

FATHER FLINN, 98, ON WITNESS STAND

Venerable Methodist Pastor Testifies in Suit to Compel Church Reopening.

EARLY HISTORY RELATED

Aged Clergyman Tells of Erection of First House of Worship in 1850 and of Preaching There, Also of Walking to Salem.

Father John Flinn, 98 years old, yesterday morning took the witness stand in Circuit Judge Gaten's court, and before a courtroom crowded with interested spectators unfolded some of the early history of the Methodist Church in Portland.

The occasion was the trial of the factional differences within the First Methodist Episcopal Church in which about 200 "insurgent" members are seeking to force the reopening of the old Taylor-street church, which was closed last year when a consolidation was effected with the Grace Methodist Episcopal Church at Twelfth and Taylor streets.

Father Flinn explained that in the old days all preachers were called fathers. He preached the second sermon in the old Methodist Church in 1850. With Third and Taylor streets in 1850. With that hardly quavered in spite of his years, Father Flinn told a small group of his long life-story, forgot all about the troubles of the last few months, and receded on the story of the venerable witness.

and Miss Florence Phillips sang a vocal selection.

The appointment of committees by the new president, Robert E. Hitch, took up a share of the evening after the program. O. M. Clark was appointed chairman of the relief and employment committee, Mrs. M. L. Gram chairman of the sick committee, Mary E. Fowler chairman of the social committee, Jasper Dean MacFall chairman of the reception committee and A. R. Veltzer chairman of the membership committee.

The meeting last night was the first time President Hitch has served in his



Rev. Father Flinn, 98 Years Old, Who Testified at Methodist Church Hearing in Circuit Court Yesterday.

official capacity since his election. A short social hour followed the programme and business meeting.

GRAFT CHARGE DENIED

PALESTINE RELIEF WORK IS DEFENDED BY NEW YORKER.

Member of Zionist Affairs Committee Says Accusations Made by Mr. Medofsky Will Be Investigated.

Stirred by the recent letter of Morris Medofsky to his brother, Ben, 649 Second street, Portland, in which he sharply criticized the distribution of relief funds in Palestine, Benjamin Perlestein, administrative secretary of the provisional executive committee for General Zionism Affairs, New York City, has written to Ben Medofsky here, including quotations from his brother's letter printed in The Oregonian and saying the writer thinks Mr. Medofsky was misinformed.

Although Mr. Medofsky said the relief work for Hebrews in distress in Palestine was "one of the biggest grafts ever pulled off," writing from the American consulate at Jaffa, and criticized Mr. Perlestein, president of the fund there, Mr. Perlestein is positive the statement is much exaggerated. He says that while he has received thousands of letters endorsing Dr. Ruppin and his work, this is the first time Dr. Ruppin has been made the object of criticism.

Mr. Perlestein says, however, that he has had many letters of complaint as to the way the funds are being handled, and in a number of cases bitter complaints were received, however, he says, in which the work of relief was complimented.

Mr. Perlestein has taken special pains to make thorough inquiries, he writes, as to the possible truth of the charges made by Mr. Medofsky, writing and calling in Palestine thousands of letters, and in some instances a verification or refutation of the charges.

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8000 ROSE TREES SOLD

FESTIVAL COMMITTEE SWAMPED WITH FIRST DAY'S ORDERS.

Original Order of 31,000 Bushes Likely to Be Exhausted in Three Days, but More Will Be Procured.

All of the expectations of the City Beautiful Committee with regard to the sale of rose bushes to citizens which was opened yesterday morning were exceeded in the rush of buyers that thronged into the offices of the Rose Festival Association. Besides the personal orders that came there were innumerable mail orders enough to keep the committee busy all day catching up, to say nothing of handling the rush of new buyers that is expected.

Orders for plants were received in all quantities, from 29 plants to 200 or 300, and an estimate of the approximate amount returned yesterday is that more than 8000 rose bushes were sold. At the rate the orders are coming in it is probable that the 31,000 original bushes ordered in the first two more days and the committee will have the nurserymen out ridding for more.

Julius L. Meier, chairman of the City Beautiful Committee, will send some of his own accountants to the office of the Festival Association tomorrow to assist in handling the rush of business.

GRAND JURY PROBES VOTE

Investigation Begun of Ballot Changing in Shrivley Contest.

The grand jury investigation of the Shrivley vote at the November 3 election in Precinct 37, where approximately 140 ballots were changed in favor of Tom M. Word, was begun yesterday morning under the personal supervision of District Attorney Evans, and will be continued today.

All of the clerks and judges of election in that precinct with the exception of Mr. and Mrs. A. L. Clark and Daniel S. Culhane are under subpoena to testify before the grand jury. There was no indication yesterday as to how long the investigation might last.

CANNING TO BE DISCUSSED

O. H. Benson, Federal Demonstrator, Will Speak Today.

O. H. Benson, agriculturist of the United States Department of Education, will be in Portland today and will give a canning demonstration at the Lincoln High School building at 4 o'clock, and an illustrated lecture on agriculture at 8 P. M. Preceding these he will speak at 1 o'clock at the Rosarian room at the Commercial Club.

The demonstration is primarily for the women interested in the Parent-Teacher Association, although others will be made welcome.

ORIENTAL SCENES SHOWN

E. J. Jaeger Discusses Far East at Michigan Society Meeting.

A lecture on the Orient, with stereoscopic slides to illustrate his talk, was given by E. J. Jaeger to the members of the Michigan Society in Masonic Temple last night. The Orient, with its beautiful broken remnants of antiquity, was shown in some of the best pictures of the kind ever displayed here. Members of the society were enthusiastic about the lecture and responded heartily.

Music was furnished by the Michigan Society orchestra, of which H. L. Clifford is director. Miss Winetta Marr favored the audience with a piano solo

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CLUB MERGER TOPIC

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PANTAGES SHOW IS IDEAL

Iceland's Mode of Wrestling Is Startling Act.

For a well-balanced bill, one that will appeal to anyone and everyone, Pantages Theater has an ideal offering this week.

A sensational exhibition of "Glima," the method of self-defense used in Iceland, is the headline attraction. Johannes Josefson and his troupe of clever athletes give startling examples of wrestling, to face sudden attacks by boxers, by men with guns and knives or against the combined attack of three men. Josefson is more spectacular in his act than the exponents of Jiu Jitsu, his first gained fame in the Olympic games in 1908. His act is a revelation to athletes.

A musical offering full of surprises is that of Bababun, who well may be termed a rival of Julian Eltinge. The star is a pianist and singer of ability and a dashing smart dresser.

Harry Cornell, Ethel Corley and company present "The Crooks," a play full of thrills and action and a plot that grips.

An added attraction is the Exposition Jubilee Quartet, who sing the good old darky songs in the good old darky fashion and throw in ragtime dancing and a few dancing steps for extra measure.

Evans and Sister juggle chairs, globes, beds, barrels and even battle-ships. They juggle entirely with their feet and as a finale they put on something entirely new, a naval battle with plenty of scenic effects.

With minstrelsy and jokes entertainingly combined, the Three Guys give a novelty act. Their costumes are gay and sparkling.

PLAY GIVEN FOR STRICKEN

Yiddish Dramatic Club Raises \$80 to Aid War Sufferers.

For the benefit of European war sufferers, the drama, "The Sorrows of a Father and Mother," was presented by the Portland Yiddish Dramatic Club at the Swiss Hall, at 28 1/2 Third street, Sunday night before a large audience. More than \$80 was realized in the door receipts.

The plot of the play deals with a wayward daughter, finally brought back to the narrow path by a faithful brother. Miss Irene Collins and Miss Elizabeth Javits carried off honors in the stellar roles. L. Eisenstein and M. Ravitz were the leading men. Stage managers of the production were M. C. C. Colt, J. Fred Larson, Tom Richardson, G. L. Baker, O. M. Clark, A. L. Mills and others spoke on the subject informally.

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It was reported that the outlook for business this Spring is brighter than it has been for several months. It was said, however, that little real activity was to be expected in the looking camps for the next 30 days. There is said to be sufficient fire logs on hand to meet the demand for that length of

ROSE POSTER OFFERED

DESIGN DONATED BY SON OF MAN WHO GAVE FESTIVAL SLOGAN.

Work by Fred G. Cooper Is Pink and Green Testout Flower on Background of Gray.

Fred G. Cooper, son of J. C. Cooper, who won the prize for the 1915 slogan for the Portland Rose Festival, has donated to the festival board for its consideration and adoption if satisfactory a beautiful poster embodying the slogan and an appropriate design for the festival.

The poster was received from Eichen Hill, of New York, yesterday. Mr. Cooper is a poster designer of National fame, having handled the cover

LETTERS TO 2 GIVEN OVER

Postal Authorities Take Up Investigation of Threats on Wedding.

Threatening letters received by Dr. J. J. Rosenberg and Miss Clara Fishman prior to their marriage Sunday were turned over to the United States postal authorities by District Attorney Evans yesterday, and any further investigation will be conducted through the Postoffice Department.

"Our only course was to use the letters in order to prevent a possible crime," said Mr. Evans yesterday. "Beyond that we could do nothing; for the letters did not threaten extortion. We have turned those we had over to the postal authorities, and if the authors are found they can be prosecuted by the Government."

A. R. Fay in Town.

A. R. Fay, who is connected with the Swift Packing Company, of Chicago, arrived in the city yesterday on his way to Puget Sound. Mr. Fay is accompanied by his wife.

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