

FOOD SHOW CHOSEN AS ASSISTANT PASTOR AT AGE OF 21

Rev. Hiram Vrooman's Ministerial Career Successful From Early Life.

DIRECT DESCENDANT OF COUNT EGDMONT

Spent Boyhood in Kansas, Studying Later at Washburn College and Harvard—Founder of Union Which Swayed Beneficial Legislation.

Rev. Hiram Vrooman was born March 1, 1871, in Macon, Missouri. His father at that time was judge of the superior court. He is a lineal descendant of Goethe's Count Egmont, Prince of Gavler, so noted in the history of Holland. About 250 years ago the family came to America with the Schenckedy patent and were notable figures in the early colonial days.

He spent his early boyhood in Kansas, where the Vrooman family is well-known. After studying first at Washburn college, Topeka, Kansas, and then at Harvard university, Mr. Vrooman was called to be the assistant pastor of the Associate Reformed church of Baltimore, the largest Protestant church of that city. This was at the youthful age of 21. In connection with this church he organized courses of university extension lectures, and clubs for the young people and also founded the Union for Public Good, a veritable colony of the moral forces of that city, of which the Hon. Charles J. Bonaparte was president and Mr. Vrooman himself secretary. Eighty-five different churches and humanitarian organizations were represented by officially chosen delegates to this union. Cardinal Gibbons took an active part in an advisory way. Besides carrying forward an important educational work this union secured legislative reforms regarding child labor, the sweating system, gambling and other things.

Organized Baltimore's First Club. Mr. Vrooman organized the first Good Government club of Baltimore, modeled after the Rev. Charles H. Parkhurst's club of New York City.

For seven years before coming to Portland, two years ago, Mr. Vrooman was the regular minister of a church in Boston. He is now president of the Co-Workers Fraternity of Boston, a college organization which practically owns the Cooperative Association of America. This association owns and conducts the largest department store in the state of Maine on the corner of State street. He has been identified with several

large business enterprises and thereby became intimately acquainted with the inner workings of corporations and the laws governing them. He spent two summers in the wilds of the Klondike in developing some gold dredging concessions from the Canadian government in which he owns an interest, encountering many hardships and perils.

President of League. Since making Portland his home Mr. Vrooman has been preaching for the Swedish church without salary. His sermons have been characterized by their serious and thoughtful regard for a true spirituality. He has interested himself in the economic and political movements of Portland and Oregon. He has taken an active part in the Grange, Patrons of Husbandry, and Public Ownership of Railways. He was appointed by Governor Chamberlain a representative of Oregon to the National Civic Federation congress. He is aggressive as a citizen and patriot in working for those fundamental reform principles which lead to political reforms and to human betterment. In politics he is an independent. He has a repugnance for anything spectacular or sensational either in his church work or social reform work and believes that the thing most needed in religion and in politics is studious and fundamental treatment.

WILL HEAR OF OREGON

World to Be Notified of Wonderful Advantages of This State Through Four Hundred Thousand Attractive Leaflets.

A vast number of leaflets prepared by the Portland commercial club will go out to correspondents of Portland business houses September 1, the world over, and carry a message from this city to homeseekers and investors, urging them to investigate Oregon before deciding upon their future course. The club this week issued 400,000 copies of the leaflet. Its insertion in letters costs nothing and will not add to the postage necessary on the average letter.

Advantages New Colonists Receive. The keynote of the message is the low colonist rate on all trans-continental railroads to the Pacific northwest, effective until October 1. The rates apply from every station in the United States and Canada east of the Rocky mountains. During this period the fare will be \$25 from Kansas City, St. Joseph, Leavenworth, Atchison, Council Bluffs, Omaha, Sioux City, St. Paul, Minneapolis, Duluth, Winnipeg, and other points in that territory. Other rates quoted in the leaflet are: Des Moines, Iowa, \$25; St. Louis, Missouri, \$30; Oklahoma, Oklahoma, \$30; Peoria, Illinois, \$31; Chicago, Illinois, \$32; Evansville, Indiana, \$33; Indianapolis, Indiana, \$35.85; Memphis, Tennessee, \$37.50; Louisville, Kentucky, \$38; Cincinnati, Ohio, \$38; Detroit, Michigan, \$39.50; Cleveland, Ohio, \$39.75; Nashville, Tennessee, \$40; Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, \$41; Toronto, Ontario, \$41.95; Buffalo, New York, \$42.50; Birmingham, Alabama, \$44.50; St. Petersburg, Florida, \$46.75; Asheville, North Carolina, \$46.75; Mobile, Alabama, \$46.85; Washington, D. C., \$48.35; Montreal, Quebec, \$48.50; Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, \$48.50; Baltimore, Maryland, \$49.25; Boston, Massachusetts, \$49.90; New York City, \$50.

Territory Includes Millions. The rate of \$25 includes a vast area of the middle west, while tickets costing from that up to \$25 include a more than 30,000,000 of people, and if energetic Oregonians will contribute but a small portion of their time to this work or succeed in securing a large part of it in correspondence eastern people must be made to understand that if they want to reach any point in Oregon south of Portland they must buy their ticket direct to that point, the rate being the same as it is to Portland, or they will be compelled to pay for a regular ticket to their point of destination after they get here.

Persons who contemplate coming to the state should be urged to get particulars from local agents, who have all the information that is desired and will give the ticket-buyer the benefit of that information if asked to do so. For instance, the agents over the country are supplied with a list of the cities and towns in Oregon to which this rate is available, and each of them knows the rate to points east of Umatilla is \$2.50 less than the general rate over the state, and also has advice as to just how many points tickets can be sold to in this and other states.

Big Prizes Offered. The Commercial club has requested the Journal to also state that the club's offer of \$5,000 in cash prizes for articles printed in newspapers published outside the state of Oregon and Washington is open to every reader of the Journal, and it is hoped that all will take advantage of it. When one considers that there are opportunities to win, it is certainly next to impossible for persons in Oregon who are acquainted with the statistics as well as the marvelous beauties of the state to lose, and then there is the added pleasure of having contributed something toward advertising your city and state. The Commercial club leaflet is available for the use of all who will send or write to the secretary asking to be supplied.



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ACTORINES PLAY STAGE CARPENTERS

Laugh Promoters, Unduly Favored by Swell Elegant Jones Who Judged Balls and Strikes, Tickle the Ribs of Their Opponents.

Ezra Kendall and his company, not content with making fun for the general public, have added to the burlesque they bear by going into the baseball business and this morning brought sorrow into the camp of nine stage carpenters and scene shifters who had been possessed of temerity sufficient to dispute their prowess as baseball tossers.

Mr. Kendall himself appeared in the capacity of umpire and as the result of his efforts and the good support given him by his company the score stood 14 to 7 in favor of the Kendall aggregation when the gentle rain mercifully put an end to the slaughter.

It was a shame the way they did it, but then the stage hands ought to have place in his hat with the joker somewhere in the vicinity, yet in spite of this they allowed Mr. Kendall to umpire and "Jack" Garrity to do the curbing dispensing throughout the time the curtain was up.

Bundy Did the Receiving. The real reason the Kendall team won was not because they played ball, but because the stage hands were so afraid of waking "Sleepy Bundy" that they had gone into a trance back of the home plate that they were afraid of waking one of Garrity's curvers, lest the noise would give Billy Hackett the heart disease.

It was a great game. That is, it was a slight melodramatic tint of light opera put in as a side light. Owing to the modesty of the stage hands their identity has been kept a secret, but the cast of the Kendall team was secured for publication after great effort.

William Hackett, who is more generally known as "Sleepy Bundy" was selected as catcher because he is the largest and tallest man in the company and could therefore have some faint opportunity of stopping at least one out of three of the wide curves pitched by John Garrity, manager of the company.

David Landau was put in center field just to keep him fenced in away from the grand stand, while Thomas O'Malley and Ashley Miller were sent out to right and left. Landau was put in center field and see he did not escape from any chance fly that might come out in his neighborhood.

Actresses All Had Places. Mark Elliott played first base because he was right handed and the big mitt would fit his hand. William Warren did stunts out in short stop's vicinity, having been chosen for that important station because at one time in his history he was badly scared and is quick and nervous in his movements. Sam Roman was stationed at second base so he could hide behind the pitcher and the umpire and be out of danger of getting hurt.

George Lowe sat out at the edge of the diamond at third base because it was close to the grand stand and the lady with the brown veil was a little nearsighted. Manager John Garrity did the pitching stunt because his companions believed him better able to convince the umpire that the balls he hurled at the grand stand were strikes than any other man on the team. It may be stated parenthetically here that Garrity's command of English was perfect throughout the engagement while his delivery was both rapid and vigorous.

Ezra Kendall as an umpire is a great success. Owing to his large fund of stories he is able to make the kickers

forget their complaints while it is reported that he has a reserve stock of old jokes on hand to hurl at belligerents which insures his immunity from any attack no matter how great the provocation.

The game was a pipkin, but the plot was so brisk and the action so intricate that nothing less than a serial story could tell it in detail and give each player credit for what he deserved. It is sufficient to say that Mr. Kendall was the umpire and that the score was 14 to 7.

BLAZIER WILL RAFFLE OF GRUESOME FIND

F. O. Blazier, who on the night of August 14 was alarmed to find a shroud at the rear door of his barn at 185 Holaday avenue, and who at the time was inclined to lay the present to a Black Hand society or the enmity of a rival, has about determined that his gift was but a practical joke.

Yesterday Blazier went to police headquarters and secured the shroud which he had left there for safe keeping and last night hung it in a prominent place in his barn with the notice, "A Gift From an Unknown." Blazier expects to raffle the gruesome looking garment off as soon as his customers become accustomed to the sight of the thing.

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COAST RAILROAD CONDENSERS LANDS

Line Projected Southward From Astoria Lays Plans for Construction.

Preparations for construction of the Portland-Oregon Seacoast railway are going steadily forward. It is said officers of the company will meet in New York shortly after the first of September and complete their arrangements with London capitalists for building and equipping the entire line stretching from Portland to Astoria and southward along the coast to a point not yet known, but supposed to be Eureka, California, where the Santa Fe has its northernmost terminal.

The president of the company is H. Hawgood, formerly chief engineer of the San Pedro, Los Angeles & Salt Lake road, built by Senator W. A. Clark. Mr. Hawgood has all of the past summer been negotiating with Astoria for terminals, and with points along the coast for rights of way. A large part of the right of way has been secured, and condemnation proceedings have been started to secure appraisal by a jury of lands required for rights of way and terminals at other places where no price could be agreed upon between owners and the officers of the road.

Five suits were filed yesterday in the circuit court at Astoria by Judge Bowley, as attorney for the Portland-Oregon Seacoast railway company to condemn a right of way 200 feet wide for the proposed road following the Lewis and Clark river from the Columbia to the Nehalem divide.

The complaints assert that the object of the company is to construct and operate a branch of railway from Astoria via the Lewis and Clark river to the Nehalem river, a distance of about 25 miles, to connect at or near Grand Rapids with the proposed main line from North Portland to Clatsop City, near the coast.

The suits are brought against the following defendants: Clatsop Mill company, from which the company desires about 55 acres of land, alleged to be worth about \$15 per acre, and for which the company offered \$150; M. J. Kinney and J. F. Hamilton, from whom the company asks \$25 acres, alleged to be worth \$18 per acre; John Welch, from whom is desired about four acres, worth \$18 per acre; Harriet Kinney, from whom is required about five acres, estimated to be worth \$18 per acre.

The cases will be tried at the coming session of the court, beginning September 2. It is said that as soon as the company's condemnation suits can be disposed of it will be ready to begin actual construction of the road.

he is able to make the kickers

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