

MERGER OF SMALL COLLEGES OPPOSED

Presidents of Three Oregon Institutions Give Views.

PENCE PLAN DRAWS FIRE

Holds of Church Schools Declare Lesser Educational Centers Hold Important Place.

PACIFIC UNIVERSITY, Forest Grove, Or., July 23.—(Special.)—Oregon's small colleges should continue to thrive, was the consensus of opinion of three college presidents who this week expressed their views to Robert Fry Clark, president of Pacific university, following his reply to Dr. H. H. Pence, pastor of the Westminster Presbyterian church of Portland, who favored consolidation of the higher educational institutions of the state.

Leonard W. Riley, president of McMinnville college, said, in part: "The editorial recently in The Oregonian expresses my views better than I could do myself. This great, new, western republic is not alone copying the institutions of the old mother country. The best leadership of the world today is being developed in the United States of America. It is hardly the opportune time to suggest exchanging the type of institution which is producing such splendid leadership for one which apparently is not doing better."

"Standardize things mechanical and you benefit the world; standardize the intellectual and you stultify it. It is a grave question whether the state has not already gone too far in providing, through taxation, education which were more advantageously secured through generous beneficence and personal effort."

Church Schools Have No Fight

A. M. Wilbur, president of Albany college, said: "I have read your interview as printed in The Oregonian last Tuesday and take this occasion of expressing my accord with your view. The church schools of Oregon have no fight to make on state institutions, and so far as Albany college is concerned, none will be waged in public or in private. The splendid applause which attended the almost unanimous vote in Oregon against supporting Albany college's campaign for new buildings and increased endowment is an index to the mind of the Presbyterian church in this state."

"The trend in American higher education is back to the small college. The problem in every age is to find the teacher, not to find the school. The student cannot find the teacher if he is but a lecturer to a class of several hundred."

Merger Held Not Desirable

L. L. Eby, president of Philomath college, said: "Shall the small college be merged? This is a question that comes up frequently, usually being raised by someone who thinks that the only worth-while institutions in the world are the big ones and that the world cannot think in any terms but those that savor of paternalism and materialism."

"Usually also the one who raises this question cites Oxford as an example for emulation. The arguments generally used are these: '1. The student has the opportunity for fellowship with the large body of students.'

"2. Equipment and scholarship are better in the large universities."

"3. The larger the school the better the advantages."

"Answer: '1. The larger fellowship is really of no great value, for there is a limit to this fellowship and in the large school this is usually limited to a smaller circle than in the smaller college. Fraternities and organizations flourish and naturally limit the circle.'

Small Colleges Have Advantages

"2. There are some things that the small college offers that are greater than equipment and scholarship, even if this argument were admitted. The personal supervision and influence of the faculty is a factor that no material equipment can supply."

"3. The small college sends out men equipped with the training and vision that make them capable of grappling with world problems from a standpoint that is more vital than that of mere intellectual training. Statistics show that the percentage of efficient men in the work of the world coming from the smaller colleges is greater than that of men coming from the universities."

Gideons Put Nearly 500,000 Bibles in Hotels

Christian Commercial Travelers Now Number More Than 4000 Active Members.

SILOAM CITY, Ia., July 23.—The Gideons, whose aim is to place a Bible in each guest room of every hotel in the country, were told here on the opening of their 22d annual convention Thursday that they are rapidly approaching the 500,000 Bible mark. They are but 14,000 short of this, and at their rate of distribution will pass the milestone before the year is out, according to National Secretary A. B. T. Moore of Chicago. Traveling men who make up the Christian Commercial Travelers' Association of America number today more than 4000 active members, Mr. Moore reports. The society was started July 1, 1919, by three men meeting in a little hotel in Janesville, Wis.

The Gideons are now organized in 40 states and have placed Bibles in all of the 48 and in Alaska. Illinois leads in the number of Bibles placed, with California second. Mr. Moore reports. Over 48,000 were placed last year, which is short of the banner year's mark, when Bibles cost less and 75,000 were put in the hotels. Last year, however, saw the largest recent shipment made, every distribution of 10,000 Bibles to Atlantic City hotels. The Gideons have set a mark of 100,000 for themselves for the next 12 months.

Enlargement of their work through putting out more field secretaries was one of the chief items of business of the three-day convention here. The American Gideons are affiliated with similar societies in Canada and in England.

WOMAN IN CRASH HURT

Two Injured and Three Vehicles Damaged in Collision.

A woman was hurt and three vehicles were damaged yesterday in a collision caused by turning a corner

too rapidly at West Park and Everett streets. Carter Cowling, 453 West Baldwin street, was driving west on Everett and attempted to turn north at West Park. The impetus of his machine threw it over into the south-bound traffic, where it side-swiped a wagon driven by C. Torkenson, 467 Stephens street. The wagon was damaged and Torkenson suffered a number of bruises when he was thrown to the street.

The Cowling car then collided with one directly behind the wagon, driven by Mrs. P. P. Page of Multnomah Falls. Mrs. Page received a severe cut on the scalp and a possible fractured jaw. She was taken to Good Samaritan hospital. The impact drove the Page car back into a city car just behind it and scattered and damaged it, but did not injure the driver, Miss Elsie Centro, of the park bureau. Cowling was arrested on a charge of reckless driving.

PASTOR'S SERVICE LONG

REV. J. W. OSBORN, PREACHER FOR 60 YEARS.

Baptist Missionary to Oregon Is Buried on Scene of Labors at Scio, Or.

INDEPENDENCE, Or., July 23.—(Special.)—Rev. J. W. Osborn, a pioneer of Oregon, a Baptist preacher for more than 60 years, and a man well known throughout the William-

ette valley, died Monday night at his home a few miles south of Independence, where he and his family had resided for about 20 years. Rev. Mr. Osborn was born in Wisconsin in 1835. With his parents he went to California during the gold fever of 1849. After a season of successful mining, the family went to Iowa by the way of Panama.

Rev. Mr. Osborn was educated in Central university, Iowa, and was ordained a Baptist preacher in 1864. In 1866 he again crossed the plains, and came to Oregon.

Coming from a line of preachers, his father and grandfather having been in the work before him, the missionary spirit was strong in Rev. Mr. Osborn and the greater part of his earlier life was devoted to spreading the gospel, great deal of the time without thought of monetary compensation, although at times he received from \$200 to \$450 per annum.

Rev. Osborn was married to Cynthia Jane Adams, September 7, 1872, from whom he has three children, two daughters and a grandson survive him.

The funeral was held from the family home Wednesday. Interment was in the Franklin Butte cemetery at Independence. Rev. Mr. Osborn had labored for several years during the early part of his ministry. The funeral was attended by more than 200 persons.

GUARD TEAMS TO SHOOT

Clackamas Contests Will Develop National Rifle Representation.

Approximately 180 men and officers will be attending the state meet of rifle teams of the Oregon national guard to be held at Clackamas, where the selection of the team to represent the state at the national rifle practice at Camp Perry, Ohio, will be made at the meet, and a number of prizes and medals for the best records will be given out.

Each company of the infantry, coast artillery, engineers and field artillery, as well as special units, will be represented by a five-man team. Expenditures for the meet will be given the men who make the trip during the time they attend the meet, and many visitors are expected to attend.

CONDON MAY SELL BONDS

Better Water Supply and Street Improvement Proposed.

CONDON, Or., July 23.—(Special.)—Petitions are being circulated today to call a city election to submit to voters the question of selling municipal bonds not to exceed \$100,000 to obtain funds for improving Main street to take up the bonded indebtedness, and to obtain a more adequate water supply.

The bonded and outstanding warrant indebtedness of this city at present is approximately \$68,000. If these bonds are issued, it has been said, an abundance of water can be piped from North creek, seven miles north-west of the city at an estimated cost of \$60,000.

CARDS OF THANKS.

We wish to thank our many friends for the beautiful floral offerings and kind words shown us during the illness and death of our beloved father, MR. AND MRS. BEN EVANS. BERTHA FOULDS. GEORGE SNOW. CHARLIE SNOW.

We desire at this time to thank all of our neighbors and friends for their kind words and deeds during the illness and death of our dear little son, and brother, the Messrs. J. H. Evans, for his comforting words, and Mrs. Evans and the many boys for the singing, and for the beautiful floral offerings.

MR. AND MRS. L. E. GALLOP AND DAUGHTER EDNA.

Our sincere thanks and gratitude are hereby extended to our friends and neighbors, the Messrs. J. H. Hazelwood employees who assisted us so kindly in our hour of bereavement, and for the many beautiful flowers.

MRS. HIGGINBOTHAM. RUSSELL A. HARGRETT.

We wish to extend our heartfelt thanks to the many friends and relatives for their kindness, sympathy and beautiful floral offerings during our recent bereavement in the sickness and death of Samuel Galbreath.

Mrs. J. H. Galbreath. Mrs. J. H. Galbreath.

Adv. L. C. Galtbreath.

HOOD COLUMBIA CROP OF APPLES IS SHORT

Harvest for All Districts About 2,500,000 Boxes.

HOOD VALLEY 1,800,000

Poor Yields in East and Lower Cost of Growing in Northwest Promise Profitable Year.

HOOD RIVER, Or., July 23.—(Special.)—As the 1921 apple harvest approached, the estimates of all mid-Columbia fruit districts were showing further reductions from those made by growers during the blossoming period, when reports from all sections of Hood River and Wasco counties and Skamania and Klickitat counties, the latter in Washington, indicated the heaviest yield in the history of the sections.

The early estimates on the Hood River valley crop placed the year's yield at 2,500,000 boxes. Today conservative shippers and growers reported the aggregate for all districts as not exceeding 2,500,000 boxes. The highest estimates did not exceed 2,500,000 boxes. The average estimate for the Hood River valley places the 1921 yield at 1,800,000 boxes.

Blossoms Forecast Bumper Crops. The shippers and growers of the mid-Columbia section, however, were justified in their heavy estimates of blossom days. Never have the orchards borne such a profusion of blooms. The fruit, however, failed to stick. The set was not up to expectations in many instances and later the June drop thinned fruit severely in many tracts. The yield, except in areas of higher elevation, will be generally spotted. Some growers will harvest bumper yields, while their neighbors will pick crops short of normal.

The condition, according to the observations of growers and market men in all sections, resulted from the heavy freeze of December, 1919. Many trees were uprooted last year, entire tracts having been killed in areas of poor air drainage, or where the soil was abnormally wet. This year certain varieties continued to show frost damage.

Yield Is of High Quality. Observers everywhere, however, reported that the crop of the year would be clean and of high quality. Growers have not been one whit discouraged by the damage resulting from the freeze. They were reported as continuing scientific methods of spraying and cultivation. In most cases they have been more diligent than during the war years, when labor was scarce and high priced. Fruit tracts were well tilled. Much was heard of renewed efforts at maintaining a good back of exceedingly high standard.

Additional facilities for housing, storing and handling the crop were not only in evidence on the part of shippers, but scores of individual growers, bettered their harvesting conditions the last summer. In nearly every district receiving conditions at railroad yards will be bettered. The Apple Growers' association will construct new warehouses at Dee and Odell. Its Van Buren, a graduate of the University of Michigan, and student at the law school of that institution, has been elected instructor in the department of public speaking of Oregon Agricultural college under Professor C. B. Mitchell.

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PAINTER HAS TWO EXHIBITS IN CHICAGO.

INSTRUCTOR IS NAMED

Ann Harbor Graduate to Be Speaking Assistant at Corvallis.

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