

### METHODISTS NAME 3 NEW BISHOPS

Rev. C. E. Locke, ex-Portland Leader, Is Chosen.

### FRATERNAL VISITORS TALK

Presbyterian Delegate Says Days of Denominational Debate and Rancor Are Over.

(Continued From First Page) Sunnyside, Wash.; J. A. Martin, Great Falls, Mont.; Edward Smith, Billings, Mont., and Messrs. C. H. White, Boise, Idaho; C. A. Pollock, Fargo, N. D.; F. A. Haxell, South Bend, Wash., and the writer.

### Settlement for Union Strong.

Meetings have been held every evening and will be held until such time as they will have a report ready for the general conference. What the outcome will be is difficult to predict at this early stage of the proceedings. That there is strong sentiment for union there can be not the slightest question, but the method for bringing that greatly-to-be-desired result into being is a matter upon which very strong men have conscientious opinions that are as far apart as the east is from the west. The overwhelming sentiment is for what is popularly termed "genius" union. That is, a union where there will be no divisible lines either in color or geography. The plan which is under consideration has what are known as "regional conferences" which divide the United States up into six "white regions" and one "colored region"; then there is provision for other regional conferences in the foreign field. There are numerous memorials, all of which are opposed to the proposed plan. These memorials come from conferences, schools, district meetings and individual societies in the section of the church which will be most affected—the south and the border conferences. What the sentiment is for is a union that will bring the two present churches into the relation which existed before cooperation in 1844—non-racial, non-sectional, wide-wide Methodism.

### Property Status Raised.

One of the important questions that have been raised is the legal status of the property in the new organization. Some eminent lawyers are of the opinion that the reorganized churches and even boards of trustees of local churches can refuse to transfer the property to the reorganized church. And also there is legal advice that would support the idea that there is nothing that can prevent any regional conference from withdrawing at any time and "setting up housekeeping" for itself. All these matters will have to be thrashed out before a report can be brought in.

There seem to be two things that the church south is afraid of, and they are not without sympathetic response in the hearts of practically every delegate and member of the northern branch of Methodism. The first is that they are a minority church and feel that their rights as a minority should be protected. This everyone sympathizes with and there is no disposition to infringe upon these rights. The second is the fear of finding a way to protect them and at the same time keep from creating a racialized church. There must be a very large exercise of confidence if real unification is to be effected and unless both sides are ready to renounce such trust it is better that the churches remain separated for a while.

### Delicate Problem Faced.

The south is desperately afraid of the negro coming into the reorganized church on an equality with the white membership. That is a delicate problem. The north does not know the negro as the south does. They have lived with the problem and have inherited traditions which are very hard to put aside. Then the north is none too anxious to have the best method to deal with this matter. There is a principle to which the church north adheres and from which it feels it cannot retract. To ask the colored man to surrender his rights as a man is too high a price to pay for unification and that is the principle that many feel is done in the plan that is submitted. The church south is gradually coming to a different attitude toward the negro, as is the whole of the south. Then they are coming to the point where they will have negroes in their own general conference, for some of their missions in Africa are sending delegates. This some of the southern leaders are realizing.

Then there is something more than the black man to be considered in this colored problem. The proposed plan has no disposition of the brown man, or the yellow man, or the southern European, or the Indian, or the Filipino or any other colored man, except to be the only color to be discriminated against. Many of the other nationalities are not as objectionable, not to say offensive, to the white man as is the black man, but we are asked to make no distinction excepting in the one case.

### Race Problem Big One.

If Methodism is to be a world church she will have to be as broad as the human race, and that means every race, and as the Episcopal address reads: "The world is not a white man's church." The church of Jesus Christ is not a white man's church. And farther on the address reads: "The ordination of the church is not racial, but human and universal. We must have the courage of Christ clear through the race problem. His courage toward the race carried him the whole length of the way of suffering and sacrifice. . . . The Methodist Episcopal church must this month think straight about races around the world."

That, I verily believe, is what general conference is disposed to do. The action of Tuesday, when it was determined to elect two bishops of the negro race, is only the start. The unanimity for this action was remarkable, only very few hands were lifted in opposition, and not a single address was made against the report. From where I sat I could see only six delegates who sat down when the enthusiastic audience, amidst cheering and shouting, stood and sang: "Mine Eyes Have Seen the Glory of the Coming of the Lord." It was a momentous moment and is sure to have a wholesome effect upon the attitude of those who are not favorable to a "genius" union of the two churches.

### One Office Done Away With.

I do not want to take too much space in the discussion of one subject. Many interesting things are taking place. The conference this morning reversed its time-honored attitude on the missionary Episcopacy and decided to make two offices. Men who are now missionary bishops as "general superintendents" and do away with this office altogether, among the men who will be thus affected is the father of an Oregon pastor, the Rev. Darlow Johnson of Clatskanie.

The father is expecting his son here to see the election and consecration. With these three men made general superintendents and the election of two negro bishops it will leave probably six or eight additional bishops to be elected. Four of these will be for the work in the home field; three to fill vacancies caused by deaths and one by retirement, then there is one new residence to be created, probably at Indianapolis. The other new bishops will be for Europe, Asia, China and Manila.

### "Fire Works" Committee Best.

The committee on the state of the church is called the "fire works" and they have some of the real things there. Here the amusement question is handled and the resolutions dealing with social and labor problems also. There have been several attempts made to make the Methodist book concern, the only institution of the church that is a large employer of labor, there being upwards of 1000 employees, a closed shop. Four years ago the general conference directed that the principle of collective bargaining be adopted. The house in the east took the labor union interpretation of that term and adopted the closed shop rule, but in the west they have taken another interpretation of the term and while they have "collective bargaining," pay the union scale, have the same hours and give the employees many recognitions which the unions do not require, still there is a contention and this is being continued. The outcome cannot be predicted this early. There is considerable sentiment for the Kansas industrial court idea. The report on the amusement question will not be before the conference for several days in all probability.

### Innovation Was Shock.

An innovation that was a kind of a shock to the bishops came on Monday when Dr. Charles M. Stuart of Everett, Bismarck, N. D., read a resolution which would tend to abrogate the accepted tradition of the bishops, but the session of the conference be presided over by them in the order of their seniority. The resolution proposes that, "in view of the changed properties of the house and the natural restlessness of the body under pressure of accumulated business, to select from the number without regard to seniority, those who have special aptitudes for the direction and dispatch of business" to preside.

In supporting the resolution Dr. Stuart, with that remarkable felicity of his said: "You will notice that the resolution recognizes the constitutional right of the bishops to determine the order in which they shall preside. But it has been suggested that perhaps it might be better to divide the gifts inspired by the same spirit and diversity of administration under the same Lord; be recognized. It might relieve some bishops who, having no special gift or liking for administration upon parliamentary perplexities, would not feel free to excuse themselves except upon the initiative of the general conference. The vote was very close, a count being necessary to determine the result. It was adopted however, but the next day an attempt to reconsider was made, but that also failed.

Men from the northwest are still arriving. I have seen some of them, but not all in all probability. Rev. A. L. Howarth, area secretary of Portland, arrived today. Dr. E. Beckman, pastor of Wilbur church, Portland, is expected almost any day; Rev. N. M. Jones of Wia Wia, G. A. Landen of Seattle, C. A. Hollins, formerly of Centenary church, Portland; Rev. J. W. Miller of Gooding, Ida., and Dr. E. Aldrich of La Grande are among the visitors.

### 12 ENGINEERS GRADUATED

CERTIFICATES ARE ISSUED BY EXTENSION SCHOOL.

Address on Value of Education to Professional Man Is Given by President Kerr.

Twenty-one Portland men, students in the heat engineering extension school here, received their certificates last night at the graduation exercises at Lincoln high school. Otto Hartwig, president of the State Federation of Labor, acted as chairman and spoke a few words of appreciation of the work of the school. Colonel Crossley was called on to tell of the importance of engineering overseas and Professor Teeter described the practical methods of teaching in the extension school.

President Kerr of the Oregon Agricultural college delivered the principal address, touching on the value to the professional man of continuing his education. Other speakers were George Orton of the school board, W. H. Peterson, president of the engineering union, and William Mackenzie, international vice-president of the union. Professor Goldman and L. R. Depperman, one of the laboratory men at the college, also spoke. Michael Brennan and Mrs. N. B. White furnished vocal selections and Dorothea King danced.

All but two of the men who received certificates last night are members of the local union. The list includes F. H. Miller, George W. Stitt, Elmer G. Quine, John W. Quine, Charles E. King, O. G. Gilstrap, John L. R. Depperman, E. C. Hoke, E. C. Hoke, J. E. Hendy, William St. George, Stanley St. George, Henry B. Stenback, A. L. Farke, J. W. Gosnell and B. S. Kerr.

### MAYOR TO EXTEND TRIP

Solution of Portland Problems to Be Sought in California.

Mayor Baker, who has been in attendance at the seventh annual design trade council in San Francisco as a delegate from Portland, will not return directly to Portland, as he announced yesterday by his secretary, Hal M. White. Instead, Mayor Baker will visit several of the California cities, making an investigation into numerous municipal problems which are now confronting Portland. City Commissioner Bigelow, president of the city council, is acting as mayor.

### DRIVER JAILED RELEASED

G. E. Baughman Held for Investigation of Accident.

After being kept in jail all night pending an investigation of an accident in which his automobile struck and injured Oscar P. Foxley, 14 East Thirtieth street, Friday night, G. E. Baughman, 28 East Twenty-fifth street North, was released by the traffic bureau. The investigation of the accident showed that Foxley stepped from the curb in front of Baughman's machine. Foxley's collarbone was fractured.

### NON-PARTISAN LEAGUE YET FACTOR IN IDAHO

Democrats Fear Invasion of Ranks in Convention.

### OPEN CLASH EXPECTED

Organization Well-Oiled and Evidence of Activity Seen in Purchase of Twin Falls Times.

BOISE, Idaho, May 15.—(Special.)—The Non-partisan league has not disclosed its hand, insofar as its action is concerned with regard to the political campaign in this state, but it will endeavor to be an important factor in now quite apparent from activities of its representatives in various parts of Idaho. There seems to be a well-grounded suspicion that the league will again endeavor to invade the ranks of the democratic party next fall just as it did two years previously. That means that an open clash must come, for many of the democratic leaders are determined that there shall be no absorption of the league by their party.

The state committee is said to have taken that position when it met at Moscow, through common understanding among those present. But the league has a well-oiled organization and that organization was able two years ago to capture the party at the primary. It is still in working condition, but to become effective this year it must follow some other campaign course, for the direct primary has been eliminated.

### Conventions Battleground.

In order to get its nominees before the people, the league will have to participate in either the republican or democratic conventions. The last legislature did away with the state-wide primary so that candidates will be nominated at state conventions. The purpose of this was to prevent the very thing that the leagueers accomplished two years ago. But the legislature did not repeal the primary law insofar as it relates to the nomination of legislative and county candidates and delegates to the county conventions which will select delegates to the state nominating convention.

If the league intends to participate in the state conventions it will necessarily have to elect delegates to the county conventions and contest them, for by doing so they have a chance of controlling the political complexion of the delegates sent to the state conventions. This is not going to be done for the legislature so amended the law that all voters at the county primaries may be challenged and if challenged they must show they had prior affiliation with one of the two dominant political parties and are either republicans or democrats.

### McKaig Active in the Field.

Ray McKaig, who figured so prominently in the Gooding libel suit which he lost, in his attempt to secure a \$50,000 judgment for damages against Frank H. Gooding, republican candidate for United States senator, has been very active in the field and speaking in many parts of the state. Considerable interest was aroused in a meeting held at St. Maries, where the officials refused to permit him to speak in a hall rented for that purpose, or in the limits of that town, so he went outside the limits and addressed a crowd of people.

He had a somewhat similar experience at St. Anthony, in the southern part of the state, where he was also refused the right to speak in a hall and he spoke out doors from the courthouse steps.

Apparently these refusals do not ruffle McKaig. He spoke any way and took occasion to attack those who had declined to permit him to appear in a licensed hall. The incidents are taken by political leaders as illustrative that there is still some little resentment in many parts of the state against the league.

### Twin Falls Times Bought.

Additional evidence of the activity of the league is apparent from the fact that it is still extending its campaign to carry on its propaganda through the press, for it has come into the possession of another newspaper, the Times at Twin Falls. The stock in the Twin Falls Publishing company, formerly owned by D. M. Denton, has been purchased and will be distributed among the farmers of southern Idaho, it is announced. D. F. Detweiler, a rancher of Twin Falls county, has been elected president to succeed Denton, and will hold office until June, when the annual meeting of the stockholders takes place.

### Black Duck Diver's Pet

Miss Thelma Payne Adopts "Rastus" as Official Mascot.

"Rastus," the black duckling adopted by Miss Thelma Payne, champion amateur woman fancy diver of the United States, to serve as her mascot was yesterday removed from the back of the bureau of the city hall to Miss Payne's home. Under the direction of City Auditor Benson, Miss Crystal Corner, assistant in his office, placed a number of duck eggs in an incubator. Rastus was the only evidence of success in the venture, and because he was the sole product, he immediately became the pet of the city hall. It was when Rastus took his plunge into water—headlong—that Miss Payne decided that he was an adept worth adopting.

Should Miss Payne be successful in being selected as the representative of the United States in the fancy diving contests in connection with the Olympic games and Rastus continues to be a healthy duck, Miss Payne promises to take him abroad.

### MRS. ELLA COHEN IS DEAD

Widow of Late Benjamin I. Cohen Invald for Past Ten Years.

Ella Harper Cohen, widow of the late Benjamin I. Cohen, one of the founders and formerly president of the Portland Trust company, died last night at her home, 208 Clifton street. The funeral will be held from the



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house Monday at 2:30 P. M. The remains will be cremated and sent back to Shepherdstown, W. Va., where they will be interred in the family lot. Mrs. Cohen had been an invalid for ten years, ever since the death of Mr. Cohen.

**DEGREE OF HONOR SESSION HELD.**  
EUGENE, Or., May 15.—(Special.)—A district convention of the Degree of Honor was held in Eugene yesterday and last night with over 200 members of the order from different parts of the upper valley in attendance.

**Candidate Speaks at Salem.**  
SALEM, Or., May 15.—(Special.)—Vernon Parsons, candidate for secretary of state at the republican primary election on May 21, delivered an address here tonight. Mr. Parsons has traveled quite extensively over the state and will pass most of next week in southern Oregon. He resides at Eugene.

**Election of Wood Urged.**  
ALBANY, Or., May 15.—(Special.)—Montaville Flowers, Chautauqua lecturer, delivered a strong address in the Albany armory last evening in favor of the candidacy of General Leonard Wood. He portrayed the work of General Wood as a soldier, business man and statesman and urged his qualifications for the presidency from many angles. The address received much applause. The

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