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## Rev. B. C. Miller Declines to Carry on Trial

### MINISTERS IN STATEMENT ON BAPTIST CASE

"Let Bygones be Bygones" is Motto of Both Factions.

### ARE TO CARRY ON

Rev. Miller Declares Organization to Build in Near Future. To Take New Name

That it was the consensus of opinion of his followers that they should drop out of the suit brought against them, was given as the reason for Rev. B. C. Miller's surprising statement before Judge Evans yesterday, which abruptly terminated the case of the Ashland Baptist church vs. the Baptist Church of Ashland.

That it is the wish of both sides that old animosities be forgotten and that each church carry on. Rev. B. C. Miller and Rev. Myron Woodworth, pastor of the Ashland Baptist church, each convey this message in statements made this morning.

Rev. Miller this morning declared, "In answer to your request for a statement of reason of the termination of the suit of the Baptist church, so abruptly yesterday, I can perhaps give you no better reason than that I gave to the court at the time. I had been feeling for some time after the beginning of the trial, that victory in the court room would be defeat for the people of God, no matter which side won, and especially if the people of which I have the honor of being the pastor were victors there. We had offered to give the other side the church edifice once, and the parsonage if it had not been tied up with the name The First Baptist Church, the name we wished then to retain. I felt and our lawyers felt that we had both the law and the equity in the case. I suppose the other side felt the same. Yet because of our large majority in the church, and the fundamental principles of the Baptist denomination, that the Bible alone is our only rule of faith and practice, and as that same statement of faith was embodied in the constitution of the Baptist church of Ashland when I became pastor and still is in that constitution, and further that every church has the right to interpret the Bible itself, we naturally felt that there seemed to be

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### It Costs \$21,000 Annually to Polish Cuspidors

NEW YORK, Jan. 21—That gilded descendant of the old sawdust box—the brass cuspidor—costs a single big office building in New York \$21,000 a year to polish. The building is the Equitable building and the cost estimated was made today at an "economy session" of the present conference of the National Association of Building Owners and Managers.

### ATTORNEY IN STATEMENT ON BAPTIST CASE

### W. M. Briggs Declares Ending Reflected High Character

W. M. Briggs, member of the firm of Briggs and Briggs, local attorneys, who were counsel for the plaintiffs in the action of the Ashland Baptist church vs. the First Baptist church of Ashland, when asked for a statement concerning the parties in the case, this morning declared, "The concession of everything which was asked by plaintiffs, by Rev. Miller and his adherents, was made as a complete surprise to the plaintiffs, and, as I stated in court; Mr. Miller acted very much the man, and as an individual who has the courage of his convictions. His action, and his manner of carrying it out, merits the approbation of all factions.

"Of course, when we, as attorneys, took the case for the old Baptists, we believed that we could win, or we would not have taken it. We still hold to that opinion of course, but it is idle at this time to talk of who would win or who would lose. Mr. Miller's action has made an end of that matter, and there would be no Christian

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### Youths Jailed With Arsenal



When Horace Chesney, 16 (lower inset), and Howell T. Hoskins, 17 (upper inset), came down the turnpike, their automobile packed with sundry artillery, the police of Kansas City took them to jail. To add to the police suspicions, Chesney had a fresh bullet wound in his arm, which Hoskins said was inflicted accidentally. In the car were a Browning machine gun with Maxim silencer, an automatic rifle, an automatic shotgun, three revolvers, 500 rounds of machine gun ammunition, a four-tube radio set, two flashlights and three heavy laprobes. Hoskins was a University of Tennessee student and Chesney a waiter.

### TAYLOR SIGNS UP ACREAGE FOR CANNERY

### Bagley Canning Company is Planning on Big Year

S. D. Taylor, field manager for the Bagley Canning company lessee of the Ashland Preserving company plant here, is now signing up growers for contracts on delivery of fruit for the coming season. A special drive is being made to line up berries and vegetables for the pack during the coming season.

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### Rum Runner in Daring Attempt at New York

### NEW YORK, Jan. 21—

(U. P.)—With machine guns rattling through the harbor, the tug Rescue led the police coast guard boats a thrilling chase within sight of New York City during the night, and was finally abandoned, with the sea-cocks open. Four men were arrested and 20 others are believed to have escaped, while \$1,000,000 worth of liquor was confiscated. Boarding officers managed to close the sea-cocks just before the vessel sank. The Rescue attempted the bold feat of running a cargo down to the New York wharf.

### ANOTHER FLORIDA RAILROAD CRASH

MIAMI, Jan. 21—(U. P.)—The Florida-East Coast Special from Miami for New York, jumped the track three miles south of Lakeworth early today. One car was overturned, injuring seven passengers. The train was running 60 miles an hour, and bounced over the ties until it was brought to a stop.

### 4-H CLUB WORK TO BE PLANNED HERE FRIDAY

### Miss Helen Cowgill Will Meet With Parents of Girls Tomorrow

Parents and friends of 4-H club work are cordially invited to meet at the Library, Friday morning, January 22 at 10 o'clock to hear Miss Helen Cowgill, assistant state club leader.

This meeting is planned partially for club leaders and executives of the parent teacher circles, but parents and friends of club girls will be very welcome.

Ashland clubs are just getting organized, and Miss Cowgill's visit will start things with enthusiasm for no one can hear Miss Cowgill and not become actively enthusiastic about this important phase of education.

Ashland people may well be proud of the achievements of their club boys and girls; this year should produce even better results. The aim is every club

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## DEFENDING FACTION LEADER DROPS ALL DEFENSE OF TRIAL

Church Property, Parsonage and Name, First Baptist Church of Ashland, Given to Plaintiffs, When Rev. Miller, in Statement to Court, Drops All Defense of Action Against His Faction.

The suit of the Ashland Baptist church against the First Baptist church, for possession of church property, came to a dramatic and prayerful close yesterday afternoon, when the Rev. B. C. Miller, leader of the defendant forces, made a statement in open court, yielding his case. "You may have the house upon the hill, the parsonage and the name," said Rev. Miller, in dropping legal action.

Upon the conclusion of Rev. Miller's statement, Judge Walter H. Evans of Portland, presiding, called upon Rev. W. B. Hinson to lead the audience in prayer.

The court, in a few words, commended both sides for their display of "Christian charity, and consideration for the feelings of each other."

The Rev. Miller then called upon the audience to stand in honor of Judge Evans.

During the statement of Rev. Miller, which came as a surprise, the court was in recess, and Judge Evans said, when the dove of peace began to hover over the controversy:

### MISS MARSTERS MAY TEACH IN NORMAL HERE

### Former Music Teacher Here May be Head of Department

That a well known Oregon public school music supervisor, who has a wide acquaintance in educational circles here through having been one of the feature participants in Jackson county teachers' institutes, may be one of the faculty members of the new state normal school which will open sometime next summer, is shown by the following news item in the Eugene Guard:

"Unless the members of the Eugene school board consent to pay a salary in the neighborhood of the offer made to Leona Marsters, music supervisor, by the new Ashland normal school, the local instructor will leave to assume the position, in the south, according to reports made to the members of the school board today. The matter will be considered by the board at its regular meeting next Monday night.

"Miss Marsters has just received an offer to take charge of the normal. She will leave here, unless the present salary is increased, reports state. This is the second year for Miss Marsters in the local schools and she is sponsoring many features, and programs for the children of Eugene, it is announced."

### HOME ECONOMIC MEET TO BE HELD JAN. 27

A home economics luncheon will be held at 12 o'clock Wednesday January 27, at the Lithia Springs hotel, it was learned this morning. All ladies who will be present are asked to phone or write Miss Ada Brewster, home economics demonstration agent, Medford, or Mrs. J. R. MacCracken of Ashland, not later than Tuesday noon. All ladies of Jackson county are invited to attend the gathering.

"I, a Presbyterian, will act as moderator of this meeting."

Rev. Hinson, called upon by Judge Evans for a talk, first shook the hand of Rev. Miller, and declared that "the happy termination of an unhappy controversy was a victory for our Savior."

In his statement, Rev. Miller said his action had been prompted by a conversation he had Tuesday noon with the Rev. Hinson.

Rev. Miller defended his "divine healing" teachings, by scriptural quotations in court yesterday, and denied the use of "hypnotic influence," as alleged in the complaint, at the "Tarry meetings" of his flock. Rev. Miller was called out of order, in order to hasten the trial, which is expected to take a week.

Testimony that applicants at these sessions, "had barked like a dog, and cackled like a hen" was dismissed by the Rev. Miller as "the views of people with greater imagination than mine." He recalled that after one meeting an attendant had remarked that he had heard "a man barking like a dog, but I did not hear it myself."

"It has been claimed that St. Paul was a Baptist," testified Rev. Miller, when asked about the sermon when the congregation voted the Apostle a member. The sermon, he said, was taken from the Book of Acts, and declared

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### Southern Calif. is Advertising Entire Coast

The Pacific Empire advertising idea, which was decided upon at recent meeting of representatives of Pacific Coast cities, was carried out this week in an advertisement in the Saturday Evening Post from Southern California.

In the left-hand corner of the page advertisement was the following about the entire coast: "When you come to Los Angeles, see the Great Pacific Coast in one glorious vacation trip. Six famous National Parks and other wonders—Seattle, Portland, Spokane, Tacoma, San Francisco and San Diego. See the entire west by year—the extra cost is very small."

It is understood that every advertisement by any Pacific Coast community will devote 15 per cent of the space to exploiting the entire Pacific Coast.

### 'Peck's Bad Boy'



Cecil Crapo, member of a wealthy Wichita, Kas., family, has been arrested more than 80 times, but he has never gone to prison. Now he's in danger of it, however, being held for highway robbery. He's been up for everything from speeding to throwing stink balls in a theater.

## DURKIN LAUGHS AT GALLOWS 'WONT HANG'

Most Desperate Criminal of Years is Now in Prison

### WAS TAKEN EASILY

'Good Lawyer, Good Alibi, Shucks, its a Cinch,' Says Notorious Murderer

CHICAGO, Jan. 21—(U. P.)

—Martin Durkin, the most desperate bandit the "capital of crime" has produced in recent years, who was captured in St. Louis yesterday, is now a prisoner in the county jail here, awaiting trial for murder.

Durkin laughed at the law today, and predicted that he would go free. "Die on the gallows? That's a laugh," he declared. "A good alibi, a clever lawyer, Clarence Darrow, maybe—and shucks, its a cinch," he concluded.

The tip that resulted in his arrest originated in San Francisco from where Durkin departed in a stolen automobile.

The car was trailed by federal agents to San Antonio. Then came word that Durkin and a woman friend had engaged a drawing room on a Missouri, Kansas and Texas train to St. Louis.

Three traps for Durkin were arranged along the M. K. and T. route, one at Webster Grove, a St. Louis suburb, where the train would stop. Agents Scott and Dowd of the department of justice and fifteen St. Louis detectives went to the station.

At 11:05 o'clock as the train was pulling into the station, four detectives took positions on either side of the train and the others boarded the coaches.

Agent Scott rapped on the drawing room door. It was opened a few inches, and a man appeared whom Scott recognized as Durkin. Scott and Detective Sergeant Leonard Isling swung their weight against the door. Then Isling, a former wrestler, grabbed Durkin's wrist, and applied a wrist lock.

Betty Werner, girl sweetheart of Durkin, said that he was previously married to a girl by the name of Ruth Flebeck. "I never heard of him getting a divorce from her," she said.

## CITY HALL TO BE SCENE OF FARMER MEET

### O. A. C. Instructors to be Featured on Program of Meeting

Starting at ten o'clock next Tuesday morning, and continuing for three days, farmers of Jackson county will meet at the City Hall here, where a farmer's conference, one of several scheduled for this county, will be held.

Instructors at the Oregon Agricultural College will be the principal speakers on the program, although general discussions of topics of interest to local farmers, will be held. Among the many subjects to be taken up will be: dairying poultry, small fruits and landscape gardening.

\* At noon on Tuesday, the regular Forum luncheon of the Ashland chamber of commerce will feature a number of these

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## WILLIAM PRACHT TELLS OF EARLY YEARS IN ALASKA

"For 33 years I have lived in Ashland," said William B. Pracht when I interviewed him recently at his home at Peachblow Paradise Orchards. "I was born in Indiana, November 22, 1870. In 1878 we moved to San Francisco, where I put in most of the next five years at school. When I was 14, I decided to study history and geography at first hand, so I shipped as an apprentice aboard the English bark Howrah. We were 163 days between San Francisco and Liverpool. I spent the next few months in North Wales.

"In 1885 we moved from Portland to Alaska. I was 15 when we went to Alaska. The Indians called me 'Tenas Son,' meaning 'little son.' I have dug clams and shot deer on the site of Ketchikan. At that time there was only a board and bark shack, owned by an Indian, where Ketchikan was later located. I almost lived with the natives. I made frequent trips of several hundred

miles up and down the coast in Indian canoes with the natives. I soon learned to speak their jargon like a native and also picked up a working knowledge of the Sitka tongue.

"In 1890 I went to the Freiburg Mining academy, in Germany, where I put in 20 months studying chemistry, mineralogy and mining. I remember going to Dresden one night to hear Mark Twain lecture. Father had known Mark well, so that decided me to attend the lecture instead of going to hear Patti, who sang that same night.

"In 1892, while father was en route from San Francisco to Seattle, where he was going to invest in the street railway company, he stopped off at Ashland. He fell in love with its climate and the location, so he bought 25 acres on the edge of town and planted a peach orchard. Our

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## TWO YOUNG KLAMATH BOYS, CALIFORNIA BOUND, CAPTURED

KLAMATH FALLS, Jan. 21—Bound for California and armed to the teeth, two young boys of Klamath Falls, one fifteen years old and the other 16 years, would have probably made good their escape if the oldest boy had not weakened and called his mother Monday night from Mack's Cash store on the Merrill road to bid her good-bye.

That telephone call led to their apprehension by deputies from the sheriff's office a few hours later and now they are in the custody of the sheriff's office pending the return of County Judge R. H. Bunnell from Portland.

The boys embarked on a career of crime. They slipped away from their homes in Mills Addition Saturday night, slept all night in a barn Saturday and Sunday night and on Monday started on their tramp for California. On their way south

they raided several farm houses and stole food stuffs. Finally they arrived at the Frank Bryant home eight miles south of Klamath Falls on the Merrill road. A horse owned by Dehlla Hawkins, daughter of Sheriff Hawkins, was on the ranch. They stole the animal and a saddle, then looted the home and made way with three guns and a dressed chicken.

When the pair of would-be young desperadoes arrived at Mack's Cash store the oldest stopped and said:

"I've got to call my ma. She'll think I'm hurt or something." He marched into the store and called his mother, and calmly informed her where he was and that he was bound for California. Wires soon hummed with the news of where the runaways were and in a short time they were caught by deputies from the sheriff's office.