

CUT IN PRELATE'S POWER IS ADOPTED

Pacific German Conference Wants Minister to Name District Heads.

BISHOP SMITH SURPRISED

Assemblage Would Also Re-appoint Law Limiting Pastorates to Five Years—Changes Up to Next M. E. Convention.

At the Pacific German conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church at the Rodney-Avenue Church yesterday, a memorial was adopted to take the power of appointing district superintendents out of the hands of the diocesan bishop, and place it in the hands of the ministers. A memorial was also adopted to obtain the re-enactment of the law limiting the time of a preacher's pastorate to five years in a single place.

Both memorials were introduced by the committee on resolutions. The one referring to the appointment of superintendents met with slight opposition, while that referring to the time limit was generally favored, but both were adopted by large majority.

Bishop Charles W. Smith, who presided, did not comment on the resolution, but expressed surprise that it should be the German ministers who were the first to take action. It will be the duty of the preachers' delegates elected Friday, Rev. H. F. Lange, of Walla Walla, to introduce and look after the measure at the general conference which will meet in Minneapolis next May. If finally adopted it will affect the Methodist Episcopal Church throughout America.

Limit Once Repealed. It will also be the duty of the delegate to endeavor to have the time limit of pastorates made a church law. This measure once existed as a law, but was repealed about 12 years ago.

Dr. Julius C. Zeller, president of the University of Puget Sound, addressed the laymen in the afternoon. He spoke of the necessity of maintaining church schools, and outlined the work which his institution is doing.

Dr. Zeller said he did not need to look for its ministers or its workers to the state or secular institutions. Three per cent of the preachers, he said, constitute the church schools, or state or secular institutions. He declared that 85 per cent come from denominational schools, while 12 per cent have no particular educational training.

He said that he did not look after the moral training of their students, and in this connection he thought it argued no good that but such a small percentage of churchworkers came from them.

Work at Home Urged. Committees at the morning's laymen's meeting reported on and made suggestions regarding Sabbath observance, temperance and education.

W. E. Hollingsworth spoke, taking for his theme the motto of John Wesley Smith, "The world is my parish." He said that missionary work should begin with the individual, and expand gradually. There remained much missionary work to be done at home, he said.

At the morning meeting of the pastors Rev. G. A. Waas, for six years pastor of the First German Methodist Church of this city, was transferred to the California conference. He will leave in a few days. Rev. J. Ricker, of Newberg, was also transferred to California.

At the invitation of Rev. C. A. Wentch, of the First German Methodist Episcopal Church of Spokane, the conference decided to meet in Spokane next year.

The laymen closed their session yesterday. The preachers held a business meeting in the evening, at which the reports of the various committees were heard. Bishop Smith will close the conference tomorrow morning by reading the appointments for the ensuing year. He will also preach at the morning services. At an educational meeting last night addresses were made by Dr. Fisher, Honan, president of Willamette University, and E. H. Todd, vice-president of Willamette.

A statistical report it was shown that within \$13,181 was paid out for salaries at same rate last year, \$6226 for missions and other benevolent purposes and that the number of Sunday schools is 28, with an attendance of 1445. The membership of the church within the conference is 1528; Epworth League membership is 215; number of churches is 27 with a valuation of \$194,700 and the number of parsonages is 21, with a valuation of \$63,600.

PERSONAL MENTION.

- F. T. Anderson, of Salem, is at the Perkins.
- A. W. McLaughlin, of Eugene, is at the Cornwell.
- R. M. McDonald, of Eugene, is at the Oregon Hotel.
- H. W. Bamfield, of Medford, is at the Bowers Hotel.
- E. A. Wilson, of Eugene, is registered at the Oregon.
- Dr. H. A. Littlefield, of Newberg, is at the Cornwell.
- R. B. Butler, an attorney of The Dalles, is at the Imperial.
- Tom Irvine, a business man of Roseburg, is at the Cornwell.
- Alex Thompson, a merchant of The Dalles, is at the Oregon.
- H. E. Birkenner, of Medier, is registered at the Oregon Hotel.
- A. C. Hamilton, a Hood River orchardist, is at the Cornwell.
- W. Laidel, a merchant of Sheridan, is registered at the Cornwell.
- Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Jennings, of Eugene, are at the Perkins.
- J. T. Batchelder, a merchant of Hood River, is at the Oregon Hotel.
- Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Ryan, of Seaside, were at the Oregon yesterday.
- R. E. Williams, of Dallas, a banker and capitalist, is at the Imperial.
- Mr. and Mrs. John Dennis, of Hillsboro, are registered at the Perkins.
- E. K. Pearson, a mining man of Spokane, is registered at the Oregon.
- A. F. Campbell, an attorney of Eugene, is registered at the Cornwell.
- A. R. Bullock, a merchant of Sheridan, was at the Cornwell yesterday.
- A. Gieser, proprietor of the Greater Grand Hotel in Baker, is at the Imperial.
- Mr. and Mrs. A. A. Holmes, of Med-

ford, were registered at the Bowers yesterday.

L. B. Hogan, a merchant of Cosmopolis, Wash., was at the Oregon Hotel yesterday.

E. N. LaFors, a merchant of Salem, and Mrs. LaFors were at the Imperial yesterday.

A. S. Bush, a merchant of La Center, and Mrs. Bush are registered at the Cornwell.

Oscar Hayter, an attorney of Dallas, was registered at the Portland Hotel yesterday.

Mrs. A. Harris, proprietress of the Duquesne Hotel in Walla Walla, is at the Cornwell.

F. J. Donaldson, a business man of Pendleton, was registered at the Perkins yesterday.

W. K. Newell, a horticulturist of Gaston, and Mrs. Newell are at the Imperial Hotel.

W. H. Eccles, of Salt Lake City, and J. E. Inglis, of Ingles, members of the newly-formed Eccles Lumber Company, are at the Oregon Hotel.

C. A. Murphy, superintending engineer on the new state asylum building, passed through Portland yesterday, registered at the Imperial yesterday.

Miss Olive Misamore, of 872 East Main street, who has spent the last two months visiting in California, returned home yesterday on the steamer Bear.

Phil Metchan, Jr., manager of the Imperial, went to Grants Pass last night to inspect the Hotel Josephine which was recently acquired by himself and brother. The Grants Pass property is being extensively remodeled and converted into a modern hotel.

Mr. Mack, son of the asphalt king; Mr. Kent, general manager of the Barber Asphalt Company of the Pacific Coast; Frank Reese, resident manager of the Warren Construction Company of California, and J. O. Hoyt, consulting engineer and general manager of the same company on the Pacific Coast, accompanied by their wives have gone to Lane County where they will pass the next two weeks fishing in the mountains near Springfield.

FRUIT YIELD 40 PER CENT. Agricultural College Expert Inspects State Orchards.

F. Ross Brown, field assistant in research work at the Oregon Agricultural College, passed through Portland yesterday en route from Eastern Oregon to Corvallis, after having investigated pruning conditions in Douglas, Lane, Union, Wasco and Umatilla counties. He says that the fruit crop generally is light and the average will be about 40 per cent of the usual yield. The Willamette Valley crop, he says, will be heavier than in other sections.

Mr. Brown is the editor of a bulletin that will shortly be issued under the direction of the college, bearing on orchard heating. He is deeply interested in the system of placing vessels with oil fires in orchards to overcome frost and says that it is a protection beyond any doubt, providing growers do not fill the vessels and light them with the expectation that they will burn all night without watching. It often happens that the fires burn out in advance of heavy frost in the morning and the trees are therefore without the protection.

CONSONANT NAME DISLIKED. Ladislav Groszky Would Be Called Ladd Fisher.

Declaring that his name, being unpronounceable, has been a source of continual worry and grief to him, Ladislav Groszky has petitioned the County Court to have it changed to Ladd Fisher.

Judge Cleeton has set August 31 as the date of the hearing on the petition. In the meantime Groszky must advertise through the medium of a newspaper

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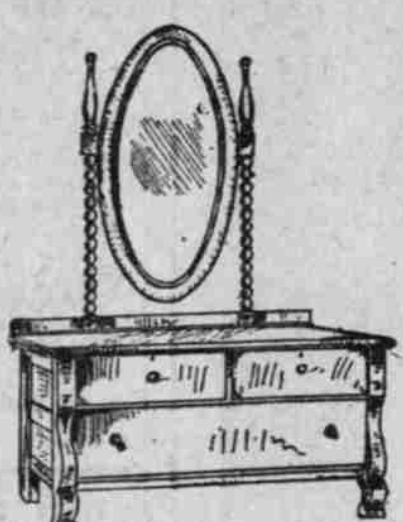


GEORGE THOMPSON.

CHICAGO, Aug. 19.—(Special).—George Thompson, aged 52, of this city, has evolved a plan whereby he can ward off the dreaded "jinx" that necessitates carrying about, at all times, 41 pounds of metal in the shape of horseshoe magnets, but Mr. Thompson says he does not mind that, since he can confound his enemies and upset their plans to "zap his mind and strength."

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of general circulation the contents of his petition.

Two Asked to Greet Togo. L. J. Wentworth, president of the Portland Lumber Company, and O. M. Clark, president of the Clark & Wilson Lumber Company, have been invited by President Lowman, of the Seattle Chamber of Commerce, to attend the banquet to be given for Admiral Togo at Seattle tomorrow night.

Tom Richardson to Speak. "The Splendid Opportunity" is the theme which Tom Richardson will discuss at the meeting of the Portland Realty Board at noon tomorrow at Richards' Cafe. Mayor Hagley, of Hillsboro, will also speak.

In each hand for additional protection. He says they caused him much inconvenience at first, but now he can sleep very well in his casing of armor. While at work in a room he hangs large magnets over the doors and windows, following the same precaution when he sleeps.

Thompson is not vindictive and does not attempt to bring misfortune upon his enemies, now that he has discovered how to read their thoughts and keep accurate account of their every movement. All he wants is to ward off their designs upon himself. He says they are still able to cause perspiration to break out upon his face for the reason that he cannot well wear magnets over his face, but they are no longer able to afflict him with headaches and cause things to drop from mysterious places upon him.

Thompson, otherwise, is an unusually intelligent person and very popular with the hundreds of persons in the building, all of whom take a lively interest in his successful battle with the "jinx."

HEARING PUT OFF AGAIN

Columbia River Appeal Deferred Until December—Action Urged.

"I have just been informed by Senator Poindexter that the hearing of the appeal from Major Kutz's report on the improvement of the Columbia River from the mouth of Snake River to Wenatchee has been postponed positively until next December," said J. T. Tait, counsel for the transportation committee of the Portland Chamber of Commerce yesterday. "There has not been reached in the progress of Columbia River improvement, and if this adverse report is not reversed, it will be years before further progress can be made in the improvement of the Upper River."

"Every place on the river from Astoria to the British Columbia line ought to be in this appeal and do everything it can to have this situation reversed. Strong influences are opposing this improvement and it will be a great relief if the people of this entire section do not now and on this appeal make their influence felt. The National Rivers & Harbors Congress will be in session at the time of this hearing and all the delegates from the three Pacific Northwest states should be prepared to appear and protest against the report and if possible obtain its reversal."

J. B. SAWYER TO HONGKONG

Local Immigration Officer Is Named Vice-Consul-General.

John B. Sawyer, an inspector in the United States Immigration Service under J. H. Barbour, has been named by the State Department as vice and deputy Consul-General of the United States at Hongkong. The appointment was made on recommendation of the Department of Commerce and Labor, and notice of the action was received yesterday.

In the official communication it is set forth that Mr. Sawyer is to act, besides in the capacity of Deputy Consul, in connection with the investigation of cases of Chinese persons intending to enter the United States. In the past it has been the custom of the authorities to have consuls in foreign lands investigate cases of prospective immigrants before approving their papers, but in selecting a man familiar with details of the immigration work, it is believed that a more thorough system is to be adopted as a means of guarding against any irregularities.

Mr. Sawyer has been under Mr. Barbour since September 24, 1904, and previous to that time was in the Customs-House service at San Francisco, serving two years. He expects to leave for Hongkong in a month and will be accompanied by his wife and child.

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Attend the Astoria Centennial.

The O. W. R. & N. Co. has put in effect via the steamer T. J. Potter. Har-vest Queen or Hassala, a low fare of \$1 each way to Astoria. The Potter leaves at 8 A. M. daily except Sunday. Saturday at 8 P. M., and the Hassala and Harvest Queen at 8 P. M.; Saturday, 10 P. M. Full particulars at city ticket office, Third and Washington streets.

UNIONS TO MAKE MERRY

LABOR DAY TO BE CELEBRATED ON COUNCIL CREST.

Old-Fashioned Picnic and Barbecue to Be Held September 4—Fire-works to Light Sky.

Labor day, Monday, September 4, will be celebrated by members of organized labor and their families of this city with an all-day picnic at Council Crest. Oratory has been relegated to the background, with the result that the programme will not include speech-making. The day will be given up entirely to the entertaining features

which usually attend an old-fashioned family picnic. At the noon hour, a 600-pound beef, roasted whole in true Spanish barbecue style, will be served. In the afternoon a programme of all sorts of foot races for young and old, lean and fat, two and three-legged contests will be held. There will also be pie-eating and watermelon-eating contests and a nail-driving contest for the wives of union men only. Winners of these events will be rewarded with cash or merchandise prizes ranging from \$1 to \$5 each.

In the evening fireworks will be touched off at Council Crest, while the young people will conclude the day's festivities with a dance at Christensen's Hall, Eleventh and Yamhill streets.

CASCADE 15 MILES FROM HUSUM IS KLICKITAT BEAUTY SPOT



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HUSUM, Wash., Aug. 26.—(Special).—One of the beauty spots of Western Klickitat County is the "Falls of the Outlet," about 15 miles northwest of this point. It is an outlet stream from Conboy Lake, in the Camas Prairie country, now undergoing drainage, preparatory to installing an irrigating system.

Much activity in development work is displayed in the Camas Prairie region this year, which promises to be a drawing card for those in search of a home where diversified farming can be carried on. The lands cover a large mountain meadow, aggregating 40 square miles, at an altitude of 1500 feet, surrounded by mountains and hills covered with fir and pine forests.

Two large steam shovels are at work excavating drainage canals through the bed of Conboy Lake, the contract being pushed to completion by Hurlison & Son, of Tacoma. No sooner was work commenced on these drainage canals than settlers petitioned for an irrigating system to cover the same territory. With the additional up-brought under cultivation, water to be taken from Hell Roaring Creek, one of the streams of melted snow from Mount Adams.

one farm had the disease. He notified State Veterinarian Lytle and the latter had the hogs quarantined. Dr. Lytle does not think there is any danger of the disease spreading. This is the first time the disease has appeared in this county, and Dr. Lytle says it will soon be eradicated.

Falling Paper Bruises Man. OREGON CITY, Or., Aug. 26.—(Special).—William Hobbie, employed at the mill of the Willamette Valley Pulp & Paper Company, narrowly escaped being crushed to death today, when a truck loaded with rolls of paper rolled upon him. Hobbie was pinned under the wheels. He was removed to Wildwood Hospital, where it was found that his only injury was a severe bruise on his right hip.

Steamer "Monarch" for Astoria Centennial leaves Washington-st. dock 7 A. M. Fare \$1.

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Clackamas Hogs Have Cholera. OREGON CITY, Or., Aug. 26.—(Special).—Hog cholera in a virulent form has made its appearance in this county. Dr. H. M. Thomas, a veterinarian of Gladstone, found that 11 hogs on

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