

CHURCHES FAVORED, AVERS ARCHITECT

Charge That Contractors Combine to Hold Up Prices Called Hallucination.

REPLY MADE TO EUSTER

Builders Often Pocket Losses Cheerfully, Says A. H. Faber—Pastor Attributes Part of Waste to Building Committees.

When Rev. Dr. W. T. Euster, pastor of Sunnyside Methodist Episcopal Church, declared in an interview in the Oregonian that contractors make gross overcharges on church buildings...

Rev. Dr. Euster, in turn, insisted that, after having built several large stone churches in the course of his long pastorate, and having made that his special business, he knew what he was talking about, and defied Architect Faber to disprove a single statement made by him.

Pastor and Committee Differ.

The controversy began over the erection of the quarterly conference of Sunnyside Methodist Church last Tuesday night in passing, at the request of the building committee, a resolution calling for a new pastor to take Rev. Dr. Euster's place.

Defending himself in an interview, Rev. Dr. Euster said that one reason why the project was being held up by the committee was that "graft" of contractors entered into the affair.

The attention of Architect Faber having been called to the interview with Dr. Euster, he issued the following statement yesterday:

"While newspaper controversies are to be deprecated, the direct charge by the pastor of the Sunnyside Methodist Church that Portland church contractors are grafters and given to gross overcharges in their church work is not to be passed without denial by one familiar with the facts.

day and generation, or his own conceit, but it takes considerable more than philosophy to build a church. He is unhappy in his reference to the Methodist Church South. No claim has ever been made by anybody that this church cost \$90,000—that it is worth that, no experienced builder will deny. Mr. Euster's claim that he could build it for \$30,000 is positively silly, and on a par with his statement relative to opalescent glass.

"The charges that contractors are robbing the churches would be laughable if it were not ungenerous, as the Phoenix Stone Company rob the Methodist Church South when it furnished all the stone for that building for less than the charge for freight and quarrying, and topped it off by an absolute gift of 100 tons of stone."

Loss Assumed Gracefully. "Not one of the contractors or material men on that entire work but complied cheerfully with the plans and specifications and did not seek to slight in any way the contractor's loss, assumed it gracefully and finished their contracts."

"So it has been with all the other church work with which I have been connected and it is due to our Portland people that this refractory of 'robbery' be made. The statement that there is a combination to hold up the prices in this class of work is nothing short of a hallucination and needs no comment."

"After a man has built a number of large stone churches," said Rev. Dr. Euster, "and has come into close contact for years with contractors and architects, it is useless to try to tell him such things as Mr. Faber states in his interview. In many places it is impossible to build a church without entering into a combine, whereby there will be fixed a margin of from \$500 to \$10,000 profit. No matter which contractor gets the work, this margin will be divided between his rivals and himself."

Pastor Renews Charges. "As proof of what I say, I will state that five leading ministers of Chicago have quit their pastorates and have formed an organization to furnish everything needed for use in church buildings at about half cost of the regular catalogue prices quoted by outside concerns. As to what Mr. Faber says about the South Methodist Church, but our church has a full basement and our church has a full basement and I would guarantee to do it.

"One thing which makes a church costly is when a building committee delays its construction and when it is allowed to drag along. That was the case with the South Methodist project, and our own building committee permitted by the building committee to drag."

"The gentleman may be wise in his day and generation, or his own conceit, but it takes considerable more than philosophy to build a church. He is unhappy in his reference to the Methodist Church South. No claim has ever been made by anybody that this church cost \$90,000—that it is worth that, no experienced builder will deny. Mr. Euster's claim that he could build it for \$30,000 is positively silly, and on a par with his statement relative to opalescent glass.

GIRL AIDS WOOER

Aged Mother Fights Alleged Enticer of Daughter.

MAID PROTESTS HER LOVE

"White Slave" Case Arises in Federal Court When Al Nathan, Astoria Bartender, Is on Trial.

Letters Tell of 'Trafficking.'

With her aged mother testifying that Al Nathan, Astoria bartender, had visited Hazel Morrison to a life of shame, the daughter yesterday stood before Commissioner Hamilton, of the United States Court, and protected Nathan in the transaction as far as she could.

Given a hearing in his home town, where Nathan is employed by the Richmond saloon, the prisoner was held under a bond of \$5000, and, being unable to secure it, was brought to the Multnomah County Jail.

Girl Comes of Good Family. Hazel Morrison comes from a highly respected family in Canada. Her mother, whose name is withheld, testified that Nathan appeared at their home in March of this year, and was introduced by the daughter as an insurance agent and business man from the States.

On March 31 Nathan and the girl decided to return to Oregon, where Miss Morrison assured her mother that she had been promised employment.

The mother stated that she did not suspect the relations of the pair until she ascertained that but one state-room had been engaged for the passage on the Vancouver boat. Protenting against the arrangement, the mother was unable to prevent the trip.

On arriving in Oregon the pair went directly to Astoria, where the girl became a member of the "red light" district.

Chief Immigration Inspector Barbour brought the complaint against Nathan under the recent act by Congress designed to suppress the white slave traffic. Should Nathan be indicted by the grand jury and convicted in the United States Court, the penalty which may be inflicted is from five to ten years on McNeil's island.

Bundle of Letters in Evidence. In the evidence introduced at the hearing was a bundle of letters found in possession of Nathan, and which were written in a most familiar strain by managers of disorderly houses throughout the Northwest, and in which Nathan was asked to furnish "good-looking girls."

The letters were admitted over the protest of Attorney Clyde Fulton, defending Nathan. An unmarked exhibit of the hearing was the little son of the Morrison girl. Three years of age, raised by his grandmother, innocent of what was going on about him, the bright little youngster accompanied his mother to the County Jail, where she is held as a witness.

IMMIGRATION OFFICERS UNTIL THE DATE OF NATHAN'S TRIAL.

OILED STREETS DISLIKED

Woman Prefers Dust Laid by Sprinkling-Cart.

PORTLAND, April 29.—(To the Editor.)—Most Portland residents submit to oiled streets, and when this is a question which not a few people have been discussing for the past week, and in no very complimentary terms of those who are responsible for the abominable condition the residence portions of the city will soon be in, absent the oiling of the streets instead of sprinkling, as heretofore.

"Cheaper than sprinkling" is the reason that has given the oiled streets their popularity, but is the cheapest thing always the best? By no means. We can always buy rotten eggs for a cent or two less than fresh ones, and goodness knows, we get enough rotten ones at the highest price. Thus it is with street sprinkling.

It is not paying enough in rentals for pure and clean street-sprinkling, and feel that it is a rank injustice to have our household goods ruined with the yellow-green growth being produced from our streets, simply because it might be cheaper, and to whom, pray?

The landlords, doubtless; but if a tenant vacates, as there would be plenty others willing to pay the price. Not for one moment would the landlord consider that he owes his well-filled "coffers" largely to the poor tenants who pay him a goodly share of their hard earnings in order to have even a temporary home, and then to have what little they can get out of the place.

Putting the matter fairly and squarely, how many of those who are in any way responsible for the decree in favor of oiling the streets, would suffer their own homes to be ruined by the practice?

We are not all like Millet's "Man With the Hoe." Though injustice is forced upon us for a time, we will not always submit to it as did the "plodders" represented in Millet's picture.

MRS. N. C. P.

BIG LAND DEAL CLOSED

Washougal Prune and Dairy Property Traded for Wheat Ranch.

WASHOUGAL, Wash., April 29.—(Special.)—What is thought to be the largest deal completed by any firm in the southwestern part of Washington has been closed successfully by the Washougal Dairy and Land Company. The transaction involves \$61,800 and 1712 acres of land.

The C. C. Anderson ranch, consisting of 271 acres, of which 25 acres are in full bearing prune trees, and 160 acres are under cultivation, with all necessary buildings and two 100-ton silos and also sufficient water power to run all kinds of machinery, valued at \$30,000, was traded to Alfred Glenn for a Walla Walla County wheat ranch, having a full section of Fall wheat and a quarter section in Spring wheat.

This ranch consists of 1440 acres and the valuation is \$31,800, including a number of horses and a large amount of farm machinery.

Many are coming here this Spring looking for farm lands from Eastern states and Eastern Washington, Oregon and Idaho. Several smaller deals have been closed and everything points to a busy season in this section.

A Healthful Hint. A bottle of the Hood Brewing Company's Pure Beer to ward off that feverish feeling. Phone B. 129, B. 1213.

One million dollar Removal Sale at the Olds, Wirtman & King store.

Very large 7-room house with small alcove room; special basement entrance from street into full cement basement with furnace and laundry trays, side porch, front porch extending around side seat, double entrance hall, entrance to door of closet; extra fine mantel over fireplace; full cement basement, laundry trays, furnace, built-in buffet, folding doors, full cement basement, laundry trays, furnace, built-in buffet, folding doors, full cement basement, laundry trays, furnace, built-in buffet, folding doors.

6-room house, full lot, lawn in, cement steps and walk around house, full front and back porch, full cement basement, laundry trays, large dining room, kitchen, finished in white enamel, swinging door between dining-room and parlor, parlor in front with large windows, beautiful enclosed fireplace, folding doors between parlor and hall, open stairway, built-in bath room with mirror; has electric foot porch; all floors are the best solid oak; reception hall is paneled; house is planted with roses all around border; let price, \$3975, cash \$1370, terms to suit, 7 per cent interest.

5-room bungalow, full front and back porch, front porch opens into living-room, which covers whole front of house; fireplace, arch between dining-room and living-room, cement basement, on nice lot and fir trees in front yard, only a few steps to carline; bath, fixtures, folding doors and bath will be tiled and finished in white enamel; double doors; net price, \$2700, cash \$500, \$20 per month, 7 per cent interest.

5-room cottage, on a 574x100-foot lot, east front, nice porch; a dandy home for small family; has good bath, nice living-room, full cement basement, with bathroom and bath; on a good street with cement walks and curbing; price \$2600, cash \$500 and balance on easy monthly payments.

5-room cottage, on a 58x100-foot lot, east front, nice porch; a dandy home for small family; has good bath, nice living-room, full cement basement, with bathroom and bath; on a good street with cement walks and curbing; price \$2600, cash \$500 and balance on easy monthly payments.

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See Five Pages Telling About 54 Day's Wonder Sale and 54th Anniversary—Page 7, Section 1; Last Page, Section 1; Page 5, Section 3, and Double Page 6 and 7, Section 3

The Bine of Improvement of the Greater Meier & Frank Store

Notice To All Homeseekers—We will be pleased to place at your disposal FREE OF CHARGE all information at our command regarding homes, whether you wish to buy or rent—Read over list of property below, it may be of interest to you

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4-room bungalow, corner lot, full front and back porch, front porch opens into living-room, living room has built-in buffet, dining room, Dutch kitchen, tiled floors, built-in buffet, folding doors, built-in mahogany buffet, Dutch kitchen, in fact everything to make the house complete; price \$2500, terms \$500 cash, balance on or before 3 years in payments to suit; located on corner lot 10x100 feet.

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