

"INSURGENTS" LOSE IN METHODIST SUIT

Judge Gatens Rules That He Has No Right to Order Reopening of Church.

LOSERS HELD FOR COSTS

Subject Declared Matter for Ecclesiastical Court to Settle—Taxation Hint Made on Bench Is Not Refused To.

The "insurgent" faction of the First Methodist Episcopal Church lost its suit to compel opening of the doors of the old Taylor-street church yesterday morning, when Circuit Judge Gatens signed a decree dismissing the action and refusing to grant an injunction against the church "regulars."

The decree signed by Judge Gatens was prepared by himself, although attorneys for each of the church factions had submitted decisions as desired by them. In his decision Judge Gatens refuses to grant the injunction asked by the "insurgents," ordering the church not to sell, lease, or use for any other than church purposes the property at Third and Taylor streets, where the old church stands.

The judge also refused to demand that the church doors be opened. This, he said, is entirely out of his jurisdiction. It is within the powers of the church authorities to close the doors of the church if they choose. In his oral decision from the bench last month, however, Judge Gatens had said: "I can't order them to take the padlock off that door any more than I can tell them what hymns they shall sing. But I will say that under the deed to this property, if that building isn't used for church purposes, somebody is going to have to pay taxes on it."

Evidence Declared Lacking. In deciding that he cannot enjoin the church authorities from disposing of the property, the judge said that there had not been sufficient evidence to show that there was any intention of using it for any other than church purposes. Bishop Cooke had testified that the intention was to open a mission in the building.

Judge Gatens' decision yesterday closes, for the present at least, a lawsuit that resulted from a controversy within the church covering a period of more than two years. Trouble began with the consolidation of the First Methodist Episcopal Church at Third and Taylor streets and the Grace Church at Twelfth and Taylor streets. As a result of this consolidation the Taylor-street church was closed last October. For years it had been a landmark in Portland. The first Methodist church in Portland had been built on the same ground in 1850. The newer structure was finished in 1870.

Many old inhabitants who had worshipped in the Taylor-street church since their childhood objected to consolidation with the newer Grace church. They formed an "insurgent" party and procured about 250 signatures to a petition of protest.

Street Services Cause Trouble. Last October when the doors of the old church were closed over the protest of these "insurgents," the controversy culminated in a suit to compel the opening of the doors and to enjoin the church authorities from disposing of the property. At the same time the "insurgents" began holding services every Sunday in the street in front of the old church. These services were the cause of further trouble within the church when Bishop Cooke ordered Rev. Clarence True Wilcox, former pastor of the Taylor-street church, to decline an invitation to preach a sermon at one of the meetings in the street.

Trial of the suit began last month before Judge Gatens, and during the whole proceedings the courtroom was packed with church people, a majority of whom were women.

Peace Attempt Futile. After the case had proceeded several days, Judge Gatens declared a recess and called representatives of the two factions together in a conference in an effort to adjust the differences out of court. After several meetings, the conferees failed to agree and the trial was resumed. Judge Gatens then left the bench, declaring he had already made up his mind about the case, and declined to hear any more testimony. The trial then proceeded without a judge for the sole benefit of the court reporter, who will have to make a transcript of the long proceedings.

When the taking of testimony was completed Judge Gatens resumed the bench and stated that the differences of the two factions were matters for ecclesiastical authorities to adjust, and that he had no jurisdiction in the matter. Therefore, he said, he could not grant the injunction asked by the "insurgents."

The final decision, or findings of fact and conclusions of law, signed by the judge yesterday, assesses the costs of the suit against the "insurgents."

CELLO TRIP MAY EXTEND

CONTINUATION OF CRUISE TO SAN FRANCISCO NOW PROPOSED.

Party of 20 or 40 Plans to Ship Autos for "Columbia River Day" at Fair and Return in Pageant.

The cruise down the Columbia and Snake Rivers from Lewiston in celebration of the opening of the Cello Canal, May 15-18, may be extended to San Francisco, there to culminate with the celebration of the anniversary of the discovery of the Columbia by Captain Gray. Announcement has been received by Wallace E. Struble from Lewiston that between 20 and 40 who are coming from that section are planning to ship their automobiles down the river and to San Francisco after the conclusion of the celebration in Astoria. After the celebration in San Francisco, they will organize an advertising pageant and tour Southern California and return to the Northwest by way of the Pacific Highway.

Mr. Struble has communicated with the director of special events at San Francisco to ascertain if May 16 can be set aside as Columbia River day, in which case efforts will be made to gather a great crowd to go by water from here to participate in the celebration, as a conclusion of the Cello celebration.

Clarence Reames, United States District Attorney, has informed Mr. Struble that every effort will be made to complete the legal details necessary to the transfer of the Oregon City locks to the Government, so that this may be incorporated as one of the features



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Thirty boys under the direction of the boys' cabinet of the Y. M. C. A. will attempt to raise \$200 tomorrow to buy linoleum to cover the floor in the boys' lobby.

FARMERS WANT ROAD ISSUE

Attitude in Eastern Part of County Reported Favorable.

Farmers between Portland and the eastern county lines are strongly in favor of the proposed \$1,250,000 bond issue with which to hard-surface the trunk county roads, according to reliable reports received the past few days.

OREGON ALMANAC ISSUED

Advance Copies Show That Book is Fund of Information About State.

Advance copies of the 1915 Oregon Almanac have been distributed and 300,000 copies for free distribution will be ready in two weeks and may be obtained by writing to the Oregon State Immigration Commission, Commercial Club building, Portland.

BAND DIRECTOR PROTESTS

W. E. McElroy Not Chosen on Merit by Council, Says A. De Caprio.

Declaring that the selection of W. E. McElroy as leader of the City Park band during the coming season was not on the basis of merit, in spite of the fact that the Council announced that it would be A. De Caprio, who was an applicant for the position, has made a protest to Commissioner Brewster. He says the handling of the proposition was not fair.

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The World's Greatest Ready-to-Wear Clothing FACTORY-TO-WEARER DIRECT!

Recently the new management of the Peoples Clothing Company announced to Portland people that they had joined the greatest clothing organization and chain of stores in the West. This firm is now a member of the famous Shirley chain (stores in all principal cities), who sell clothing direct from factory to wearer, doing away with the needless middleman and his profit.

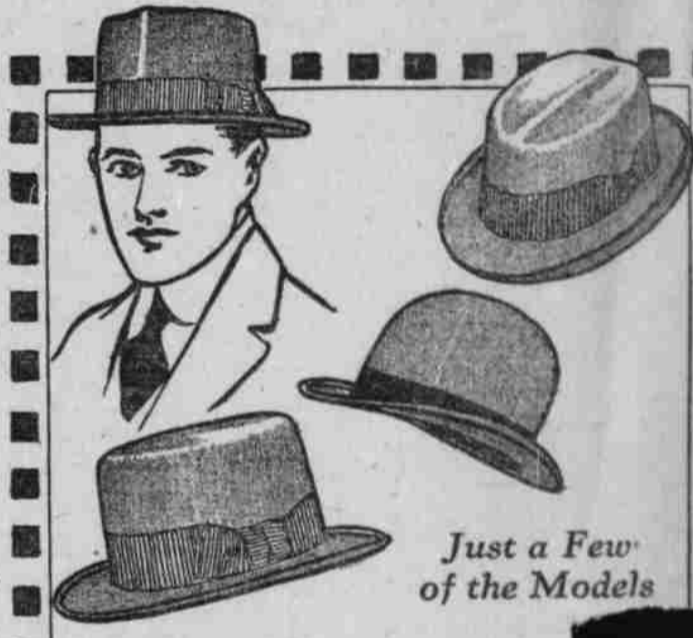
This news was received with open arms by Portland people and already hundreds have availed themselves with the wonderful money-saving values that this new affiliation presents. Naturally, like all mortal men, your desire is to get the best clothes made at the lowest price, and five minutes of your time will convince you that the Peoples Clothing Company is the place.

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For three days, and three days only—Friday, Saturday and Monday—we are going to give our patrons their choice of our new Spring Portogan Hats. This is strictly an advertising offer and is to acquaint more people with the superior worth and merit of the clothing values possible under our new method of selling from factory to wearer direct. Such an offer will not be repeated for at least a year.

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