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PROF. RESSLER TO BE CHOSEN

ENTITLED TO PRESIDENCY OF MONMOUTH NORMAL.

MUCH EXTENSION IN BUILDING ACCOMMODATIONS WILL BE NECESSARY TO HOUSE AND SCHOOL LARGE ATTENDANCE.

That E. D. Ressler will be president of the Monmouth Normal there is little doubt, if he will accept the honor. And, considering that the honor will be greatly multiplied over what it was in the past, it is not doubted that he will accept the presidency.

Monmouth Normal School is destined to become a school of great usefulness and influence. The people of Oregon so determined this with their ballots on November 8 last. They said there should be one normal, centrally located and that to serve the entire state. To do this it will be necessary for the addition of many new buildings. Most needed of all will be new and commodious dormitories with which to take care of a greatly multiplied attendance. The normal at Monmouth will be called upon to house and school no less than five hundred students, besides an increased corps of teachers.

As said before Prof. Ressler has not signified a willingness to accept charge of Monmouth's normal but we have it on good authority that a tender of the presidency will be made to him by the influential movers in the work of rejuvenating that institution. Until the official tender is made Professor Ressler says he has nothing to say. The situation with him is similar to that of a young lady who is being courted: It would not be wise to say yes for fear that the affair might not lead up to a popping of the question.

Professor Ressler is deserving of the presidency on more than one score. Considering first his earnest and efficient efforts in behalf of the school during his long term as president of the normal none will deny that he is entitled to first consideration. Then, at the last, when he, with many other self-denying tutors, gave up his services without compensation in his untiring efforts to save that institution from the doom which threatened it, there is all the more call for a man of such deserving qualifications.

Monmouth Normal can do no better than choose Mr. Ressler to preside over the destinies of the greater school which must grow up on top of the ruins of Oregon's normals.

WHITMORE-WYMAN NUPTIALS

A pretty little home wedding was solemnized at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Moseman, Tuesday noon, November 22, when Miss Lydia Wyman was united in marriage to Mr. John Whitmore of Tacoma.

The Moseman home was tastefully decorated for the occasion with ivy vine and chrysanthemums.

The bridal couple marched in to the strains of a wedding march played by Miss Freda Moseman. The ceremony was performed by the Rev. Mr. Weber of Independence, the bride being given away by her mother, Mrs. Moseman, and the groom being attended by Mr. Wyman.

The bride was gowned in pongee silk, heavily embroidered. A wedding luncheon was served immediately after the ceremony and the bridal couple left on the afternoon train for Portland, accompanied by the best wishes and congratulations of their many friends.

Mr. and Mrs. Whitmore will make their home in Tacoma where Mr. Whitmore is head electrician for a large firm.

The couple was presented with many beautiful gifts, including silver sets, a cut glass water set, and the customary old shoe and shower of

rice. Besides the contracting parties, the following relatives and friends were present: Rev. W. J. Weber, Rev. and Mrs. Sanford Snyder, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Moseman, Mr. and Mrs. Peter Kurro, Mr. and Mrs. U. G. Heffly, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Byers, Mr. and Mrs. L. M. Butler, Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Huntley, Miss Lilly Peterson of Portland, Miss Freda Krupke of Portland, Miss Nellie Kurro, Miss Nettie Snyder, Miss Freda Moseman, Miss Velma Heffly, Miss Susie Whitcomb, Miss Gladys Byers, Lee Whitcomb, Jerome Reese, Irvine Handley, Paul Wyman of Portland.

SYSTEM RADICALLY WRONG.

Division Should be Decided by Each County.

That the system now in vogue in Oregon is radically wrong for the division of counties, is the belief of the Astoria Budget, which in its issue of July 7, says that it should be left to the people of each county themselves to decide whether or not they want to create new counties. The Budget says:

"Among the initiative measures that are to be voted upon at the election next November is one to create Nesmith county by taking portions of Lane and Douglas counties. This is a measure which is of course only of direct interest to the people residing in the districts affected, but under the provisions of the law, it is to be voted upon by the people of the entire state. Judging from matter that is being sent out by the commercial clubs of Lane and Douglas counties the great majority of the residents of those sections are opposed to the bill, and the only ones there who are favoring it are those who are endeavoring to create a real estate boom in what is to be the new county seat. That being the case, the one thing for electors who reside outside the affected districts, to do is vote against it. The fact of the matter is that the method now in vogue for the division of counties is altogether wrong. Such questions should be left entirely to the people whose homes are in the section directly concerned and whose interests are thus affected and not to the voters of the state at large, the majority of whom know or care absolutely nothing about the matter at issue. One grave danger of granting these petitions for divisions of counties by a vote of the people of the entire state is that some time the question may come closer to home. Some one, for instance, may want to get up a petition to divide our own county and under the existing law, the people of other sections of the state would determine the question by their votes. The safer way is to kill all measures of this kind that come up and thus nip all prospective petitions in the bud, at least until such time as the state laws are amended so as to provide for what may be termed "home rule," by restricting the vote on these strictly local measures to the voters residing within the district concerned."

A THANKSGIVING SURPRISE

A very happy surprise was perpetrated on Dr. Dunsmore and family on Wednesday evening, when about thirty members of the church dropped in at the manse in a body, each one laden with a Thanksgiving offering for the pastor and family. After a short time spent in social intercourse, the company departed, leaving behind them very substantial mementoes of their visit.

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Saves an Iowa Man's Life

The very grave seemed to yawn before Robert Madsen of West Burlington, Iowa, when, after seven weeks in the hospital, four of the best physicians gave him up. Then was shown the marvelous curative power of Electric Bitters. For, after eight months of frightful suffering from liver trouble and yellow jaundice, getting no help from other remedies or doctors, five bottles of this matchless medicine completely cured him. It's positively guaranteed for Stomach, Liver or Kidney troubles and never disappoints. Only 50c at all druggists.

LIBERALITY IN MUCH EVIDENCE

WITH ONLY 250 PEOPLE PRESENT METHODISTS RAISE \$2642.

DR. HOMAN PREACHES WONDERFUL SERMON THAT STIMULATES ALREADY DETERMINED MINDS TO LIBERAL GIVING.

Two thousand six hundred and forty-two dollars raised in forty minutes with an audience of only two hundred and fifty people is one of the features that makes November 20, 1910, a banner day in the history of Independence Methodism.

The day opened dark and gloomy causing many to say, "It cannot be done," but regardless of the inclemency of the weather, the members and friends of the church came, with the spirit of determination, to bring to a successful close the efforts that have been made during the past eight months to erect a suitable place of worship. At 10:30 o'clock the dedication services proper began. After singing the hymn, "Hail thou once despised Jesus," by the congregation, Dr. J. T. Abbott led in prayer, Mrs. E. E. Paddock sang beautifully, "Hold Thou My Hand," and the choir rendered in an effective manner the anthem, "Wake the Song."

Dr. Fletcher Homan, President of Willamette University, preached an eloquent and powerful sermon from the text, "In Him we live, move and have our being." He emphasized the fact that in both the animate and inanimate worlds all things work according to the laws of God, and that the same is true in the mental and spiritual sphere. He maintained that every great truth has been discovered through God's law. He also showed that in the making of character, God co-operates with man, and that since God has so bountifully blessed man it is only right that in turn man should unfold himself to God and to his fellow men. He plead with the people to consecrate their lives and their means to the cause of righteousness.

At the close of the sermon the pastor, Rev. Weber, gave the financial statement. The building cost \$5355. Of this amount \$2500 had been accounted for by subscription. The Board of Church Extension had pledged \$500 leaving \$2355 yet to be raised.

In forty minutes time \$2642 had been subscribed. So rejoiced were the people over the victory won that with exultant voices they sang "Praise God from whom all blessings flow."

In an impressive way M. Ingemannson, Chairman of the Board of Trustees, presented the church for dedication. Dr. J. T. Abbott, Rev. Harry G. McCain, Rev. Sanford Snyder and the pastor, W. J. Weber, assisted Dr. Homan in the ritualistic service.

The people then repaired to the basement where the ladies of the church had prepared a sumptuous banquet. Fully three hundred were served.

A platform meeting in the afternoon was led by Dr. J. T. Abbott, the newly appointed district superintendent. Dr. Homan, Rev. Snyder, Rev. Geo. Hopkins, pastor of the M. E. church in Dallas, Rev. H. C. Clark, pastor of the Christian church of Independence, Rev. McCain, a former pastor, M. Ingemannson and T. S. McDaniel, secretary of the Laymen's Association of the Oregon Conference each made short addresses. The choir sang "Come Thou Fount."

The evening service began with a song service led by the pastor. After prayer by Rev. H. C. Clark Mrs. G. W. Conkey delighted the entire audience with a solo, "Jerusalem." The choir gave an anthem, "Praise Ye the Lord," after which T. S. McDaniel requested the privilege of speaking for a few minutes. In a few words he spoke of the work of the pastor, W. J. Weber, through whose untiring efforts the great work in

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hand had been accomplished and asked that a free will offering be taken and presented to him as a token of their appreciation for these efforts. They responded cheerfully and \$47 was raised. Although taken completely by surprise, Rev. Weber responded feelingly in a word of thanks. Mr. McDaniel then gave the address of the evening.

The dedication of this church is the climax of a year of remarkable growth of the church in this place. During the year the membership has doubled and \$6500 has been paid in and subscribed.

More than thirty years ago Major White and wife came to Independence. They were oldtime Methodists, and, desiring to establish the church of their choice, they secured the services of the pastor of the M. E. church at Dallas to organize a class at this place. Besides Major and Mrs. White, Mr. and Mrs. D. Whiteaker, Mrs. Crow, Mrs. Vaughn and two others composed the class of eight members. For a number of years the Dallas pastor conducted services in the old M. E. Church South building. After many reverses, during which time the church was greatly helped and encouraged by the efforts of Rev. T. F. Royal, the church was re-established by Rev. Alderson. Rev. Royal was a pioneer Methodist preacher and is still living, in Portland, at the age of more than ninety years. In 1892 the building formerly used by the Evangelical association was purchased, Rev. S. W. Porter being the pastor. Among the men who have served this charge are E. F. Zimmerman, now pastor at Oregon City, E. W. Elaire, of Joplin, Mo., W. J. Douglas of Woodlawn, Portland, Sanford Snyder, now a resident of Independence and Harry G. McCain, the present pastor at Buena Vista. Until recently this charge was part of a circuit, but at the conference held in Cottage Grove in the fall of 1909 it was made a station. During the first year as a station the church contributed more than twice as much to the cause of Christ than it had ever done when a part of a circuit and it is in this increased responsibility that the rise of the Methodist church of Independence began.

RELIEF ASSOCIATIONS.

A Good Word For Grange Fire Insurance Companies.

The New York Farmer has this to say about one of the several co-operative features of grange work:

The Patrons of Husbandry protective fire relief associations seem to have solved easily, economically and satisfactorily the problem of fire insurance for farmers. The records show that, even in years when numerous fires swell the total of loss, the associations give cheaper and better insurance than the regular insurance companies. The farmers in these associations when they pay assessments are contributing directly to the restoration of the burned properties. They know that if they pay \$20,000 for a year's losses \$19,000 of that sum will be applied to the cost of administration. In the regular companies their paid in money would be spent in some way unknown to them, and they would not know in case they lost property by fire what they would get out of the companies until the companies had exhausted every trick possible in cutting down the amount to be paid. In the Patron association the actual loss, promptly and fairly measured, is the basis of the assessment, and the readjustment is short and simple. Farmers who are not in the Patron associations should learn what these excellent organizations are doing to make fire insurance on country property safe, sane, plain, fair, square, equitable and economical.

Now is the time to lay in your supply of winter apples. All orders must be in for Tuesday, November 29. Only one delivery will be made. Price 35 cents a box delivered. D. J. Collins, Home phone.

CHURCH WILL BE DEDICATED

CATHOLICS HAVE SPLENDID CHURCH HERE.

ARCHBISHOP CHRISTIE WILL BE IN INDEPENDENCE NEXT SUNDAY TO HAVE CHARGE OF CEREMONIES OF DEDICATION.

The new Catholic church in Independence will be dedicated by Archbishop Christie next Sunday, November 27. The service of dedication will begin immediately after the arrival of the morning train from Portland. After the blessing of the church the first mass will be celebrated in the new church. The archbishop will preach the sermon of dedication. Quite a number of visitors from Portland and Salem and the surrounding country are expected to be present. All are welcome.

Over a year ago, the Catholic people secured the present location from Thomas Fennell who bought it from Frank Wilson. They have remodeled the former Methodist Episcopal church, South, which stood on the property, and have lengthened it sixteen feet. At the present time it bears no resemblance to its former self. It has been converted into a very pretty mission church, quite large enough to accommodate all the Catholics in and around Independence for years to come. Messrs. Jacobberger & Smith were the architects for the remodeling of the building which is in Romanesque style. Messrs. James and Humphrey O'Sullivan of Lowell, Massachusetts, have given \$1000 to aid the Catholic people of Independence in this work. Those in charge are very grateful to the citizens of Independence for their generous offerings, a list of which will be published later on.

Rev. H. J. McDevitt is the priest in charge of this mission for the present, but the probability is that the priest residing with Father Raymond at McMinnville will, later on, have charge of Independence, Dallas, Sheridan and Falls City.

In the entire world the Catholic church has a membership of over 250,000,000, and now, counting the insular possessions, she has a membership of over 22,000,000 under the stars and stripes. Her history goes back to the very dawn of Christianity. The Catholic church in the United States is making tremendous progress. An organization of such magnitude and with such a history well deserves the careful study of every thoughtful man and woman. It is a wonderful fact that in spite of all the persecution and misrepresentation of which this church has been the victim, she is stronger in the world today than ever she was.

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CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENTS

Thanksgiving Service

Because of the fact that the union Thanksgiving service could not be held as arranged, Calvary Presbyterian church will observe the occasion on Sunday morning, by a Thanksgiving service. Dr. Dunsmore will preach, and special music will be rendered by Calvary's popular choir.

Regular service at 7:30 in the evening, and to all of these services the public are cordially invited.

At the Methodist Church

Next Sunday morning at 11 o'clock will be communion day. The Lord's Supper will be administered and the doors of the church will be opened. A goodly number are expected to unite with the church. In the evening the pastor will begin a series of sermons on the Sermon on the Mount. Sunday school at 10 o'clock and song service at 7 p. m. Regular prayer meetings are held on Wednesday nights.—W. J. WEBER.