

POLITICS FEATURE  
METHODIST SESSION

Majority of Lay Delegates  
Elected Are Supporters  
of Bishop Cooke.

WOMAN ALSO IS CHOSEN

Recommendations of Body Chosen  
at Roseburg Will Have Considerable  
Influence in Settling  
Portland Controversy.

ROSEBURG, Or., Sept. 24.—(Special.)—The election of four lay delegates to the general conference of the Methodist church to be held at Saratoga, N. Y., next May, was the dominating feature of today's session of the annual conference of the Methodist Episcopal church, now in progress here. The successful delegates and number of votes received by each follows: H. E. Steeves, of Salem, 54; Robert H. Hughes, of Portland, 44; A. M. Hammer, of Albany, 42; Mrs. A. C. Marsters, of Roseburg, 33.

Thirty-four votes were necessary for a majority, but in view of six votes being thrown out because of irregularities, Chairman J. S. Van Winkle, of Albany, declared Mrs. Marsters elected as she had a majority of the votes counted. The reserve delegates chosen by the laymen were Edgar L. Keeney, of Portland; G. F. Billings, of Ashland, and J. S. Van Winkle, of Salem.

That the candidates were advanced along political lines which were closely identified with the opposition or support of Bishop Cooke and his administration, was the general expression of the delegates. Mr. Hughes, editor of the Portland Christian Advocate, is the only known antagonist of the bishop. The others are known to be in favor of his administration.

Opposition is Developed.  
The first appearance of the much talked of controversy regarding the administration of the bishop was noted in the action taken early in the meeting. It was decided to elect the delegates that only one should come from a district, making it necessary that each district should have a representative at the general conference.

This move was strongly opposed by A. F. Baker, of Portland, a member of the Taylor-street contingent, or so-called insurgent faction. The motion of this effect was made by G. W. DeGraff, of Woodlawn. It is believed that the political aspect also surrounded the election of Mr. Van Winkle to the position of permanent chairman of the lay conference. He was opposed by J. P. Sewell, of Sunnyside. Mr. Van Winkle is a supporter of the administration. One of the prominent delegates from Portland stated, following the election, that this was responsible for Van Winkle's election.

The delegates from the lay conference receive an honor which is strongly contended for every four years among the members of the conference. This is the result of the greater power that the lay members of the conference have come to possess in late years. The administration is said to be giving greater attention to the demands of the lay members than ever before.

The matter of Bishop Cooke's reappointment was also discussed. The other candidates and the number of votes polled were: R. A. Booth, of Eugene, 15; Amedee Smith, of Portland, 14; G. W. Billings, of Ashland, 17; H. L. Gilkey, of Grants Pass, 7.

Important Matter Introduced.  
An important resolution was introduced while the votes were being counted. This resolution was in general conference asking that in regard to the appointment of ministers to their charges by the bishop, the minister always be returned to the conference providing the quarterly conference so determines by a unanimous vote, and provided the minister has a desire to return.

Routine business, consisting of the continuation of the ministers' reports, the hearing of the ministers' reports, and occasional reports from committees, characterized today's business session at the ministerial conference. All the district superintendents made reports, these being general in nature and showing a condition of prosperity in most all departments of the work carried on in the various charges during the year.

The Springfield pastor reported to the conference a gift to the church, by a prominent man of that city, of property valued at approximately \$44,000. The identity of the donor could not be ascertained from the Springfield minister or other delegates. Appreciation was expressed, however, and the bishop was instructed to write a letter to him expressing the sentiment of the Oregon conference.

Messrs. Lockhart, Carlos, Davenport and Johnson were admitted as ministers to the conference. The case of George P. Trites, of Sutherlin, was reported. The committee recommended that he be not taken into the conference at this time.

This afternoon and evening the delegates enjoyed some addresses by prominent members of the conference. Although the programme of the conference is well crowded, many of the delegates have found time for diversions, consisting of automobile drives and other entertainment features. The ministerial delegates to the general conference will be elected tomorrow.

Rate Extension Expected.  
Structural Steel Tariffs May Take in Central Freight Territory.  
Advices were received yesterday by the traffic department of the O.-V. R. & N. Company that the rate of 55 cents on structural iron and steel, published yesterday from Chicago and points west to Pacific Coast terminal, will probably be extended to Central Freight Association territory, including Pittsburg, as has recently been done with freight that comes under the classification of iron and steel articles.

Standard School Sought.  
Polk County Superintendent Issues New Requirements.  
Monmouth, Or., Sept. 24.—(Special.)—Rules governing the standardization of Polk County schools have been made, and soon each of the schools of the

KNIGHTS TEMPLAR OF OREGON AND WASHINGTON IN IMPOSING STREET PARADE YESTERDAY.



(1) H. L. Pittcock, who, as Aide to the Grand Marshal of the Day, headed the parade. (2) H. L. Tilling, Generalissimo of Grand Drill Team From Cataract Commandery, of Spokane. (3) Head of the Parade Advancing up Broadway at Rosaside.

county will be presented with the latest requirements. Superintendent Seymour has found that under such a plan competition among the rural districts is strong throughout the term.

One of the best arguments for the county standardization plan is that it affords a means by which the parents in each district can compare their school with the others. "The improvement of conditions is a natural outcome."

WOODBURN, Or., Sept. 24.—(Special.)—Woodburn Commercial and Agricultural Association has pushed the French Prairie proposition to the point where definite plans are shaping for a survey of 75 square miles, from West Woodburn to Brooks.

A government engineer will start preliminary work next Monday and with the assistance of two resident men will cover an area five miles wide and 15 miles long, to be drained.

Oregon Agricultural College will conduct this year's soil analysis. The property owners and farmers in this district favor the proposition and await the result with interest.

BUREAU DINNER PLANNED.  
Trade and Commerce Section of Chamber to Outline Programme.

The programme for future work of the bureau of trade and commerce of the Chamber of Commerce will be submitted to the membership of the bureau at a dinner meeting in the main dining-room of the Chamber next Friday.

Nathan Strauss, chairman of the bureau, will preside and W. D. B. Dodson, secretary, will make a general report of the work of the bureau up to date. While the meeting is for the members of the trade and commerce bureau especially, it will be open to other members of the Chamber.

"Orange" Business Manager Named.  
OREGON AGRICULTURAL COLLEGE, Corvallis, Or., Sept. 24.—(Special.)—Franklin T. Murphy, of Albany, Cal., was elected business manager of the 1917 "Orange," the annual publication of the junior class at the first class meeting of the year yesterday. Mr. Murphy is prominent in student affairs and is a member of the Phi Delta Sigma Fraternity. He is well qualified to conduct the large volume of business involved in the position.

Two Officers Chosen by Washington Knights Templar.  
The grand officers of the Washington grand commandery are: John C. Minton, grand commander, Bellingham; William A. Acuff, deputy grand commander, Hood River; George C. Brown, grand captain-general, Salem; James P. Robinson, grand recorder, Portland; John B. Cleland, grand treasurer, Portland; Frank S. Ballie, senior grand warden, Baker; D. C. Tomasini, junior grand warden, Portland.

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Following the parade, a dinner was given by the Grand Commandery of Oregon, Oregon Commandery No. 1 and Washington Commandery No. 15, to visitors and delegates at the grand convalesce at the Imperial Hotel.

Buffet lunch was also served at the Masonic Temple.

One of the interesting features in the parade was Major W. V. Rinehart, Indian and Civil War veteran, of Seattle, 80 years old, who marched in the ranks as erect and confident as men half his age. The Major scorned the help of so much as a cane, and was fresh and smiling at the end of the long line of march. He marched with the Washington Grand Commandery.

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KNIGHTS IN PARADE

Marching Cross Formation is Striking Spectacle.

VETERAN, 80, GOES AFOOT

Visitors Attend Closing Ceremonial Session in Portland and Witness Rare Performance of Masonic Ritual.

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Business Session Completed.  
The parade was the imposing climax of the convalesces of the Knights Templars of both states. The Oregon Knights finished their business session this morning, and so did the Washington Knights. The Washington Knights then came on to Portland as guests of Oregon Knights Templar, to take part in the parade and later to attend the imposing ritualistic work held at the Masonic Temple last night.

This was the conferring of the Order of the Mediterranean Pass and the Knights of Malta in long form on a class by Oregon Commandery No. 1. Ordinarily this degree is communicative, conferred on the candidate by word of mouth without ritualistic ceremony. It was said that many of the knights had never seen the full ritualistic ceremony, one of the most solemn and sacred in Masonry, until last night. This ceremony brought to a close

Symposium 11 A. M. George B. Warne, president; Mrs. E. Marie Goetz, Mrs. Esther G. Humphrey, Mrs. Ida Gray Platt, Mrs. Zaida B. Kates, Mrs. M. E. Cadwallader, Frank Casberg, vocal solo, "Sing me to Sleep," Miss Ruth L. B. Price, messages, Mrs. Zaida B. Kates, 2:30 P. M.—Address, Mrs. E. Harlow Goetz, vocal solo, "Eternal Goodness," Gaston Weisendanger; Eternal Goodness," Gaston Weisendanger; music, S. P. M.—Address, George B. Warne, National president; vocal solo, "I Hear You Calling," Mrs. Margaret Marks; messages, Mrs. Zaida B. Kates.

Firebug Keen for Truth.  
Details of Arson Story Corrected by William Stewart.

With the keenest regard for accuracy of detail, William Stewart indicated as a confessed member of the so-called Currier "arson syndicate," yesterday said that he did not own the house at 1232 Greeley street, the burning of which resulted in his arrest. Fred Castle was indicted with Stewart for this fire.

The house belonged to Castle," explained Stewart. "It belonged to him and I set fire to it. I wish you'd get that straight. I didn't own it at all. I was just living in it."

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Prior to the opening of the morning session Seattle commandery No. 2 was presented with the Washington Ritualistic cup, which it had won from Cataract commandery No. 3, of Spokane, last night.

This afternoon all of the Sir Knights assembled at official headquarters and formed into a parade and proceeded to Portland. The parade was under the escort of Seattle commandery No. 2, and Cataract commandery No. 3, of Spokane. The parade was headed by the Seattle, Portland and Spokane Band of 50 pieces.

Other officers elected today were: William H. Acuff, of Spokane, deputy grand commander; Edwin H. Van Patton, of Dayton, grand generalissimo; Lewis S. Winans, grand captain-general; Henry H. Day, of Tacoma, grand senior warden; Jacob H. Miller, of Wenatchee, grand junior warden; Rev. Mark A. Matthews, of Seattle, grand prelate; Horace W. Tyler, of Tacoma, grand secretary; Henry B. Elders, of Aberdeen, grand standard bearer; Willis D. Rea, of Spokane, grand sword bearer; Frederick W. Pauly, of Walla Walla, grand warden; and Walter E. Carter, of Vancouver, grand captain of the guard.

ORCHARD RECEIVER, PLEA  
ST. PAUL, MINN., INVESTORS SAY COMPANY FAILS IN PROMISE.

Tract Near Albany Said to Be Valued at \$75,000 With \$38,110 Mortgage and Payments Asked.

Twenty-five residents of St. Paul, Minn., headed by W. I. Howard, ask for the appointment of a receiver for the Linnhaven Orchard Company, promoter of an orchard sale plan near Albany, Or., in a suit filed in the United States Court yesterday.

They assert that they were induced to invest in orchard tracts on representations made by the company that it would turn over to them orchards of 5- or 25-acre tracts, which would not them from 25 to 45 per cent a year on their investment, and in five years would return the purchase price of a year.

The complaint further alleges that the company has not fulfilled its promise to provide cultivated tracts of 5-year-old trees, and in consequence, the investors declined to continue payment. It declared their contracts forfeited. They have paid in from \$300 to \$2400 each on their contracts, the complaint sets forth.

The investors say the land held by the Linnhaven company, consisting of approximately 2600 acres, is worth \$75,000, on which there are mortgages aggregating \$38,110, only \$14,610 of which has been paid for.

They ask in addition to the appointment of a receiver that they have judgment for the amounts paid on their contracts, and that they be declared to have an equitable lien on the company property, which it had won from Cataract commandery No. 3, of Spokane, last night.

The mortgages, which are made parties to the suit, include E. D. Cusick, trustee; Anna Althouse, Catherine Althouse, First Savings Bank, of Albany, Or., Oregon Title & Trust Co., Mary L. Green, Emily E. Sloan, H. H. Hewitt, trustee; W. W. Green, A. W. Smith, Sam McKelvey, H. Hawkins, Harry E. Kins, Charles Leonard, Walter Dresner, R. L. Bomer and B. F. Raines.

elder Dabney refused to tell where the son was. "If you want him you'll have to find him yourself," Mr. Dabney is said to have told the officer.

Two well-known legal firms are associated in the prosecution of Mr. Barker's complaint.

Double Trading Stamps on 1st 3 Floors Today  
USE THIS COUPON  
HANDBAGS SACRIFICED  
RUBBER GOODS  
MEDICINAL STIMULANTS  
STATIONERY  
WATERMAN'S, CONKLIN'S AND WOOD-LARK FOUNTAIN PENS  
WE REPAIR FOUNTAIN PENS  
We Deliver WINDY LAMPS and Charge to Order. See Our Basement Electrical Department.

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\$30,000 BALM IS ASKED  
R. F. BARKER, JR., SUES CLIFFORD R. DABNEY FOR ALIENATION.  
Sawfler Declares Son of Wealthy Lumberman Lured Wife Away With Promise of Position.  
Promises of wealth and social position lured his wife away from him, declares R. F. Barker, Jr., in a \$30,000 suit against Clifford R. Dabney, filed yesterday. Mr. Dabney is a son of R. Dabney, 133 East Twenty-ninth street, a wealthy lumberman, formerly of Aberdeen, Wash.

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Last Trip  
Week-End Special Train  
Tillamook County Beaches  
From Portland Saturday, September 25, 1:40 P. M.  
From Tillamook Sunday, September 26, 4:30 P. M.  
To the Ocean and Back  
Over the Week-End.  
\$3  
Good Salmon Fishing on Nehalem Bay and Tillamook Bay.  
City Ticket Office, 80 Sixth Street, Corner Oak, Phones, Broadway 2760, A 6704.  
O.-W. R. & N. SOUTHERN PACIFIC  
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Left—Yancey C. Blalock, of Walla Walla, Elected Grand Recorder for 25th Time. Right—John C. Minton, of Bellingham, Elected Grand Commander.