

PASTORS GET METERS IN HOT DEBATE

Dr. Rader Brings Out Challenge by Referring to Condition of Working Girls in City—Others Discuss Socialism.

In a hot discussion in the places for the church to begin its practical work the Methodist preachers learned this morning that there is a man in town organizing a society for the prevention of a revolution in America; that the church is doing practically no work to stamp out the real sources of evil and that merchants of Portland are not paying their working girls sufficient wages to allow them to live moral lives, some receiving only 40 cents a day.

This last statement from Dr. Rader brought out a challenge from several, notably Dr. Cline who resented the implication against the characters of the working women of the town and against the upright merchants. Dr. Rader declared himself ready to substantiate his statement with facts and another preacher rose to add his support and to announce that he had the statistics.

Dr. Rader qualified his remark with the concession that some of the girls live at home and are thus able to keep straight on smart and honest, but the majority are parentless and homeless, and must take the course open to them. He held that it is possible to change such conditions because he knows of cases where it has been done, and he argued that the church should take measures to force merchants to pay better wages.

Paper Starts Discussion.

A paper by Dr. Young on "Are Our Church Methods Reaching the Un-churches Masses?" precipitated the discussion. Centralizing the force of his paper on the necessity of work among the masses he stood out strong for the establishment of a large mission house, a deaconess' home and a hospital, that the work of the Methodist church may be practical.

Almost every preacher in the room had a chance at the paper. One resented the reference to the hospital, which is a sore point with the old time Methodists here, as a reminder of a lost glory. He said it took the eastern people to come out and tell native born westerners the value of their own country; that the westerners could have foreseen the future of the west they would have had all these great things the easterners are now advocating and blaming them for not having.

The necessity of work among the masses and the inclination of some of the preachers to treat it lightly brought Dr. Young to his feet again with the remark that the church's problem lies downtown among the people who are fostering socialism and anarchy and that the danger is not among the ignorant classes of the slums but among the thinking agitators. He referred to the recent troubles in Spokane and said: "Who knows in what that may yet result? Out of a less struggle grew the American revolution. As the church continues to tangle itself up in questions of estheticism and dilettantism, forgetting the life problems, so surely will our civilization be wrecked. A trained slum worker from Pittsburgh, a college graduate and a brilliant woman told me yesterday that in her work in Pittsburgh and Chicago she had seen conditions she had not believed could exist, and when I asked what the church is doing for them, she said: Nothing."

Same Conditions Here.

"In this city we have the same conditions growing. We should look at one toward the establishment of these institutions that are needed. Hospital accommodations are sadly limited in Portland; it is a reflection on the intelligence of Methodism in Portland that we have not done something before."

A few rose in partial defence of the Socialists and held that by showing them the way and not criticizing their principles these people will learn to see the difference between Christianity and Socialism. Dr. Young spoke again, calling attention to the presence in town of a man who organizes a society for the prevention of a revolution and spoke of the conditions which must make that necessary.

"Some people foretell a revolution within five years; others in 10. It may all be a false alarm, but as surely as we do not direct our doctrine to the solution of this problem it will come sometime," said Dr. Young.

Points to Bad Conditions.

Roman of Willamette university upheld Dr. Young's view and referred to the heart breaking conditions among the laboring classes in Chicago, conditions into which he had looked during his residence there. He said frankly that he did not have the courage to battle with such conditions and he was glad when he was called to other fields. Willamette university needs much help, he said, but there are problems in Portland that need more help.

Dr. Cline after various other interruptions got in a telling one when he said, that Wesley in his reformation had had people to deal with, murderers and thieves, but he had not the worst class—the educated Colonel Woods. Dr. Rader then delivered his blow and

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Seventh Ward Improvement Club Will Urge United Action.

The Seventh Ward Improvement League is going to the other push clubs of the city for aid in its fight for the general installation of meters by the city water department for the use of the consumers of water in the city. The league has drafted a set of resolutions which is being sent out to the push clubs of the city, asking the cooperation of these organizations in the fight for the meter system. The resolutions are as follows:

"We, the members of the Seventh Ward League of the city of Portland, being desirous of furthering equalization among the citizens of Portland and giving our fair city and householders therein a right which has been pledged to them by our city laws, under our city charter as adopted on the 23d day of January, 1903, and amendments adopted thereto on April 1, 1908, and that consumers within city limits and using city water shall be placed upon a meter and that each consumer shall pay only for the water actually consumed by him; and,

"Whereas, The water board of the city of Portland is causing to be charged a different rate than that prescribed by law, wholly contrary to the city charter and amendments thereto; now, therefore, be it

"Resolved, by the members of this league that we use every endeavor to prevail upon said water board of the city of Portland to install immediately the meter system as provided by our laws and the city charter and the amendments to-wit: Section 227 of the charter of the city of Portland which provides and appropriates a sufficient sum for the purchase and installation of the water meters to supply the water to consumers of Portland."

said that only by beginning at the root could one hope to eradicate evil. He invited those who disbelieved his statements to go and examine conditions.

Another speaker took off his hat, so to speak, to the Catholic church, in Chicago, he said, in the down town districts there are eight splendid Catholic churches while the only Protestant representative is a dirty filthy mission, called Halsted mission. He said: "Until we are ready to put our money into the down town districts we cannot solve the problem. We give these poor folk a dirty little hotel to go to church in and put our millions into handsome structures up town. Till we can go shoulder to shoulder with the Catholics in this respect we cannot criticize the Catholics."

The discussion was so interesting that the meeting voted to assemble an hour early to discuss it more freely. A general opinion seemed to prevail, that this morning would be productive of some institutions in the down town district according to Dr. Young's recommendation.

Paper by Chan Sing Kai.

Under the head of the work among the Chinese in Portland, Pastor Chan Sing Kai read the following paper yesterday:

"I thank the Lord greatly because he has given me an opportunity to do his service among my own people. I enjoy this work immensely, and the longer I do this work the more I feel encouraged because I am an orphan of Jesus' disciples."

"Among the mission works we have a Sunday service, Sunday school, prayer meeting, class meeting, Bible classes, day and night school. Each night after the lessons are over we have a song and prayer service by the pupils and teachers. Thus they have an interest in their study of the English language and we are leading them into Christianity gradually."

"Outside of this mission work we have many important duties. Among them are that we often visit the Chinese merchant stores and many homes and reveal to them the gospel, and that on Sunday afternoons we have street meetings for those who are not yet Christians. And we do not visit our mission. Thus our hands are always full of work. But I have a very helpful coworker, Brother Louie Yuen. He is a willing and strong man to spread his word."

"I have received God's great help during my eight years of preaching in Portland. The Chinese people, in this city, of today, seem to realize and value our teachings. Many have changed from their old habits and are willing to come to the mission and become successful Chinatown has been divided into two sections, the new Chinatown and the old. This makes it quite hard because we are a little bit far from the new Chinatown, but still a few come to study at the night school there."

Membership Is 45.

"Our membership at present is 45 because some have gone to other cities and some have gone back to China. You must know that the Chinese are different from the Americans when we wish to draw them into our fold. They are slow but we have patience. Yet when they are once drawn in they will always stand by us faithfully, help to spread the gospel and raise money to build more churches in China."

"Our method of leading the Chinese into Christianity is that before they are converted we have a Young People's society and they join this society until they are more familiar. Another way is that we give the night school pupils a chance to hear us preach, and many have been converted that way. The night school is very important because each pupil must obey the rules, and I employ only the teachers that are good Christians and educated, and they help along our mission. Every night I supervised this school and keep it in order and prosperous. There are some who think that our rules are too strict, but I know that it is the only way to keep order. I can say that God has greatly increased the number and I thank the Oregon Annual Conference for helping us to keep it up. Also pray for us and China, that the word of truth may spread across the sea to our homeland."

ARGO WRECK TO BE INVESTIGATED

Hearing of the wreck of the Portland-Tillamook liner, Argo, will begin before United States Inspectors Edwards and Fuller in the Custom House building at 3 o'clock tomorrow morning. Several witnesses will be examined and the hearing will probably consume two days. The Argo went down off Tillamook Bay Friday night, the passengers and crew escaping in boats.

A European inventor has brought out a parachute hood which he claims may be used in any airplane without hindering its flight, yet which will prevent disaster should the machine fall.

CASH RATHER THAN PRISON FOR GREAT FIGHT

Mr. Ridgeway Abhorred Thought of Temporary Residence in Jail.

Henry Ridgeway contributed \$100 to the county yesterday. He did it unwillingly, but when he learned that he was either \$100 or the county jail, he lost little time.

The \$100 was a fine imposed by Judge Bronough in the juvenile court for contempt. Ridgeway having sent Chester Ridgeway, his 16-year-old boy, out of the state, after he had been ordered to bring the boy back if he were not fined or sent to jail. Judge Bronough declined to make any such bargain.

Chester, the boy, was made a ward of the court several months ago because of a statutory offense. He was sentenced to the penitentiary and released on probation, but several complaints have been received regarding him. Last week he was ordered in to answer to the charge of throwing stones at a man named Ruddy. Instead of appearing, he was sent out of the state by his father.

NO MURDER IF SPY LOOKED ON

With one hand over her mouth and the other holding a dagger at her breast, T. O. Puckett forced Mrs. Eva O. Puckett to take serious thought of the unknown hereafter, according to the allegations in a suit for divorce filed today in the circuit court by Mrs. Puckett. She says that Puckett failed to kill her because he heard a noise in the house at the critical moment and thought she had someone there to spy on him.

She did not deny this charge, she says, and Puckett then changed his mind and ran away. This was in April, 1908. He left her alone until November of the same year, she says, when he returned and promised to be good, so she took him back.

Very soon, she says, she found his conduct was bad, and he annoyed her, besides becoming jealous of her and forbidding her to speak with the boarders. Finally she went to work in a laundry, she states, and earned \$13, but he made her give him an itemized account of how she spent the money. She says he took a dislike to her little boy—a former marriage and once threatened to knock the boy's teeth down his throat at the dinner table.

November 15 of the present year is the last day of trouble named in the complaint. At that time, says Mrs. Puckett, she desired to talk to hubby, but he put a newspaper in front of his face. When she tore down the barrier, she says, he hit her and knocked her under the table. She declares she has had enough. They were married on July 4, 1907.

Mrs. Clara B. Turley is suing for separation from Bert Turley, to whom she was married in September, 1907. She alleges that he made her life burdensome by his conduct. Her maiden name was Clara B. Settlemeir.

RELIEF IN SIGHT FOR IRVINGTON

Through the efforts of the executive board of the committee of 100 from the Irvington-Holladay Improvement associations and Mayor Simon, Ralph Dunway, who brought an injunction preventing the city from going ahead with the paving of Multnomah street, has been induced to have the suit dismissed and it is believed the last excuse the Portland Railway, Light & Power company has for not doubletracking the Multnomah street portion of the Irvington line has been done away with.

The Dunway injunction suit which was filed in the circuit court by Dunway has blocked the paving of Multnomah street for some months. Dunway brought the suit for himself and for other taxpayers, although it is said that he had but one cent's interest in the paving of the street. The suit prevented the Hassam Paving company which had the contract for doing the work, from going ahead and this afforded the streetcar company an excuse for not doubletracking its Irvington line. It was claimed by President Josselyn that the company could not doubletrack the Irvington line until the paving of Multnomah street from Union avenue to East Fifteenth street had been begun.

In spite of all the efforts of the Irvington people to hurry up the paving of this street they were unable to do anything until last week when at the mass meeting of the members of the Irvington-Holladay Improvement association it was voted to ask the mayor to assist in getting Dunway to withdraw his suit. The suit was dismissed Tuesday.

Complain Against Rates.

Salem, Or., Dec. 1.—F. A. Ketchum, of the Peninsula Feed & Fuel company, has filed a complaint with the railroad commission against the Northern Pacific and against the Spokane, Portland & Seattle road, charging that those two transportation companies enforce excessive rates for delivering coal in different parts of the city of Portland.

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DDS OPEED FOR GREAT FIGHT

Roboken, Dec. 1.—After opening the bids for the Jeffries-Johnson fight this afternoon, the managers decided to wait until tomorrow afternoon, to decide which will be accepted to hurry; we will not sign today," said Johnson, and Berger, representing Jeffries, said the same.

The bids practically make it certain that the fight will be held in California. Only one of the bids under consideration suggested that the fight might be held elsewhere. This was the bid of "Tex" Rickard, who specified that it must be held in California, Nevada, or Utah.

The bids with the liberal offers of the lion's share of receipts and profits of the moving pictures of the fight, in addition to the guarantees are the greatest ever offered for a prize fight.

It is evident that Johnson does not consider the bids offering per centage of picture receipts as good as those guaranteeing real money.

It is believed that Berger is inclined favorably to the bid of Tom McCarry of Los Angeles of a guaranteed purse of \$110,000 and 50 per cent of the picture receipts or of all the gate receipts and 50 per cent of the picture receipts. Berger also is said to be much impressed with Rickard's bid of a guarantee of \$101,000 and 66 per cent of the picture receipts.

As the impression got around that Berger favored McCarry or Rickard, the wise ones "winked the other eye."

The following propositions were considered:

By Tom McCarry, for the Pacific Athletic club of Los Angeles, 100 per cent of the gross receipts, with 66 per cent of the moving picture receipts or a guaranteed purse of \$110,000 and 50 per cent of the picture receipts.

By Tex Rickard, who did not state the place where he would hold the fight, other than that it would be in California, Nevada or Utah, offering a guaranteed purse of \$101,000 and 66 per cent of the moving picture receipts.

By Gleason and Coffroth, stipulating that the fight be held on July 4, 1910, at Colma, Ocean View or San Francisco, offering \$125,000 for all the privileges, with a deposit of \$30,000; or a purse of \$75,000 and 66 2-3 per cent of the gross receipts; or 80 per cent of the gross receipts and 66 2-3 per cent of the picture receipts.

By Eddie Graney, for the Tuxedo club of California, offering 80 per cent of the gross receipts and a guarantee of \$75,000 and all the picture receipts; or 80 per cent of the gross receipts with a guarantee of \$70,000 and \$20,000 in addition to pay for a third interest in the pictures; or 80 per cent of the gross receipts and the entire picture receipts, but without guarantee. He stipulated that the fight must be held within five miles of San Francisco.

In addition to these the bid of Hugh McIntosh of Australia was received, but it is considered so preposterous that it is hardly regarded with seriousness.

TEN HOUR LAW WILL BE TESTED

Box Manufacturer Contends Girls Can Work as Long as They Have To.

F. C. Stetler, paper box manufacturer, promises a contest of the Oregon 10 hour female labor law that will end only in the supreme court of the state. Stetler was arrested this morning by State Labor Commissioner O. P. Hoff and Deputy Commissioner Carl F. Caulfield, charged with working a crew of 50 girls over hours.

In the municipal court Stetler maintained that he was giving the girls piece work, allowing them to work as long as they themselves desire and paying them for what they do on a straight basis. He declared that this could be in no sense considered a violation of the 10 hour law according to its present provisions.

Commissioner Hoff stated today in answer to Stetler that he would welcome such a test of the law, as he desires its rigid enforcement for the protection of the working girl in Oregon. Stetler's trial is set for next Wednesday. The plant is located at Tenth and Glisan streets.

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SUPREME COURT TANGLE GROWS

Who Shall Decide Tribunal's Constitutionality, Asks Judge Pipes.

(Salem Bureau of The Journal.)

Salem, Or., Dec. 1.—Judge Martin L. Pipes today filed a supplementary brief in the motion brought by Attorney General A. M. Crawford to test the constitutionality of the supreme court, offering additional argument in support of his claims that the question is purely a political one and cannot be legally passed upon by the court.

The attorney sets forth that two members of the old court might decide that the positions of Justices King and Slater are illegal and are being filled in violation of the constitution and send such a mandate down to the lower court. On the other hand, the other members of the old court and the two new members might hold an opposite view and send an opposing mandate to the lower court. In this event a majority of the old court would contend that their mandate was the legal one while the majority of the new court could contend as vigorously that their mandate was the only true and legal one.

What Would Be Result?

In such an event, Judge Pipes asks, what would be the result? The lower court would be in the position of deciding which mandate was legal and which court was constitutional. This lower court has no authority to do and the matter would eventually be up to the governor, whose duty it is to enforce the laws of the state and decrees of its courts. Governor Benson would therefore be the man to decide whether the positions of the justices created justices were constitutional.

Judge Pipes holds from this argument that the matter of the constitutionality of the present supreme court is entirely political, and therefore not a proper one to come before the court at all and that its decision would be void and of no avail either way.

UMPQUA VALLEY COMING TO FRONT

Roseburg, the Umpqua valley metropolis, was never so prosperous as it is today, was the declaration made this morning by J. H. Booth, president of the Douglas National bank, who, with Frank E. Alley and W. C. Harding, came up from Roseburg yesterday to see officials of the Southern Pacific relative to building a passenger depot in their home town.

"The general development and growth of Roseburg has been greater during the past two years than it was for the 20 years before," continued J. H. Booth. "Over \$400,000 has been invested this year in new buildings. Nearly \$100,000 was expended in street paving and street improvement during the year, and an election is soon to be held authorizing the city council to issue \$30,000 additional street paving bonds, all of which will be expended during the next 12 months in laying hard surface pavements."

A movement is on foot which will give Roseburg the distinction of being the first place in Oregon outside of Portland to inaugurate a uniform system of curb street lighting. The new street light is to be a five cluster light and the entire business district of the city is to be lighted in this way.

"Our principal business in Portland at this time," said Mr. Booth, "is to secure the promise from Vice President O'Brien of the Southern Pacific that Roseburg should have a new passenger depot. In this we were successful, Mr. O'Brien having told us yesterday that a stone or brick depot will be erected there next year."

"Another handicap that Roseburg has labored under for a long time is to be removed and that is instead of one Pullman section being reserved for Roseburg passengers on northbound trains, we shall hereafter have three sections reserved, General Passenger Agent McMurray having yesterday agreed to this."

Mr. Booth says that the whole Umpqua valley is having an unusual degree of prosperity. "The farmers and orchardists' throughout the valley are making more money than ever before," declared he, "and I predict that it will be only a short time until the valley of the Umpqua will be known as the richest section of Oregon."

ROSE PASTOR STOKES AIDS SPOKANE I. W. W.

(United Press Leased Wire.)

Spokane, Wash., Dec. 1.—Mrs. Rose Pastor Stokes, wife of the millionaire Socialist of New York and Boston, has sent a check for \$50 and words of encouragement to the free speech fighters here.

The letter was received by Elizabeth Gurley Flynn, the I. W. W. leader, who was arrested here last night on charges of conspiracy.

Companies Incorporated.

(Salem Bureau of The Journal.)

Salem, Or., Dec. 1.—Articles of incorporation were filed in the office of the secretary of state as follows:

The Cecilia Building company, principal office Portland; capital stock, \$50,000; incorporators, W. F. Fildner, David E. Johnston and Benjamin I. Cohen.

Irrigated Lands corporation, principal office Nyssa; capital stock, \$50,000; incorporators, Thomas Cauham Jr., C. D. Williams and Gertrude Cauham.

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