

REITERATES HIS HOPE AND EXPOSE

Dr. John M. Ferguson Says First Report Is Not Overdrawn.

SYNOD INDORSES PASTOR

Cites Instances of Public Record Where Immorality Is Openly Practiced, and Warns Young Girls Unattended by Parents.

Rev. John M. Ferguson, Sunday school missionary for the Presbytery of Portland, was heartily indorsed on his attitude toward the conditions in Oregon hopfields by the Oregon synod yesterday afternoon at its session in the Third Presbyterian Church. Mr. Ferguson delivered his report in opening of the synod. It was substantially the same as was read before the Portland Presbytery the first of the week.

Before reading his report to the synod Dr. Ferguson said that the synopsis printed in The Oregonian was substantially correct. Since the agitation was started it had been said to him that the agitation might result in excluding workers for better conditions from the hopfields, but he declared it to be his conviction that it would result in freer access to the hopfields of all who go there to improve conditions. He also said he believed that every owner of a hopfield will heartily welcome any agency that helps to better the moral surroundings of those who pick hops and declared that he was not afraid of the ultimate result. He intimated that liberal steps had been threatened, and in respect to these he declared that the sooner they were started the sooner a more sweeping and startling exposure of moral conditions in certain hopfields of Oregon will be brought to the attention of the fathers and mothers of the state.

Dr. Thompson said that the dark picture that had been drawn could be proved by facts and evidence that could not be overthrown. The following is the report given yesterday before the synod by the Oregon hopfields.

"Two correctives are necessary. The words, 'thugs and blacklegs,' were not used in the former report. It was not stated that hundreds of girls were at the Krebs' yard this year, but that by reason of the immoral conditions prevailing in the hopfields in past years hundreds of girls, in the aggregate, had been betrayed.

"I appear before you to reiterate strongly the essential statements of the former report regarding the general conditions throughout Oregon hopfields. As is well known, the hop-picking season has been for years a saturnalia of vice. However ignorant the gutless hopgrowers may be, the general public will understand the true state of affairs.

"Entering the yards, one cannot but think of the words of Dante:

My rested eyes I moved around and search'd with fixed ken, to know what place it was wherein I stood. For certain, on the brink I found me of the lamentable vale. The dead abyss that it was a thousand sound of plaints innumerable—dark and deep, and thick with clouds of despair. Mine eyes in vain could search'd discern. Explored its bottom, nor could sight discern. In such a place all grades of morality are represented. The scarlet woman is found, of course, who comes to ply her trade; young men and women of easy-going ideas of morality drift from cities and towns. These often live together as man and wife while in the yards.

Cites Independence Case.

"The trial at Independence, on September 27, shed much light upon conditions. A married man, his wife and a young girl came to the yards. The husband showed such preference for the girl that the wife soon left, and the couple lived there together until the appearance of the girl's father, when they fled, but were brought to trial. The testimony revealed the vile conditions under which some couples lived while there.

"At the Krebs' yards one hears many deplorable instances of young girls who have been betrayed in years gone by. In the drama of life there the successive acts of the Bene Lucente are often enacted, and one sees a portrait of the darker portions of Byron's poems. At the dancehall the superficial observer is constrained to believe that all is fair and lovely, yet the announcement that no introductions are necessary gives the key to the indiscriminate freedom of promiscuous association cultivated there.

"Many acquaintances are made there which later result in serious harm. The mothers of young girls may think that their daughters are safe in such places, failing to recognize the fact that many boys and young men are brought to trial in the hopfields for the very purpose of seeking sensual gratification, and that they gladly welcome the freedom of association which allows them an acquaintance.

"All these fellows ask is a start. Sometimes they associate with their own immoral kind, but if possible they gain the confidence of some innocent girl, betray her and then leave her to her fate. Every resident of Oregon knows that this has occurred a times without number. These led fellows at the basket plot and plan to contrive the ruin of girls in the most cold-blooded manner. If one does not succeed in persuading her to yield, another tries to do so.

Helplessness of Unprotected Girls.

"In the average hopyards an innocent young girl resembles a deer pursued through the forest by hunters and hounds. She may escape without being robbed of her virtue, but only because of her native strength of character, or because she was surrounded by favorable circumstances. The only safe way for a girl to visit the hopyards is to go in the company of her father and mother. The one bright feature in the social life there is found in the presence of these family circles.

"The father, mother and children work together among the vines, and at other times seek no other company than that of other family circles, whose members they know. Sometimes parents are foolish enough to allow their daughters in company with the neighbor girls to attend these camps unattended; sometimes the daughter goes with the family of a neighbor. This is a bad plan, indeed, for the reason that the parents have a false sense of security, thinking that they will be properly looked after by those to whose care she has been entrusted. The neighbors soon realize that they can exercise only a limited authority, and between the two the girl, if at all willful, has her own way.

"The question may be asked, What is to be the result of all this agitation? It is believed that the moral sense of the

people of Oregon will no longer tolerate such conditions of gross immorality as have prevailed in the past, but will demand that movements for definite betterment be launched.

Ministers Indorse Dr. Ferguson.

Rev. Mr. Williams, of McMinnville, arose and indorsed the report submitted by Mr. Ferguson. He said that the true picture could not be too black. Rev. Henry Marcotte, of the Westminster Presbyterian Church, also indorsed the report, and declared the conditions are worse than represented in Dr. Ferguson's report. Other ministers were anxious to indorse Dr. Ferguson. It was apparent that practically the whole of the Oregon Presbyterian Synod was back of the missionary whose expose of conditions has so startled the state. Resolutions were presented by Rev. E. Nelson Allen indorsing the report of Mr. Ferguson, and urging all Presbyterian ministers to warn fathers and mothers from allowing their girls to go to the hopfields unattended. These were unanimously adopted.

Educational Mass Meeting.

Fifteen-minute addresses were delivered last night at the mass meeting held in the Third Presbyterian Church in the interest of Christian education. Rev. W. S. Holt, D. D., had charge of the meeting. Professor H. M. Crooks spoke on the needs of the Albany College. He pointed to the advantages of that institution as a place to secure a higher education. Its needs he said were buildings for a boy's dormitory, a gymnasium and a science hall, and more funds. T. P. Scmitt, a business man of Albany, told of the fidelity of the people of Albany toward their home institution. He said that he came to Portland depressed over the financial condition of the college, but now felt greatly encouraged over the action taken by the synod yesterday afternoon.

He said he was now confident that Presbyterian people would do their duty by the college. J. Thoburn Ross spoke on the topic, "Making an Investment Pay." Rev. William H. Foulkes, of the First Church, closed the address with an earnest plea for the Presbyterian college.

ALBANY COLLEGE GIVEN HELP

Presbyterian Synod Pledged More Funds Than Asked For.

At the session of the Oregon Presbyterian Synod yesterday in the Third Presbyterian Church, the Albany College, the church's denominational school, was given a big boost and substantial indorsement.

In response to an appeal by Rev. W. S. Holt, D. D., in behalf of Albany College, after President H. M. Crooks and Secretary A. E. Smith had submitted their reports before the synod, asking for aid for the college, the members of the synod in the morning pledged themselves to raise over \$1200. President Crooks submitted an extended report of the general condition of Albany College, that financially was not bright, but in other respects was encouraging. He pointed out that the want of funds had greatly crippled the work of the college. Attendance in the departments had been large and was growing, but the faculty had been handicapped for lack of funds with which to prosecute the work of the school. Professor Crooks also announced that the Board of Education had reduced the appropriation from \$2000 to \$1000 for the support of the college, thus crippling it still more. He made a statement concerning the \$25,000 endowment that was being raised, showing that about \$15,000 had been raised.

Professor Crooks declared that he did not want resolutions, for if resolutions that had been passed in behalf of the Albany College could be sold for \$1 each the funds of the college would be ample.

Secretary Smith followed with his report showing the financial condition of the college. He reported that the assets of the college are \$67,515, and there was a floating debt of \$3555, with \$1180 to meet it. He said that if the institution can secure \$1000 from the churches and a way found to carry the present indebtedness for three years the difficulties would be tided over.

Dr. W. S. Holt then made a plea for aid for the Albany College with the result that nearly \$1502 was pledged, of which the First Church, by Dr. Foulkes, pledged \$500.

Anti-Saloon League Indorsed.

Rev. W. S. Gilbert read a report on the advance of temperance throughout the United States and Oregon particularly. A chart showed that the majority against the amendment to the local option law was 10,000, and fines the amount of \$8000 had been collected since June, 1906. Dr. J. R. Wilson, D. D., president of the Anti-Saloon League, delivered an address on the purpose and accomplishments of the league. He thought the league a more effective agency for the spread of temperance education and the promotion of temperance principles than a third party movement could be. He said the reason that men stick to their party and will not throw away their votes on a third party. Following this address the league was indorsed and commended.

The synod was unable to agree in the election of a synodical missionary, or rather no minister could be found who seemed willing to accept the place. Dr. Robert McLean, recommended by the committee on Home Missions, was defeated by a vote of 24 to 25. Rev. J. Montgomery, pastor of the Third Presbyterian Church, again declined the place. A special nominating committee was appointed, which canvassed the matter and then referred it back to the synod. A vote was taken and Dr. B. S. Ely received the largest vote. He would have been appointed but he declared that he could not accept. The election was postponed until 1907. Dr. Holt, retiring missionary, was commended for his nine years of service.

Albany Trustees Elected.

Professor Crooks, of Albany College, was commended for his work for the cause of education. Dr. Holt said of him that he could earn more in the harvest field than he receives. Rev. E. M. Sharpe, Rev. H. H. Ketchum and Rev. Mr. Patterson were appointed a special committee to nominate trustees of Albany College and upon their report H. S. Templeton, H. I. Babcock, W. H. Foulkes, O. M. Scott, A. J. Miller, William Fortmiller, A. C. Schmidt and J. C. Enright were appointed.

Rev. Dwight E. Potter, secretary of the western division board of foreign missions, spoke in the forenoon in behalf of that field of work. He said that the average elder and church member regarded the foreign mission as a nuisance that must be cared for some way, but there was no enthusiasm on their part. Dr. Moore, of the San Francisco Theological Seminary, spoke for the wrecked Presbyterian churches of San Francisco.

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He said that the generally assembly had undertaken to raise \$300,000 for their rebuilding, of which amount \$125,000 had been raised.

Rev. E. Nelson Allen, last moderator of the Cumberland Presbyterian synod, presented the records of that synod and a check for \$28 for the balance of money on hand, which were accepted.

Invitations were received from several places for the next session of the synod, and that of Ashland was accepted.

Programme Today.

The delegates will spend Sunday in Portland, and the following is the programme:
10:30 A. M.—Sermon by the moderator.
12 M.—Sunday school; address by Mr. Hicks.

2 P. M.—The communion of the Lord's Supper; Rev. H. N. Mount will preside, Rev. Harry S. Templeton administer the bread, Rev. William G. Smith administer the cup, and 12 elders to serve.

3 P. M.—Rally of Portland Presbyterian endeavor societies; Rev. H. S. Templeton to preside, and Clyde E. van der Maaten to deliver an address. The topic is, "Fidelity to the Work"—Ex. xiv:15; II Chron. xxx:23-24.

7:30 P. M.—Popular meeting, home and foreign missions; addresses by J. E. McAtee and Rev. Dwight E. Potter.

9:15 P. M.—Personal covenant meeting, led by Rev. William H. Foulkes, D. D.

MRS. JANE EUDEY DEAD

Oregon City Pioneer of 1856 Passes Away in Portland.

Mrs. Jane Eudey, of Oregon City, died yesterday morning, at 11:45 o'clock, at the home of her daughter, Mrs. E. W. Vanstone, 85 East Seventeenth street, Portland, the immediate cause of her death being heart failure. She had a severe sick spell several months ago, and had never fully recovered. She had been living with her daughters on the East Side for the past five months.

Mrs. Eudey was born in Cornwall, England, January 21, 1826. She came to this country in 1856, coming around Cape Horn in the Hudson's Bay Company's ship Princess Royal, and going to Oregon



The Late Mrs. Jane Eudey.

TEN YEARS FOR ANDERSON

Sellwood Postoffice Robber Condemned to McNeills Island.

Charles Anderson, who was recently found guilty of the charge of robbing the Sellwood postoffice last December, was yesterday sentenced to serve ten years' imprisonment in the Federal penitentiary on McNeills Island, and to pay a fine of \$100. The sentence is divided into five years and \$100 on the first count, and 2 1/2 years on each of the two other counts.

Anderson stoutly declared his innocence when asked by the court if he had anything to say. The prisoner listened to his sentence with apparent indifference. The conviction of Anderson ends the desperate gang which did so much to terrorize the community last winter. Frank Wayne is now serving a nine-year term, and other members of the gang have pleaded guilty and are awaiting sentence.

Taken to Face Charge.

"Slim" Johnson, who was arrested Thursday night by Deputy Sheriffs Leonard and Beatty, was last night taken to Salem by Sheriff Calver, of Marion County, where he is to be tried on the charge of robbing and burning a store, September 28, at Gervais, Or., belonging to Nathan and Nibler. The powder used in opening the safe set fire to the building, which burned to the ground. Sixty dollars in coin and other papers were obtained by the robber.



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There is a rumor that the bank will pay in interest on the certificates of deposit of the Home Telephone Company. This is an error, officials of the bank state in the most positive terms. No interest whatever will be paid during the time that the bank's doors are closed.

President Day and Secretary Richmond, of the Depositors' Association, are hopeful of better results during the coming week in telephone bond and bank stock subscriptions by depositors. The total up to last night was \$651,500 subscribed, out of the required \$1,000,000.

Receiver Devlin said last night: "There are 1200 subscribers to bonds among the depositors and this number of people have taken over \$600,000 in telephone bonds and bank stock. A somewhat larger number of depositors, representing over \$800,000 in deposits, are still to be heard from and we are expecting a liberal percentage of these depositors to come in and take the easiest and quickest means to secure their money. There can be no reorganization unless all the bonds are subscribed."

"It is gratifying to note the good humor of the depositors in discussing the matter of taking bonds for their deposits. The depositors are very largely intelligent people who seem to grasp the situation and readily realize that the reorganization plan is the only way by which everyone can be paid in full. "It is a decided compliment to Portland to observe how the depositors are willing to discuss and consider the bond question in a plain, businesslike way and with entire good will and good humor. This leads those in charge of the reorganization plan to believe that these same

depositors will, if the bank opens, become its staunchest supporters.

"As the claimants investigate the telephone securities offered to them, they universally find that they are good for their money and if they are able to hold them a while, there may be a profit in the investment for them. Most of the depositors seem to prefer getting these securities into their own hands than even receiving a hundred cents on the dollar through receivership handed out to them in small dividends.

"It is true that many of the depositors feel that inasmuch as they have subscribed for bonds, the balance of them ought to come in readily. They do not appreciate, however, that some people require more time to consider this matter than others and that the same arguments which convinced them will in time bring the other depositors to the same view.

"We are now at about a standstill; bond subscriptions within the last few days have not been what they should have been, compared with business done previously. However, this is to be expected. When the depositors come to realize that all must subscribe at least a substantial part of their deposits, there ought to be no trouble in closing out the rest of the bonds within a week or ten days.

"Everybody is working to the same end, and if those who have been holding back will give the matter more prompt attention and come to a final decision, we ought to be able to close up the bond sales within that time."

Local Architect Gets Contract.

MARSHFIELD, Or., Oct. 12.—(Special.)—The committee having in charge the selection of plans for the new hotel to be built in Marshfield by a local company today decided upon the design submitted

by Architect H. S. Himebaugh, of this city. There were six other competitors, including architects from Portland and San Francisco. Contracts for the building will be let at once. The hotel will be a concrete structure costing \$75,000, will contain 75 rooms and will be the finest building in Marshfield.

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LARGE CROWD AT FUNERAL

Friends and Neighbors Pay Last Tribute to J. M. McCall.

LA GRANDE, Or., Oct. 12.—(Special.)—The funeral services of the late Councilman J. M. McCall were held from the Presbyterian Church today, under the auspices of the La Grande Lodge I. O. O. F. Rev. C. E. Deal, pastor of the Methodist Episcopal Church, conducted the services. The esteem in which the deceased was held by the people of this community was attested by one of the largest gatherings ever present at a funeral service here. Mr. McCall was born in Tennessee, June 28, 1840, and came to the Grand Ronde Valley in 1865.

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