

HAS TOO MANY ELDERS

PRESBYTERY WILL BE ASKED
TO DISCHARGE FOUR.Grand-Avenue Presbyterian Church
Controversy May Be Settled at
Albany This Week.

The controversy in the Grand-Avenue United Presbyterian church, between the pastor, Rev. J. H. Gibson, D. D., and four elders—W. E. Spicer, Ralph Miller, Hugh Nesbitt and R. G. Hamilton—will come up before a special meeting of the presbytery called for Tuesday, January 5, at Albany. Owing to the requirements of the Presbyterian law the meeting of the presbytery recently called in the Grand-Avenue church could not act for the reason the call did not state specifically what the meeting was for. Elder A. J. Spicer, moderator, objected to any proceedings and adjourned the meeting. Hence another call was issued for the meeting to be held in Albany. The members of the presbytery are weary of the controversy, and will surely settle it one way or the other.

The presbytery must decide who are the legal elders of the session of the Grand-Avenue Church, and it now seems more a question of Presbyterian law than anything else. In the mother Presbyterian Church the presbytery has authority to remove a pastor, and may prefer charges and remove members of the session, and as the usages of the United Presbyterian Church are practically the same, the presbytery which meets in Albany to be consistent with its resolution passed November 4 must prefer charges and remove the four elders. The presbytery at that time ordered the elders to resign in the interests of peace and harmony and instructed the church to elect four elders to take their places. The latter instruction has been carried out for the church elected Messrs. Maxwell, Ogden, Edwards and Welch, but the former elders did not resign, and still assert that they constitute the legal session of the church, and defy the pastor and presbytery to remove them, while the newly elected officers have not been ordained or installed, so it is the duty of the presbytery to say which four constitute the legal session. Even if this is done it may not end the controversy, for, if the four elders opposed to Dr. Gibson are officially deposed, they have an appeal to the synod and to the General Assembly.

"We rely on the strict construction of Presbyterian law," remarked Mr. Spicer, who is the storm center of the controversy, "and know we are in the right and constitute the legal session of the church. They can't put us out. I do know that every possible effort is being put forth to influence the presbytery against us. Letters have been written and an attempt is being made to get a majority against us, but the opposition will have to confine their work within Presbyterian law." It is expected that charges will be preferred against Mr. Spicer, using his suit for damages against Dr. Gibson as a basis, and against the other elders for a certain published statement.

G. A. R. INSTALLATION.

Sumner Post and Sumner Relief
Corps Hold Joint Session.

Officers of Sumner Post No. 12, G. A. R., and Sumner Women's Relief Corps, were installed last evening jointly in the Odd-fellows' Hall on Grand avenue and East Pine street. The hall was crowded with members of both organizations.

The officers of Sumner Post were installed by Mrs. Mary S. Older and her assistants in a very pleasing manner. Following were the officers elected:

President, Mrs. M. H. Clark; senior vice-president, Lena Whitmer; junior vice-president, Sarah Eastman; treasurer, Lena Swatland; chaplain, Mary Prentiss; conductor, Florence Staub; guard, Lottie Spurlock.

1. McGowan then installed the following officers of Sumner post: Commander, John W. Ogilvie; senior vice-commander, M. Buchanan; junior vice-commander, J. E. Gillis; surgeon, H. H. Pierce; Quartermaster, A. D. Sharno; chaplain, A. C. Edmonds; and appointive officers.

Short addresses were delivered beginning with Commander Ogilvie, of the post, and President Clark, of the corps. Both organizations have had a prosperous year. The Relief Corps was highly complimented for its supplementary work.

Officers of Ben Butler Post No. 57, were installed by J. S. Foss in Delta Hall, in Sunnyside, as follows: Commander, H. Rigby; senior vice-commander, G. H. Luker; junior vice-commander, W. Voorhies; quartermaster, H. V. Yates; chaplain, J. H. Heustia.

END OF PROSPEROUS YEAR.

Stockholders of Albina Hall Association
Hold Annual Meeting.

The annual meeting of the stockholders of the Albina Hall Association, composed of members of the Albina Board of Trade, was held in the hall of the building on Mississippi avenue and Shaver street yesterday. Out of 630 shares 230 were represented at the meeting. M. J. Thompson presided. The following officers were elected for the ensuing year: President, M. E. Thompson; vice-president, David Dupes; secretary and treasurer, J. W. Booth. The financial report showed that the building, a two-story frame, had cost \$581, the lot \$25 and with the furniture the total cost was \$607. It was also reported that the income from the stores, rooms and hall was now \$100 per month, which was considered a good income on the investment and will provide a sinking fund to pay off some money borrowed for building purpose.

The building is an enterprise of the Albina Board of Trade and was undertaken for betterment of the community, by providing a public hall in Multnomah addition. The success that has attended the project is due to the fact that the leading business men in Multnomah addition have managed it. Those present at the meeting expressed their satisfaction at the management of the building enterprise.

Grange Officers Installed.

At the meeting of Evening Star Grange, No. 27, Patrons of Husbandry, yesterday in the hall on the Section road, Mrs. P. Kelly acted as installing officer. The following are the officers: Master, J. J. Johnson; overseer, John Gibson; lecturer, Mrs. E. W. Bowland; steward, E. A. Spooner; assistant steward, A. B. Faulkman; chaplain, P. Kelly; treasurer, William Larson; secretary, Mrs. E. A. Niblin; gatekeeper, E. A. Niblin; and clerk, C. Moll (not present); Flora, Miss Dora Myers; Pomona, Metta Faulkman; lady assistant steward, Mrs. Ida Hickey; Mrs. H. Vall, who retired from the office of secretary, filled that position for six years. A. F. Miller retired after serving as master three years. The Grange has nearly 300 members, and is the largest in point of numbers in the state. During the coming year a new hall will probably be built.

Albina House Robbed.

N. S. Everson yesterday reported that his home at 10 Albina avenue was entered Friday night and \$14 in money and some jewelry taken. Entrance was effected by forcing open a tripod. There was more money in the house, but it escaped attention. Mr. Everson had just returned from a trip in Southern Oregon and had left considerable money in the house.

East Side Notes.

A still alarm called engine No. 1 to the cottage occupied by Leslie Busby on the corner of East Third and Davis streets.

yesterday afternoon. There was a slight blaze in the roof, but it was extinguished before material damage was done the building.

The funeral of John W. Wilson, an Indian War Veteran, will be held this afternoon at 2 o'clock from the Central M. E. Church, Lone Fir cemetery will be the place of interment.

Captain C. O. Hill and Captain J. W. Redmond have gone to Astoria to engage in the lumber business on the Washington side, where they have purchased a sawmill and a considerable body of timber.

The hall of Multnomah Camp, No. 77, Woodmen of the World, East Sixth and Alder streets, was well filled with members and their families Friday night, it being a reunion. An interesting program was rendered.

DAIRYING IN EASTERN OREGON
Industry Is Rapidly Developing, Says
Commissioner Bailey.

State Dairy and Food Commissioner J. W. Bailey, who returned from Eastern Oregon on Thursday, where he has been making a tour of inspection, reports that dairying in the eastern part of the state is rapidly developing into one of the important industries.

"A few years ago," said Mr. Bailey, "Baker City and all the towns located near the railroad were supplied with their dairy products by outside states. This is not the case at the present time. In Baker City I found no butter made outside of the state. The butter was of excellent quality, and for a long time no butter has been imported into Baker City."

"At Haines, located 11 miles west of Baker City, I inspected a dairy which is undoubtedly one of the finest in the state. Dairying is becoming an important industry in that section, and Eastern Oregon will hereafter be supplied with dairy products of home manufacture."

"About three months ago I seized 30 barrels of adulterated vinegar, of Eastern manufacture, in several of the Baker City stores. I found on my recent tour of inspection that this had been removed from the stores and the Oregon product purchased in its stead."

"I have a sample of butter, mailed me a few days since, which is nearly 25 per cent water, showing plainly how the dairy law can be violated."

TO IMPROVE PARK BLOCKS.

Park Board to Plant Flowers and
Shrubberty.

Flowers and shrubberty will soon adorn the south park blocks in all probability. Cement sidewalks will also be placed around those not already improved in this manner. At the meeting of the Park Board yesterday morning Jon Lewis was instructed to prepare an estimate of the cost.

No more carnivals will be allowed upon the park blocks, and the members of the board believe the time has come for permanent improvement.

An estimate of the receipts and expenditures for the present year was inspected. These are as follows:

Receipts from taxes based on 14-mill tax, \$22,000; other sources, \$125; estimated expenditures for 1904, \$21,063.

In 1903 the total receipts were \$26,524.20, and the total expenditures were \$26,524.20.

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Three pounds Head Cheese, Liver, Sausage, Bologna 25c
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Fresh Eggs, dozen 25c

HIERARCHY CALLED TO MEET.

Creation of a Primate in America
Will Be Considered.

NEW YORK, Jan. 2.—A special meeting of the American Hierarchy of the Roman Catholic Church has been called for January 31 at Washington. A conference of the trustees of the Catholic University has also been ordered. It is said the latter meeting is to consider the present condition of the university. The project of creating a primate in the United States will, it is said, be considered by the hierarchy, and the findings of the council will be carried to Rome by Archbishop Farley.

The establishment of a primate in this country probably would result in the withdrawal of the Apostolic Delegate at Washington and the transfer of Monsignor Falcone to some European post. Another project to come under consideration at the meeting of the hierarchy will be the convocation of another plenary council. It is stated that if the primate is not

established the calling of the council will follow. The conference will delay Archbishop Farley's departure for Rome until early in February.

TAXPAYERS MUST DECIDE.

Board of Education Will Make No
Recommendation for New Schools.

The taxpayers must tackle the question of how much to spend upon new school buildings without any recommendations from the Board of Education to guide them. After a lengthy meeting yesterday afternoon the directors adjourned without any settlement being reached. It is not

probable that they will meet again until the taxpayers' meeting, January 14.

As previously stated, Chairman Wittenberg wants an expenditure of \$125,000 for new buildings. The other directors believe this figure too high for the needs of the present year, and think that something under \$100,000 would be nearer correct. Richard Williams has declared himself against high expenditures for new buildings, while Mr. Wittenberg stands for a liberal appropriation. The other directors are about midway between the two.

Moneybags—That cashier must be pretty well off by this time. Witty—Yes; he's in Canada.—Columbia Jester.

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"And now, madam," said the kind-hearted old Judge, who had granted the divorce, "let me advise you as a friend to wait a decent interval before you marry again." "How long do you think I ought to wait, Judge?" asked the young woman, with some anxiety. "Two hours!"—Chicago Tribune.