FORMER ASTORIAN

Rev. Harry Brown the Victim of a Grant's Pass Cabal.

CHURCH WAR IS HOT AFOOT

Elders Versus Congregation—Trumped Up Accusation of Unfair Dealing Against Young Minister—No Warnings Given and He Stands Pat.

Grant's Pass, Ore., Nov. 2.—Rev. Harry Brown, who came here six months ago from Astoria to accept the position om minister of Bethany Presbyterian church, has been asked to resign. The trouble is said to have arisen over a mining deal in which Rev. Brown is alleged to have been unfair with a member of his congregation. The elders of the church also state that Rev. Brown is not fulfilling his contract with the church. The affair is causing much comment here, as Rev. Brown and his wife, both of whom are young people, have made a host of friends both in and out of the church during their residence in Grant's Pass.

A special meeting of the membership of Bethany church will be held tonight for final action on the matter. As a number of the members of Bethany church feel that Rev. Brown has not been treated right by the elders, they will insist that the question be brought to a popular vote of the congregation. It is believed that the minister will find more than one-half the church in his favor. He declares he will not resign simply on the request of the elders, but he will abide by the wishes of the congregation as a majority.

It was less than one year ago that the same elders put Rev. W. C. Connell, then minister of the church, out of the pulpit, giving him no opportunity to appeal or defend himself. The same method will be tried on Rev. Brown, but his supporters have rallied about him and insist that he demand a popular vote of the church.

"It is all a surprise to me," said the minister. "It came like a thunderbolt out of a clear sky, with absolutely no warning."

Rev. Holt the state missionary of the Presbyterian church was here a few days ago, and the elders held a secret meeting with him. It was then the plan of getting Rev. Brown out was devised, and a few hours later, Rev. Holt, who really has no authority to act in such a capacity, so the friends of Rev. Brown declare, notified the young minister that he must resign from Bethany church. No reasons, other than that he is not fulfilling his contract, were given.

One of the older members of the church states that the elders desire Rev. Brown out of the way to make room for Rev. McLane, who was minister of Bethany church several years ago, but who has since been a missionary in South America. Rev. McClane will return to America and to Oregon soon, and as he is a bosom friend of the majority of the elders of the Grant's Pass church, it is their desire that he be returned here, even though the position and the reputation of Rev. Brown be sacrificed.

Though young, and lacking in experience of older ministers, Rev. Brown is an enthusiastic and tireless worker, and his sermons have been classed among the best heard in this city.

RENEW CHAPEL WORK

Letter From Rev. L. D. Mahone on This Subject.

MANZANITA SEES DAYLIGHT

Arazona is En Route to Asia—Telegraph Again on Duty—Falls of Dee Due—Cambronne Arrives—Local Boats and Boatmen.

The following communication from Rev. Luther D. Mahone, of this city, puts a new face on the subject of a Seamans' Institute, and one that should meet with hearty concurrence on the part of many in this city, to whom the matter must commend itself by reason of their intimate relations to matters and men marine:

A letter in yesterday's Astorian relative to the Seamen's work might reflect a little on the present Superintendent, Rev. J. E. Forsyth. Mr. Forsyth was appointed temporarily to the work and has been as successful a aa man could be under the circumstances. He was indorsed by the Ministerial Association of the city by a unanimous vote and if it had been possible they would have been glad to have seen him retained there permanently, but the work demands a man that can speak the foreign languages. Dr. Hunter, the Secretary of the society came on and he felt that as the people of the city were not taking any interest in the work that it was too much to expect the society to keep a man here. So it is up to the people.

The matter has been placed in my hands and as soon as the people will manifest an interest in the work, I will see that a first class man is appointed. First there must be a local organization and ways and means at once set in motion to provide the fishemen and seamen with a place where they can meet. Some sort of an institute supplied with good reading matter and a place convenient to hold services, entertainments etc. The society from the east will put $600.00 year into the work, in the way of salary, and I am led to believe from a letter just received that they will assist in the construction of a building. This society has been putting this amount of money into the city for more than twenty years and it is no more than right that the people should do something in return.

Our city is to become an important shipping point, if we are to judge from the statements of the press relative to the railroads that are headed in this direction. A headquarters for the seamen would bring many of them to the city that would not come otherwise. Then the moral effect of such an institution would be of great benfit to the city and to the people that could come here.

Any one that is interested in the matter I would be glad to cofer with them and at once put this work upon a basis that will hold the work here for all time to come.

Very respectfuly
LUTHER D. MAHONE.

Manzanita News.

Official advice from the J. H. Roberts who has charge of the work of raising the light-house tender Manzanita, state that the vessel was moored forty feet nearer shore yesterday. Government officials belive that the progress will be rapid from now on, and do not look for further difficulty. The Manzanita should be in Portland by the first of the week. Her pilot house was above water when the Lurline passed her yesterday.

FLOTSAM AND JETSAM

The Cost Rica is due here from San Frisco on Sunday morning next.

The steamer Whittier crossed in early yesterday morning and went on to Portland.

The big British liner Numautia is due back here from China, about the middle of this month.

Another British ship the Euphrosyne, from San Francisco is also due to arrive here at any time.

The steamship Columbia is due down from Portland, early this morning, en route to San Francisco.

The barkentine Portland left up for the city of her name yesterday forenoon on the hawsers of the Oklahama.

The steamer Alliance is due down from Portland tomorrow morning, on her way to Coos Bay, Eureka and San Francisco.

The American barkentine Geo. C. Perkins arrived down from Rainier yesterday afternoon on the towline of the steamer M. F. Henderson. She is lumber laden for San Francisco and will leave out today.

The German ship Karpenbach, direct from Port Los Angeles, in part cargo, for Portland crossed in late yesterday afternoon and anchored in the lower bay. She will proceed to Portland on the first towline that offers.

The steamer Telephone will be berthed until spring opens. Captain Banghman resigned his command of her yesterday and her crew has quit. Captain Bangman enters the Snake River trade as master of the steamer J. M Hanford.

The German ship Arthur Fitzger from Portland with a million and a half feet of lumber on board, for Australia, arrived down yesterday morning, the Oklahama showing her the way. She cleared here and got to sea on the afternoon tide.

The British ship Falls of Dee, Captain Doty, from Hamburg, for Portland, under charter to Meyer Wilson & Co., has been out 214 days yesterday. At sundown yesterday another ship, name unnown was reported off the bar, and it may be her.

The German steamer Aragonia left Portland yesterday noon for the Orient with a cargo of wheat, flour and machinery. She had not reached this harbor at midnight but will be here this morning, perhaps on time to avail herself of the flood, to sea.

The Lurline got away for Portland in good shape last night with a big manifest of freight and a number of people, among whom were, C. C. Clark, A. W. Williams, T. W. Eckstrom, H. Hawkins, and Deputy Fish Warden P. Lipcoeck of the State of Washington.

The French bark Cambronne, 1420 tons Cptain Richard, 173 days from Liverpool in ballast, and under consignment to Taylor, Young & Co., at Portland, arrived in last evening at 5 o'clock and is anchored in the lower harbor. She will go up the river today or tomorrow.

The following notice was posted at the Western Union Telegraph office in this city at 6:08 o'clock last evening, by Weather Observer Powell:

Storm southwest, warnings 5:30 p. m. Disturbances over British Columbia, moving east. Strong southerly winds on inland waters and fresh to strong gale at sea.

The steamer Telegraph arrived down from Portland at 1:15 o'clock p. m. yesterday. She left Portland at 7:15 a. m. and made four way landings—thus making the trip in six hours. She brought down twenty passengers and a small bunch of freight. Her new schedule calls for eight stops between here and Portland.

PRIMARY REGISTRATION.

Registrations at the City Auditor's office yesterday numbered forty-one, bringing the total for the electorial season to 618. The books will close on Tuesday, next, November 7th, and remain closed until the morning of November 16th, when registrtion will be continued until 4 p. m. on Saturday, December 9th. There will be no possible excuse for any able-boodied Republican in this city failing to perform this exacting duty.

Many a rich bachelor has made a poor husband.

Wealth isn't essential to happiness, but it helps some.

It takes a strong woman to hold her own tongue.

In Time of Peace.

In the first months of the Russia-Japan war we had a striking example of the necessity for preparation and the early advantage of those who, so to speak, "have shingled their roofs in dry weather." The virtue of preparation has made history and given to us our greatest men. The individual as well as the nation should be prepared for any emergency. Are you prepared to successfully combat the first cold you take? A cold can be cured much more quickly when treated as soon as it has become settled in the system. Chamberlain's Cough Remedy is famous for its cures of colds and it should be kept at hand ready for instant use. For sale by Frank Hart and leading druggists.

AT LESS THAN COST.

Mrs. Ross, of the Ross millinery parlors is contemplating a departure from the city, lasting until the resumption of her spring business as soon as she can dispose of her present stock of goods and to expedite this, will, beginning this morning, place the entire stock on sale at less than cost.

NOTICE.

Write us for big bargains in Hurst Automatic Switch & Signal Co., stock before the switch goes on road. Regular price $5.75. Our price much lower. How can we do it? We hold more shares than we can conveniently carry and must sacrifice to raise cash. For particulars address W. J. Curtis & Co., 215 Commercial block, Portland, Ore.

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