persons, many of them probably fatally, and causing heavy property damage. The worst of the storm was felt at Kittanning, Pa., in the Allegheny Valley, 30 miles from here. Persons were caught by flying debris when wind uprooted two factories and an apartment house and damaged 30 or 40 other buildings. Several of the injured are not expected to recover.

One man was electrocuted in this city and several persons were hurt. Windows, trees, smokestacks and wires were felled by the wind.

McKeesport, an adjoining city, recovering from last night's storm, suffered a second time last night. The damage there is now the quickest, and a score of persons were injured.

Through search of the tenement at Arnold, Pa., wrecked by last night's storm, a body of two negroes had been killed and four injured.

It only took about an hour for practically every charitable school and institution in Rome to know what had happened and why it had happened, and to result in steps being taken to see to it that it was not likely to happen in another case. The effect was especially noticeable as the great bulk of the charitable institutions that have been founded or are under the patronage either of Queen Elena or Queen Mother Margherita.

FOREIGN MISSIONS TOPIC

Unitarian Conference Speakers Urge Greater Efficiency.

Foreign missions and church extension work received the earnest attention of the Unitarian Church conference yesterday. A number of able and experienced speakers discussed these questions and urged more systematic effort in the hope of obtaining more missionary efficiency.

Rev. Fred A. Zell, of Bellingham, Wash., and Rev. R. Tischer, of Salem, spoke on church extension work.

SHASTA TO LEAVE EARLIER

New Limited Schedule Will Become Effective May 20.

Beginning next Wednesday, May 20, the Shasta Limited, southbound, from Portland to San Francisco, will run two hours earlier than at present. It will leave here at 3:50 P. M. instead of 5:50 P. M., arriving in San Francisco at 6:30 P. M. the second evening, instead of 8:30.

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WOODARD, CLARKE & CO. Wood-Lark Bldg., Alder St. at West Park. Mr. Well discussing it from a denominational standpoint and the latter from a general standpoint. A paper prepared by Rev. A. A. Sargeant, of North Bend on the foreign missionary work was read at the afternoon meeting. Rev. W. A. Wilbur, president of the Unitarian Divinity School at Berkeley, gave a report on the growth and foundation of that institution. He told that the school now has an endowment of \$400,000 and a library of 18,000 volumes. Rev. M. A. Baker, of Alameda, Cal., spoke at last night's session. At today's meeting Rev. F. W. Pratt, of Victoria, B. C., field secretary for Western Canada, will deliver his report.

SYMPHONY STARTS YEAR Three Conductors and Officers Chosen and Plans Are Laid. The annual meeting of the Portland Symphony Orchestra took place Tuesday. These officers were elected for the ensuing year: M. Christensen, president; M. A. Sallinger, vice-president; Carl Stoll, secretary; S. W. Thomas, treasurer; Frank G. Eichenlaub, R. B. Millard, N. A. Tait and E. Powell, directors; L. L. Brown, librarian; George E. Jeffery, Carl Denton and Harold Bayley were selected as conductors of the six concerts for the season of 1914-15, and it is probable that additional concerts will be given should enough subscriptions be received. It is likely also that the public orchestral rehearsals for school children will form part of the season's program.

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