

METHODIST MINISTERS CHOOSE DR. FRY AS HEAD OF ASSOCIATION

Dr. Trimble New Vice President; 'Father' Flinn's 97th Birthday to Be Celebrated.



Rev. W. H. Fry.

Rev. W. H. Fry, pastor of Sunny-side Methodist church, was today elected president of the Portland Methodist Ministers' association to succeed Rev. J. K. Hawkins of the Sellwood church, at the annual meeting held at Patton church, Michigan avenue and Albert street.

Rev. Delmas H. Trimble, of Centenary church is the new vice president of the association, and Rev. N. E. Williams, of Laurelhurst church, is the new secretary and treasurer, succeeding Rev. George W. Hopkins of Patton church. At today's meeting of the association no business was transacted beyond the annual election of officers, the occasion being given over to a social reunion of the ministers. The ladies of Patton church served a banquet to the visiting preachers and their wives.

Today being the 97th wedding anniversary of Dr. J. W. McDougal, pastor of the First Methodist church of the district, a committee was appointed to convey the congratulations of the members of the association and to extend their best wishes to the happy couple. Dr. McDougal has been confined to his room two weeks with a severe attack of influenza.

The announcement was made that a reception will be tendered Rev. John 'Father' Flinn next Friday night at Taylor street church, the occasion being his 97th birthday. 'Father' Flinn was the second Methodist preacher regularly assigned a charge in this Oregon country.

Evidence of Crime Is Found in Boat

Police Have Clue in Marriage License Washed Up on Beach; Reported That Couple Had Quarrel on Water.

Seattle, Wash., March 23.—The police are investigating a mystery surrounding the discovery of a blood-stained rowboat at Ballard, containing several patches of hair and pieces of scrap, giving evidence of a struggle which may have ended in murder. The hair appears to be that of a woman. The boat had been rented by a man who gave his name as George W. Brown, of the name of the boat as the 'Hazelwood'. The boat was seen by a tug's crew near the government canal locks, and a man in a woman in it appeared to be quarreling.

Mrs. E. Cooprigh, who lives in a boathouse at Ballard, found a marriage certificate washed up on the beach which had been issued at Grangeville, Idaho, to Alfred Bowman and Elvora Delmagne. The police are working on the theory that these were the occupants of the boat.

FESTIVAL RATE IS VALID

District Judge Jones held that a note given to the Rose Festival association by Francis Cody prior to the Rose Festival last year was valid and gave judgment to P. E. Brown, to whom the note had been assigned, for its value. Cody alleged that the note was subject to the condition that he remain in the business he was engaged in at the time the note was given, but Judge Jones would not allow this phase brought up. On the contention that the note was not given for any consideration Judge Jones ruled that the promise to pay was valid, and the benefits to be derived from the festival were value received.

ORCHARD COMPANY SUE

A third suit has been brought against the Hood River Orchard Land company in which allegations of fraud are made. Cyrus Eugene Taylor and wife are plaintiffs in a suit filed this morning in the circuit court in which they seek to recover \$12,971.12 paid on the purchase price of an orchard tract. The land of the company is located at Orley, Wasco county, and the plaintiffs allege that they were induced to purchase the land on the representation that it would raise a good commercial orchard, and that the facts were misrepresented.

CREW TO GET VACATION

The crew of the ferryboat Webster is due for a short vacation as the result of an order this morning discontinuing the service of the boat while the channel is being dredged in front of the new municipal dock at the foot of Seventeenth street. Secretary B. Hegardt, of the dock commission, informed the commissioners that the dredging would begin about the middle of the week and would be expedited as the commission must pay \$150 a day to the Port of Portland for the dredge.

Drifting Buoy Sighted

A red can buoy is sighted 40 miles south of the San Francisco lightship, according to a dispatch by radio received at the office of the United States hydrographic service this morning. The buoy was sighted at 5:30 p. m. by Captain W. Stevens of the British steamer Arangi. The 25 ton buoy is a serious menace to navigation, informed the commissioners that the dredging would begin about the middle of the week and would be expedited as the commission must pay \$150 a day to the Port of Portland for the dredge.

Messages From Far And Near Commend

United States Senator Chamberlain Is Elected to the Army of the Potomac, Valdez and Butte Congratulate Him.

Washington, D. C., March 23.—Senator Chamberlain is notified that he has been unanimously elected an honorary member of the Second Corps Association, Army of the Potomac, this city.

Delegate James Wickham of Alaska has transmitted to the senator resolutions adopted by the Valdez Chamber of Commerce, expressing gratitude for services in getting the Alaska railway bill passed and adds his personal appreciation.

Citizens of Butte, Montana, send an expression of warm appreciation of the "noble and patriotic stand" by Chamberlain on the Panama question, "vital to affecting the honor and prosperity of the Republic."

Import Duty on Lumber

Washington, D. C., March 23.—The Department of Commerce informs Senator Chamberlain the Chilean house of deputies increased the duties on lumber 10 per cent, but the Chilean congress adjourned until April 15, before the senate took action on the tariff bill.

Presidential Postoffices

Washington, March 23.—The following fourth class postoffices will become presidential on May 1 in Oregon: Florence, salary postmaster, \$1100; Gold Hill, salary postmaster, \$1000.

Condition of Portland Banks

Washington, D. C., March 23.—The comptroller of the currency has made public today the condition of the national banks of Portland on March 4, as compared with their condition on January 13, the last previous call.

March 4—Loans and discounts

Individual deposits, \$22,595,277.94; total resources, \$42,366,976.65.

Percentage of legal reserve to deposits

January 13—Loans and discounts, \$21,348,833.75.

Individual deposits, \$23,775,840.98

Total resources, \$43,354,902.04.

Pensions Granted Oregonians

Washington, D. C., March 23.—Representative Hawley was notified today that the following pensions have been granted Oregonians:

John A. Whitcomb, \$12.00; Walter, \$12.00; John L. Guillemain, \$12.00; Wesley Loney, \$12.00; James O'Connell, \$12.00; Hayden Van Valkenburg, \$12.00.

Nine Men Released

On Not True Bills

Three Witnesses Found—Eke Crutch and Wife Indicted on Bad Check Charge—Safe Cracked on Case.

Nine men were released from the county jail as the result of not true bills and three witnesses held in the cases were freed. The nine released and the charges against them were: Walter Tanner, alias Hjalma Hjalma Jarczy; Charles Nickelson, Jarczy; Frank Joyce and Luth Doris, Jarczy; James and Andrew Georges, burglary; Joe Otto and Victor Zambo, Jarczy; their wives in disreputable houses, and Gus Karhos, Jarczy. Other not true bills were returned in cases against Edward H. Gage and Millie H. Snow charged with a statutory crime, and Payne I. Keith and C. S. Prather, charged with assaulting and robbing a man near John's near Jarczy.

SORENSEN FILES LAWSUIT

George Sorenson has filed suit in the circuit court against Franklin P. Mays to enforce specific performance of a contract for the sale of land. Sorenson, who represents Sorenson, said that latter had been threatened with prosecution by John Rosemetch as the result of the giving of a deed by Sorenson to Rosemetch. Sorenson alleged that he, with Mays, secured 11.01 acres of land, which was platted in Rosemetch's name, and that Sorenson gave a trust deed to the entire property and was to hold the lots in trust, one third of the lots belonging to himself, and the rest to Mays. Sorenson alleged that he placed the deed in Rosemetch in good faith and that now Mays refuses to give Rosemetch title to the one third interest he deeded to Rosemetch.

PLANS FOR DECORATIONS

Flags, bunting and electric lights will make the courthouse an attraction to visitors in the city during the week of the Rose Festival. The county commissioners this morning sent word to William E. Woodward, chairman of the street decoration committee of the Rose Festival association, that the county would do its part to make the city beautiful.

DECISION ON TAX LAW

Circuit Judge Cleaton announced this morning that he will decide the suit of Roger B. Sinnott to restrain Tax Collector Lewis from collecting penalties of 1 per cent monthly on delinquent payments of taxes tomorrow morning at 10 o'clock.

Program for Conference

Albany, March 23.—H. M. Crooks, president of Albany college, has announced the program for the annual conference of the presidents and faculties of the privately supported colleges of Oregon, which will be held at Reed college, Portland, March 27 and 28. President Crooks is president of the conference, and Dr. William E. Woodward, chairman of the local college, is the secretary.

All delegates who will accept the

hospitality of Reed college are requested to send their names to Dr. Kelly Reed at the college.

Request of President Crooks, all delegates

have been invited to visit classes and laboratories at Reed college on Friday. President Riley will be the principal speaker at the chapel service at 8:40 o'clock on Friday morning.

If interest in discussions will make an

afternoon session desirable, it will be so arranged.

CIVIL SERVICE BOARD ACCUSED OF BREAKING ITS OWN REGULATIONS

Certification of Inskeep and Circle as Captains Brings Proceedings.

Contending that the Municipal Civil Service board violated its own rules in certifying Harry Circle and Chester Inskeep as eligible for captains of police, Leo Harms and Leon V. Jenkins, sergeants of police, through their attorneys, Veazie, McCourt & Veazie, have instituted proceedings to have the board give them a higher rating.

Action was commenced this morning when the board received a petition from the attorneys asking for a hearing to present their side of the case.

According to the letter the examination was held after new rules took effect and these rules provide that no appointments shall be made in the police force until the next year.

It is contended that neither Circle nor Inskeep had served in the police a year prior to taking the examination.

The petitioners state that the rules provide that those who have served in the police for one year shall have five per cent added to their rating. This was not done, they say.

George W. Caldwell, chairman of the board, said that the board was receiving the communication, that the new rules did not affect the examination or the results, as the examination was in accordance with the old rules.

It is probable that the matter will be taken up at the next meeting of the board.

BRIDGE APPROACH HEARINGS

Conferences to Determine the Best Route to Interstate Bridge.

In an effort to find the best location for the west approach of the proposed interstate bridge, across the Columbia river a series of hearings will be held at various points along the river.

Mr. Silverman is a graduate of the law department of Drake University, Iowa. He also attended Hamlin University, St. Paul, Minn.

Couple Held in

Bogus Check Case

Local Department Stores Turn Over Checks to Police; Earl Carl and Wife Detained in Los Angeles.

Alleged bad checks amounting to \$400 have been turned over to Detective Hyde and Vaughn by local department stores following the arrest in Los Angeles of Earl Carl and his wife for passing the checks.

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PROGRESSIVE TO RUN FOR REPRESENTATIVE

Samuel J. Silverman.

Samuel J. Silverman is a candidate for the Progressive nomination for representative in the legislature from Multnomah county. He is a practicing attorney, is 30 years old, and has lived in Portland for the past five years.

He is married and owns a home in Rose City Park.

In announcing his candidacy Mr. Silverman submits a declaration of principles embracing the following:

Revocation of the act of the Legislature of 1905, which gave the Bay Wagon Road Land grant, thereby opening to settlement over 100,000 acres of land now useless to the people.

Adoption of the \$1500 tax exemption measure; enactment of 8-hour laws for men and women workers; imposition of a larger tax on property owned by corporations.

Enactment of legislation to consolidate numerous of the state's courts.

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STATE BEING ROBBED IN THE RECLAMATION PLAN, ASSERTS WEST

Desert Land Board Held Responsible in Morson Project by Governor.

That the people and state of Oregon are being unmercifully robbed in the Morson reclamation project, that state officials, members of the desert land board, are responsible for this condition of affairs, is the sweeping statement made by Governor Oswald West, who arrived in Portland from Salem this morning.

State Senator John H. Lewis, Attorney-General Crawford and State Treasurer Thomas B. Kay are scored by Mr. West as placing the interests of the state and of its settlers subservient to those of Morson himself.

According to the governor the next morning meeting of the board will be held at 10 o'clock and will be a crucial one for the state in that it will show whether these officials have the interests of the state or of Morson at heart.

Mr. West is of the opinion that the meeting will show the board behind Morson, who, he states, has some sort of an invisible influence over the members of the board in question.

If the board really acts in justice to the state and the reclamation project settlers, it will not allow the water to be sold to Morson at a price which will not pay the cost of the project.

It is this last question which has been the bone of contention concerning the whole Morson project and it is an editorial reference on the part of the Oregonian to the board's action on this question.

The reference in question read: "The rights of entry given to actual settlers before the water was on the land has caused unmeasured distress on some of the government projects. Unforeseen obstacles almost everywhere have been met. The irrigation works and settlers without water must starve and default in their payments. In fact, the only practical way to get the water to the settlers is to pay for it."

"My fight with the desert land board over the Morson project has been because of the fact that it has been selling the water to Morson at a price which will not pay the cost of the project."

"His contract with the state was written in 1907, and the board wrote into his contract a provision that no lands or water rights should be sold before the lands were reclaimed. This is the only provision in the contract which is not specific and which the board is now trying to get the board to write any such safeguards into the contract."

"Morson's contract is about to expire and it is not to be extended in its present form and left subject to the old law, but a new contract should be entered into which will be subject to the provisions of the law of 1907, which is the law of the state."

"Saturday I called upon the state engineer's office for its report as to the project and I was shocked to find that the state engineer had never made such a report and that he had allowed Morson to reclaim the land without a report."

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Court Rules Howard Must Pay Trust Tax

Receiver Title Guarantees & Trust Co. Held Liable for Certain Years, by Judge in United States Court.

R. S. Howard Jr., receiver for the Title Guarantees & Trust company, must pay all taxes on the personal property of that corporation between 1905 and 1911, inclusive, according to a decision by United States District Judge C. E. Wolverton this morning.

The district attorney of Multnomah county, acting for the tax collector, recently intervened in the receivership suit, asking that the county be named a preferred creditor because of the personal taxes, due for more than four years.

The application was resisted by R. S. Howard, through his attorney W. C. Bristol, on the ground that the Oregon law makes no provision for the assessment of receivers. In his opinion today, Judge Wolverton held that with respect to taxation an assessment, all property, real or personal, is subject.