

THE HOME MISSIONARY CONVENTION

KLAMATH DISTRICT ORGANIZATION OF THE M. E. CHURCH MET IN JACKSONVILLE AND HAD SUCCESSFUL SESSION.

Klamath district convention of the Woman's Home Missionary Society of the M. E. church came to order at 10:10 a. m. April 3, 1913, in the M. E. church at Jacksonville, Ore., with Mrs. J. C. Harrington in the chair. A good representation from the auxiliaries in the district were present, Medford being in the lead with 22 delegates present.

After the devotional exercises, which were conducted by Rev. Rummell, Mrs. Davis of Jacksonville gave the welcome address, which was responded to by a lady from Ashland. Reports from auxiliaries at Grants Pass, Ashland, Roseburg, Talent, Medford and Jacksonville were heard and interchange of ideas in regard to increasing interest in the meetings, and other important subjects, formed interesting topics for discussion. Miss Leigh, the national field secretary for the Woman's Home Missionary Society, was then presented, and for a lengthy time she held the rapt attention of the convention. As she laid before them the aims, needs and the doings of the work in all parts of the United States, none who heard her forceful, soul-stirring talks could fail to be inspired with an intense desire to do more for the Master. Among the children, the youth, young ladies, and the various other departments of home missionary work none need be idle. "The harvest is white and reapers are needed." Great stress was laid upon the necessity of being better informed about the work, and earnest, prayerful study of the literature prepared for the use of auxiliaries was urged upon them, as when the needs are more fully understood, more ready response will be given. It is impossible in this article to specialize each number on the excellent program which was carried out in every detail, not a single disappointment, and the pithy, well-prepared papers on important subjects, such as tithing, systematic benevolences, mite boxes, etc., all deserve praise, but the one which seemed to be especially appreciated was "Gleanings From the Parliament," by Mrs. L. D. Hood of Grants Pass, and was characterized by a spiritual uplifting force,

which made a deep and lasting impression on all who heard it.

The Queen Esthers, composed of young ladies of Jacksonville, rendered the song, "Somebody Knows," very charmingly, and followed it with a dialogue, "Mite-Box Convention," which showed how the mite-boxes are sometimes treated by their possessors, and afforded amusement as well as benefit, as the truth was so keenly portrayed. The Queen Esthers are quite a factor in home missionary work. Last year they were asked to give \$50,000 to the cause, and gave \$53,000. It was urged upon the auxiliaries to organize these societies for the young. If they are kept busy doing something to upbuild character there will be no time for evil doing.

After the close of the program the committee on nominations presented their list of officers, and the following were duly elected:

- President—Mrs. J. H. Williams.
- Vice-President—Mrs. J. C. F. Harrington.
- Recording Secretary—Mrs. D. L. McNary.
- Corresponding Secretary—Mrs. L. D. Hood.
- Treasurer—Mrs. Smylie.
- Temperance—Mrs. Leonard.

The following resolutions were passed and duly adopted by the convention:

"Resolved, That the thanks of this convention is due to the Jacksonville Auxiliary, who have so ably demonstrated their ability to entertain us; to the pastor of this church and the pastor of Central Point for most valuable assistance rendered; to Miss Leigh for her helpfulness as a field worker; to the loyal people of this church and town for the elegant luncheon spread, to which we all did ample justice and for which we all feel truly appreciative; and last but not least, to our president, Mrs. Harrington, who by her sweet spirit, graceful dignity, gracious hospitality and the able manner in which she dispatched the business of the committee won the hearts of all.

"MRS. T. B. CORNELL,
"MRS. A. W. HERBERT,
"MRS. C. W. CONKLIN,
"Committee."

AUGUSTUS THOMAS.

American Playwright Who May Get Diplomatic Post.



RAILWAYS AND PRICES.

Financier Discusses Much-Mooted Question.

Chicago, April 9.—Railroad and college men were the principal speakers in the second day's session of the First National Conference on Marketing and Farm Credits, which is being held here. B. F. Yoakum of New York city, chairman of the board of directors of Frisco lines; President Harry Pratt Judson of the University of Chicago; C. W. Thompson of Minneapolis, director of the bureau of economic research of the University of Minnesota, and Congressman Hatton W. Summers of Texas were among the more prominent on the program.

Yoakum was unable to be present, but his address was read. It was in part:

"Agriculture and transportation have laid the foundation which has made this the greatest and most powerful nation of the world. They are the biggest factors in America in growth. Since 1905 our population has increased 16 per cent. The value of farm products was 51 per cent more in 1912 than it was in 1905, while railroads was 40 per cent less.

"There are now not more than 1,000 miles of new railroad under construction. It would require the construction of 16,000 miles of additional railroad to furnish the same transportation facilities west of the Mississippi river that there are east of it, on the basis of area. That great area of rich country cannot grow as it should on 1,000 miles per annum of newly built railroads."

Yoakum's paper said he believed in the readjustment of the tariff, but declared that if congress should wipe out the tariff on every article that is brought into this country on last year's collections, it would amount only to \$326,000,000, while the waste which falls upon the farmers of the nation means an annual loss of over five times the entire amount collected by our revenue collectors.

President Judson presided at the round table discussion and luncheon at noon, while the subject, "Why is the farmer not effectively organized?" was discussed. J. H. Page of Arkansas also discussed the subject from various viewpoints.

"What May Be Expected From the Federal Government?" was the subject to be taken up during the afternoon by W. J. Spillman, special representative of David F. Houston, Washington, D. C., secretary of the Department of Agriculture.

The Proposal.

The conversation turned to proposals of marriage and several of those present were laughingly wondering if any man ever got on his knees to ask a girl to share his joys, sorrows and salary, when Representative Campbell of Kansas gently pried his way into the gabfest.

"There seems to be one man in Kansas who really did the kneeling act," smilingly remarked the representative. "He called on the joy of his life one evening last week, and as soon as the parlor was cleared for action he started to propose.

"Darling," he passionately cried, throwing himself on his knees before her and rolling his eyes toward the ceiling, "beloved dearest, can't you see, can't you guess that I love you?"

"Well," was the rather chilling response of the girl as she gazed at the agitated youth before her, "I would hate to think that this is just your natural way of acting before company."—Philadelphia Telegraph.

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JACKIES ARE KILLED

American Sailors Set Upon and Killed in Mazatlan—Affair Being Investigated.

Washington, April 11.—A full report of the slaying of John Keslow and William Corrie, two sailors of the cruiser California, at Mazatlan, Mexico, was received by the navy department today from Admiral Cowles. The dispatch was sent by wireless via the San Diego station.

According to Admiral Cowles, the men probably were set upon by Mexicans and were killed while trying to protect themselves.

Guaymas, Mexico, April 11.—John Keslow of San Francisco and William Corrie of Los Angeles, two sailors on the United States cruiser California, are dead here today and three of their shipmates seriously wounded, following a street fight in Mazatlan Wednesday night. Several Mexican policemen were wounded in trying to arrest the sailors. The affair is being investigated by Admiral Cowles, commander of the Pacific fleet, who is here with the flagship California. He has sent a full account of the affair to the navy department at Washington.

Washington, April 11.—Attention of the state department, which has lately been given vexatious problems arising from the wounding of American soldiers and other American citizens on the Mexican border, was directed today to a serious condition resulting from the slaying of a petty officer and a sailor of the California at Guaymas.

A strict investigation is being made of the shooting done by the chief of police of Guaymas, and as American sailors going ashore in a foreign country invariably go unarmed, the officials here will insist the circumstances of the slaying be probed to the bottom.

If the Mexican authorities are unable to show provocation for the attack serious results may ensue. It was pointed out a double killing might be taken as an indication of the inadequateness of the present government and have an influence when the United States gives further consideration to the recognition of the Huerta government.

Williamsport (Pa.) clergymen now refuse to marry couples falling to present health certificates.

SAFE IS DYNAMITED

Store at Rogue River is Burglarized and Safe Blown Early Friday Morning.

Two cracksmen dynamited the safe of the Star Mercantile Company at Rogue River at 3 o'clock Friday morning and escaped with \$150 in cash. Officers north and south are on the lookout for the men while Deputy Sheriff Sandry with a posse are on the trail of the men. They made their getaway on a railroad speeder stolen from the section house.

The men made a thorough job of cracking the safe. They fired four charges of dynamite after piling mattresses over and about the safe. The explosions completely wrecked the strong box, its door being blown a distance of 20 feet. Windows in the store were shattered and goods jarred from the shelves.

J. W. Jacobs, who formerly owned the store, heard the explosions and set about an investigation. He soon determined that the store was being robbed and immediately went for help, summoning Sam Sandry. When they had returned to the scene the men had left.

The cracksmen were traced to the Rogue River depot, where they stole a speeder and escaped. It was first believed they had gone south, but a tramp later in the day stated that a speeder had passed him about 3:30 o'clock going north.

Word was dispatched at once up and down the line and officers notified to keep a lookout for the two men. No description was secured, the only thing left behind being a searchlight which they overlooked in their hurry.

MUNICIPAL NEWS DIES.

Los Angeles City Paper Publishes Own Obituary.

Los Angeles, Cal., April 9.—The Municipal News, representing this city, an experimental venture in the weekly newspaper field, chronicled its own obituary today. Thirty-two weekly editions of the paper had been published and circulated.

Publication of the city paper ceased under an edict of the voters, who declared for its discontinuance when it was shown that the revenues virtually were nothing while the expenses used the entire appropriation of \$36,000 a year.

Keeps the Wheels Moving

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Scientist Produces Coal.

Dr. F. R. Bergius, the scientist who has been conducting experiments in producing artificial coal, has, by employing a high temperature and a high pressure, changed cellulose to peat in a few hours. The same change by the process employed by nature, he states, required 7,000,000 years.

Concrete Building of Oyster Shells.

A five-story concrete building, the concrete being of oyster shells from the reefs of Galveston bay, has been erected at Galveston, Texas. The owners of the building and its constructors claim the material is cheaper and better than concrete made with gravel.

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WAS WILSON BUNCOED?

La Follette Says Interests Put One Over on President in Selection of Official.

Madison, Wis., April 11.—Exception to President Wilson's appointment of John Skelton Williams of Virginia as assistant secretary of the treasury is taken by Senator Robert M. La Follette of Wisconsin today in a signed editorial in the current issue of La Follette's Weekly. This is the first criticism La Follette has made of any of the democratic appointments.

The editorial says: "Now, more than a month after March 4, men are asking if members of the interlocking directorates are to secure a strangle hold on the treasury department during the Wilson administration. Until a few days ago it was officially announced that Robert Wooley of Virginia would be named as assistant secretary. Wooley is an able, scholarly gentleman, a student of finance and a publicist who has supported progressive measures.

"In one of his magazine articles Mr. Wooley reviewed the operations of the real estate ring of Washington and the connection of C. C. Glover with these operations. Glover is president of the Riggs National Bank, a 'system' bank. Either Glover or some one with similar interests persuaded President Wilson to appoint Williams. Williams has qualifications which would be recognized anywhere in Wall street as admirably fitted to him for the position.

"It is believed the president has been imposed upon. Let him beware of such influences. The special interests never sleep."

Medford Banks to Close at Noon Saturday.

Beginning Saturday, April 19, 1913, Medford banks will observe the custom prevalent in many cities and close at 12 o'clock noon. This action has just been decided upon by representatives of the banks.

There is but little business transacted Saturday afternoons in the banks, so that the change will not affect the public at large to any great extent.

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PROSPECTS ARE BRIGHT

Promoters Report That Grants Pass-Crescent City Road is Now Practically Financed.

Grants Pass, Ore., April 11.—Dr. J. F. Reddy and Messrs. Neeland and Martin of Los Angeles are expected back from Crescent City today, having gone over the route of the proposed Crescent City railroad. The outlook is promising that the syndicate represented by Neeland and Martin will take over the railroad and construct it.

At the proposal of the party that they would accept the city bond issue of \$200,000 at par in the financing and building of the road Mayor Smith called off the sale that had been under way to an eastern house, which proposed paying but 96 1/2 cents for the bonds, and the issue will be taken over by the California people. The mayor received a wire from Mr. Helm, one of the men who was here last week, putting the proposition in definite form Wednesday, and also offering to finance the payment of \$10,000 due from the city on the April payment to the Draper-Gunn interests on the right of way, terminals, etc. For the bond issue the municipality is to receive \$200,000 in income bonds on the road, these bonds to bear 6 per cent interest.

The California people have also asked that \$100,000 of the preferred stock of the railroad be subscribed here, either in cash or in lands, payment not to be made till the road reaches the California line.

Deputy Fish Warden Freed at Roseburg.

Roseburg, Ore., April 9.—Fishing without a license is legal if you do not angle for the game varieties of fish, such as salmon, trout and bass. This is the opinion of Justice of the Peace R. W. Marsters of this city, in setting free George Tolley, a deputy fish warden of Portland. Tolley was arrested at Winchester for fishing without a license, but set up the plea at his trial that he was fishing for "chubs" and "suckers," but he insisted that he had a license. He was permitted to go to his room to get it, but instead he boarded a train for Roseburg and procured one from the county clerk.

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