

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 began on the story of the venerable witness.

Forest Remembered on Site.

"The old church was built largely by Father J. H. Wilbur himself," said Father Flinn. "After Mr. Goodale gave the property to the church, Father Wilbur set to work and did most of the work of squaring the logs and putting them in the wall. It was painted in white himself, and finished entirely in the fall of 1850. There were trees all over the lot at the time, and those that were cut down were used to build the first church."

"The church was finished in the fall of 1850 and I preached the second sermon in it. Then, on the morning of the 24th, I walked all the way. Afterward I was appointed to the Yamhill circuit and traveled all the way from Corvallis to Astoria preaching."

"Father Flinn said he retired 10 years ago. "Did you retire because you were too old to preach?" asked Martin L. Pipes, attorney for the "insurgent" faction. "Well, they thought so, I guess, but I didn't," was the reply.

Building of "New" Church Recalled.

More church lore was gleaned from Father Flinn on the stand. Mr. Akim, F. S. Akim, secretary of the consolidation, said that the first stone was laid on the site of the new church in 1874, when he was one of the first shoe merchants in Portland, where he came in 1872. Some time he was superintendent of the Sunday School in the old Taylor-street church, and he described Father Wilbur's efforts to get subscriptions for the construction of the new church, which was built about 1874.

The original plat map of the city, a historic document of some value, was introduced as evidence, and witnesses were called by Mr. Pipes to identify it. The map originally had been the property of the late Judge Deady. From him it passed to the late James Gleason. Walter B. Gleason, his son, was called to the stand to identify the map, as was Paul R. Deady, son of the judge.

Certain lots and blocks on the map were colored, and W. Y. Masters was called to the stand to testify that these colors represented public property, or property set aside for public use. Among the colored sections was the lot on which the old Taylor-street church now stands.

Files of Church Books Introduced.

The purpose in bringing this out was to support the "insurgents' contention that the property was donated for church purposes only; that it can be used for nothing else, and that if the Methodist Episcopal Church holds title to it, the church must hold regular services there. This is the main contention of the insurgents in their attempt to force the opening of the old church.

Huge piles of church books, rules and bylaws and miscellaneous papers and writings were introduced in evidence to show the position of the consolidationists relative to the consolidation. Robert H. Hughes, editor of the Pacific Christian Advocate, was called to the stand to identify these books. Cross-examination, John R. Cleland, attorney for the "regulars," brought out that the articles identified by Mr. Hughes were given only as opinions of certain men.

Other witnesses were G. F. Johnson, secretary of the board of trustees; Dr. Theodore Fosler, secretary of the official board of the Portland conference; and Norman C. Thorne, secretary pro tem. In place of Dr. Fosler at a few of the official board's meetings.

"Brother" Applied to Opponent.

Minutes of many meetings of the various boards were introduced in evidence on the examination of these witnesses. Mr. Cleland raised objection to the introduction of some of this, on grounds that it did not have a bearing on anything mentioned in the pleadings, and that it proved no point that was in issue.

Replying to the objection, Mr. Pipes said that he was attempting to prove that the church conference and Bishop Cooke had taken official cognizance of the proposed consolidation at meetings held in January, 1913.

"I want to show," said Mr. Pipes, "that this was acted on at meetings attended by Bishop Cooke and Brother Loveland." Adding, as he turned and smiled toward Rev. H. S. Loveland, who sat at Mr. Cleland's side: "I hope I may be permitted to say Brother Loveland."

Mr. Thorne was still on the witness stand when court adjourned at 5 o'clock last night. The plaintiffs have not yet concluded their case. The trial will continue throughout today.

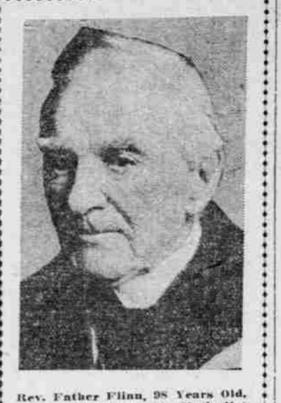
ORIENTAL SCENES SHOWN

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

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 as a result of this investigation he has been able to refute the charges.

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 two more days and the committee will have the nurseries 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.

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Lot Two! Your Choice 50c PER REMNANT Values Up to 1.50
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Lot Four! Your Choice 1.50 PER REMNANT Values Up to 4.00
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They are the samples, short pieces, discontinued lots, leftovers, etc., that we have accumulated after weeks of busy selling. They vary from 1/4 to 5 yards in length and in widths from 18 to 54 inches. Remember: They are on sale in the Arcade on the Main Floor of our Main Building. Come, take your pick at about 1/4 of the retail cost.

CLUB MERGER TOPIC

Definite Achievement Suggested as Consolidation Basis.

TACOMA MAN IS SPEAKER

Compact Central Board of Control Advocated in Opposition to Bureau and Sub-Committees. Vote on Union Proposed.

Selection of a new programme of definite achievement for the betterment of the community was declared to be the best possible footing on which to undertake a consolidation of the Portland Commercial Club and Chamber of Commerce, by T. C. Martin, former secretary-manager of the Tacoma Commercial Club and Chamber of Commerce, in an address yesterday before the officers of the two Portland bodies.

He urged a compact central board of control, and declared that the system which has been operating in the past and which cannot be so effective as the compact organization. This board, when a movement for the public handling in the Northwest, our attention new should be more toward interesting the capitalist and the moneyed man who is travelling through as a tourist.

Mr. Martin said that he believed the club and the Chamber should be able to effect a consolidation, even with the cut in their revenues that might ensue, and still be in a position to do more effective work. He said that the social side of the organization should be made a smaller part of the activities of the organization and the civic developments a greater.

Those who attended the meeting were: J. C. Ainsworth, T. H. Martin, Guy W. Talbot, C. H. Woodruff, M. H. Insley, W. E. Coman, J. L. Meier, C. C. Colt, E. L. Thompson, C. F. Berg, F. C. Knapp, A. L. Mills, P. E. Smith, J. Fred Larson, W. J. Hoffman, George L. Baker, O. M. Clark, William McMaster, E. C. Gilmer, D. A. Patullo, H. M. Haller, C. C. Chapman, Tom Richardson, W. M. Ladd and M. E. Smead.

LOGGERS RE-ELECT HEADS

Business Outlook Bright Is Report at Association Meeting.

Discussion of conditions, affecting the logging industry, were taken up Saturday afternoon at the annual meeting of the Columbia River Loggers' Association. Officers were re-elected. They include: J. S. O'Gorman, president; E. S. Collins, vice-president; Louis Trearner, secretary, and J. S. Bradley, treasurer.

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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. Colt, J. Fred Larson, Tom Richardson, in charge of N. David Turletov.

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ROSE POSTER OFFERED

DESIGN DONATED BY SON OF MAN WHO GAVE FESTIVAL SLOGAN.

Work by Fred G. Cooper in 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



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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

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