

VISION CALLS HARPS BOY TO USE POWER

Lad With Mystic Influence to Return to Portland in Hope of Saving Life.

DREAM CARRIES WARNING

Child Who Several Years Ago Made Tables Dance Learns He Has Two More Years to Live Unless He Exercises Forces.

Ernest Harps, the avatar-compelled lad who, supposedly "possessed of a devil," caused the furniture in a house at 546 Marshall street to tumble top-sy-turvy, back in October, 1909, is coming back to Portland, impelled by a vision to develop into full mediumship as an alternative to dying within two years if he restrains the expression of his mystic power.

This was the announcement made last night at the spiritualistic meeting held in the Moose hall, at which Mrs. C. Kincannon Smith, a well-known medium from Spokane, gave her address.

Mrs. Kincannon Smith is to be the mentor of the youth, in that she will be to develop in him to full mediumship, and asserted last night that he is destined to become world-famous in it.

Vision Is Interpreted. This came to pass from a vision which he recently had and which was reported to Mrs. Kincannon Smith by the youth's mother, in which it was indicated to him that he was to live only two years.

The vision is interpreted to mean that he must either develop and begin to give to the world the spiritual power that is within him ("come out of his shell," as Mrs. Kincannon Smith expressed it) or that power will consume him. In short, it was interpreted to mean that he must either develop into active mediumship within two years or pass over into the spirit world.

It was planned to have Ernest Harps and his mother come to Portland from McCoy, Or., to attend the meeting last night, but as the date was changed and arrangements are made to bring him to Portland some time in the coming week, it appears, if possible, at the meeting of spiritualists next Sunday night.

Boy's Case Startling. The rather startling case which developed around Ernest Harps in 1909, when he was a year-old child, living with his grandparents, the Talley family, at 546 Marshall street, will be recalled by most people in Portland. At the time it threw psychic societies into a state of excitement, and it is recorded in bright letters in the archives of the Society of Psychical Research in London.

The first important manifestations that became public were on October 28, 1909, and were testified to by many eyewitnesses. Tables and chairs leapt into a state of terrifying activity as the boy passed through the house, and shattering, and not a movable article in the house failed to join in the manifestation.

K. Sutherland, owner of the house, was so upset by the circumstance that he ordered the family either to remove the boy or to leave the house. It was brought out at that time that similar manifestations, which had almost wrecked the house, had occurred at Seventeenth street, had made a move necessary once before.

Manifestations Are Continued. On October 31, when the boy had been taken by his mother to the Hotel at Second and Main where she was a housekeeper, similar manifestations, though of a less destructive, were reported by apparently reliable witnesses.

The mother and son later left Portland and the mother later heard of further manifestations of the strange power that seemed to possess him until the news came that he was coming back, death-doomed in a vision, to attain, if possible, a full flowering of his powers.

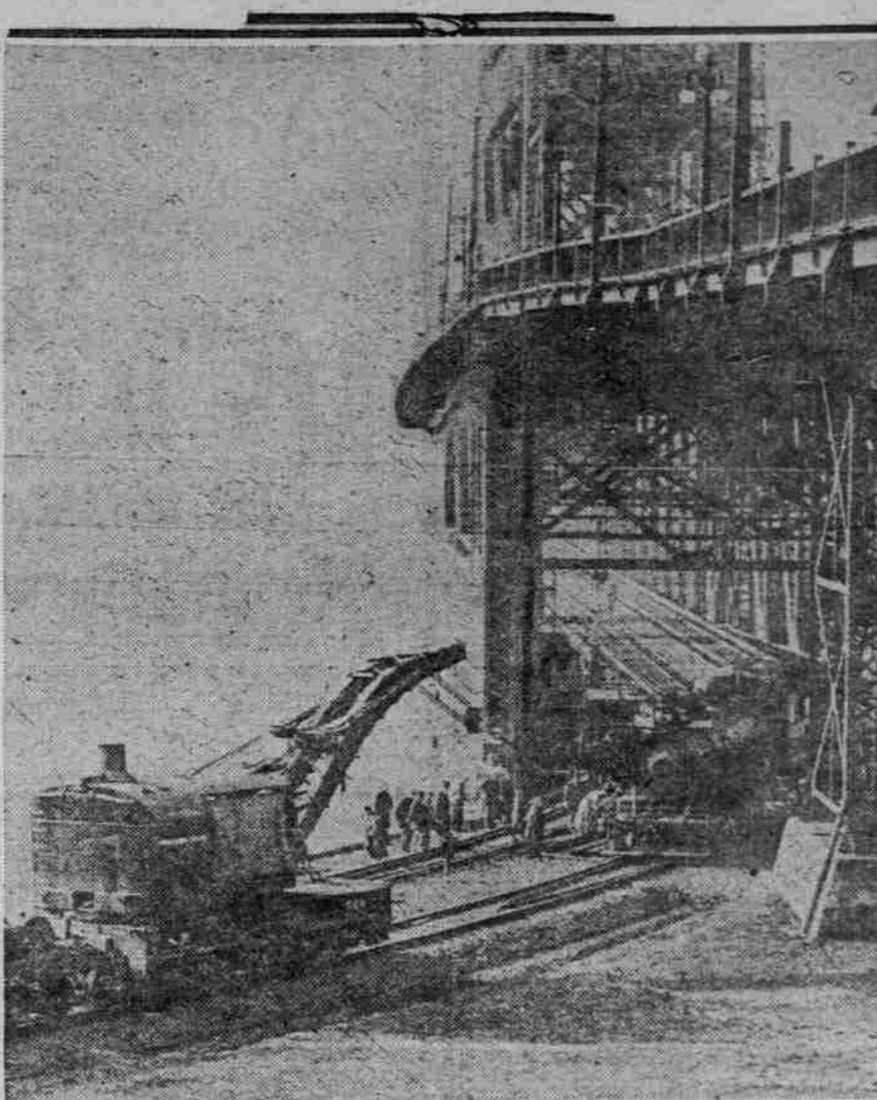
Mrs. Kincannon Smith said last night that after the manifestations in 1909 she, as a close friend of the mother, with other spiritualists, had investigated and received from spiritual sources the information that the boy was destined to become a great medium. It was advised by the spirits who gave the information that he should go into retirement, however, and not attempt to attain full development of his power until after he was 21.

Boy Now 18 Years Old. The call which he received recently was interpreted to indicate that the call to begin active mediumistic work had come sooner, for he is now only 18 years old.

The manifestations which started Portland seven years ago were explained variously. Some attributed them to "electrical storms," among these being his grandmother, his uncle, George R. Perry, declared that the boy was "possessed by a devil," and others classified it as "magnetic influence."

George A. Thacher, local professor of psychology and similar sciences, said that the boy was under the control of the "poltergeist," or, in English expression, boisterous spirit or hobgoblin which manifests itself through the rough methods apparent on October 28 and the three days following.

RAILROAD ACCIDENT WHICH ALTERED ROUTING OF PASSENGER TRAINS OVER STEEL BRIDGE FOR SOME HOURS YESTERDAY MORNING.



Wrecking Crew Tugging at New Switching Engine With Rebellious Trucks, as It Left the Rails Above the River.

Two inbound trains of the O. W. R. & N. Company backed into Union Depot yesterday, puffing protestingly as they crossed the Harriman bridge in such unwonted fashion. Two Southern Pacific trains rolled out on the wrong track and solved the situation by switching on the east side of the river. And the cause of it all rested on the heavy ties of the east end of the bridge—a wrecked switching engine. A wrecking crane pulled it back to its track again.

The switching engine was new, explained Division Superintendent B. E. Palmer, and its trucks were stiff and stubborn. Hence, when it essayed the curve of the track as it leaves the bridge the engine was derailed. It tumbled for a few feet on the stout timbers, then came to rest. The damage to engine and bridge was slight.

MISSION WORK TOPIC

Rev. E. L. Humphrey Tells of Labors in Porto Rico.

FIELD IS DECLARED RICH

Baptist Minister Says 49 Churches, With 2380 Members, Have Been Established in 18 Years, but Greater Effort Is Urged.

Forty-nine churches with a total membership of 2380 persons has been the result of 18 years of missionary work conducted in the island of Porto Rico by the Baptist Church, according to Rev. E. L. Humphrey, Baptist missionary in that island, who spoke at the White Temple yesterday morning. Dr. Humphrey said that the present force engaged in the missionary work of the Baptist Church there included five men missionaries and seven women missionaries, and 26 Porto Rican workers. He placed the number of Baptist Sunday Schools in the island at 69, with a regular attendance of 3500.

The American flag was declared by Dr. Humphrey to have carried to Porto Rico liberty and high ideals and "all those things which make our own land so delightful a place in which to live."

The missionary's description of a typical home in the island, with palm-leaved walls, thatched roof and stove consisting of a square box filled with dirt upon which the fire was built, was an interesting phase of his address.

SALEM, MASS., AMAZED WHEN ASKED TO CHANGE ITS NAME

Request by Salem, Or., Commercial Club Shocks Eastern Mayor by Its Colossal Nerve—He Recovers and Writes Chiding Letter.

SALEM, Mass., Jan. 21.—(Special.)—Salem, Mass., is amazed when asked to change its name. The Commercial Club of Salem, Or., has written to the city of Salem, Mass., asking it to change its name to avoid confusion with the cherry city of that state. Mayor Benson of the Massachusetts city has just received a letter from the Oregon booster in which it is suggested that, to avoid confusion, it would be well to change the name of the city to "Monaker" so as not to be confused in the public mind with the Western Salem.

SEMINARY IS GRAPHIC

Bishop Sellow Illustrates His Talk With Anecdotes.

'ANSWERING PRAYER' TOPIC

Dignitary of Free Methodist Church Says Adults Are Like Children, Who Demand Many Things Not Good for Them.

"That possession does not constitute happiness" was a point brought out by Rev. Walter A. Sellow, bishop of the Free Methodist Church of North America, speaking at a meeting of the "Answering Prayer" at the Free Methodist Church, East Ninth and East Mill streets. Bishop Sellow is also president of the missionary board of the church in North America, and has traveled widely. As he preaches he described the sorrows of strange and interesting experiences and relates homely anecdotes picked up on his several journeys about the world.

He said, "We are all like boys, he said. 'We want so many things that are not good for us. We cry out for them and are hurt because God does not grant us at once what we ask for. When I was a boy I went to a little old school-teacher and he taught me the tune of a hymn. We boys instinctively knew that the closer we got up to the end of the strap that the master held the less it hurt.'

Homely Illustration Given. "Now, apply that, brothers and sisters. The reason that God's chastisement is so severe is because we are at the far end. We do not know as much as the boys—we are not close enough to the hand of the Master. Bishop Sellow recalled events in the lives of normal persons when they naturally cried out for certain things. He described the longing for the human race for unobtainable things and made homely comparisons, with stories of every day life. Children surrounded with every luxury were not as happy, he showed, as the daughter of the poor whose doll was an old stick with a few beads and a broken eye.

Prayers Overanswered, He Says. "Often," he said, "we ask for things and he gives experience far more valuable to the hand of the Master, than we may want. Who is there better fit to judge the needs of man than God? He knows what we need. He gives a two-horse load, any more than he gives a four-horse load to two-horse team, he said, after telling of a trip on which a man had a team of horses enabled a journey to be made that had seemed impossible.

CHRIST HELD HIGHEST IDEAL. Leaders of All Ages Pointed Out as Targets for Ridicule. Rev. E. Olin Eldridge preached yesterday morning at Mount Tabor Methodist Episcopal Church on "The Incomparable Christ," in which he told of the lack of appreciation that had been shown to all great men. It was only characteristic, he said, of the human race that Christ should have been persecuted and literally mobbed out of the world.

REGENERATION SERMON TOPIC. Rev. D. A. Thompson Emphasizes Necessity of Spiritual Birth. Rev. D. A. Thompson, pastor of the Mizpah Presbyterian Church, emphasized in his morning sermon on "Science and Regeneration," the necessity of a spiritual birth, pointing out that everything physical died and that man must be born again.

CITY COMMISSION TOPIC. PRO AND CON ARGUED AT UNITARIAN OPEN FORUM. Supporters of Form Declare Portland Members Are Experts; Opponent Charges Extravagance.

The advantages and disadvantages of the city commission form of government were discussed last night at the open forum in Unitarian Chapel. W. L. Brewster, ex-city commissioner, and Sanderson Reed, were the principal speakers. A general discussion followed and questions were given and answered in rapid succession.

SOCIETY

PROMINENT on today's social calendar is the Portland Opera Association's first performance of "Mignon," in the Eleventh-Street Playhouse to-night. The opera association is an organization of the city's musical producing opera in English and by local artists and by reserving boxes and seats in the body of the house for the night society has shown its desire to encourage so worthy an artistic effort, as well as to see a charming opera which is seldom produced on the Coast.

Members of the Pet Stock Association met recently at the home of Mr. and Mrs. R. P. Kinne for their first social meeting. The entertainment was an auction party. Those present included: Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Kenworthy, Mr. and Mrs. J. L. D. Eicher, Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Zinsner, Mr. and Mrs. L. S. Ellerman, Mr. and Mrs. C. L. Baker, Mr. and Mrs. A. T. Lewis, Mr. and Mrs. George W. Emery, Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Newland, Mrs. George B. Baker, Mrs. Zora Crowner, Mrs. Ed Allen, Mrs. M. L. Stevens, Mrs. H. Parr Gardner, Mrs. Agnes Gilson, Miss Iona Crowner, Miss Elva Baker, Miss Oleta Lockhart, Edgar Kline, Jack McMonigle and T. Wells.

The members of the Portland Women's Research Club are planning a theater party for the Wednesday evening performance of the opera "Thurs" at the Eleventh-Street Theater. Those wishing to join the party may telephone Mrs. M. W. Wylie, Tabor 1395. The next luncheon of the club will be on Thursday at noon at the Hotel Portland.

Recent arrivals in Los Angeles and residents of this city, all of whom are stopping at the Hotel Clark, include: Mr. and Mrs. G. C. Haworth, Stuart Pumphrey and family, A. Klose, Mr. and Mrs. L. Lederman, J. J. Kelly, Mr. and Mrs. F. Breske and child and P. Autzen.

The attractive home of Mrs. Everett Babcock was the scene of a charming social gathering on Friday, when Mrs. Babcock entertained at a smart bridge-table. Mrs. Otis Wright poured tea and Mrs. A. M. D. K. cut ice. The table was centered with Spring blossoms—violets, daffodils and primroses—and the rooms were decorated in yellow flowers and pussy-willows. About 50 prominent matrons were guests.

Mrs. Clyde Anderson and her mother, Mrs. C. A. Burbank, are spending the remainder of the winter in Oakland, San Francisco, Los Angeles and San Diego. Mrs. George F. Fuller and daughter, Frances, left for the south last Thursday en route to Honolulu, where they will remain for an indefinite stay. Mr. and Mrs. H. Lemline and daughters have gone to San Francisco and Southern California for the winter.

TRADE RIVALS RELIGION

SOCIAL OBLIGATIONS ALSO HELD BAR TO CHRISTIANITY.

Property Possession and Also Business Achievements Are Excuses, Says Dr. Joshua Stansfield.

Property possession, business achievements and social obligations are excuses for the failure to live the life of Christ, Dr. Joshua Stansfield, pastor of the First Methodist Episcopal Church, told three prime reasons and three reasonably good "excuses" why more men are not good Christians.

Dr. Stansfield preached last night at the parable of Jesus and the great Supper. He hoped to show, he said, that the reasons why men do not enter into this best and highest life and the reasons given are all good; they are more than excuses, they are reasons. An excuse is usually a confession of weakness and failure, rather than a valid reason for things not done. But the excuses given in this story of Jesus are valid and good, namely, property possession, business achievements and social obligations.

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LOVE LETTERS DENIED

FRED E. CARPENTER DECLARES MISSIVES OF SWAIN DIVERTING.

Any Man Who Marries Widow Is Dubbed Fool by Prisoner Held For Perjured Testimony.

TACOMA, Wash., Jan. 21.—(Special.)—Those letters are the work of some other soft-headed fool," said Fred E. Carpenter in the County Jail, where he is held for perjury for testifying in court he had never been arrested and was a "widower" when he had two ex-wives in Tacoma and more where. Carpenter denied being a pirate and says he enjoyed reading the love letters of Mrs. Mary Kissler, of Fort Hill, who asserts she is one of his ex-wives, married to him in March, 1912, and divorced from him in November, 1912.

Mrs. Kissler, herself a grandmother, while Carpenter is some 67, made public numerous letters she says Carpenter wrote to her and which she says she hopes will serve as a warning to put other women on their guard against such men who are after their property. "They're fine love letters, aren't they?" Carpenter chuckled Saturday night in his jail cell. "I haven't laughed so much in 10 years as I have since I read them. What can I do about it? Nothing but deny them. I don't know this Mrs. Kissler. Let the woman go ahead and talk. Any man that marries a widow is a fool. I see they gave me some fine compliments. They tell what fine manners I have and how courteous and appreciative I was. They say I am so smooth, too, a rough old fellow like me, let them talk. I consider myself too good to mix in the mess—I am above it all."

Special Train Is Wrecked. DURANGO, Colo., Jan. 21.—(Special.)—A special Denver & Rio Grande train, carrying a party of Philadelphia capitalists, was wrecked today at Bell's Siding, 20 miles north of here on the Durango-Silverton line, when the engine left the rails, carrying the three cars with it. E. N. Funston and Sidney Jennings, members of the party, received painful cuts, but no one was seriously injured. The cars caught fire and were destroyed.

Swedish Steamer Sends Signals, but Position Is Unknown. BOSTON, Jan. 21.—Wireless signals of distress from the Swedish steamer Scandinavia, three times repeated and the last call very faint, were picked up early Friday morning by the British freighter Start Point, her officers reported on the steamer's arrival from Liverpool today. As the Scandinavia's call gave no position and as the Start Point at the time was battling with a gale, it was explained, no attempt was made to reach the distressed vessel.

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