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CHURCH PEOPLE IN POSSESSION

NINTH ANNUAL SESSION WEST
WILLAMETTE ASSOCIATION.

BRINGS MINISTERS GALORE
FROM ALL SECTIONS OF ASSO-
CIATION TO FIND WARM WEL-
COME IN HOMES OF CITY.

The ninth annual session of the West Willamette Association was held at the Baptist church in this city, beginning on Monday of this week at 1:30 p. m. and closing on Wednesday at noon.

The moderator is Rev. W. J. Crawford of the Spring Valley church near Salem. The clerk is pastor F. C. Stannard of Newburg.

The watchword of the association is "The Kingdom of God", and the motto, "Lift up your eyes and look on the fields".

There was a goodly company present at the very beginning. The opening devotional service at 1:30 p. m. was led by Rev. Arthur Leonard Wadsworth of South Pasadena. "Prayer That Has Power" was the theme. The scripture was Matt. 7:7-8 and Acts 4:23-31. Prayer for the presence and power of the Holy Spirit in the associational gathering occupied the time.

The preacher of "The Annual Sermon" is Pastor George A. Martell of McMinnville. Gal. 2:20 is the text. The theme is "Christ for Us and Christ in Us". Paul's conversion is the seed plot of his life and doctrines. Mystical is the union between Christ and the believer. The crucifixion of Paul with Christ involves death to law and alive to God and death to sin and alive to righteousness—a strong, thoughtful, doctrinal sermon.

The sermon was followed by the reading of the church letters. All the churches sent letters. These letters were well written. They gave the real history of the churches during the past year. The record shows considerable progress in spiritual and material things. A hopeful tone pervaded the letters.

A pioneer preacher of Oregon, the author of "Baptist Annals of Oregon" Rev. C. H. Mattoon of McMinnville, delivered an address on "The Association and the Kingdom". The dear brother, whom all know and love, gave reminiscences of churches organized and of workers in the days of long ago. Brother Mattoon is an interesting character—he is the worthy patriarch of the Baptist ministers of Oregon. We delight to do honor to our aged brother for what he has been and has done. Then we pastors were introduced. The only Baptist pastor who was on the field at the association was F. C. Stannard of Newburg. The personnel of the pastorate has changed within the year. F. A. Gregory of Amity, J. B. Murphy of Dayton, G. A. Martell of McMinnville, A. F. Bassford of Corvallis, W. S. Stewart of Independence—each spoke a few words.

On Monday evening there was a good congregation. Pastor Stannard led the praise service; Field Editor Wadsworth stated a few facts concerning the Pacific Baptist and made an appeal for new subscribers. Several responded at once and more followed later.

Pastor Albert F. Bassford of Corvallis delivered a fine address on "The Vision of our Denomination". The supreme value of the vision in progress in character, in achievement was clearly shown. There is a vision of deficiency in forces, in finances, in equipment. A call to advance was ringingly sounded. The essence of Christianity is to give, not to get.

Rev. Albert Ehrhott of Portland delivered an address on "The Unfinished Task". By way of introduction, Pastor Ehrhott traced the progress of Christianity through the Christian centuries. He showed in detail the unfinished task of missions in the

modern world—1,000,000,000 inhabitants of the earth unevangelized. Two out of every three babies look up to the faces of mothers who cannot tell them the sweet story of Jesus and his love. Commercialism in America is the greatest hindrance to the making of Christ known to every person in the world. The hopeful signs of student volunteer movement of Sunday schools and young people's societies, women's circles and lastly the great laymen's missionary movement. We can pray—we can give. But a man cannot love without loving. Love is the costliest thing in the world. Love cost God the giving of His Son to the world. We can all be missionary Christians. This was a stirring, stimulating address.

A fine violin solo was rendered by C. E. Hicks of Independence. Mr. and Mrs. F. C. Stannard of Newburg sang a duet. The first day's meetings were very interesting.

It was still cool and cloudy on Tuesday morning, June 7. The 9 o'clock devotional service was led by pastor F. A. Gregory of Amity. "Believing Prayer" was the theme. Earnest and definite prayer was offered. Rev. F. C. W. Parker of Portland gave an interesting talk on the work of the Oregon Baptist Convention. President Leonard W. Riley of McMinnville college reported on the Northern Baptist Convention recently held in Chicago. The convention was great because held in a great city and in the buildings of a great university. It was a great achievement in the hands of great men, Dr. Judson and Dr. Bittling, behind whom is a great organization whose work is broadening with the years until it now represents all the interests of mankind. The convention was also great in the actions taken and in the reports presented. Rev. A. J. Hunsaker of McMinnville spoke of McMinnville College and its place in Baptist work in the Pacific Northwest. He declared it was the biggest thing in this section. An earnest discussion followed this address. Financial help is needed just now for this institution. Where is the Baptist man who will give \$25,000, \$50,000 or \$100,000 to McMinnville?

On Tuesday afternoon the service of devotion was led by Pastor J. B. Murphy of Dayton. Sunday school Missionary J. D. Springston of Portland delivered an address on "Sunday School Work and Methods".

During an hour devoted to women's work, Miss Carrie O. Millsbaugh of Portland delivered a splendid address on "The Sunlight Mission" among the Hopi Indians in Arizona which she had recently visited. Mrs. E. Northrup of McMinnville gave a report of the last year. Mrs. J. Sherman Wallace of McMinnville spoke of the work on the home field. Rev. J. E. Rhodes of McMinnville, a returned missionary, gave incidents of work in Burma. The Tuesday afternoon work closed with the transaction of necessary business.

Tuesday evening was devoted to a praise service, an address on "The Making of Men" by Prof. J. Sherman Wallace of McMinnville College, and an evangelistic sermon by Evangelist H. Wyse Jones of McMinnville.

The closing service of the association was held on Wednesday, June 8. Pastor Walter S. Stewart led the half hour devotional service. Evangelist H. Wyse Jones conducted a conference on "Evangelism" explaining the new method of securing money for state evangelistic work on the Pacific coast. The three agencies in evangelism, "The Truth, the Spirit, and the Church" were discussed by pastors G. A. Martell, F. A. Gregory and A. S. Bassford, respectively. The various committees reported. Unfinished business was transacted. Final adjournment came at 2:30 o'clock.

The association was a good one, the hospitality of the Independence people was hearty. All had a good time.

Written for the Independence Enterprise by Rev. Arthur Leonard Wadsworth, field editor of the Pacific Baptist.

Mr. and Mrs. Elvin Carter of Bickleton, Washington, visited this week at the home of Mr. and Mrs. R. J. Taylor of this city. Mr. Carter is a brother of Mrs. Taylor.

NEWS ITEMS OF OTHER CITIES

122 GRADUATES FROM OREGON
AGRICULTURAL COLLEGE.

GEO. C. BROWNELL IN SPEECH
AT MILWAUKEE DECLARES AS-
SEMBLY SCHEME IS A CRIME
AGAINST GOVERNMENT.

Fifty cars of strawberries have been shipped from Hood River, a record for early shipments.

Public exercises in honor of Flag Day will be held in Salem this year under the auspices of the Salem Lodge of Elks on June 14.

The State Railroad Commission will hold a hearing on June 14, at Monroe, Or., to investigate the service furnished by the Corvallis & Alsea River Railroad Company.

Pumping water from Crooked River to the tablelands 600 feet above the river is an experiment being tried at Redmond.

The third annual meeting of the Oregon Society of Mutual Insurance Companies was held in McMinnville June 7 and 8.

The Forest Grove Council has repealed the ordinance recently passed prohibiting the selling, keeping for sale or having in possession of any combustible fireworks.

Eugene will hold its first aviation exhibition June 11 and 12 at the Lane County fair grounds. Whipple S. Hall will be there at that time with a Curtiss biplane.

Percival H. Dennison, a prominent sheepman of Spray, Wheeler County, committed suicide by shooting himself through the heart with a revolver.

In the final high school debate for the championship of the State, held under the auspices of the University of Oregon, Pendleton won by unanimous decision over Eugene.

The Booth-Kelly Company has started the largest log drive down the McKenzie River that ever floated down the stream. There are 10,000, 000 feet in the drive. It will take almost a month to bring it to Coburg.

The Oregon Valley Land Company has awarded the contract for the construction of the Drews Valley dam in Lake County to E. S. Burney, involving \$125,000. The work is to be finished by May, 1911.

The dairy industry of Coos County last year yielded the farmers \$385,000, and 405 tons of butter was shipped out of the county. The Norway creamery led in point of production of butter, turning out over 100 tons. In the same district 356 tons of cheese was produced.

Hermiston will have a banner alfalfa crop this year. From the estimates of those who are now cutting hay it is safe to state that fully 5,000 tons of hay will be cut this year. The first crop will go to 2,000 tons. The acreage is being increased each year and without a doubt the tonnage will be doubled another season.

Vice-president L. B. Wickersham, of the United Railways Company, has submitted a proposition to the County Court of Tillamook County to expend

\$30,000 to improve the Wilson River road, making it suitable for automobiles, provided Tillamook and Washington counties would contribute each \$15,000.

Declaring the proposed assembly scheme to be a crime against popular government and an insult to the intelligence of the voting public, George C. Brownell, for sixteen years a member of the State Senate from Clackamas County and at one time president of that body, addressed a meeting in the Milwaukie town hall.

The conference on the bill renaming the Oregon revenue collection districts came to an agreement by which the salary of the collector at Astoria will be \$3,000 with not over \$300 for shortage, and the Willamette District will be renamed the Portland District, with a salary of \$6,000 in lieu of all fees and other allowances.

The largest graduating class that has ever left the University of Oregon will receive its diplomas here at the annual commencement day exercises, June 23. The class comprises eighty-eight members, not including the departments of medicine and law, in Portland, whose graduating exercises already have been held.

Horticulturists are interested in a new species of strawberry which has been developed by C. A. Benson of Silverton. Mr. Benson, who is a large berry grower, has succeeded in producing a fruit that has all the flavor of the wild strawberry and the size of the domestic berry. He obtained the new fruit production by crossing pollen of the wild berry blossoms and those of the cultivated berry. The new addition to the berry crop will be known as "Benson's Oregonian."

To discuss a constitutional amendment which shall give authority to the counties of the State to issue bonds for the improvement of State highways, a meeting in Portland of the county judges of Oregon will be called within the next week. This is part of the programme of the Good Roads Association. Immediately after the meeting the proposed provision will be circulated for signers to an initiative petition, and it will be submitted to the voters in the fall elections.

CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENTS

Baptist Church
Preaching services at 11 a. m. and 8 p. m. Sunday school at 10, and B. Y. P. U. at 7:15. Everyone is cordially invited to all the services.

Calvary Presbyterian Church
At Calvary Presbyterian church next Sunday evening, the service will begin at 8:30, instead of 8 o'clock as the pastor will be detained at a certain social function until that time. Morning service and Sunday school at the usual hours.

United Evangelical Church
Morning worship, 11 a. m. Evening service at 8 p. m., theme, "Benediction of Trial". All are cordially invited to come and worship with us.

Christian Church
Regular services at the Christian church, morning and evening, C. F. Swander occupying the pulpit. Bible school 10 a. m., prayer meeting Wednesday evening.

Methodist Church
Regular services will be held next Sunday. Sunday school at 10 a. m. and preaching at 11. The L. T. L. at 3 p. m. for all the children. Epworth League at 7 p. m. and preaching at 8 p. m.

H. A. Baldwin and wife of Winlock, Washington, are visiting relatives in this city.

WOULD ASSIST LOCAL AFFAIRS

FAVORS CREATION OF STATE
COMMISSION

WOULD REMOVE PREJUDICES OF
PEOPLE AGAINST PUBLIC UTIL-
ITY CORPORATIONS AND AS-
SIST LOCAL DEVELOPMENTS.

One of the most progressive addresses ever made before a body of public utility men in the United States was that delivered before the National Electric Light Association at its 28th Annual Convention, May 1910, by Arthur S. Huey, vice-president of the H. M. Bylesby & Co.

No utterance by a public utility operator of Mr. Huey's prominence within recent years has caused so much discussion and comment. The address dealt with the subject of commercialism in electric lighting and old fashioned methods in the operation of electric, gas and railway systems. In many ways Mr. Huey's address defined and formulated the progressive spirit which is now permeating the leaders in public utility operation throughout the country.

As is well known locally, H. M. Bylesby & Co., whose head offices are at Chicago, acts as the general manager and operator of the Willamette Valley Co. Mr. Huey is in charge of the operation department of this large organization and his remarks are therefore of particular interest to the people of this city.

Mr. Huey told the National Electric Light Association that he believed the hostility and prejudices against utility companies throughout the country is largely undeserved. In his opinion it is caused by a great deal of misunderstanding, but he admitted that a percentage of truth entered into it.

"It is absurd to blame the agitators and disgruntled and the avaricious for everything" said Mr. Huey. "Some of our ills originate within themselves and the apex of folly is to ignore our own shortcomings."

"I venture the assertion that at least 75 per cent of public ill feeling against utility organizations has been caused by the failure of operating companies to take pains to please their customers."

"In communities where companies have exerted themselves to render full value to consumers and have made some shifts towards educating the public to the facts underlying the central station business, the public is awakening to a new sense of justice toward utility corporations."

"People are realizing more than ever before that there are two sides to these questions. The public owes as much obligation to a progressive public service organization as the corporation owes to the public."

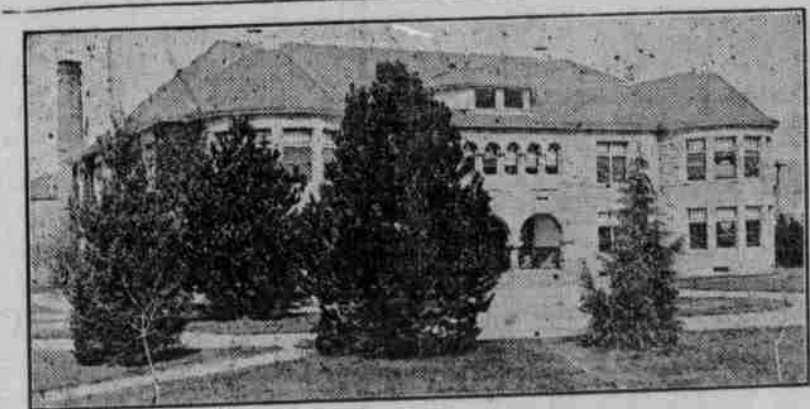
"I regret any opposition to the growing tendency toward the creation of state commissions empowered with regulatory authority over utility companies. Personally I welcome this movement, because I see in it great opportunities for good to public and corporations alike."

"Obviously utility commissions may be good or bad or may be neither. So may the courts; so may every department of government and it makes little difference what style of government is in vogue. We might as well tremble at the name of a thousand imaginary dangers as to regard the tendency toward governmental regulation of utilities with dread and apprehension."

"With all proper regard for the sensibilities of others, I am a believer in plain speaking. I believe in admitting that things are wrong, when they are wrong, in order that curative measures may be applied without loss of time."

"Our companies should play active parts in the whole commercial structure of the municipality. They should

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THE ENGINEERING BUILDING ON THE O. A. C. CAMPUS, THE SCENE FOR THE CELEBRATION JUNE 14.