

WORLD'S WONDER IS GREAT POWER OF CHRISTIANITY. Such Was Statement Made by F. B. Smith in Taking Audience Around Globe in Interesting Lecture.

"The most wonderful thing in the world—the power of Christianity to change men's lives from bad to good." Such was the theme of a most interesting and instructive discourse by Fred B. Smith in the lobby of the Y. M. C. A. building last night.

Mr. Smith then told of a trip to Victoria Falls, in the heart of Africa. On the journey he was one of a party of 98 people and the only American.

That the mass meeting in the White Temple at 1 o'clock this afternoon to be addressed by Mr. Smith, will be one of the largest and most important gatherings of men in the history of Portland.

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Japanese and Chinese in Riot—Elopement of Brown Maid Is Cause.

What threatened to be an outbreak between the Chinese and Japanese in Chinatown last night was promptly quelled by the opportune arrival of a dozen patrolmen.

A riot call came into the station at 8 o'clock, and the officers were rushed to the place in the automobile and patrol.

The Chinese with whom he had been fighting had been hidden and no trace of the trouble could be found.

Trouble has been expected between the two races since the recent elopement of the Japanese wife of a Chinese merchant.

With close connections that he will be able to make on regular trains, he could even beat this time, as he will have almost a day to wait in Chicago and several hours in New York.

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Letters Offering Help Pour in From All Sections of Great Commonwealth—Policy Is Outlined.

Letters from every section of the state were read at the meeting of the Oregon State Automobile association in the officers' quarters at the Armory yesterday afternoon.

At yesterday's meeting the policy of the club was outlined to the members present, and it drew the approval of all.

Vice presidents were appointed yesterday afternoon for seven of the 34 counties of the state.

The vice presidents appointed yesterday were: H. L. Kinney of Josephine county, W. H. Kline of Benton, Rollie W. Watson of Tillamook, John S. Boile of Multnomah, E. L. Parker of Clatsop, and Dr. J. F. Reddy of Medford.

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Since Seattle withdrew from the northwest fair circuit, piqued because G. M. Richard, representative of the Seattle fair association, was not allowed to get dates for all fairs in the circuit to suit the convenience of Seattle.

When Portland won the first point in the fight that all the fair men were expecting by getting the leading date on the circuit, and that just preceding the state fair at Astoria, Oregon, was tremendously gratified.

The next fight will be in getting the best of northwest livestock exhibits for Portland.

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That the Portland Clearing House association is preparing to take over the affairs of the defunct Oregon Trust & Savings bank and pay the remaining claims against it is becoming widely current, and is generally believed.

It is known that the Clearing House association has the matter under serious consideration, and from remarks dropped last night by a member of the clearing house, and from the confident declaration of S. G. Reed, president of the German-American bank, that all claims would be paid on or before February 15, there is abundant reason to believe that the stormy career of the defunct bank is coming to a close.

At any rate, the matter will come before the annual meeting of the clearing house association next Tuesday on a report of a committee of bankers, who were named some days ago by President R. Lee Barnes, of the association, and empowered by him to go into the situation thoroughly and submit recommendations.

There is ample precedent for such action by the clearing house association, says a prominent member of the association last night, when asked if the Oregon Trust's affairs would be liquidated by the association banks, "and it may become necessary to pursue that course with reference to the failed bank's affairs."

The aggregate of unpaid claims against the Oregon Trust is estimated to be a little over \$200,000, which is due to about 500 depositors.

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Secretary Frank Welch's Report Shows a Surplus in Treasury of \$5,837.85.

(Salem Bureau of The Journal.) Salem, Jan. 29.—Through grave doubts existed for the success of the Oregon state fair in 1909 because of the Alaska-Yukon exposition at Seattle, the report of Secretary Frank Welch shows that the attendance at the fair and the receipts were greater than for any previous year.

The state fair is a growing institution and more improvements are needed, according to the secretary. He recommends a livestock amphitheatre with a seating capacity of 6,000 and an arena 100x150 feet, which could be used for all large state assemblies that demand spacious accommodations.

Secretary Welch also recommends a new agricultural pavilion built on modern plans, and the conversion of the main pavilion now in use into a machinery hall. This plan would allow the use of the present unsightly sheds used for the machinery.

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Mrs. Sadie Key insists She Is Parent of Little George at Baby Home, but Her Story Is Doubtful.

In Mrs. Sadie Key the mother or the aunt of a three-year-old child at the baby home? She says she is the mother, and with bursts of tears and wailing, she tells when and where little George was born.

One peculiar feature of the case, if Mrs. Key is not the mother, is the fact that the child exhibits for it and the diligence with which she has kept up her claim for years.

Out of this unusual situation a dramatic situation is sure to arise when the case is called next Tuesday. Mrs. Key created a sensational scene in August, 1908, when Judge Gantenben, then judge of the juvenile court, took to the main track. He also advised the purchase of 20 acres south of the camping grounds, so that the present camping quarters would be relieved of its present congestion.

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COFFROTH WAGES \$1,000 ON TRIP

Liverpool, Jan. 29.—To Cashman, Sporting Editor New York American, New York—Batted for home Maun...

New York, Jan. 29.—Barring accident above, telegram seems to show that James Coffroth, the San Francisco fight promoter, will win \$1000 of the money of the National Sporting club's official referee within the next 16 days.

The Twentieth Century limited leaves for Chicago at 7:30 in the afternoon, arriving in Chicago at 8:30 o'clock the next morning. There Mr. Coffroth will have to wait for the Overland limited on the Union Pacific, which leaves at 7 o'clock in the evening.

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From the baby home the little one was sent to the Florence Crittenton home. It remained there until about March, 1907, when it was turned over to Mrs. Key by the matron, who says that Mrs. Key then did not claim to be the mother, but said she was an aunt of the child.

Mrs. Cannon, believed by Mr. Teuscher to be the mother of the child, professes no interest in it. She is now in Seattle. After leaving Portland she went to Kelso, Wash., and after a hard struggle for existence and a drifting life the two children who were with her went into charitable institutions on the sound.

The fast Multnomah basketball team defeated the Whitman quintet 34 to 22, in an exciting game played at the Multnomah gymnasium last night.

Out of an old organization which has been warring with success for several years the new Woodstock Improvement club has grown. It was organized Friday night to look after the needs of the suburb of Woodstock.

The new club has started its work in earnest, and in order to get better acquainted with the people of the suburb a basket social is to be held Saturday evening, February 5, at Woodstock hall.

La Porte, Ind., Jan. 28.—That Belle Gunness, multi-millionaire, is in the custody of officers at Wilmar, Minn., was the information telegraphed to Chief of Police Cochran of this city this afternoon. The belief of the Minn. authorities is that they have the arch fiend in custody so strong that transportation is guaranteed for a La Porte officer to make an investigation and the possibility with which the Wilmar authorities plead that they have Mrs. Gunness under arrest caused Mayor Darrow of this city to issue instructions this afternoon to Chief Cochran to make an immediate investigation and if he knows the disposition of the latter to leave for the Minnesota town tomorrow.