

Methodist Conference.

Portland, Sept. 25.—The Oregon conference of the M. E. church met here last night, opening with a big reception at Grace church. There was an address of welcome by Dr. Brougher, response by Bishop David Moore and the presiding elders. The conference will extend all through the week, and conclude its sessions next Monday evening. This will be the first time on the coast that the resident bishop presides at home conference.

The semi-annual meeting of bishops will be held in November at Spokane. In the same month will be held the Foreign Missionary Society at Seattle, and the Home Missionary Society at Portland. All three are gatherings of more than national moment, and for the first time are held on the Northwest Pacific coast, showing the relative importance of this section. The conference appointments will not be made until Monday night. The old itinerary plan was to limit a minister to three years. That was extended to five, but now there is no time limit, but a minister's usefulness. He is sometimes removed to a larger field before his church is ready to give him up.

Some men of unusual prominence will attend the conference. Bishop Hamilton, of San Francisco; Dr. Smythe, field secretary of Foreign Missions; Secretary Anderson, of the Board of Education, and last and most noted of all, Dr. I. D. Driver, who delivers the semi-centennial sermon next Monday. The class to be admitted on trial is only six, and four in the second and third years each.

Coquille Notes.

From the Sentinel.

A through direct telephone line will soon be operating from this city to Bandon, thereby removing the necessity of switching around by Marshfield. Poles are already scattered to cover the connecting link between Lampa and Parkersburg, and it will be built as speedily as possible.

The steamer Elizabeth, arriving Sunday, brought machinery for the gentlemen who are to experiment with black sand mining on the beach back of Bullard's landing. These parties mean business strictly, and purpose giving sand mining a thorough test in this county.

E. H. Fish of Prosper, formerly chief accountant for the Prosper Mill Company, who has been absent in San Francisco for the past two months, returned by way of the bay Wednesday. While in Coquille the gentleman stated that his plans had not definitely shaped as yet in regard to a prospective business venture on the lower river. He has an unshaken faith in southern Coos county, and says the lumber market in San Francisco was looking up decidedly before his departure from that city.

Mack Tennyson and Miss Chloe Harry, both of this city, were joined in the bonds of wedlock Sunday evening at 7 o'clock, Rev. H. M. Branham officiating. The ceremony took place at the home of the bride's father, Grant Harry, in the presence of only the immediate relatives. The happy couple, who will continue to live among us, have the best wishes of many friends for their future.

W. H. Norval of the Potter & Norval lumber company, Riverton, informs us that they have chartered the barkentine Northwest of the Courtney mill company of Coos bay for use in transporting lumber to the San Francisco market. The barkentine has been tied up on the bay for some time, her crew discharged, and the vessel in the keeping of Capt. Lovell, formerly of the wrecked barge Chinook. Mr. Norval expected a vessel into the river the first of the week to load lumber at his docks at Riverton.

Hark Dunham, having sold out his steamboat interests, is now wearing the harness of night watchman,

vice Oley Hansen, resigned. As our angel of peace in the wee small hours Hark is fairly proficient, except during such times as he is enticed into an argument in the hotel office by some lonesome and bedless straggler. These infrequent occasions make necessary a deputy oft-times to restore peace and harmony in the surrounding neighborhood as well as the usual tinge to the atmosphere therein pervading. But then Hark means well, and is improving as the nights flit by.

Myrtle Point Notes.

From the Enterprise.

H B Steward has been appointed postmaster to succeed, A H Bender resigned. Mr Steward's appointment was made by President Roosevelt at Oyster Bay on the 14th inst. He will not take charge of his office until his commission has been received from the department. That document is expected as soon as the new postmaster's bond has been received and approved by the department. Until that time M. Bender will have charge of the office. Mr Steward has named as his assistant Ernest Schneider, Jr., thus providing a working force that will assuredly well serve the people of Myrtle Point and vicinity in the work of handling and caring for the mail.

The Ladies' Improvement club has commenced the work of improving the public square opposite the post-office with new gravelled walks. The weeds and grass are being cleared away and a heavy coating of gravel placed, that should mean good permanent walks. J D Barklow has taken the contract of hauling the material.

B Bartlett has demonstrated at his Catching creek ranch that a good quality of peaches can be grown in Coos county. Last week he marketed a portion of his crop of late Crawford grown on seedling trees that were literally loaded with fruit. Five bushel boxes of fruit were gathered from one tree, and from one limb two bushels were taken. Eight of the peaches grew on one small twig. Mr Bartlett also grows a yellow apple of fine flavor that attains an enormous size and produces abundantly each season.

The meetings of Evangelist McConnell at the Christian church are greatly increasing in interest and results are beginning to show for the evangelist's efforts. Sixteen converts have thus far been received into church membership. Mr. McConnell is a fluent talker, deep thinker, and he drives home his points in an effective manner. He takes attractive subjects for his discourses and presents his ideas in a broad-minded manner not bounded by dogma or sectarianism so that all the churches are being strengthened by his work. The meetings may continue here for some days.

Justice To Third Officer.

Robert Hawse, late third officer of the steamship Columbia, is seeking a vindication from the findings of Supervising Inspector Bermingham, to which vindication Mr. Hawse persistently contends he is entitled. Supervising Inspector-General Uhler refuses to reopen the case for the hearing of additional testimony, and unless, so the reports state, Mr. Hawse makes successful intercession with the President for a review of the matter, that officer must remain under the stigma of official condemnation.

It has appeared to the satisfaction of the marine authorities that the ugly reports concerning the conduct of Third Officer Hawse at the time of the Columbia disaster were exaggerated. For example, the charges that he was intoxicated and that he was under the influence of drugs are proved to be without foundation; and on these counts the authorities accord exoneration. But on the more serious allegations of brutality and failure to do all that a ship's officer should have done to save human life, the inspector's tribunal is obdurate. Not only is the judgement passed, to be main-

tained, but there is absolute and unwarranted determination to hear no new evidence, however much that evidence might affect the merits of the case.

Public opinion respecting the conduct of Mr. Hawse is based conclusively upon the findings of the inspectors. The very fact that, even by report, a ship's officer is accused of misconduct under such circumstances is so prejudicial to that officer's reputation that legally constituted authority, vested with the

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NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION.

United States Land Office, Roseburg Ore., August 7, 1907.
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His names as witnesses: Chris Long, Frank Bates, Frank Bayler and Edward Ohman, all of Bandon, Coos County, Oregon.
Any and all persons claiming adversely the above-described lands are requested to file their claims in this office on or before said 6th day of November, 1907.
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