

EPISCOPAL CHURCH WANTS ACCOUNTING

Action to Secure Presence of C. B. Pfahler in Portland Is Probable.

RECORDS ARE IN Muddle

Rev. H. M. Ramsey Declares Secretary Is Only Person Who Has Ever Intimated That Bishop Scadding Was Involved in Action.

Officials of the Episcopal diocese of Oregon propose to secure, if possible, a thorough accounting from Charles B. Pfahler, secretary to the late Bishop Scadding, who admits that he has destroyed the books in which were kept accounts of the bishop's funds amounting approximately \$100,000 worth of cash, securities and property.

Mr. Pfahler now is in San Diego, where he is employed as auditor for the United States National Bank. Whether or not action will be started to secure his presence in Oregon has not been determined, but such doubts will be cast by some of the present unpleasant situation.

Rev. H. M. Ramsey, of Portland, whom Mr. Pfahler at San Diego on Monday accused of trying to cast reflection on the integrity of the late bishop, declared yesterday that Mr. Pfahler himself tried to involve the late bishop in the irregularities over the books and intimated that Mr. Pfahler's presence so near the Mexican border is for the purpose of avoiding a return to this state to face possible charges.

Book Destruction Said to Be Crime. It is pointed out that Mr. Pfahler's self-confessed action in destroying the books makes him liable under criminal charges. The diocese legally is a corporation and the books were those of a corporation. To destroy the books of a corporation, it is explained, is a criminal act. The disappearance of the books, however, it is feared will make impossible the solution of the real problem regarding the funds received by and paid out of the bishop's funds in the nine years during which Mr. Pfahler was in charge.

Were the accounts properly kept and was the money all accounted for? These questions naturally present themselves and these are the questions that Bishop Sumner and other members of the diocese want answered. But if the books have been burned, answers doubtless will be forthcoming. Mr. Pfahler himself might be able to tell. For the purpose of wringing from him whatever information he may possess, it is probable that officials of the church will endeavor to induce him to return from California.

Dean Ramsey Makes Statement

Dean Ramsey, who was a member of the standing committee that had charge of the diocese affairs between the time that Bishop Scadding died and Bishop Sumner was consecrated, declared yesterday that it was impossible for the committee to secure a proper accounting from Mr. Pfahler. In reviewing the proceedings in this connection, he said:

"On the death of Bishop Scadding, the standing committee, being by custom the ecclesiastical authority of the diocese, became the temporary custodian of the trust funds held by the bishop of Oregon as a corporation sole. The committee had and exercised control of the income of the funds and was responsible for them up to the date of the consecration of Bishop Sumner. The committee retained Mr. Pfahler as bookkeeper at a larger salary than he had received under the late bishop. Mr. Pfahler was to prepare a report of the funds in charge of the committee."

"This report was to be prepared as a matter of course and the auditor's report was to go to the new bishop. Auditors were employed and the books to be verified by the report which, I believe, is not unusual in auditors. Mr. Pfahler was instructed to turn the books to the new bishop and to do so many times and to several different people. No member of the standing committee ever asked for the book. The only motive of any member of the committee was to have affairs in their hands in proper shape for the new diocesan issue of prolonged."

"The matter was prolonged for months on account of the unwillingness of the committee to press Mr. Pfahler. He finally refused to turn over the books but said that he would turn them over promptly to the new bishop. This last promise was made about a month and a half after the date on which Mr. Pfahler now says he destroyed them. After the arrival of Bishop Sumner, both the bishop and the committee further demanded the books. To the bishop, Mr. Pfahler promised to turn over the books on call. Well, when the books came into the possession of the auditors they dated from June 1, 1914."

"I have heard of Mr. Pfahler's accusation against me but I have never been able to get the name of the clergyman who is supposed to have heard me make the statement which caused Mr. Pfahler to destroy the books. Mr. Pfahler's statement of my attitude toward the late bishop of Oregon is on a par with the statement he made to Bishop Sumner in San Diego that I would turn over all books, some five months after they were destroyed, if they were destroyed. The only intimations I have heard that anyone thought that Bishop Scadding was any way involved in Mr. Pfahler's action have come from Mr. Pfahler himself, notably in letters, now extant, to the Rev. J. E. H. Simpson and to the present bishop of Oregon. In them he more than intimates that his action was to cover up transactions in past years. No one believes that. Mr. Pfahler is conscious of nothing so much as that he is near the Mexican border.

Minutes Are Quoted. "That the standing committee has been lenient with Mr. Pfahler may be seen by a perusal of the following abstract of the minutes of the committee relating to its efforts to have the books audited:

"At a meeting on July 29: Upon motion of the Rev. Barr G. Lee, the president was authorized to have the report of Mr. Pfahler on his books audited by a competent auditor."

"On August 5: The president reported the engagement of Messrs. Whitfield, Whitcomb & Co. to audit the statement of Mr. Pfahler."

"On August 22: A letter from Messrs. Whitfield, Whitcomb & Co., auditors, stating that Mr. Pfahler had not turned over his report or books for auditing, was presented by the president. The standing committee requested the president to confer with Mr. Gilsan and report to Mr. Pfahler that the standing committee was instructed by resolution adopted at a meeting on July 29, 1914, to have his report on his books audited by certified accountants."

"On September 9: The president reported that he had conferred with Mr. Gilsan regarding the auditing of Mr.

POPULAR PORTLAND GIRL WHO FIGURED IN SUCCESSFUL SUN-DAY ELOPEMENT DESPITE AUTO BREAKDOWN.



Mrs. G. S. Botsford, Formerly Miss Marie Roberts

'DIXIE BELLE' ELOPES

Miss Marie Roberts Becomes Bride of G. S. Botsford.

LOVE'S AUTO BREAKS DOWN

Bridal Party on Way to Vancouver Stopped, but Passing Streetcar Is Halted and Journey to Altar Is Continued.

Charming Miss Marie Roberts, who distinguished herself in the recent spectacular production, "Belles and Beaux in Dixieland," for the Multnomah Amateur Athletic Club, eloped Sunday with G. S. Botsford, also of this city. The couple motored to Vancouver, Wash., and en route were delayed by the breaking down of the car. Undaunted and with the determination to be married despite all obstacles, the prospective bridegroom and his fiancee left the broken motor and continued their romantic trip on board a streetcar.

They arrived at the home of the Presbyterian Church pastor, who tied the nuptial knot, and the young people returned to Portland in their repaired motor. They were accompanied by the bridegroom's mother, Mrs. C. L. Botsford; his brothers, W. K. and D. M. Botsford, with whom he is associated in the advertising business in this city.

Misses Margaret and Ruth Johnson, close friends of the bride, were also apprised of the secret and accompanied the couple. Later in the evening the party assembled at Hotel Multnomah for a wedding feast, and the parental blessing of the bride's parents, Captain and Mrs. J. H. Roberts, who were delighted of keeping their daughter for a while longer.

The original wedding day was set for June, but the impatient pair decided Sunday morning they would have their nuptials at once.

"November 17: R. L. Gilsan reported that he had written Mr. Pfahler asking him to call and see him before any action was commenced to compel delivery of the books of the funds of the Bishop of Oregon. Mr. Pfahler has responded, and has instructed that increasing annual publicity without accomplishing the result desired, he would recommend that no further action be taken at this time. There being no objection, such recommendation was acquiesced in."

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FOREST TAX REFORM URGED

Civic League Hears Needs Outlined by C. T. Allen.

"Forest Taxation" was the subject of an address delivered by C. T. Allen, forester of the Western Forestry and Conservation Association, before the Civic League at the Hazelwood yesterday.

Mr. Allen outlined the chief need of forest tax reform as a deferred tax that can be paid at the time of harvest, when there is revenue with which to pay. He said that increasing annual taxation upon timber enforces wasteful cutting. It also absolutely prohibits the growing of new forests on cutover land as this would be because the compounded burden of investment and taxation for the long periods involved can never be met by the value of the second crop.

Referring to single tax Mr. Allen declared that if it applied to timber as really it is directly contrary to all principles of scientific forest taxation as established throughout the world.

Pullman Official Studies Traffic.

H. P. Clements, of Chicago, general ticket agent for the Pullman Company, has started on a tour of the Pacific coast and will visit Portland early in January. He is preparing to study traffic conditions in anticipation of a big run of business to the California fairs and to the large number of conventions scheduled for various Pacific Coast cities.

CONVICTION SHOCK

Ex-Banker, Held Guilty on 2 Counts, for Which Penalty Is 10 Years, Is Dazed.

APPEAL CALLED UNLIKELY

Lawyer Takes 30 Days to Seek New Trial, but Indicates Verdict Will Be Accepted—Chance to Shorten Term Seen.

Confidently expecting acquittal, Tom R. Sheridan, former president of the First National Bank of Roseburg, was dazed by the shock yesterday morning of the jury returning a verdict of guilty on two counts out of the eight on which he had been tried, which makes him technically liable to a minimum sentence of 10 years' imprisonment in a Federal penitentiary, or five years on each count.

The counts on which he was convicted were the charge of defrauding David Hull, an illiterate stage-driver, out of \$230, and the charge of taking \$1000 from Laura Ferrill, a widow of Roseburg.

Judge Rudkin has the right, although the technical minimum sentence is 10 years, to strike the two sentences concurrent, which would cut the term to five years.

Parole Could Reduce Term.

The prisoner would be eligible to parole after he had served one-third of his term.

In the prosecution of the case, the District Attorney sought to show that the irregularities which brought the indictment had begun in 1905 and had become more or less flagrant until in 1911 the National Bank Examiner had refused to recommend that a new charter be granted to the bank.

C. W. Fulton, attorney for the defense, has taken 30 days in which to prepare a motion for a new trial, and judgment will be suspended that long. Attorney Eaker, however, expressed a doubt yesterday afternoon as to whether an appeal will be taken.

"Sheridan" is wholly without money," he said, "and I do not think that we should ask his friends to help him further. An appeal would be expensive."

Grounds for Appeal Not Seen.

"As the judge has been most liberal with us I hardly know at this time on what grounds we could base it. However, we shall see in a short time."

Throughout the trial the courtroom was packed with friends of the former banker. When the jury brought in its verdict, however, he had no one with him but his son and his attorney. The jury reached its decision at 3 o'clock in the morning and announced it at 5:30 o'clock.

The finding of the jury was so different from what had been expected and what had been forecast by nearly all familiar with the case that both the father and son for a time apparently were shocked. It was the realization that he had lost.

District Attorney Reames, Assistant District Attorney Rankin and Assistant Attorney General, were in the House of the Oregon State Building, handling the case for the Government.

CHURCHILLS DISCUSSED

BISHOP SUMNER DECLARES INTEREST IS ONLY LUKEWARM.

Spiritual Awakening Is Urged at Noon-day Meet at Baker—Rev. John Dawson Speaks Today.

"What is the matter with the church of today?" "Why is it a failure, if it is?" "We are being challenged to answer these questions," said Bishop Sumner yesterday noon in a stirring address at the Baker Theater, which was crowded with men and women.

"The church has a vital place in the community life of Portland," he said, "I hear people say there are too many churches in Portland, too much religious competition here. I tell you that if Portland church people were not lukewarm there would not be enough churches to hold the congregations that would want to attend them. Be not indifferent. There is nothing you need so much as spiritual regeneration."

"Religion is not only for those who sorrow. It has a stirring message for those who are happy and joyful. For the business men who are out wrestling with life's problems; it is for the man who is strong and virile. What right have you of us to be lukewarm?" "Organized religion has an important part in the life of the community. I ask for the church your deeper interest, your warmer co-operation; your greater loyalty."

Bishop Sumner urged a spiritual awakening. He touched upon the disheartening of the young people for authority and responsibility of the public in general upon the assimilation of the immigrant into the civic and social life, but not in religion and upon the scant reverence now found for ideals.

The noon-time meetings will continue all this week. Rev. John Dawson will be the speaker at Baker, and Rev. K. H. Howard, tomorrow, and Bishop Sumner will speak again on Good Friday.

Woman Stops Husband From Using Tobacco

An Ohio Wife Broke Her Husband of the Tobacco Habit With a Recipe She Gave Secretly.

She Tells What She Used.

A well-known Ohio woman, whose husband has been a heavy user of tobacco for years, broke him of the habit by the use of a simple home recipe that she gave secretly. She very gladly told what she used but requested that her name should not be made public, as her husband does not know why he quit using tobacco. She said: "The recipe is inexpensive and can be obtained from any grocery store and given secretly or with the patient's knowledge. To 3 oz. of water add 30 grains of muriate of ammonia, a small box of Vaseline compound and 10 grains of Capsaicin. Give a teaspoonful three times a day at meal time, in the food or in the coffee, tea or milk. This recipe is perfectly harmless and has no color, taste or smell, and will be found effective for the tobacco habit in any form."—Adv.

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Olds, Wortman & King Reliable Merchandise—Reliable Methods Pacific Phone Marshall 4800 Home Phone A 6231

Today Is Red Letter Day 10 S.N. Stamps Free To All Visitors to the Premium Parlors 4th Fl.

Women's Easter Suits \$12.50 to \$35

Second Floor—Today we feature a special showing of Women's and Misses' new Spring Suits at popular prices. Distinctive models in Norfolk, new military effects, high waists and novelty styles. Latest tailored or flare skirts, Home-spuns, serges, chevots, tweeds, coverts and other desirable materials. Don't fail to see these new suits, \$12.50 up to \$35.00 OTHER MODELS in the season's newest materials and attractive colors—\$37.50 to \$97.50.

Stylish New Coats \$12.50 to \$28.50

Second Floor—Here are styles to suit every fancy and for every occasion. Stylish short box coats, novelty belted styles, high waists and fancy cuts in great variety. Shown in every wanted material and color. Better come today and select your new Easter Coat from this \$28.50 splendid line. Priced \$12.50 to \$28.50 OTHER MODELS priced \$30.00 to \$65.00.

\$1.50, \$2 Wool Voiles 98c Splendid Range of Spring Colors

Main Floor—The big demand for transparent, sheer materials for Spring and Summer dresses makes this a most remarkable offering. The assortment is made up of several special lines selected from our regular stock. Plain, flaked and novelty voiles of splendid quality. Shown in navy, tan, gray, rose, reseda, brown, Copen and lavender. The widths range from 42 to 44 inches; former prices were \$1.50 to \$2. Special yd. 98c

Don't Fail to Ask for Your S.N. Stamps Corsets Shown on Living Models

Tea Room Fourth Floor—Thursday, Friday and Saturday at 3:30 P. M. SALON DU BON TON

All women are cordially invited to attend this unique exhibition of the new BON TON Corsets. Remember the Dates.

Basement Sale Home Needs Double Stamps in Basement Today

25c Parlor Brooms, now only 20c 35c Parlor Brooms, now only 25c 40c Parlor Brooms, now only 30c 50c Parlor Brooms, now only 40c 50c Warehouse Brooms, now 40c 50c set of six 12-oz. Tumblers on sale Wednesday, set of 6 15c 43c set of 4-oz. Tumblers, 6 at 15c 12-Tooth Garden Rakes, for 22c Garden Hose, special at only 22c

42-piece gold decorated Dinner Sets, priced special at only \$27.75 46-piece Sets priced special \$3.63 Silver plate Pie Knives, for 15c White porcelain Cups and Saucers, Set of Six, at special price of 55c German China gold hand Plates, special set of six now for only 60c Screen Doors, Garden Hose, complete line guaranteed articles at lowest prices.

Long or Short Handle Spades Now 63c BURBANK YOUR GARDEN!—Grow Burbank's Original Flower and Garden Seeds and make your garden distinctively different. Ask about the Burbank \$1 Garden. Grocery Department, Fourth Floor.

Rev. J. E. H. Simpson will close the series on Saturday. ELECTION PETITIONS READY

Enough Signatures Secured for Milwaukee Water Vote.

Petitions for a special election on the Milwaukee water question now have the required number of signatures.

Discontinuance of Train Service Between Portland and Linnton United Railways Co. EFFECTIVE APRIL 1, 1915. Effective April 1, train service between Portland and Linnton via the United Railways will be discontinued on account of abandonment of track under court order.

United Railways Co. S. P. & S. No. 26 will leave Rainier at 7:10 A. M.; instead of 7:40 A. M., arrive Portland 9:15 A. M. instead of 9:45 A. M.; No. 23 will leave Rainier at 2:55 P. M. instead of 3:00 P. M., arrive Portland 4:50 P. M. instead of 5:00 P. M. The time of these trains at intermediate points will be proportionately earlier.

Double Stamps In Basement Shop in the Basement today and get Double Stamps with all cash purchases of 10c or over.

Notion Day Bargain Circle, First Floor—Sewing needs and small wares of all kinds greatly reduced for this Wednesday's selling.

25c Darning Cotton in black and tan, priced, the spool, 1c 10c Featherstitched Brads 7c 10c Skirt and Trouser Hangers on sale Wednesday at 5c 15c Trouser Hangers, now 11c 15c Can Machine Oil, now 10c 5c Needles, 2 packages for 5c John J. Clark's six-cord spool Cotton, special, 2 spools at 5c 25c Spool Holders, now 10c 10c Pearl Buttons, dozen 5c 25c Sterling skirt markers 19c 15c Folding Coat Hangers 7c Ironing Wax, dozen, now 10c 10c Curling Irons, at each 7c 5c Bone Collar Buttons on sale today, two cards, special 5c 25c Pinholder and Cushion 15c 5c Pins, now 2 packages for 5c 5c Hair Pins now two for 5c Dressmakers' Pins, 1/4 lb., 25c 25c Shopping Bags, now 18c 5c Collar Supports, 2 for 5c 10c Featherstone at, yard 8c 10c Hair Pin Cabinets at 7c Women's 15c Sew-On Hose-Supporters at special, per 10c Child's 15c Hose-Support, 10c 25c Sleeve Protectors, per 15c 10c Cube Pins, special at 5c 5c Hooks and Eyes at 2 1/2c 5c Wire or Wood Hangers 3c 25c Shark Skin Shirt Waist Belts priced special for 18c 15c Bone Hair Pins, box 10c 5c Binding Tape, 2 bolts 5c 20c Hair Curriers, now at 13c Hair Nets with or without elastic, special today, 5 for 10c \$2.00 Bust Form or Bust Form Stands, special at \$1.00 100 yards Sewing Silk at 5c 15c Folding Drinking Cups, priced very special at only 7c

Girdle Foundations Special 5c Main Floor—Girdle Foundations in all sizes and various widths. Regular 10c for 5c kind. Special now for 5c

15c Sanitary Belts At 10c Main Floor—Women's sanitary Aprons and Belts—the grade usually selling at 15c. 10c Priced special at only 10c

Naia Dress Shields Underpriced Main Floor—Choose the new Shield here today for less. 50c Bolero—all sizes for 35c \$1.00 Naia Brassieres at 75c 25c Shirt Waist Shields at 15c

have an income of about \$600 a month, which will be sufficient to maintain a municipal plant." It is estimated that it will cost between \$15,000 and \$40,000 to acquire the plants and complete the water system, which may necessitate a bond issue additional to the \$20,000 already made.

RECIPE TO CLEAR A PIMPLY SKIN Pimples Are Impurities Seeking an Outlet Through Skin Pores.

Pimples, sores and boils usually result from toxins, poisons and impurities which are generated in the bowels and then absorbed into the blood through the very ducts which should absorb only nourishment to sustain the body.

It is the function of the kidneys to filter impurities from the blood and cast them out in the form of urine, but in many instances the bowels create more toxins and impurities than the kidneys can eliminate, then the blood uses the skin pores as the next best means of getting rid of these impurities which often break out all over the skin in the form of pimples.

The surest way to clear the skin of these eruptions, says a noted authority, is to get from any pharmacy about four ounces of Jad Salts and take a tablespoonful in a glass of hot water each morning before breakfast for one week. This will prevent the formation of toxins in the bowels. It also stimulates the kidneys to normal activity, causes them to filter the blood of impurities and clearing the skin of pimples.

Jad Salts is inexpensive, harmless and is made from the acid of grapes and lemon juice, combined with lithia. Here you have a pleasant, effervescent drink, which usually makes pimples disappear, cleans the blood and is excellent for the kidneys as well.—Adv.