

WILL VOTE ON PASTOR AGAIN

The Situation is Acute in the First Baptist Congregation Where Rev. Blackburn is the Minister.

Members Refused to Covenant With Him Last Night, Claiming He Had Personal Motives For Wishing It.

It is positively stated to The Journal today that within a month leading members of the First Baptist Church will make another effort to remove Dr. Blackburn, the present minister of that church in Portland.

Although a controversy that has lasted several weeks, Prof. W. M. Wilder, for fourteen years organist at the First Baptist Church, has, in the interests of harmony, tendered his resignation, and although that resignation has finally and formally been accepted, the peace that it was desired such an act should bring seems far from having been established.

A directly contrary effect has been the result of the action, and the internal strain of the First Baptist congregation seems more acute than at any other time since the question of who should be pastor arose, some time ago.

At the regular weekly prayer service of the First Baptist Church, held last evening, further complications arose, and for their origin and results each faction blames the other.

Today leading members of the flock over which Rev. Alexander Blackburn presides, declare that their leader must soon seek new pastures and fields more verdant. They declare that within a month another effort will be made to cause his removal and they insist that this time it will be greeted with success.

Dr. Blackburn satisfied.

On the other hand, Dr. Blackburn says he does not believe there will be further attempt to cause his removal from the church he voted, "and by that vote I am willing to abide." The vote in question was that he be retained.

Several of those who cast ballots in his favor now say they did it because they did not want to stir up dissension at a time when a leading member of the congregation was lying dead, thinking such action would be unseemly, and that if the matter were to come to a vote for a second time they would deposit their slips in favor of a new minister.

At the time the trouble over Rev. Blackburn's pulpit incumbency first arose those who were arrayed in his favor are now the accused. Prof. W. M. Wilder of leading the opposition. This caused a counter-effort to officially decapitate the minister. Prof. Wilder tendered his resignation as soon as he became convinced there was feeling against him, but the resignation was not accepted until he urged that such course be taken.

This matter came up for final action last night at the weekly prayer meeting of the church. The resignation was accepted and resolutions of regret at losing Prof. Wilder and of appreciation for his services were unanimously adopted. Then, at the close of the meeting, Rev. Blackburn made a personal talk on church harmony, ending his remarks by proposing that the members take the covenant. Pronounced dissension at once arose and a considerable number of the members walked out of the building without offering other explanation of their actions than was evident from the manner in which they left.

The Line is Sharp.

Today the line between the Blackburn supporters and opposers is more rigidly drawn than ever before. The former says the latter had no right to leave the meeting, and that their doing so was a direct insult to the pastor and the church.

The latter are equally emphatic in their expression that Rev. Blackburn's invitation for all to covenant with him was an effort on his part to use the rites of the church to his personal advantage, and that if they had entered with him into the covenant they would have been unable in the future to oppose his tenure of the pastorate.

"In all good faith and entirely in the interest of church harmony, I was invited to covenant," said Rev. Blackburn to The Journal today. "I was greatly surprised and deeply moved when I saw members of my church leaving the room last night. I can see no reason for such action. It is the custom of members of the Baptist Church to partake of the covenant frequently, and although it is not the regular form to bring it forward as a portion of the prayer-meeting service, I can see no reason why this should not be done."

Questioned regarding opposition to him and the effort to secure his removal from the pulpit, Rev. Blackburn said:

"I have that trouble is all over. The church has voted for me to remain, and I will abide by that vote."

He will not resign.

"Does this mean that you will resist further effort is made to cause your

TRUSTING WIFE, ERRING HUSBAND

Cruel Disillusion of a Trusting Young Woman Who Now Applies to Divorce Courts for Separation.

Sam Henrickson Arrested for the Crime of Attempting to Entice Young County Girl to Her Ruin.

(Journal Special Service.)

SEATTLE, May 29.—Going to the Police Court for the purpose of pleading for her husband, Mrs. Sam Henrickson, the pretty young wife of a criminal degenerate, was cruelly disillusioned and is now preparing to secure a divorce.

Sam Henrickson was arrested for the crime of attempting to entice a young

country girl to her ruin. This was the last of a series of charges against the man. Several times he had been arrested for vagrancy, but on each occasion was released on his wife's pleadings. This time she learned the true nature of the man she had thought true to her.

The officers permitted Mrs. Henrickson to listen to the testimony in the case, and on its conclusion the little woman weepingly declared that she would secure a legal separation from her husband. Before the hearing of the evidence she refused to believe the officers when they told her the man she loved had been arrested in company with another woman.

MISS STICKLER IS INJURED FOR LIFE

(Journal Special Service.)

CHICAGO, May 29.—Laura Stickler, the young woman who jumped from a hotel window in this city to protect her honor from H. Mills several weeks ago, is still in the hospital. When the case against Mills was called in the Police Court this morning it was ascertained that she is injured for life.

Attorneys interested in the crusade against "mashing" represented her this morning. The case went over until June 8.

MINNESOTA'S CASE BEGINS TOMORROW

Large Amount of Testimony Filed in Suit Against Northern Securities Co.

St. Paul, May 29.—Testimony in the case of the State of Minnesota against the Northern Securities Company was filed in the United States Circuit Court today by Examiner Ingersoll. Four large printed volumes are necessary to carry the matter. The case will be argued June 4.

GAIN FORTUNE WITHIN A WEEK

SAN BERNARDINO, May 29.—William Smith, Isaac Reynolds and Seymour Ains last week were drivers of desert wagons on the Mojave, working for \$50 a month. Yesterday they divided \$15,000 between them, and within six months will have \$250,000 additional if luck continues. A few days ago they discovered a rich rock a few miles north of Bagdad and located 30 splendid claims.

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carried out on the day when it was issued. The bank was surprisingly eager to get these certificates which had "no commercial value" into its possession. They were assigned to the bank's agent, W. F. White. There were 69 of these certificates, all told.

On June 7, the very next day after the board's order was entered and the second day after the bank's allegation that the certificates were of no value, the first evidence was afforded of the thrifty bargain which the bank had driven. On that day 29 of the 69 tax certificates were surrendered for cancellation, the bank having succeeded in realizing upon so much of its newly acquired assets within twenty-four hours after they came into its possession. Two more were surrendered on June 8, and on June 11, five days after the entry of the order, 28 more of the certificates were presented and cancelled.

Bank Cashes In the Warrants.

Within five days, therefore, after acquiring the alleged worthless and unmarketable certificates the bank had succeeded in realizing upon 59 of them, their face value being \$6,087.02, exclusive of penalties. At subsequent dates four more were disposed of, their aggregate value being \$53.54, leaving still uncanceled and presumably in the hands of the bank only six certificates of a face value of \$607.86.

The total face value of the certificates which the bank realized upon was therefore \$6,440.56. How much more than this sum the bank actually made out of the certificates is a matter for conjecture. The property upon which the certificates were issued comprised some of the most valuable real estate in the city. The list of owners includes many well known citizens and a number of prominent firms and investment companies. It was no bunch of wildcat securities which the First National Bank secured by this deal with Multnomah County.

The manner in which this transaction was railroaded through the county board, the haste with which the certificates were turned over to the bank, and its remarkable and instant success in realizing upon them, is a most significant commentary upon the allegations that the certificates were of "no commercial value and of no special use or benefit to Multnomah County."

Mum Was the Word.

It is also worthy of note that though the bank had received almost twice as many of the certificates as it had asked for, it did not at any time call attention to this fact, nor suggest that a mistake had been made.

The complaint filed yesterday in behalf of the county sets forth that the tax sale certificates acquired by the bank were worth more than their face, and that the order whereby they were assigned to the bank was illegal and void. It charged that the bank received the certificates merely as a trustee for the county, and as such must account for all sums realized from them.

The court is therefore asked to set aside the order of June 4, 1901, to allow the bank merely a trustee for the county, to compel an accounting for all sums received from the sale of the certificates, and to give judgment in favor of the county against the bank and its agents both for the tax sale certificates and for such additional amount as may have been realized from them.

resignation?" was asked. The minister replied:

"I do not believe anything more will be done along that line. The church has voted."

"But in the event anything is done to cause your removal will you resist?" he was urged.

"I shall be in the hands of the church," said Rev. Blackburn's wife, announcing that he would not resign. "If a majority of the members want me, I shall stay."

The Baptist covenant, the bringing forward of which was open question in the church last evening, follows:

"Endeavoring to keep the unity of the Spirit in the bond of Peace."—Eph. iv. 3.

"Having been, as we trust, brought by divine grace to embrace the Lord Jesus Christ, and to give up ourselves wholly to him, we do now solemnly and joyfully covenant with each other, to walk together in Him with brotherly love to His glory as our common Lord. We do therefore, by His strength engage, that we will exercise a mutual care, as members one of another, to promote the growth of the whole body in Christ, by the use of all gifts and information, and by the support of the poor, and to the maintenance of a faithful ministry of the gospel among us."

"That we will not neglect closet and family religion at home, nor the great duty of religiously training up our children, and those under our care, in the view to the service of Christ and the enjoyment of heaven."

"That we will walk circumspectly in the world, that we may win souls, remembering that we are the light of the world and the salt of the earth, and that a city set on a hill cannot be hid."

"That we will frequently exhort, and if occasion shall require, admonish one another to accuracy in the use of the spirit of meekness; considering ourselves less also be tempted, and that in baptism we have been baptized with Christ, and again, so there is on us a special obligation therefore to walk in newness of life."

"And, may the God of peace, who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus, the great Shepherd of the sheep, through the blood of His own Son, make us perfect in every good work to do His will; working in us that which is well-pleasing in His sight, through Jesus Christ to whom be glory, forever and ever. Amen."

It is claimed that an effort was made by the influential members of the Baptist congregation to secure submission of the resignations of Rev. Blackburn and Prof. Wilder at the same time, but that this could not be brought about. It is also claimed that friends of Rev. Blackburn promised for him that he would resign if given the opportunity, but that they now refuse to carry out this agreement.

But it was positively announced in The Journal today that within thirty days another petition, signed by the requisite seven members, would be presented to the Board of Deacons calling a meeting of the congregation to vote once more upon the removal of the present pastor.

HERMANN CAUGHT IN THE FOREST RESERVE

Wrote Letters That Show the Character of the Man Who Desires to be Sent to Congress by the People of Oregon.

FROM THE OREGONIAN OF JAN. 1

The gravest charge against Hermann is that he allowed his political friends to work the land office and when they were found out defended them.

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and a thing unless it is made as plain as a pikestaff."

Other quotations from the Oregonian regarding Mr. Hermann are published in this issue. A great many more might be reproduced but lack of space prevents.

WHAT ABOUT THAT REPORT FROM GREEN

ENGLE, OR., May 29.—Back in Washington is a special report, submitted last year by A. R. Green, special agent of the Interior Department, which it is alleged there was been a secret agreement between Hermann and Roosevelt to demand, imperatively, Commissioner Kermann's resignation. Calls for that report have been made in Washington. Influential men of national prominence have requested to be permitted to see it. The Interior Department has answered all requests with the statement that such reports are confidential, and when detrimental to the standing of any official, they are retained from the people.

The inference has been that that report could not be published, unless by the consent of Mr. Kermann. The proposition made some time ago by the Reames people that Mr. Hermann produced the Green report has been ignored. To ignore it was to effect that the report should not produce it. It is not such an inference logical, and justified by the situation? If Mr. Hermann could safely do so, would he not do so?

The Hermann managers and Mr. Hermann himself have come into a state of bordering upon the frantic, and have gone so far as to push their campaign over into the people's annual commemoration of the dead heroes of the Civil War. Many speakers are billed to address the voters on Saturday afternoon and evening, among them Mr. Hermann and Congressman J. N. Williamson, who will turn that day when others will be engaging in observance of the bravery of the soldiers who gave their lives to their country, into one last attempt to make a winning record for Hermann.

Williamson and Hermann Billed.

In a Hermann paper published at Roseburg appears an announcement that Hermann and Williamson, who both claim to have a claim on the committee assignment on river and harbor, will speak at Myrtle Creek in the afternoon, and at Roseburg in the evening of Saturday, Decoration Day.

Reames Made No Appearances That Day.

When he was making out his itinerary, Mr. Reames decided to close his campaign on the night of Friday, May 29, at Medford, saying that he would not hold a meeting on Decoration Day. It was believed that such a course was dictated by due consideration for the character of the day of memory of the nation's heroes.

That Committee Assignment.

The appearance together of Hermann and Williamson revives the claim made by the latter that he was entitled to the Rivers and Harbors Committee, made vacant by the death of the late Mr. Tongue. It is remembered that the membership on that committee was filed for by Congressmen Albert B. Brown and Senator Mitchell and Fulton, and that such endorsement effectually disposes of the hopes of Hermann to get it.

ROSEBURG INTERESTED IN HERMANN SERVICE

(Journal Special Service.)

ROSEBURG, OR., May 29.—The statement of the Portland Journal today under authority from Washington, that Dr. K. L. Miller, Hermann's son-in-law, was kept upon the payroll of the Land Department at Washington while he was attending medical college, and performed no official duties during his residence in Washington, created a sensation here, where Dr. Miller practices and where Mr. Hermann has made his headquarters from the time he was dismissed from the local Land Office in 1872, to the time he was removed from Washington, where he now has all his household effects, law library and family, and where, regardless of the outcome of the present election, he has declared it to be his intention to remain and make his home.

Considerable interest has been evinced in the latter matter, for the reason that

LEASIA WILL MAKE HIS PLEA MONDAY

Murderer Desires Further Conference With Attorneys—Other Court Matters.

Martin V. Leasia, the accused murderer of his son-in-law, F. M. Drews, appeared in the Circuit Court this morning and asked further time in which to plead. He stated that he had secured counsel but wished to further confer with his attorneys. Judge Cleveland gave the prisoner until Monday.

Jim McQuade, charged with robbery, was arraigned and will plead Monday morning. He is accused of holding up the night of December 24 last, H. F. Copeland, the victim was relieved of a watch valued at \$40.

William Nelson pled guilty to the larceny of \$12.10 in coin and will be sentenced Monday morning. The theft occurred on May 10, 1903.

In the case of Sarah J. Stillwell vs. Levi L. Stillwell, action for divorce and the possession of community property, Judge Sears granted the decree of divorce but gave as his opinion that the property matter should be argued between the interested parties.

In the civil actions of James W. Welch vs. C. W. Shively et ux, and Welch vs. M. J. Kinney, the Court found for the plaintiff.

Judge Fraser this morning delivered a lengthy opinion in the action of

FROM THE OREGONIAN OF JAN. 1

Had McKinley lived, Hermann would not have held on so long, for Richards had been selected to succeed him, and Plimble to succeed Richards before McKinley's death.

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It is well known that the ex-Commissioner's love for Washington is so great that he has already formed plans that will keep him there even if defeated.

A Strategic Blunder.

It is looked upon as a strategic blunder for Mr. Hermann to have kept his family in Washington. Of course, people recognize it to be a delicate thing to discuss, nevertheless, it is generally believed that, had Mr. Hermann moved out to Oregon again, and made a feint at least of once more taking up his residence in this state, he might have appeared to better advantage.

But, having formed a partnership with his son-in-law, Mr. Gately, to practice law in Washington, it is apparent that Mr. Hermann returned to his former home state this year only to secure another fat job from the people, but intended, in any event, to continue his residence in the national capital.

DEMOCRATS BELIEVE THAT THEY WILL WIN

(Journal Special Service.)

GRANTS PASS, May 29.—Reames sentiment has grown in Josephine County. Two weeks ago the county was probably 100 to 150 for Hermann. Today, owing to the effective work that has been done by the county organization, and the receipt of the real facts regarding Hermann's attitude towards forest reserves, as brought out by The Portland Journal, Josephine County stands at least 100 for Reames, and may give him 150 to 200, or even 250.

The people are bitterly opposed to the forest reserves, and were disposed to favor Hermann before they learned his attempt to pull over their eyes the wool of deceit and misrepresentation. The word has gone out to the heads of the county that will inform the people of the truth, and that will effectually stop the progress that was being made by Hermann.

EUGENE, OR., May 29.—Lane County, nominally 600 or 800 Republican, will show a defection from the former figures. Reames is especially strong in Eugene, and will pull a big vote.

SALEM, OR., May 29.—Marion will give Reames a good plurality, or at best so far as Hermann is concerned give the ex-Commissioner a bare standstill. Marion's slump from the former Republican majority will be the means of defeating Hermann. Reames' supporters here are confident.

LAKEVIEW, OR., May 29.—Lake County through the efforts of Reames' many friends will give him a handsome majority next Monday.

TILLAMOOK, OR., May 29.—Reames sentiment has grown during the past few weeks and Hermann's majority will be cut down materially.

EUGENE, OR., May 29.—Advices from Coos and Curry counties, where Hermann is conceded to have strength but where the vote is comparatively small, are that the vote will probably be about the same in proportion as in the last election.

DALLAS, OR., May 29.—Polk County is certain to go into the Reames column on next Monday. There is little doubt of this.

HILLSBORO, OR., May 29.—Washington, which for any other nominee than Hermann on the Republican ticket, would certainly give him a big majority, repudiates the ex-Commissioner, and will look like a Democratic stronghold after the votes have been counted on Monday night.

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CARELESSNESS IS DIVIDED ON ONE HARRIMAN'S CRY IMPORTANT ISSUE

He Has Started Investigations of Frequent Accidents on Southern Pacific System—Hearings Dropping.

Engineers and Trainmen Accused of Neglecting to Obey Company's Orders Regarding Signals and the Like.

It is Here to Stay, Answer the Unions, and There's no Power on Earth That Can Wipe It Out of Existence.

Every energy is being put forth by union men to preserve the Building Trades Council intact. They assert that it must and shall be preserved, while representatives of the associations are equally as emphatic in their declarations that the council has outlived its usefulness and must be abolished.

Upon this one issue the tradesmen and employers in the building line appear to be hopelessly divided. By withdrawing from the council the sheet metal workers, who were locked out yesterday, say that they could go to work immediately and all would be peace and harmony. But they also declare that previous to the lock-out they voted unanimously to remain in the council and that they intend to do so at whatever cost. This is also the great bone of contention between the journeymen and master painters and builders, and in fact all employers and their workmen in the building line.

The association asserts that as long as the Building Trades Council is in existence they will never be able to get union men to work with non-unionists on the same job, and for this reason they are desirous of seeing the central body done away with. They agree that until this question is disposed of a settlement of the labor difficulties can never be effected.

Scores Associations.

"I know it to be a fact," said H. G. Greene, business agent of the Building Trades Council, this morning. "That the various associations are combining for the purpose of breaking up our central organization, but they are doomed to disappointment. If by any hook or crook they should succeed, the associations would immediately proceed to rob the public right and left by charging exorbitant prices for every piece of work done. The Building Trades Council is the only protection that the public has from highway robbery. We stand between the bosses and the public, and prevent the former, to the best of our ability, from charging excessive rates for their contracts. Had they absolute sway here they would discourage building operations, and in time bring about a complete stagnation in all lines."

The other day a prominent planing mill man on the East Side told me that a representative from the association approached him and demanded that he become a member of the association. Upon refusal he threatened to ruin his business. This has been their game throughout. They are figuring on getting all employers into their association, breaking up the Building Trades Council, and then they will have everything their own way. They will take advantage of this opportunity to say that the council is here to stay.

Charge For Drayage.

"Speaking of the planing mills reminds me of something else that I have noticed here lately. For delivering small lots of lumber around the city they are now charging for drayage. A short time ago this work was done free. They are scheming in every possible way to hold up the public."

The sheet metal workers insist that there are only 37 men affected by the lockout yesterday, while the association places the number at about 75 or 80. T. F. Meagher, president of the union, says that 18 of the men will leave tonight for outside points where they have secured employment.

Four Men Drowned.

GUTHRIE, May 29.—A cloudburst at Oklahoma City today occasioned a great deal of water to flood the business districts, and at present the entire city is submerged. The damage done will reach \$500,000. Four men were drowned in the Arkansas River near Tahama.

Many Clerks Come Under the Instructions Which Will Go Into Effect July 1 in Offices on the List.

(Journal Special Service.)

WASHINGTON, May 29.—Postmaster-General Payne this afternoon made public a letter addressed to First Assistant Wynne directing that the compensation of assistant postmasters and clerks in certain first and second-class postoffices be reduced to conform to the law. The compensation of assistants is fixed by law so that they receive 50 per cent of the amount of the postmaster's salary. This amount has been exceeded in 11 offices. Twenty-two clerks in 11 offices have been paid in excess of the basis and in 17 offices persons have been found who have been employed, but improperly designated. All of these irregularities were ordered to be corrected as of July 1. Among the improperly designated officials are several in the Los Angeles postoffice.

Two Vessels Are REPORTED LOST

(Journal Special Service.)

SAN FRANCISCO, May 29.—Eight men of the crew of the German ship Edith have been picked up off New Caledonia. They report that the vessel was wrecked on the Neuvo Shoals. The captain and ten men are missing. The Edith had been given up as lost in the overdues. The German ship C. H. Watjen, which was overdue, and 75 per cent of its crew had been reported missing. The vessel was last seen on May 25, when it was sighted in Cooktown, Australia, with the foremast and mainmast gone and other damage done by the heavy gales. Aboard the Watjen were eight men of the Edith's crew.

The reduced homestead rates, effective February 15, apply via the Denver & Rio Grande. Have your friends come through Salt Lake City, over the scenic line of the road.