

CHURCH FEDERATION EXPERIMENT THAT SUCCEEDED AT SUNNYSIDE

None but Good Results for Community and Prosperity from Churches.

SEGREGATED IN LETTER BUT UNITED IN SPIRIT

Three of Six Denominations, Once Weak, Now Withdraw, but Only Because of Federation's Unwieldiness Through Growth.

By Rev. Charles H. Porter.

What was possibly one of the most unique church organizations in the world has just passed into history, and the Federated church at Sunnyside, Washington, is a thing of the past.

The final dissolution meeting was held in the Federated church on the night of March 13, 1907. Addresses were made by ministers and laymen setting forth the history, growth, and influence of the organization, and giving an account of what led up to its formation.

While it had an existence of about six years, yet it had a most salutary effect in breaking down sectarian prejudice and in drawing to the community a most desirable class of citizens, both morally and intellectually, and by a combined and unbroken front, kept the town free from those vices and evil influences so manifest in many other communities, especially in the new and growing towns of the west.

But Its Work Had Been Done.

Many, however, felt it had served its day and accomplished its work, and that the time had come for separate organization; hence the dissolution, which began some months ago with the withdrawal of the Methodists, followed later by the Baptist and Christian people; but which, owing to its articles of federation, could not be consummated until the latter time.

The institution is the result of the surrounding conditions existing at the time of its organization. It grew out

Federated Church at Sunnyside, Washington, in Which Six Christian Denominations Worshipped for Years in Perfect Harmony.



Rev. Charles H. Porter, Pastor of the M. E. Church at Sunnyside, Washington.

Jackrabbits were in evidence. Few were the dwellings in the town and few in the country surrounding and the people were forced to worship in the village schoolhouse. There were then nine denominations dividing the time and worshipping together.

The Methodists had early sent a preacher who organized a class and took it into the Pioneer circuit. The Congregationalists were also early on the ground, then the Presbyterians, and later came the Dunkards, Brethren, Baptists, Christians, Episcopalians and Free Methodists.

Unsuccessful Efforts to Unite.

The schoolhouse becoming too small, it was soon realized that they must have a house of worship. This naturally led to many plans and suggestions. The people, having had a taste of union worship, were not altogether loath to its continuance. A union church was not considered advisable, and the Episcopalians people then made a proposition that if the others would aid in the erection of an Episcopal church, all might use it in common until dedicated; the Episcopalians reserving a fourth of the time.

No satisfactory working basis was reached, however, and the Episcopalians began the erection of the first church in Sunnyside. About the same time, however, the Dunkards began the erection of their church, and the Free Methodists built theirs later.

Federation Then Suggested.

A federation was then suggested by Rev. S. J. Harrison, pastor of the Brethren church, who became its chief promoter. This was deemed advisable by many. A number of good men, however, opposed it.

In November, 1900, S. J. Harrison called a meeting, the matter was discussed and a committee consisting of S. J. Harrison, J. E. Laird and Dr. J. R. Harvey was appointed to formulate a written statement of the plan. After much labor they finally reported, in the spring of 1901, a constitution and by-laws, which were ratified by a majority of each of the six denominations federating, namely: Methodist, Presbyterian, Congregationalist, Baptist, Brethren, and Christian, and thus was launched the "Sunnyside Christian Federation" with a membership of 125.

In the autumn following its organization, a church 48x76 feet was built

at a cost of \$4,500, and three years later, in order to accommodate the rapidly growing community, the building was enlarged to accommodate fully 800 people. This addition was 36x40 and 16x20. Aside from an enlarged auditorium, this gave three additional rooms for Sunday school. Its present property valuation is between \$7,000 and \$8,000.

The conditions of federation were such that no one of the denominations federating could withdraw within five years of the time of organization, and then, with such withdrawing member must give a 60 days' notice with a proposition to sell interest or buy property.

Terms of the Federation.

A president, vice president, secretary and treasurer, elected by the vote of the entire body, and one trustee, and one spiritual adviser elected from each of the denominations, constituted the officials of the federation—these were elected annually.

There was a division of time and the several pastors took their turns at morning and evening preaching. Each denomination supported its own pastor and also supported and held its relation to the general organization of the church of which they were a part. But the prayer meeting, Sunday school, Young People's society, Ladies Aid and all other work was to be in common. Most the general expenses were to be met by all.

From 125 members the organization grew in six years to about 600. The Sunday school numbered about the same, and a congregation of 200 to 700 greeted the preachers.

New Federation of Three.

The Methodists will soon begin the erection of a handsome church, edifice. The Baptists will follow later. The Presbyterians, Congregationalists and Brethren have organized a new federation to expire in three years.

The moral tone of the community is very high. In all the west there is possibly no community that will compare with Sunnyside in the percentage of people belonging to the church and who attend public worship. Few places have such morals and there has never been a saloon in the town.

During the writer's pastorate here he does not remember seeing more than one drunkard man.

Thus the curtain falls on an organization which I believe has been an instrument for much good and the drawing together of a select class of people, both morally and intellectually.

DR. BROUGHER INTENDS TO ANSWER CRITICS

Dr. Brougher states that he has received a number of interesting letters from Christian Scientists this week. Most of them have been anonymous, but that has not made them any the less interesting. Preliminary to his sermon Sunday morning the doctor will reply to his critics. He invites them to be present so that they can receive his answers direct, and not second-hand.

Sunday night he will discuss the interesting topic "Fighting the Blues, or 'The Struggle with Doubt, Despondency and Despair.'" Those who are possessed with "blues devils"—and most people have one or more—to destroy their happiness—no doubt get some good pointers by hearing the sermon. The music Sunday at the White Temple, both morning and evening, will be appropriate to Palm Sunday.

MAIL ORDER DEMAND FOR SAN CARLOS SEATS

Orders by mail for seats at the San Carlos Opera company performances are now being received in quantities by the Helig management. Tuesday night, April 2, "La Gioconda" will be given. "La Boheme" will be the bill at the matinee, Wednesday afternoon, and "Carmen" Wednesday night. Orders will be filled as they are received, but season orders take preference over single performance orders. Letters should be addressed and checks made payable to W. T. Fangle, manager, Helig theatre. Box office sale opens Thursday, March 18.

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Charter Day at Berkeley.

(Journal Special Service.) Berkeley, Cal., March 23.—Many visitors of note participated in the charter day exercises today at the University of California. The principal address was delivered by Dr. Nicholas Murray Butler, president of Columbia university.

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Rev. S. J. Harrison, Chief Promoter of the Federated Church at Sunnyside, Washington.

of the need for a house of worship and a belief on the part of many composing the several denominations that they were not sufficiently strong to build separately. It seemed the child of necessity, but that necessity had vanished with the passing of the conditions that brought it into being.

Methodists the Pioneers.

Then the country was new and there were but few people. Most of the surrounding country, and where the flourishing town of Sunnyside now stands, was in wild sage and the coyote and

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Passengers Besiege Steamers for Transportation to Points in California.

LUMBER DROGHERS HAVE NO LICENSE FOR TRAFFIC

Disappointed Travelers Offer to Work Their Way but Are Turned Down by Skippers, Who Do Not Believe in Taking Chances.

People wanting to go to San Francisco are besieging the various steamer boat offices in hopes of finding some boat bound south before the sailing of the regular liner Columbia next week. Many of them have been marooned here for a number of days by the washouts on the Southern Pacific and are anxious to continue their journey. The steam schooner Redondo left down this morning bound for Monterey with a cargo of lumber, but she has no passenger license and hence those who applied for passage were turned away disappointed. Several applicants were willing to work their way if only permitted to come on board and in addition to their services pay the regular fare. Even this tempting offer was refused, however, because it might have brought the skipper into trouble with the inspectors.

The Harriman liner Costa Rica sailed the other night with a full list of passengers and more than 100 were left behind. The interruption of the train service has thrown all the traffic to the water routes and a dozen steamers could be filled with passengers were they available. The steamers Columbia, Roanoke and F. A. Kilburn are due to arrive here Monday and that will serve greatly to relieve the situation, as combined these three steamers will be able to handle at least 500 passengers.

Up to a few months ago most of the lumber carrying steam schooners carried passengers but since freights became high and profits enormous the business was abandoned in order to save time and space.

CRAFT FINISHES LOADING

Steamer Aymerie May Sail for North China Tomorrow.

The British steamer Aymerie shifted from Montgomery dock No. 3 to the Albina dock this afternoon to finish loading for north China. She has only about 50 tons more to take on and will probably get ready to sail tomorrow morning. The Aymerie's cargo is valued at about \$225,000 and consists principally of flour.

The British steamer Quito shifted from the coal bunkers at David's dock this morning to the Portland Flouring mills where she will load flour for ports in north China, the Quito being scheduled to follow the Aymerie.

The French bark Able will finish loading wheat for Europe next Monday and thereby bring to a close one of the longest stays in the port by a quartered

vessel. She has been receiving cargo for the past two months off and on, the delays having been caused by the shortage of cars and consequent inability to get the necessary grain to the water front.

ALONG THE WATERFRONT

The steamer Alliance cleared today for Coos bay.

The derelict bark Melanops will be towed from Astoria to Puget sound by the tug Tatosch.

The steam schooner Thomas L. Ward leaves Linnton this afternoon for San Francisco with a cargo of lumber.

The schooner Aivena will load lumber

at Stella for San Francisco. She reached Astoria yesterday.

The steam schooner Aurelia cleared at Astoria yesterday for San Francisco with 530,000 feet of lumber loaded at Vancouver and Rainier.

The barkentine Wrestler cleared at Astoria yesterday for San Francisco with 480,000 feet of lumber.

Colonel S. W. Rosser, United States engineer, returned from a tour of inspection at Cello falls, where work on the new canal is going on.

MARINE NOTES

Astoria, March 23.—Condition of the bar at 3 a. m. very rough; wind south; weather cloudy.

San Francisco, March 22.—Sailed at 1:20 p. m., steamer Columbia, for Portland.

Astoria, March 22.—Arrived down at 5:15 p. m., British steamer Aspinthous Barkentine Amaranth arrived off Columbia river and was ordered to Puget sound.

Lost and Found.

Lost, between 9:30 a. m. yesterday and noon today, a bilious attack, with nausea and sick headache. This loss was occasioned by finding at the Red Cross Pharmacy a box of Dr. King's New Life Pills. Guaranteed for biliousness, malaria and jaundice. 25c.

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