VITAL QUESTIONS OF CHURCH POLICY UP

Presbyterian Assembly to Determine Stand on Many Important Issues.

DEPARTMENT FACES CRISIS

Several Are Under Heavy Fire From Delegates From Rural Districts and City Men Show Signs of Reactionary Feeling.

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CHICAGO, May 16.—(Special.)—It is a serious question whether the thousand or so commissioners who will constitute the Presbyterian General Assembly at its annual meeting in Chicago next week actually represent the million and a half members of the Presbyterian Church in this country. The Presbyterians have been insisting with a great deal of pride that the form of government in the United States is based upon that established by their forefathers long before there was a Republic in this country, hence they naturally assert that theirs is a democratic form of control.

But here is a fact of which few Presbyterians are aware—two-thirds of the Presbyterian churches in this country are in places of less than 2500 inhabitants, whereas two-thirds of the membership of the church is in places of more than 2500 inhabitants. Now it happens that representation in the General Assembly is not based upon membership, but upon the number of ministers in the church, with the result that the membership of one-third of the church living in the rural

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For example, the Synod of Washington, which has ten Presbyteries and a total membership of 29,069, sends 39 commissioners to the General Assembly, whereas the Presbytery of Philadelphia, with a membership of 42,865, sends only 12 commissioners. In other words, the state of Washington has one commissioner for about every 1000 members, while the city of philadelphia has one commissioner for about every 3500 members. It is true that most of 3500 members. It is true that most of the speeches made in the assembly are by men from the citles, because they are usually most aggressive, but the men from the country pile up the

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These points should be considered in view of the fact that in Chicago next Thursday, and continuing for 10 days, most momentous questions will be decided by the General Assembly, and most of these questions will pit country against city because the experience and hence the viewpoint of these two groups are naturally different. The minister from the country who receives, say, \$300 salary from the Home Mission Board—his congregation, of course making up the remainder of his none too large compensation—cannot understand why the same board should put \$10,000 into an important city enterprise in lower New York, where it is necessary to put up an "electric light from" to beat the devil at his own front" to beat the devil at his own

The frontier missionary sees the city job in the terms of the country town, and he cannot see the necessity for a big movement in the city which demands not only statesmanship of a high order, but the expenditure of comparatively large sums of money in order to make good in the midst of problems which are staggering. He argues that \$10,000 will help support more than 30 mission churches in his "great field with its vast resources and possibilities"—and so the Home Mission Board is up against it in trying to keep the peace—and so are the city Adv. to keep the peace—and so are the city men who know full well that if pres-ent tendencies continue the churches in the city will lose their grip upon the so-called masses.

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The commissioners will be called upon to face in a clear-cut fashion the entire question of what the attitude of the Presbyterian Church shall be towards modern social questions. For 10 years this church has plainly held the lead in its work in behalf of working men. Its department of church and labor made it popular with the common people, and the Presbyterian workers in the social field were proud of the distinction which this department gave them. Nearly every other important denomination in the United States and even in some foreign countries have since copied the Presbyterians in their sociological programme. But, on account of an increasing conservatism in the General Assembly and sinong some of the wealthier members of the church, the work formerly done by this department has almost entirely ceased.

Rural Department Involved.

An important department dealing with the country life problem has been operated by the Presbyterians for about five years. The men who represent this department boldly declare that the

department boidly declare that the country life problem is almost wholly economic and social and that before much can be done by the churches in the country they must give serious attention to the question of helping the farmer produce more and better crops. Country life institutes have been held in which country ministers were urged to study agriculture.

A very considerable minority in the church made so great a protest against this innovation that the last assembly in Atlanta voted almost unanimously to abolish the country life department "as soon as practicable." But the department hasn't been abolished, and a perfect furore has been created throughout the entire church on this account. Charges of "disobedience to the mandates of the assembly" and similar accusations have been freely made. Meanwhile, a considerable number of Presbyteries or local groups of churches have voted to retain the country life department.

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Much fault has been found throughout the church with the executive commission—the body which acts in the interim of the annual General Asmission—the body which acts in the interim of the annual General Assembly meetings. It has been said that the commission has taken upon itself certain functions which have made it exceedingly objectionable to those who stand for democracy in the church. The General Assembly became so accustomed to referring its unfinished business to the executive commission that very soon that body found itself charged with certain duties which gave it at least the semblance of authority. The affairs of Union Theological Seminary, of New York City—the alleged breeder of heretical preachers—will again come under review. Union Seminary has always stood for democracy in religious thinking and teaching, and it has declined to put itself under the jurisdiction of an assembly or any other ecclesiastical body which shall dictate the doctrines and the philosophies which its professors are to teach.

The National Board of Home Missions will have the fight of its existence at the assembly. More than 160 overtures or resolutions have been submitted for consideration regarding

the work of the board. Many of these resolutions indorse its work most heartly—others condemn it most se-

Naturally, one of the most important features of the assembly will be the election of the moderator, who will serve as presiding officer and general executive for the entire year.

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ARNOLD IS POSTMASTER

Cathlamet Post Filled by Joseph Girard's Successor.

CATHLAMET, Wash., May 15 .- (Special.)—Thomas R. Arnold has been ap-pointed postmaster at this place to succeed Joseph Girard, who resigned

n January.

Mr. Arnold's appointment created much surprise, as he is a Republican.

WOMAN PIONEER DIES AT HER HOME IN WALLA WALLA.



Mrs. Solomon Wood.

WALLA WALLA, Wash. May
16.—(Special.)—A pioneer of the
Northwest, Mrs. Solomon Wood,
died here at the age of 58 yesterday. The indirect cause of
her death was the shock of finding her husband dead in bed of
heart failure, in Wallowa County. Oregon, in 1901; the direct
cause was pneumonia, contracted
in Portland in February.

Mrs. Wood was the daughter of
a pioneer, John Waymire, of Polk
County, When a girl she lived in
a double log cabin in Portland
where the Esmond Hotel now
stands. She was one of the first
members of the Oregon Pioneers' members of the Oregon Pioneers' Association, and never missed a meeting. She always sang a meeting. She always sang a song and gave a short speech in

"Chinook."

She was a member of the Rebekah Lodge of Oddfellows for 50 years. The degree of chivalry was to have been conferred on her in Spokane, June 8. She was a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church for 30 years.

She was born in Polk County, September 12, 1846, living there until September 7, 1862, when she was married to Solomon Woods, a cattleman.

She had one son, John Wood, who survives. She reared three other children, Mrs. H. E. Bassett and Mrs. T. B. Harper, both granddaughters, and S. L. Wills, a nephew. Four grandchildren

a nephew. Four grandchildren survive, Bruce and Margaret Har-per, Peter and Daphne Bassett.

Look at Me I am Well.

"I cannot say too much for Pe-runa. It has entirely cured me of my trouble. My eye lids were thick and red nearly all the were especially sensitive to light. Catarrh was my trouble. I had trouble. I had had my eyes treated and took a great deal of medicine, but nothing seemed to help me until I tried Peruna. I always use Peruna when my family



need it. Always find it very good; it helps wonderfully. You can use my testimonial anywhere you wish to." So says Mrs. C. Skehan, No. 614 S. Leavitt St., Chicago, Illa.

Diabetes Loses Its Terrors

Specialist Believes Cure Has Been Found for This Dread Disease. Diabetes no longer need be a terror to those who have become victims to this dread

As the result of extensive experiments As the result of extensive experiments a specialist announces that a simple plant, growing wild in Mexico, is a specific in the treatment of diabetes, quickly reducing the specific gravity and sugar, restoring vigor and building up the system.

This harmless vegetable remedy should relieve the patient of his worst symptoms, in the most aggravated cases, within a week, and to prove it, we will mail a 30 package for 10c to help pay distribution cost, with free bookiet of special value to the dishetic, containing intest diet lists and exclusive table of food values, giving percentage of starch and sugar (carbohydrates) in 250 different foods. Dishetol herb is sold under guarantee of satisfaction or may retunded. Tell your afflicted friends of this offer and end 10c today for a full-sized 50c package, ames Chemical Co., box 45 E. Whitney Point, N. Y.



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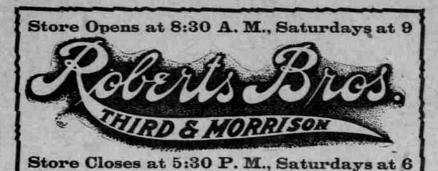
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\$1.25 Moire Handbags at 98¢

75c Leather Handbags at 49¢



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Tempting Underpriced Offerings

To Induce Quick Interest in the Things Most Needed—Now! Here Are a Few Items From Scores as Attractively Priced for Monday and Tuesday's Selling

EXTRA=

A Very Timely and Important Sale

1500 Wash Goods Remnants

Included Are Unlimited Varieties in Colorings, Weavesand Weights-All This Seasons Best Goods At Half Regular Remnant Prices

A sale that will compel the attention of every careful buying woman who has need of Wash Goods for any purpose. Included are the most staple weaves and the latest novelties in plain shades and dainty colorings, fabrics of standard width and quality suitable for house and street garments for both women and children-Voiles, Crepes, Sateens, Suitings, Zephyrs, Madras, Ginghams, Ratines, Silk Mulls, Silk Crepes, Suitings, Waistings, etc. Also goods suitable for draperies, curtaining and home sewing. We suggest that you come early and secure first choice. They'll surely be rapid selling when we announce that the entire assortment will go on sale tomorrow at 1-2 Regular Remnant Prices.

An Unlimited Showing and Unsurpassed Values

New Wash Goods 25c

Just such fabrics as will please you in every way. An assortment of weaves and colorings so varied that every taste may be suited.

Silk Striped Poplins, Chiffon Lisse, Nippon Rajah, Printed Voiles, Embroidered Tissue, Crepe Ratine

When you come to the Wash Goods Section tomorrow you'll be surprised with the values offered in this extensive assortment of the new season's weaves and colorings. Fabrics that are suitable for both street and evening wear. Included are the new Silk Striped Poplins, Chiffon Lisse, Nippon Rajah, Embroidered Tissue, Printed Voiles, Crepe Ratine and many other equally as desirable materials in plain shades and a great variety of pretty colorings. All at 25¢ a yard.

Most Wonderful Are the Values Offered in This Great Sale of

Embroideries and Laces

A woman's dream of economy comes true in this great underpricing of Embroideries and Laces. Only the newest patterns are involved and the most attractive, Thousands of short lengths suffer price penalties running up to as much as a half and in some cases full two-thirds. The pieces are not triflingly short, but generously long. Prudent women will supply a full season's needs at this sale to-

Linen Cluny Laces at 15¢ Yard Regular 25c and 35c Grades

Numerous dainty patterns in Linen Cluny Laces in widths from 31/2 to 51/2 inches. All fresh, new Laces made to sell regularly at 25c and 35c a yard, priced for this sale at 15¢ a yard.

Black Silk Lace Flouncings

A huge assortment to select from in both Shadow and Chantilly patterns. Fine Black Silk Lace Flouncings underpriced as follows:

12-inch width, in \$1.50 grade, at . . . 69¢ 18-inch width, in \$1.98 grade, at ... 98¢ \$27-inch width, in \$2.75 grade at \$1.29

Venise Lace Bands

Less than half-price for our entire stock of Venise Lace Bands; the kind in greatest demand for trimming Summer dresses. They come in white, cream and ecru and in four lots, as follows:

18¢ a yard for values to 48c 38¢ a yard for values to 98c 79¢ a yard for values to \$1.75 98¢ a yard for values to \$2.98

Silk Chantilly Laces at 29¢ Yard Regular 50c and 75c Grades

A great clean-up of our entire stock of 4 to 8-inch Chantilly Laces, both black and white. A very desirable Lace for millinery and trimming purposes. Regular 50e and 75e grades, 29¢ a yard.

The New Oriental Flouncings

Dozens of choice new patterns in the popular Oriental Net Top Laces in white, cream and ecru. Three lots to select from at bargain prices:

12-inch width, in \$1.50 grade, at . 79¢ 18-inch width, in \$1.75 grade, at . 98c 27-inch width, in \$2.50 grade, at \$1.39

New Shadow Laces

A showing of the new Shadow Laces that includes the very newest patterns. They come in pure silk, fine cotton and silk and cotton mixed. All good widths and all underpriced.

10¢ a yard for values to 35c 25¢ a yard for values to 48c

39¢ a yard for values to 75c 48¢ a yard for values to \$1.25

9 to 27-inch Embroideries in neat and attractive patterns; values regularly sold up to 48c a yard, priced this sale at only

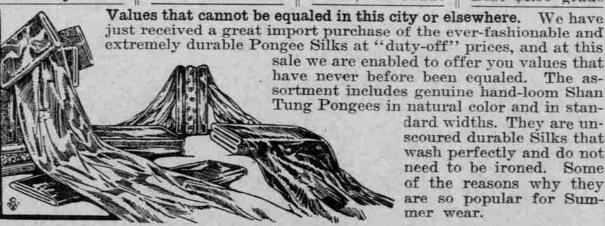
It is a great clean-up and stock-adjusting sale of all broken lines of 9 to 27-inch Embroideries, including a great many neat and attractive patterns that are especially adapted for undergarments. Some of these Embroideries have become soiled from handling or display, but most all are as fresh and desirable as 15c on first day received. Regular values up to 48c yard, this sale at

27 to 45-inch Batiste Flouncings for dresses and infants'

The assortment includes a beautiful line of patterns suitable for both dresses and infants' garments. You may choose from 27 and 45-in. Batiste Flouncings in values up to \$1.50 a yard, at 48¢ a yard.

Sale New Pongee Silks

A Great Special Import Purchase at "Duty-Off Prices" Arranged in Four Lots: Lot 1 at 39¢ Yd. Lot 2 at 49¢ Yd. Lot 3 at 69¢ Yd. Lot 4 at 89¢ Yd. 65c-75c Qualities Best 85c Grade Best \$1.25 Grade Best \$1.50 grade



34-inch Pongee Silks of regular 89c \$1.50 quality at, yard 26-inch Pongee Silks of regular 85e quality at, yard49c

34-inch Pongee Silks of regular 69c \$1.25 quality at, yard 24-inch Pongee Silks in 65c

and 75c grades, at, yard 39c

Of Unusual Importance Is This Sale of

Men's Fine Mercerized GOLF SHIRTS

Made with double French cuffs and with separate collar to match. 850 All sizes from 14 to 18 in plain tan, cream, white and in assorted stripes. A guaranteed \$1.25 Shirt, priced at only

One of the most popular Shirts for warm weather. Comes coat style with double French cuffs and separate collar to match. They are cut full to the size and are guaranteed as to fit and durability. They are shown in all sizes from 14 to 18 in plain white, tan and cream; also in assorted stripes in neat colorings. They are the celebrated Ferguson & McKinney Shirts made from a fine soft mercerized cloth that looks like silk and wears much better. A Shirt that is sold in all the best stores at \$1.25, specially priced for this sale at

Supply Your Needs NOW in

Black Silk Stockings

Made full seamless, with lisle garter top, heel and toe; all sizes; our best regular 85c grade, at the pair 59c

High-grade, dependable quality Hosiery in abundance, and at price reductions that should prompt you to immediately supply a full season's needs. Take this offering, for instance: Women's Heavy Black Silk Stockings, made full seamless and with heavy lisle garter top, heel and toe. They come in all sizes and are the kind regularly sold at 85 cents a pair. Priced for this sale at only

Silk Boot Hose for Women; 40c Grade, Sp'l 19¢ Another great bargain—a sale of Women's Fine Silk Boot Hose; also fine imported Lisle Hose, both made with reinforced heel and toe and both

Cotton Stockings for Children, 20c Grade, 121/6 A special underpricing of one of the most durable lines of Children's Cotton Stockings, made of fine Maco yarn and shown in all sizes in black and the best shades of tan. Stockings that are 121/2c unusually good values at 20c; priced at 121/2c

Women's 35c Fine Cotton Pants Pair 19c

A very timely sale of Women's Fine-Ribbed White Cotton Pants, shown in knee-length styles, with torchon lace trimming. Well-finished garments of seasonable weight that sell regularly at 19c 35c the pair. Priced in this sale at.....