BISHOPS' ELECTION MAY START FRIDAY

Action Indicates Speeding Up of Methodist Conference.

ONE NEW AREA IS LIKELY

Division in United States to Be Limited, but Will Be More General in Foreign Lands.

DES MOINES, Ia., May 11.—Activities of the committee on episcopacy of the Methodist general conference, in session here, indicated today that a report will be submitted on Thursday, which will make it possible to commence the elections of bishops and other officers of the church as early as Friday. If this is done it will advance the work of the conference several days over previous sessions.

Although no report has as yet been made, it was said that not more than one new Episcopal area probably will be created in the United States. However, a number will be created elsewhere. The delegates from India have asked for four, instead of two. There is also an insistent demand for a second area in South America.

Discipline Is Changed.

Announcement was made that Henry P. Davison, head of the world Red Cross, has accepted the invitation of the conference to speak before it on conditions in Europe, and Monday has been set as the time.

After some argument a change in the discipline was adopted making it possible to remove the corresponding secretary of the board on Sunday schools without two-thirds vote of the board.

A report will be introduced by the committee on Epworth league, proposing that the name of the governing body be changed from board of control to board of the Epworth league.

The committee on state of the church is considering the matter of adopting resolutions favoring the Kansas industrial court plan, and also asking for federal legislation to prevent lynchings. Both of these resolutions have been recommitted to the sub-committees having them in charge.

Foreign Delegates Arrive.

Action of the conference today in adopting the recommendations of the committee of episcopacy that two negro bishops be elected, a number of delegates said, in their opinion, might delay unification of the Methodist Episcopal church North and South for some time. The question of unification still is in committee.

The recommendation that two negro bishops be chosen was presented to the conference by Dr. David G. Downey, chairman of the committee on episcopacy. When the conference adopted the report there was much enthusiasm. The action ended efforts started 25 years ago to elect general superintendents for the negroes in the church.

The delegations representing the Methodist church in Chile and Argentina, South America, have arrived.

ALLEGED RED ARRESTED

Augustus Uney Said to Be Leader of Communist Party.

Augustus Uney, alleged leader of the communist labor party, was arrested yesterday at Fifth and Morrison streets and is held at the police station on a charge of criminal syndicalism.

Charges against Uney were preferred by Walter F. Geren, special investigator for the district attorney's office.

Uney is one of several alleged members of the communist labor party who have been arrested on warrants issued out of the district attorney's office when it became apparent that the government prosecution had proved a failure.

RATE HEARING MAY 24

Commerce Commission to Act on Petitions of Railroads.

WASHINGTON, May 11.—Hearings on the application of the railroad carriers for increased rates in official southern and western classification territories were scheduled by the interstate commerce commission for May 24 in Washington.

The increases requested amount to a freight advance of not less than 30 per cent in eastern territory, 23.91 per cent in western territory and 31 per cent or a general freight and passenger increase of 21 per cent in southern territory.

The carriers will be heard in three groups conforming to the three territorial areas mentioned and the commission said it was not deemed necessary that aggregate property values for these several and respective groups which it will use in carrying out the provisions of section 15 of the transportation act be determined in advance.

Eastern carriers will be heard first, followed by the southern and western tefritories in order. Subsequently "evidence of a general character applicable to all the territories in opposition to the proposals" will be heard.

ACT SHOWS VERSATILITY

'MAN WHO DOES EVERYTHING' ORPHEUM HEADLINER.

Portland Engagement Closes With Matinee Today — Vaudeville's "Daintiest Girl" Attracts.

Sylvester Schafer, "the man who does everything," and Florenze Tempest, "America's most lovable boy and vaudeville's daintiest girl," will close their Orpheum engagements in Portland with the matinee today. Mr. Schaffer is the headliner of the show

Sylvester Schaffer, "the man who does everything."

and Miss Tempest with her little company is the extra attraction in "Tumble in Love."

Mr. Schaffer practically does ten acts, his Orpheum offering including magic, juggling, marksmanship, violin-playing, acrobatics and other forms of entertainment any one of which would suffice for a "single" in vaudeville.

"Tumble in Love," the act presented by Miss Tempest and company, is constructed to show Miss Tempest's versatility as a singer and dancer and the gift she has of wearing men's clothes with the ease of a member of the sterner sex. She is assisted by Alton and Allen, extraordinary eccentric dancers, and George Harriss at the piano.

Remaining acts of this show are Milt Collins, "The Speaker of the House"; Madame Claire Forbes, piano soloist of the Boston Symphony orchestra; Demarest and Doll, one of the laughter hits; Herbert and Dare, acrobats, who are making such a hit they have to do an encore trick even though they close the show, and the Rosairès in an act that has many novel features.

NEW CANNERY RISING

Work on Big Plant at Roseburg Is Started by Company.

ROSEBURG, Or., May 11.—(Special.)—The Drager company today began erecting what they declare to be one of the biggest fruit packing plants in the state. The present building, a frame structure 130x45 feet and part of it three stories high, is being wrecked and a modern packing plant 160x50 feet, with an annex, will be built.

The main building will be full three stories high and the improvement will cost approximately $25,000. V. T. Jackson, local manager for the Drager people, is moving all of the machinery into temporary quarters and by the first of next week a full crew will be at work rushing the structure to completion by September so as to handle the fall fruit. The plant will have a capacity of two loads of prunes daily and will be constructed to meet every demand of the industry in this section.

PUBLICITY DRIVE HALTED

Roseburg Advertising Campaign Contract Is Rejected.

ROSEBURG, May 11.—(Special.)—A number of Roseburg business men at a meeting last night disapproved of the methods used by the American City bureau and refused to ratify the contract between that publicity organization and the chamber of commerce. As a result, the campaign undertaken here will be discontinued.

Four or five men, representing the American City bureau, have been in Roseburg for a week or more attempting to line up the objectors, but last night the opposition was so strong that it was decided to abandon the work here. The clothing merchants were among the strongest objectors and representatives of some of the banks also stood out against the promoters. What course the chamber of commerce will now pursue, relative to an advertising campaign for Roseburg is uncertain.

PAMPHLETS MAILED OUT

568,295 Copies of Measures and Statements Sent Voters.

SALEM, Or., May 11.—(Special.)—By Saturday night of this week Assistant-Secretary of State Kozer will have sent out from his office to the registered voters of Oregon 568,295 pamphlets of which 346,319 are copies of the proposed constitutional amendments and measures referred to the voters at the special election May 21, and 228,571 are copies of the various pamphlets containing the republican candidates statements and 93,495 are copies of the various pamphlets containing the statements of democrats.

The cost of the postage will total $5748.90.

Astoria Firm Sells Out.

ASTORIA, Or., May 11.—(Special.)—The firm of A. V. Allen, Inc., which has conducted a grocery here for 40 years, sold its business and merchandise stock today to the International Sale & Produce company of Portland.

COMMISSION UPHELD IN FIXING OF RATES

Financial Stability of Railroads to Be Considered.

TIMBER TRACTS AFFECTED

State Supreme Court Says Depreciation May Be Amortized So as to Yield Fair Return.

SALEM, Or., May 11.—(Special.)—The right of the Oregon public service commission to fix freight rates which will neither imperil the financial stability of the railroad companies nor prove unjust to shippers, was settled by the supreme court here today when an opinion was handed down upholding the decree of Judge G. G. Bingham of the Marion county circuit court in the case brought by the Hammond Lumber company, Elwood Logging company, C. M. Christensen Logging company, Nehalem Investment company, Murphy Timber company, Fishhawk Timber company, McPherson Timber company and the Detroit Trust company, corporations, and Robert C. Kinney, to compel the public service commission to adopt and put into operation a tariff of freight rates submitted by the plaintiffs. The opinion was written by Justice Burnett.

The plaintiffs, according to the opinion, are owners of large tracts of timber in Columbia county in a region served by the Columbia & Nehalem River Railroad company, which owns and operates a railroad about 27 miles in length in that county, mainly for the purpose of hauling logs to the Columbia river.

Appeal Taken Against Rates.

The railroad company some time ago filed with the public service commission of Oregon its schedule of freight rates, which was contested before the commission by the plaintiffs, as far as it related to the rates to be charged for logs. After a hearing before the commission, in which the plaintiffs and railroad company were both represented, the commission made an order fixing the rates on logs at a certain figure. Dissatisfied with this rate the plaintiffs instituted suit in the circuit court for Marion county to override the order of the commission.

The case was heard by Judge Bingham, with the result that he upheld the contention and order of the public service commission. Plaintiffs then appealed to the supreme court for final determination of the suit.

"It was within the province of the public service commission's authority to establish such a rate as would amortize the depreciation, as well as to yield to the carrier a fair return for its services," reads the opinion. "To hold otherwise would be to say that when an individual or corporation devotes property to public use it amounts to a voluntary sacrifice or thank-offering on the public altar."

Other Opinions Handed Down.

Other opinions handed down today follow:

Martin Blaser et al., appellants, vs. Jefferson Fleck et al., appeal from Tillamook county; action for conversion of personal property. Opinion by Justice Bean. Judge George R. Bagley reversed.

Sam Williams vs. Seufert Brothers company and state fish and game commission, appellants; appeal from Multnomah county; petition for rehearing denied. By Justice Bean.

Pioneer Show and Commercial Printing company, appellant, vs. Sidney Zetosh et al., appeal from Multnomah county; suit to recover money. Opinion by Justice Harris. Judge C. U. Gantenbein affirmed.

Arthur W. Jones, et al., appellants, vs. H. H. Jones, et al.; appeal from Multnomah county; suit to declare a deed a mortgage and to secure adjudication of shares of stock. Opinion by Justice Harris. Judge W. M. Gatens affirmed.

Central Pacific Railway company vs. W. W. Gaze as sheriff and tax collector of Coos county, appellant; appeal from Coos county; mandamus proceeding to compel sheriff to accept payment of certain amount of money which the plaintiff alleges is due for taxes instead of an amount which defendant claims is due. Opinion by Justice Burnett. Judge John P. Coke affirmed.

Motion for rehearing denied in Nazar Shevchuk et al. vs. Fred Kotchick et al.

500 APPLICATIONS FILED

Preference by Previous Settlement Claimed by About 50.

ROSEBURG, Or., May 11.—(Special.)—With the close of business on Saturday, May 8, approximately 500 applications had been filed in the Roseburg land office for Oregon and California grant lands, which were opened for filing on April 12.

Of these 500 applicants about 50 are parties claiming preferential right by reason of settlement previous to December 1, 1913. More than 50 per cent of all applications are by citizens of Oregon, and the greater part of these are residents of Douglas county.

Among the ex-service men who have availed themselves of the opportunity offered in the land opening are many prominent and well-known young men of Roseburg and vicinity.

A drawing will be held May 14 to determine the winners where more than one applicant has filed for a particular unit of land. Probably more than 150 applications are free of any conflictions and these will be allowed previous to the drawing.

Ex-service men continue to have preferential right of filing until July 8 and applications received from now on will be acted on in the order in which they are filed.

DRIVE TO BE SPEEDED UP

SALVATION ARMY TO ASSIGN STREET SPEAKERS.

Work Will Be Enlivened Evenings and Afternoons; Contribution Reports Said to Be Satisfactory.

As a means of speeding up the Salvation Army drive in Portland, public speakers will be assigned to street meetings during the latter part of the week and the work will be enlivened along all downtown streets during the afternoons and evenings, according to announcement yesterday by Milton R. Klepper, chairman of the speakers' bureau.

The division captains are beginning to submit reports of their activities and these disclose satisfactory contributions in all lines of industrial, professional and business activities throughout the city, it is said.

At state headquarters it was announced last night the quota outside of Portland is considered completed, or will be when all missing districts and precincts are accounted for. With this knowledge before them, the city campaigners will strive during the remaining days of the week to complete the job here in Portland.

LAND BOARD TO SEEK BILL

Extension of Contract on Walker Basin Project Desired.

SALEM, Or., May 11.—(Special.)—The state desert land board at a meeting here today decided to ask Oregon's representatives in congress to prepare a bill extending the contract existing between the state and the United States government and involving what is known as the Walker basin irrigation project in Deschutes county for a period of ten years.

The original contract was for ten years, and at the expiration an extension of five years was granted by the secretary of the interior. The latter contract expires in October of this year. Further extension of the contract is necessary, according to the desert land board, to complete reclamation of lands embraced in the project.

LABOR AND PAY INCREASE

Strikes at Tacoma Create Oversupply of Workers.

TACOMA, Wash., May 11.—(Special.)—An increase in the labor supply and an advance in wages for common labor are among the changes noted during the last week by C. Roy Fleming, director of the Tacoma employment service. The laying off of approximately 1000 men by the Todd Drydock & Construction corporation and the bakers' and teamsters' strikes were contributing causes for an oversupply of workers. Wages for common labor moved up to $6 for eight hours.

The city office sent 417 men to jobs during the last week. Labor conditions here are reported as being favorable compared to other districts, Mr. Fleming said.

DEPORTATIONS HELD UP

Conditions in Odessa Delay "Shipments" of Russians.

WASHINGTON, May 11.—Deportation of radicals to Russia has been held up because of political and military developments in Odessa and because of inability to obtain transportation direct to that port.

Deportation of radicals to other European countries, the department announced, is going forward steadily through the agency of commercial liners.

Educational Bill Indorsed.

PRINEVILLE, Or., May 11.—(Special.)—The Ochoco Farmers association, at its regular monthly meeting last night, indorsed the higher education relief bill. Action followed an explanation of the measure by Fred Shepherd, a graduate of Oregon Agricultural college.

BONDS TO BE SOLD IF STATE IN NEED

Board Puts Question Up to Highway Committee.

ANSWER ASKED AT ONCE

Governor Olcott Thinks Sacrifice of Nine Cents on Dollar of Securities Poor Business.

SALEM, Or., May 11.—(Special.)—Nothing short of a definite statement from the state highway committee that its road contracts and attendant financial obligations are of such a serious nature as to demand immediate attention, will warrant the state board of control in selling securities under the so-called federal aid highway act, until the bond market has recovered from its present unfavorable condition. This is indicated in a statement issued today by Governor Olcott and State Treasurer Hoff following a meeting held here to consider the bids for the sale of $1,000,000 of these certificates of credit.

The following telegram was sent to the commissioners: "Do you consider situation as to contracts and obligations of highway commission of such serious nature and demanding such immediate attention as to require acceptance of bids at such a low figure? Immediate and definite answer imperative."

Four Proposals Received.

Four proposals were received by the board, including that of Henry Teal & Co. of Portland, at 88.10; the Lumbermens Trust company of Portland and Continental & Commercial Savings bank of Chicago, bidding jointly, offered 89.09; Carstens & Earles of Portland, 89.06; the Freeman, Smith & Camp company of Portland, Halsey, Stuart & Co., A. B. Leach & Co., and E. H. Rollins & Sons, of Chicago, and Coffin & Barr, of Boston, submitting one proposal offered 88.30.

Both Governor Olcott and State Treasurer Hoff expressed themselves as dissatisfied with the bids, whereupon R. B. Goodin, secretary of the board of control, read a letter from the state highway department indicating that the commonwealth already had obligated its credit for the construction of forest and post roads to the extent of $4,024,378.77, and the sale of the entire issue of $2,500,000 authorized under the 2 per cent road indebtedness limitation act was necessary if the work already under contract was to continue.

No Funds Applicable.

The letter included a statement of road projects under contract or definitely obligated, and continued:

There are no funds on hand applicable in the discharge of these obligations. The state highway commission deems this issuance and sale of these bonds urgent to meet the state's obligations to contractors on federal aid forest road projects and our obligations to the federal government for our share of the co-operation promised on the forest road projects.

The state highway commission respectfully requests that the proceeds from the sale of these bonds be made available at as early a date as possible.

Simon Benson and F. E. Kiddle, members of the commission, came to Salem and held a conference with the board of control last week. Mr. Benson stated at that session that it was imperative that the federal aid bonds should be sold and that the money derived from their sale should be available as early as June 10. Failure to sell the bonds, he said, would be equivalent to putting the commission out of operation. He also said that the contracts were awarded during the year 1919, and that the state's repudiation of the obligations would mean no end of trouble.

At that meeting Governor Olcott declared that while it was apparent that the board had no option other than selling the bonds, he thought it was poor business for the state to sacrifice 9 cents on the dollar on its securities.

The members of the board of control, following today's meeting, consider themselves between two fires and that there is but one solution of the problem. Neither State Treasurer Hoff nor Governor Olcott desires to cripple the highway department, yet both feel that the financial sacrifice necessary if the bonds are sold under bids received today, coupled with the abnormal cost of road construction under present conditions, is a matter which should be determined by the men actually at the head of the road programme in the state.

As a result nothing will be done toward selling the bonds until a letter is received from the commissioners.

A bluff on the Virgin river, Nevada, more than 25 miles long, is composed of 60 per cent salt.