



## M. E. CONFERENCE.

Brings a Successful Session to a Close at Eugene.

## ASSIGNMENT OF PASTORS

Rev. M. C. Wire Elected Presiding Elder for Southern Oregon.

EUGENE, Oct. 4.—After passing final resolutions of thanks to those who have contributed to its success the Oregon conference of the Methodist Episcopal church, which has been in session here for a week, came to a close last night.

Pastoral appointments for the coming year were announced as follows:

EUGENE DISTRICT.  
Presiding elder, Rev. M. C. Wire; Alt-house and Waldo, to be supplied by A. F. Bucho; Ashland, J. T. Abbott; Canyonville, B. A. Bristol; Central Point, to be supplied by G. L. Burlbank; Coburg, W. H. Meyers; Coquille and Bandon, J. L. Beatty; Cottage Grove, F. L. Moore; Cottage Grove circuit to be supplied; Creswell, J. L. Stratford; Drain, M. T. Wire; Elkton to be supplied by Amos Dahliff; Eugene, B. F. Rowland; Fort Klamath, W. B. Pepper; Gardiner, C. O. Beckman; Grants Pass, J. M. McDougal; Jacksonville to be supplied by J. J. Armstrong; Junction City, to be supplied by W. M. Erskine; Klamath Falls to be supplied by M. C. Starr; Klamath Indian mission, J. M. Sweeney; Lakeview, Sanford Snyder; Marshfield, C. T. McPherson; Medford, P. C. Blackwell; Monroe, L. C. Zimmerman; Myrtle Point, N. J. Harbit; Paisley, W. B. F. Browne; Roseburg, G. H. Bennett; Springfield, J. C. Gregory; Ten Mile, W. F. Rogers; Wendon, to be supplied; Wilbur, S. V. Warren; Wilderville and Merlin, L. D. Mahone; I. D. Driver/lecturer in Willamette university, member of Eugene quarterly conference; A. S. Mulligan, missionary to Nevada.

WEST PORTLAND DISTRICT.  
Presiding elder, Rev. W. B. Hollingshead; Amity, T. L. Jones; Astoria, W. S. Grin; Beaverton, J. W. Exen; Buena Vista, to be supplied by J. A. Meers; Clatskanie, J. W. Hawkins; Cornelius, R. B. Wilkins; Corvallis, G. H. Feesee; Dallas, James Moore; Dayton, R. E. Dunlap; Dilley and Lafayette, W. S. Holcomb; Enos chapeau to be supplied; Fal City, G. F. Round; Forest Grove, L. F. Belknap; Hillsboro, C. L. Hamilton; Independence, E. W. Elayer; Knappa to be supplied by W. H. Moys; Lincoln, E. Gittine; Linton and Scappoose to be supplied; McMinnville, E. F. Zimmerman; Nehalem and Bay City, to be supplied; Newberg, Hiram Gould; North Yamhill, A. C. Brackenbury; Philomath, to be supplied.

Portland Chinese mission—Chan Sing Kai; First church, F. B. Short and G. N. Deniston; Grace church to be supplied; north Portland, H. F. Atkinson.

Rainier and St. Helens to be supplied.

## HENRY C. PAYNE

Postmaster General, Succumbs to Heart Disease.

## HIS SUCCESSOR NAMED.

George B. Cortelyou Will Assume Charge December First.

WASHINGTON, Oct. 4.—Henry C. Payne, Postmaster-General of the United States, a member of the Republican National Committee and a stalwart of his party, in whose history he has been identified for many years, died at his apartments at the Arlington Hotel this evening at 6:30 o'clock, after an illness of several days. He was 60 years old.

Stricken with an attack of heart trouble last Wednesday, his condition rapidly became extremely grave. A succession of sinking spells of increasing severity and depressing effect, followed by the remarkable manner in which Mr. Payne rallied from these shocks and the responses of the heart action to treatment gave a little temporary encouragement. His close relatives were summoned to Washington as early as last Thursday.

Mrs. Payne, the devoted wife, remained constantly near her husband, rendering him every possible aid, comforting him and hoping for the best. She bore up with remarkable fortitude and not once did she leave their apartments.

Throughout official Washington and in the private circles in which Mr. Payne moved deep solicitude was manifested. President Roosevelt, whose friendship for Mr. Payne extends back a number of years, was a daily caller at the hotel and was kept constantly advised of Mr. Payne's condition. Mrs. Roosevelt, too, was unremitting in her inquiries, and called sometimes twice a day, offering comfort to Mr. Payne.

Mr. Payne, in the capacity of member of the Republican National Committee, had participated in six Presidential campaigns, and during the last four of them was a member of the executive committee of the National Committee. He was the acting chairman of the National Committee during the interim between the death of Senator Hanna and the election of Secretary Cortelyou as its head, and the trying duties that then devolved upon him, supplementing as they did the strain of the postal investigation, sapped his vitality and led to his final breakdown. It is announced that Mr. Payne will be succeeded by George B. Cortelyou, as postmaster-general.

## To Tunnel Near Riddle.

The Jordan Creek Milling & Water Power Company, which owns a group of quartz and placer claims on Jordan Creek, between Riddle Station and Canyonville, in Douglas County, expects to begin some active development work next month. A Rowley, one of the principal stockholders and manager of the company, states that several tunnels have been run on the property, and that the outlook is very encouraging.

## To Open Briggs Mines.

Laden with rich specimens from the Briggs strike on Thompson creek, in Southern Oregon, Lessee E. T. Staples has departed for the east, where he will endeavor to float a company to prosecute deeper work on the property that has attracted so much attention of late. Mr. Staples has devoted his energies to driving a deeper prospect, and says that he will need help in prosecuting the work. He expects to dispose of enough stock to enable him to do this. As an incentive, he takes with him several of the superb specimens that had the effect of mesmerizing mining men for a period. He is said to have one piece of the 16-inch nugget, or slab, that was taken out by the original discoverers of the property.

## PIONEER LANDMARK GONE.

First Farm House Built in Lane County Was Destroyed by Fire Wednesday.

PLEASANT HILL, Oct. 4.—At noon today the old Elijah Bristow house at this place, the first house built in Lane county, was burned to the ground along with the barn.

No one was living in the house, the same having been used by Peter Weaver as a pen for his sheep. But until recently the building had been occupied. This is one of Lane county's oldest landmarks removed. The cause of the fire is not known, but it is certainly to be hoped that destruction of the building was purely accidental, for none could be so thoughtless as to destroy such living evidence of pioneer Oregon.

The house was built by Elijah Bristow in the year 1846, who with his wife, Susan Bristow, came to Lane county in the spring of 1846, coming up the valley with Wm. Dolson, Felix Scott and Eugene Skinner, founder of the city of Eugene. Going as far south as the present location of Pleasant Hill, Elijah Bristow raised himself in the stirrups and exclaimed to his companions, "There will I stake my claim, and I am going to name it Pleasant Hill." And to this day the name stands and the Bristows made it their home until death claimed them, leaving the deep impression of their pioneer spirit upon the locality. But the old house is gone, thereby removing the last vestige of what was the first settlement in this beautiful spot in Lane county. The memory of Mr. and Mrs. Bristow can never, never be effaced.

## Salem Girl Suicided.

SALEM, Oct. 3.—Mildred Bryant, 17 year old daughter of a prominent mill man, suicided last night by taking strychnine. She left a letter saying she loved Glas Pennell, son of her father's partner. Her parents objected to the marriage on account of Pennell's age.

The Booth-Kelley mills at Saguin began work Monday after a brief stillness due to lack of water for the flume which probably be uninterrupted and throughout the winter.

## BROOM FACTORY

Will be Established in Roseburg in the Near Future.

## BUILDING SITE DONATED

As Well as the Lumber—Good Work of Commercial Club.



DOGS EMPLOYED BY THE RUSSIAN RED CROSS.

The wonderful shepherd dogs of Scotland are to be employed for a new purpose. The Russian Red Cross organization has ordered a large number of the animals to be used in hunting the wounded. The dogs are a cross between the collie and the man-hunting bloodhound. They have been especially trained for the work. Their scent assists them in locating wounded soldiers and by their barking they attract the attention of those in charge of the ambulances.

## BEAUTIFUL EDEN VALLEY.

Rich in Mineral Resources and Surrounded by Mountains Covered With Fine Timber.

Far up in the high altitudes and nestling just below the crest of the Rogue River mountains, where the tributaries of the Rogue and Coquille rivers find their sources, lies the beautiful, picturesque, but isolated Eden valley with its cool and crystal mountain streams threading their way toward the sea, their waters playfully splashing over pebbly beds studded with minute particles of gold brought down from hidden ledges on the unexplored mountain sides, and from which source the hardy miner, who for years has carefully guarded the secret of this remote miniature Eldorado, has secured a competence. In the past ten years an occasional mountaineer, prospector or timber cruiser has found his way into this beautiful but lonely valley and becoming enchanted with its picturesqueness and wonderful natural resources, quietly staked out a homestead or claim and resolved to settle here and await the future development of this wonderful country. This slow march of progress and civilization has resulted in a colony of about forty settlers becoming established in this isolated region, at present only accessible by a pack trail, 30 miles through dense forests, to West Fork, the nearest Southern Pacific railroad station, or Canaan Valley the nearest trading point and postoffice.

Eden valley is situated on the border line between Coos and Curry counties in townships 32 and 33 South, Range 10 and 11 West, and is said to be about ten miles in length and from one to three miles in width. It is only about 60 miles southwest of Roseburg, on an air line but would be directly tributary to Myrtle Point, were nine miles of trail or wagon road opened between the valley and Raral postoffice, the frontier settlement on the south fork of the Coquille river. This would make Myrtle Point the nearest trading point and natural water grade outlet of the valley.

Besides being rich in placer prospects, surrounding this valley is to be found fine forests of fir and spruce, while the largest body of Port Orford cedar remaining in the coast country is said to border on this valley.

Several of the settlers have well improved farms and are engaged quite extensively in the stock business, one man having 120 head of cattle, all of the settlers having obtained their start from mining or from stock driven in over the trail, their implements and supplies being taken in by pack trains.

## LONG DISTANCE AWHEEL FOOT CUT OFF BY SAW.

Mark C. Munson, a Roseburg Man, Has Traveled Eleven Thousand Miles on a Wheel.

Monday's Portland Telegram contained a good picture of Rev. Mark C. Munson, of Roseburg, which was accompanied with the following sketch of his work:

To have traveled 11,000 miles on a bicycle in missionary work in Oregon and to have visited some places where young men and women have never heard the Gospel—that is the experience of Mark C. Munson, state missionary for the Congregational Sunday School Society, who has been in Portland the past week. Mr. Munson has a district comprising 22,532 square miles. Nearly all of his work must be done far from the regular transportation lines. Congregationalists and other friends are now planning to purchase a motor cycle for the use of Mr. Munson, whose trips have been arduous. Various Congregational Sunday schools are taking shares and those interested hope soon to set Mr. Munson humming over the state on a fine two horse-power cycle.

Polk county took the cake at the State Fair. This makes two years in succession that Polk has won the highest honors.

## Dee Alexander, Twenty Years Old, Meets With Accident in Saw Mill and Loses His Foot.

Florence West: George Dick came up from Gardiner Wednesday bringing the news that Dee Alexander of Acme had one foot cut off that morning. Alexander has been working in the mill at Gardiner for several weeks and on Wednesday he was handling cants near the saws. In some way he fell and the timber crowded him against the saw which quickly severed his leg near the ankle and cut a gash in his arm. He was immediately taken to the Gardiner hospital where he was attended by a physician.

Dee Alexander is a highly respected young man about 20 years of age. His parents reside at Acme where Dee has many friends who sympathize with him deeply in his misfortune.

A young woman in Palouse, Wash., has just had a unique experience which seems almost incredible. She is now 16 years of age. When less than two years old she stepped on a needle, which ran into her foot and broke off. Wednesday the piece of the needle was taken from the left side of her throat, having traveled from her foot to her throat in 14 years.

## PETITION IS FILED.

Douglas County Will Vote on Local Option November 8th.

## THE COUNTY COURT

Will Meet in Special Session to Act on the Petition.

The required petition under the new local option amendment adopted by the ballots of the voters of Oregon at the last general election, was filed with County Clerk Zopher Agos Tuesday of this week, asking that the question of prohibition be submitted to the voters of Douglas county at the presidential election in November. The petition bears the signatures of 600 citizens residing in various parts of the county, the number being considerably in excess of the requisite ten per cent of the legal voters of the county as specified in the new law.

Owing to the fact that the County Court does not meet in regular session again until the first Wednesday in November, Judge M. D. Thompson will of necessity call a special session of the court to grant the petition, and the Judge has decided to convene his court in special session Saturday, Oct. 8, to take action upon this important matter.

According to the local option law, if the majority of the votes in the county are in favor of prohibition, that majority effects every precinct in the county, notwithstanding that some precincts may have cast majority votes against prohibition. On the other hand, these anti-prohibition precincts are the only ones in which liquor could be sold if the county vote as a whole was in favor of anti-prohibition; in this case, those precincts which fail to return a majority anti vote would become prohibition.

Owing to the fact that the local option measure was carried in this county by a majority of about 700 at the general election last June, no little concern or anxiety is felt by the liquor dealers and anti-prohibition element in this county regarding the outcome of the campaign now being vigorously waged by the prohibitionists and moral element throughout the county.

The Glendale News says, more houses are being built in this county than at any other time this season. Gilbert Gilbertson has commenced the erection of a residence 32x30, two stories high, on his addition. The houses of Messrs. Miller, Wall, Montgomery, Williams, Baker, Holmes, and Fitzgibbon are in various stages of completion. The projected warehouse of H. G. Sonnemann will be built as soon as the railway company has a lease prepared for the land on which the building is to stand. Mr. Wilson will soon commence work upon his home near the Moore homestead, and there are others. Every mechanic in the city is busy and has work engaged for weeks.

Mr. James Inman, independent candidate for president of the United States gives notice to the public via the press and otherwise, that his promised platform will be out soon and be placed where it will be to the people's convenience.

This platform will be a revelation to the political world, in as much as it will be the best of its time. That which is the best of its time is ever ahead of its time, and that which is ahead of its time becomes quoted more and more as time rolls on.

It will be a platform that will elect its candidate without the aid or supervision of Wall Street, in as much as it is intended for all the people, whereas some opposition platforms are intended for the interest of plutocracy. This platform's candidate is truly one of independent mind and is as free to act as is the wind to blow or the ocean to move in its tide, whereas the old oppositions have their opinions manufactured for them. What can they do for the people, poor souls? What can they do with their hands tied by the Pharos of Wall Street before even they are nominated? Yes, they are bargained with and must come under the yoke of plutocracy's rule and be whipped with cent per cent's greedy lash. And it will make little difference with the Pharos of Wall Street whether Mr. Roosevelt or Mr. Parker is elected so long as they can use either as a figurehead.

The Independent's platform will be one for humanity and will have merit for its backing. We grow in knowledge as we go in time.

B-sides offering this announcement to a press of the country, a sufficient number of copies will be printed so that they can be mailed to prominent men, including some officers of state, college professors, leading philosophers, and a few leading ministers.

JAMES INMAN, Looking Glass, Oregon, August 25, 1904.

The Lebanon Criterion says: There is at last arisen one man in Oregon, who is willing to get out and assert his rights by declaring himself independent candidate for President. He not only declares he is in the race but that he will have a platform far superior to anything of the kind that ever has been written, and in fact is way ahead of the times in which it is written. So in after years as the learned men of the nations consider his epistle, he will be considered one of the Lights of by-gone ages. James Inman, of Looking Glass, Douglas county, Oregon, is the aspirant of the honors, and including the salary of the Presidential chair. It is rumored that at present Mr. Inman is handling wool, while Parker is swimming.

## LEAGUE LETTER HEADS.

Will Soon be Ready for Distribution—Good Work of the State League.

PORTLAND, Ore., Oct. 4, 1904. The design for the Oregon Development League letter heads to be used by the commercial and industrial organizations holding membership in that body will be given to the printer October 10th.

Membership in this organization costs each commercial body \$5.00, and this entitles them to one thousand letter heads made local in every particular. No memberships can be accepted between October 10th and January 1st, 1905, as these letter heads will contain on the back the names and addresses of the corresponding officers of the several organizations and condensed statistics regarding Oregon as a state. The first order will be for fifty thousand letter heads, and all bodies not holding membership are urged to please remit \$5.00 before October 10th.

The officers of the Oregon Irrigation Association held a meeting in the rooms of the Portland Commercial Club today and decided that they would send a large delegation to El Paso, Texas, to attend the convention in that city, and invite the Congress to meet in 1905 in Portland. It is especially desired that Oregon have a large delegation present at El Paso. Mayors of cities and Presidents of Commercial Clubs are urged to appoint delegates to attend this Congress.

The prize articles entered for contest in the offer made by the Portland Commercial Club will be turned over to the judges October 15th. It is necessary that these articles shall have appeared in papers printed outside of the State of Oregon before October 1st, 1904. A great deal of interest has been excited in this contest and it has resulted in securing an enormous amount of advertising for the State of Oregon.

Enquiries addressed to the Oregon Development League and the Portland Commercial Club are being received from all portions of the United States, Canada, Mexico and some from European countries, and homeseekers, with

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