

# PORTLAND PREACHERS WOULD KEEP HYPOCRITES OUT OF CHURCH

### Several Second Opinions of Rev. A. L. Black Expressed in Sermon Last Night.

### BROUGHER WOULD OUST ONE HUNDRED MEMBERS

### "Hurrah for Brother Black," Says Rev. H. C. Schaffer—Rev. E. S. Muckley Says Barring Cranks Impracticable, for All Are Cranks.

### Baptists Plan Good.

The plan the Baptist church now has, and I don't know how many others, is a practicable one—that of a proposed member appearing before and being approved by an advisory committee on whose recommendation he may be received. To be sure, a person who is coming in for selfish purposes is hard to keep out anyway, for he may lie, but as soon as he is found out he should be got rid of. Of course if a church member changes his life and then give him the chance to withdraw voluntarily. After that if he still persists he has brought action upon himself.

### Black Sheep Should Be Removed.

Dr. J. Whitcomb Brougier of the White Temple sums up his opinion of Mr. Black's remarks in the words: "There is no comment necessary, for every preacher will admit that there are such black sheep in his audience and that they should be removed. After a number of years there are always some members on the roll who are useless if not harmful. Some drop out of their own accord and should be given that chance. However, I do not believe that members get into the church too easily. What precautions are possible are taken and beyond that we cannot go. In my church here prospective members come to me first for a personal interview and confess their faith in Christ and their intention to lead a Christian life. I give them a copy of the church covenant, statement of church duties and a pledge card. Then they appear before the deacons for a further examination, and finally before the church, where they repeat their confession of faith and their desire to lead the Christian life. That is as much as

we can do, and, of course, we can take them on their own word only. If that is not true it rests with God and we have nothing more to go on. It could hardly be made harder, for if a man is false in such statements he will be false in any other thing required of him. I have been pastor of churches that were very conservative and took in members slowly, and of churches that took them in rapidly and about the same proportion needed to be dropped.

**Would Drop One Hundred.**  
"After all we must remember that there was a Judas among the 12 apostles. Personally I am going to recommendation at prayer meeting next Thursday about 100 names to be dropped from the church rolls. I think a church roll should be cleared up every year, striking off the delinquents or letting them renew their covenants if they wish. I am glad to say I have noted that no more have had to be dropped from churches which take in hundreds at a time from revival meetings than from those which adopt the conservative methods."

### "Hurrah for Brother Black."

"I say 'hurrah for Brother Black' were his words. 'He is a man after my own heart. Of course, the big churches couldn't put such a plan into practice because they would lose too much finance; and then, you know, it wouldn't be popular. But after all, the hope of this city and that of this country, religiously, is in the small churches which are true to the apostolic faith and practice.'"

Dr. E. S. Muckley of the First Christian church agrees that had men should be kept out of the church if possible, but holds that it is a hard question to decide, for one cannot always sit in judgment upon another. He takes exception, however, to Mr. Black's enumeration of peculiar people, cranks and faultfinders, who should be excluded from the church.

"I, with Rev. A. L. Black," he said, "believe it is wrong to let bad people into the church if you know it. The preacher who consciously lets the unconverted into the membership of his church to which he ministers is himself no better than the man he lets in. I cannot believe many preachers would do that. The hypocrite is hard to catch. He is harder to detect than the counterfeiter dollar. He is simply a counterfeit Christian. I suppose I have passed unthinkingly some counterfeit money. But I put all counterfeit money I detect out of commission. So I would do with hypocrites. But when I consider that hypocrites are adepts at deception, I would have to be thoroughly convinced before pronouncing judgment."

"But I am sure that if hypocrites do get on church records they don't get into heaven. I do not worry over the fact that hypocrites get into the church, for that is one of the best evidences of the value of Christianity. A thing that is not worth counterfeiting is not worth having. But we need to be guarded lest we take a mere inconsistency as an evidence of hypocrisy. For you know, consistency is my staidness and inconsistency is your staidness. I would not put peculiar people and cranks and faultfinders out of the church, for if you did you wouldn't have any church left, for every one is peculiar or a crank in the judgment of someone, I fear. Let us keep no weak people out, for the master did not do it. If sincere, help them become strong."

### Four Perish in Flames.

(Journal Special Service.)  
Lorain, O., Dec. 18.—The Verbeck theatre was destroyed by fire last night. Four persons occupying apartments on the third floor over the theatre lost their lives. The fire started in the basement.

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# PROSPERITY AGAIN IN THE VALLEY

### With Practically Prohibitive Tariff on Lumber Removed, Mills Resume.

### SOUTHERN PACIFIC RATE MADE THEM ALL CLOSE

### While High Tariff Prevailed Booth-Kelly Lumber Company Sold Controlling Interest Held in San Francisco to Michigan Men.

The situation of the lumber mills of the Willamette valley is said to have improved immensely since the Southern Pacific company revised its tariff a year ago, and again permitted valley millmen to ship to bay points.  
More than a year ago the railroad company published a tariff that was virtually prohibitive against valley mills shipping to San Francisco and common points. Millmen registered a vigorous protest. One by one they closed, until there was only one of any consequence running—a mill belonging to the Booth-Kelly Lumber company. Finally even that big concern was compelled to shut down.

Some companies passed into bankruptcy, others struggled along, until finally the railroad company revised its tariff and the mills started up a few months ago. Now they are busy and the valley again prospering.  
It was while the prohibitive tariff prevailed that the Booth-Kelly company, presumed to be backed by millions, transferred the control previously held in San Francisco to Michigan and Chicago capitalists. John W. Blodgett, Con Danner, and others, who have been for years big operators in Michigan forests, acquired a controlling interest and hold it today.  
State Senator E. A. Booth, John W. Kelly and the other Oregon men who formerly owned shares of stock, retain an interest, but the bulk of the stock is held by the men mentioned, who, it is understood, have pooled their holdings.

The entire valley, according to well-informed business men from the south, who were in town Sunday, is now enveloped with the revival of the lumber industry and every one is prosperous. Business men there look forward to activity during the coming summer. From January 1, they say, the improvement will date, and by March 1 conditions will be unprecedented.

### Exposition Rink.

Roller-skating revival and opening of rink tonight at the Exposition building. Nineteenth and Washington streets. At 7:30 o'clock this evening the much-talked-of Exposition roller-skating rink will open its doors to the public. The opening occurs under most auspicious circumstances, for neither time nor money has been spared in the effort to prepare the great concert hall of the Exposition building for a thoroughly up-to-date roller-skating rink. The well-known clubmen of the city are behind the enterprise, and they report that everything is in readiness for the opening tonight. A large corps of carpenters has been at work for two weeks on the hardwood floor that has been laid, and the great white floor now stands ready without a blemish. The ends have been inlaid in Y-shaped sections, so that the rollers move with the grain of the wood at all times, and surrounding all is a splendid racing track upon which races will be held from time to time between the speedy skaters of this city and those from San Francisco and Seattle.

The rink has been equipped with a fine assortment of the celebrated Richardson steel ball-bearing skates, and competent instructors have been employed for the aid of beginners.

### SAYS THINGS ARE BADLY MIXED IN FIRST DISTRICT

"The congressional situation in the first district is in a chaotic condition," said Charles A. Hardy of Eugene today. Mr. Hardy, who is a lawyer, is in town to attend to business before the federal court. He is well informed on the political situation in the first district.

"There is a wealth of candidates, but so far as Lane county is concerned there seems to be no immediate prospect of clarifying the atmosphere and none of the leaders will say what is likely to be the outcome."  
Mr. Hardy was one of the delegation of 39 appointed at the instance of the Willamette Valley Development League to go to Washington this winter to advocate federal recognition of Coos and Yaquna harbors. When asked if he was going to perform the mission Mr. Hardy said:

"Congress is too busy and I am too busy."

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# EQUAL SUFFRAGE PETITION HAS MANY SIGNERS

### State Association Deplores Senator Mitchell's Death in Resolutions.

Portland, Dec. 18.—To the Editor of The Journal—The Oregon State Equal Suffrage association congratulates itself on the great number of signatures secured for the petition asking for the submission of an equal suffrage amendment to the state constitution next June. The petition was filed last week and bears about 1,500 signatures in excess of the required number. Every county in the state sends names of sympathizers, though returns from three counties were received too late for filing with the petition, but are in the headquarters of the campaign committee.

During the past year the state association has nearly trebled its membership, with every expectation of more accessions in a few days. At the regular meeting on Saturday resolutions on the death of Senator John H. Mitchell were adopted as follows:

"Whereas, This late United States senator, John H. Mitchell, during his public career as state and United States senator upheld the movement for the enfranchisement of women, aiding it publicly and privately in every way in his power; and

"Whereas, For many years, and at the time of his death, he was a member of the United States senate select committee on woman suffrage, being always present at the hearings and ever ready to maintain our principles; and

"Whereas, The resolution pending in the present congress, for an amendment to the federal constitution prohibiting the states from disfranchising citizens on account of sex was introduced by Senator Mitchell; therefore be it

Resolved, That the Oregon State Equal Suffrage association deplores the loss of a faithful coworker and able adviser to whom the women of the nation owe a lasting debt of gratitude, and whose memory will be cherished in the minds of the woman suffrage movement; and be it further

Resolved, That the Oregon State Equal Suffrage association extends its sympathy to the relatives and friends of the late senator.

"ABIGAIL SCOTT DUNIWAY.  
"MARY A. THOMPSON, M. D.  
"CLARA BEWICK COLBY.  
"Committee."

The indications of a victory for the equal suffrage amendment next June are of the most assuring. It will be a distinct and progressive achievement of the value of which when they are permitted to enjoy full citizenship. Classification with idiots, criminals and other disfranchised citizens is a stigma on women that reflects on their fathers, husbands and sons.

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# AT THE THEATRES.

### "The Sho-Gun" Tonight.

Henry W. Savage will offer as the attraction at the Marston Grand theatre for one week beginning tonight at 8:15, with the only matinee Saturday, the first joint work of George Ade and Gustav Lubin, "The Sho-Gun," a Korean comic opera, which was last season received with great acclaim by the theatre-going public and the press. It was hailed as the most beautiful of all the Henry W. Savage operas and this season finds it with a new complement of costumes, scenery and accessories, but with a cast practically identical with the one offered last season. Continuing in their original roles are John E. Henshaw, Agnes Cain Brown, William C. Watson, May Tom Brooks, T. C. Leary, Genevieve Day, E. P. Parsons, Isabelle D'Armond, Dittman H. Poppin, Lawrence Cooper and others, and the original choruses, which was one of the pronounced successes of the year. Seats are now selling for the entire engagement.

### "Buster Brown" Coming.

"Buster Brown," which comes to the Marston Grand theatre all next week, beginning with the Christmas matinee, is known to be the best of the latest-day cartoon comedies, based upon the character of the boy in the newspaper supplements. Suffice to say "Buster Brown," with a support of splendor, will furnish a most delightful entertainment.

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### Top-Liners at Grand.

There is a bill of top-liners at the Grand this week. It is headed by the Fuller, Ross company, which comes to the Grand direct from the leading vaudeville theatres of the east. The name of the farcelet which the company presents is "Blick Dick." Others of this notable program are James Hanonney, the beautiful girl; the marvelous Bossell; Master Harold Hoff, the boy singer; Ethel Whitehead, with her chorus of little dark boys; Elyne and Dandy, comical acrobats, and the Grand boogie, with a film that is one long laugh.

### At the Star.

Every act at the Star this week is good. Thelma Deverox, the famous female impersonator, has a voice that should be heard by musical

Portland; Zelnor is a midget magician who does all the tricks of Hiramsham and others; Earl and Wilson are comedy musicians and the York-Herbert trio introduce comical acrobatic feats and stum and dances. J. Frank Ely has a monologue. There is a new illustrated song singer and one of the best moving pictures the Staroscope has flashed.

### INTOXICATED PAINTER CAUSES COMMOTION

(Special Dispatch to The Journal.)  
Corvallis, Or., Dec. 18.—At 3 o'clock Sunday morning Clarence Hyland, a painter, while intoxicated, began flourishing a pistol in the Occidental hotel lobby. By firing several shots and otherwise showing fight he succeeded in chasing all the inmates who were about to the third story. The Modern Woodmen of Corvallis, Minors and Philomena, who held a big meeting here last

night, were just reaching the hotel to retire when Hyland opened up with his gun. The Woodmen were forced to flee upstairs with the rest, and after gaining possession of the lower story Hyland was captured by Nightwatchman Osburn and Chief of Police Lane and lodged in the county jail.

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