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METHODIST MINISTERS MEET IN GRANTS PASS

The Eugene District Ministerial Association held two days session.

The Eugene District Ministerial Association met in Newman M. E. Church Thursday, May 3, 1906, at 2 p. m. The Rev. M. C. Wire, Presiding Elder, opened the session with devotional services and presided throughout. The Rev. A. J. Hollingworth, of Brownsville, Ore., was elected secretary.

The Elder called for reports from the pastors and those present reported. Optimism was manifest in every report. Those who had difficult fields were a unit in hopefulness and each one gave testimony to an advance for his people in religious sentiment and activity. The Presiding Elder followed the report with words of encouragement and admonition to the pastors, urging continued activity in every field, and exhorting each one to bring a full report to conference at the end of the year.

O. T. McPherson of Medford read a paper on "The Church and the Liquor Traffic." A lengthy discussion followed in which the attitude of the several speakers was defined. The consensus of opinion being that the wise course to pursue, is to carefully consider the character of the various candidates and support the best man regardless of party affiliation.

"The Holy Spirit as a Factor in the Preacher's Intellectual Work," was presented by W. C. Renter of Roseburg. During the discussion, warning was given to "Prove all things and hold fast that which is good" as measured by Spiritual standards.

The evening service consisted of a sermon by H. J. Van Fossen of Drain. Text—Genesis, 6:6. Friday morning, 30 minutes were given to devotional service and informal talks about the work of the District. At 9 o'clock the regular program was taken up. Dr. L. E. Rockwell of Eugene presented a paper upon "Disciplinary Order of Service." The discussion was helpful and tended toward conformity to the ritual. During the remainder of the forenoon the following papers were read and passed with-out discussion owing to lack of time: "Ministerial Dignity in the Pulpit," by G. L. Burbanck of Central Point. "Handling the Word of God Decisively," J. M. Sweeney of Ten Mile Circuit. "Bible Doctrine of Election," by B. A. Bristol Wilbur. "Fundamental Beliefs," A. J. Hollingworth of Brownsville. "Preachers and Politics," by E. L. Zimmerman. The claims of Pacific Christian Advocate were presented by Dr. Wire.

Adjournment for noon hour. After noon Devotional services were followed by C. O. Beckman on "Planning Our Work." Discussion led to suggestions concerning plans for Summer revival campaigns. Other papers were read without discussion by Ray Marquam "The Pastor as an Evangelist," T. H. Downs of Canyonville. "The Kind of Preaching Required by Our Times," "The Apostles before and after Pentecost" by Geo. Clark of Althouse and Wilderville Circuit. "To What Extent is Pentecostal Power Possible Today" by A. J. Armstrong of Jacksonville. Mrs. E. E. Upmeyer spoke briefly in the interests of the Standard Bearers. A

short discussion was had on Pentecostal Power after which the Rev. B. F. Van Dyke was asked to give an address upon his work in Malaysia. Mrs. Van Dyke made a few remarks of appreciation of her friends in the Eugene District.

The Association through the Committee on Resolutions gave expression to their high appreciation of the hospitality of the people of Grants Pass and especially of the Pastor of the church, the Rev. C. O. Beckman, who by his zeal, contributed so largely to the success and pleasure of the meeting. Expression was also given commending our Presiding Elder for his part in arranging the excellent program.

Business being concluded the association adjourned with the benediction by Rev. L. E. Rockwell.

HITCHCOCK MAKES NEW LAND RULING

Homesteaders Must Live on Land Eight Months Continuously In Order to Commute.

Secretary Hitchcock has put all homesteaders on the public lands on notice that if they intend to complete their entries they shall remain upon the land continuously during eight months of the 14 months commutation period, is a report that comes from Washington.

Three decisions, all along the same line, have been handed down by the secretary in the past month. One case came from South Dakota, another from Nebraska, and the third from Oklahoma. In all three cases the entrymen had offered proof with their applications to commute, which was deemed insufficient as to residence by the commissioner of the general land office, whose opinion was sustained by the secretary.

Under the practice of the interior department a homesteader may take six months to establish constructive residence on the land covered by the application—that is he may take that length of time to go upon the land and build his house and start cultivation. The commutation period is 14 months from the date of entry when the entryman upon paying \$1.25 an acre for his holdings, and submitting satisfactory proof of residence during that period, may receive a patent for the land covered by his entry.

The secretary is very positive in holding that the last eight months of the commutation period shall be those of actual residence. On this point he says that, "In commutation cases the law not only requires that it shall clearly and satisfactorily appear from the proof that the bona fide residence was established within six months from the date of entry, but also that the actual residence upon the land has been continuous from the time it was established until the date of the making of final report."

In the cases recently decided the proofs are rejected without prejudice, which means that the entrymen are privileged to go back upon the land and establish residence and otherwise comply with the law at any time within the five-year life of the entry. It is expected that when these decisions gain wider circulation in the public land states, there will be a general compliance with the law or else a lot of homesteads will be relinquished. Developments along this line are looked for along the extension of the Milwaukee railroad from Everett, S. D., to Seattle, Wash., where the local land officers have been kept busy in recent months receiving homestead entries.

EPWORTH LEAGUERS ANNUAL CONVENTION

Enthusiastic Meeting Held in This City—No Place Selected for the Next Convention.

The opening reception to the visiting delegates of the Eugene District Epworth League Convention was held in Redmen Hall, Friday evening, May 4th. The address of welcome on behalf of the city was made by J. E. Hair, Rev. C. O. Beckman welcomed the delegates on behalf of the church, Miss Irma Silsby on behalf of the local chapter, and Dr. M. C. Wire on behalf of the district. Prof. A. R. Sweetser, district president, made the response. Following is the program of the convention:

Saturday morning, 9 a. m.—Praise service and quiet hour.

9:30 Papers—"How may the League help Pastor and People," Miss Edna Tretheway, Ashland; "The Primary purpose of the League and how may it promote vital piety," Dr. Alex. Corbett, Medford; "How may the Social Department help the Spiritual Department," Miss Bertie Keister, Springfield; "Methods of Conducting Devotional Meetings," H. G. McCain, Brownsville; "The Epworth Herald," Miss Mary Aitken, Roseburg.

B. F. Van Dyke, missionary to Singapore, Malaysia, who is now here on his vacation, gave a short talk on the work in Malaysia.

Afternoon Session, 2 p. m.—Praise service. 2:30 Papers—"The Attitude of the Leaguer Toward the Sabbath," Edenbower Chapter; "Evangelism the Supreme Need of the Hour," Mrs. Inez Miller; "Missionary Study, Reason and Methods," K. K. Robinson, Eugene, 3d Chapter; "Monthly Missionary Meetings," Miss Sophia Osberg, Cottage Grove; "Scriptural Habits of Giving," W. M. Wire, Eugene, 1st Chapter.

Report from Miss Laura Austin, missionary to India, read by Mrs. E. E. Upmeyer, Harrisburg.

Roll-call of Chapters with brief response.

Business meeting and election of the following officers: President E. R. Sweetser, Eugene; first vice-president, department of spiritual work, Miss Irma Silsby, Grants Pass; second vice-president, department of world evangelism, Mrs. E. E. Upmeyer, Harrisburg; third vice-president, department of mercy and help, Miss Lulu Smith, Ashland; fourth vice-president, department of social and literary, Helen Corbett, Roseburg; secretary, Miss Emma Newell, Eugene; treasurer, Clarence Meeker, Medford; junior superintendent, Mrs. Carter, Halsey.

Evening Session, 7:45 p. m.—Missionary address, illustrated by stereopticon, Rev. E. F. Zimmerman, Ashland.

Sunday, 11 a. m.—Preaching by Dr. M. C. Wire, presiding elder.

3:30 p. m. The Sacrament of the Holy Communion, administered by the Presiding Elder, assisted by the Pastors.

6:30 p. m. Meeting of Standard Bearers with Mrs. E. E. Upmeyer, W. F. M. S. superintendent of young people's work.

7 p. m. Love Feast led by Mr. H. L. Gilkey.

8 p. m. Address by the District President, illustrated by the stereopticon.

Installation of officers and closing by all the delegates and Epworthians holding hands and singing "Blest be the tie that binds," after which they sang "God be with you till we meet again," closing with the Epworth League benediction.

This was the second annual convention of the Eugene District Epworth League which extends from Brownsville to Ashland. There was a large delegation present and much enthusiasm was manifest throughout the entire convention.

Everything had been planned for the entertainment of the visiting delegates by the local chapter who met them at the depot with carriages and drove them to their respective places of entertainment, and the many other courtesies extended by the hospitable people of Grants Pass were greatly appreciated by the delegates.

L. V. BOZORTH, Reporter.

"An ice cream social will be given on Saturday evening at the railroad park by the ladies of the Rebekah lodge. There will be an orchestra concert in the park on that evening."

SLANDER OR TRUTH? —A FAIR PROPOSITION

If Any County Officer is Guilty of Dishonesty, Indict Him; If Not, Smoke the Liar Out

Editor Courier:

For years F. W. Chausse published a newspaper in Grants Pass. Can anyone recall that he ever published a line against gambling, the liquor traffic or in the interest of morality? Did he ever publish a line in favor of raising the railroad assessment or any political reform? Did he ever take any stand in the interest of decency or law enforcement before he got the idea in his "nut" that he could be county judge?

For two years gambling was practically licensed by the city authorities assessing monthly fines and permitting gambling to continue. F. W. Chausse knew of this. Why did he not speak through his newspaper against it? Why was he tongue-tied till he wanted to run for county judge? Let F. W. Chausse explain if he lost or gained money by reason of gambling in Grants Pass. If elected he promises to expose the "rottenness" in our county affairs. For two months he has been talking of rottenness. The county books are open to him. They are in possession of S. F. Cheshire a republican clerk.

If there has been any rottenness why don't Chausse specify? Why don't he point it out? Don't you know he would if he could, and if he does not, it is a certainty that he can't and almost absolute proof that his intimations of dishonesty are simply cheap and nasty methods of trying to get votes by arousing public suspicion without offering any evidence or making any charge that can be either proven or disproven.

Will the voters of Josephine county be fooled by any such balderdash? Are they simple minded and idiotic enough to vote for a man as a reform candidate who shouts corruption that he can not point out, and will within a few days be compelled to admit he has no knowledge of?

Does he not know that every voter knows that he can go and examine the county records and see all the expenditures of the county and find the fraud for himself? Have not all the county expenditures been published for years and years? Has not this great reformer read them for the four years last past? Why did he not expose the fraud at the time? Why did he not bark when he had a newspaper to bark with, when the rottenness occurred? Why did he keep still all the while? Do you believe him? Does anyone believe him? If so go and ask him to point out the rottenness? Ask him to particularize?

GO AND CALL ON S. F. CHESHIRE, THE COUNTY CLERK RUNNING ON THE SAME TICKET WITH CHAUSSE. HE IS THE MAN THAT KEPT THE ACCOUNTS for the last two years and ASK HIM WHERE THE ROTTENNESS IS. ASK R. L. BARTLETT WHO KEPT THE BOOKS AS A REPUBLICAN CLERK for two years previously, what the rottenness is. Ask W. H. Fallin, assessor, a republican. Ask J. T. Logan, commissioner, a republican. Ask Geo. W. Lewis, republican sheriff. Ask C. E. MAYBEE, CHAIRMAN REPUBLICAN COUNTY COMMITTEE. Tell Chausse TO DIG UP THE ROTTENNESS AND EXPOSE IT.

But if he does not—if none exists—WHAT WILL BE YOUR OPINION OF A MAN WHO CHARGES CRIME AND DISHONESTY TO GET AN OFFICE? Would you vote for a man who would lie and slander others to build himself up? Did you ever know Chausse when he owned the Observer to take any part in politics except to throw mud and filth? If so when was it? VOTER.

To Survey Government Lands.

Fred Mensch of this city has been awarded the contract for surveying a considerable amount of government lands the surveys to be made during the present year. The surveys embrace eight different tracts, fractional townships lying in four counties, Douglas, Curry, Lane and Crook. The locations are as follows: Township 31 South, Range 2 West, on Cow creek, Elk creek and the Umpqua river; T 38 S, R 14 W, on the Pistol river; T 32 S, R 13 W, on the Sizem river; T 16 S, R 9 W, on Ids river; T 16 S, R 4 E, on the Mackenzie river; and three small tracts on the Des Chutes river north of Prineville. Mr. Mensch expects to take the field at the earliest possible time after receiving instructions from the department of the interior and will spend the entire summer in making these

RETURNS FROM THE BLACK SAND TESTS

Josephine County Samples Make Good Showing—Work Still Being Carried On.

The investigation of the black sands of the Pacific Slope, which was begun by the United States Geological Survey at Portland, Oregon, last Summer, in connection with its exhibit at the Lewis and Clark Exposition is still going on.

Tests were discontinued about December 14, for lack of funds. Early in the Winter, however, congress made an appropriation of \$25,000 for prosecution of the work. The plant was accordingly started again about March 1, and the following results are among those already recorded. Each test tells its own story.

Composition, per ton, of sand from Holland, Josephine county, Oregon, Serial number, P-159b.

Constituents.	Pounds.
Magnetite	1.5
Chromite	1.6
Olivine	82.3
Quartz	1466.7
Other minerals	488.4

The weight of this sample was 317.5 pounds. An assay showed only a trace of gold and platinum. This was concentrated on a Wilfley table and showed a value of \$2.78 in one pound of first concentrates, while middlings and tailings showed no gold or platinum.

Composition, per ton of sample of black sand from the clean-up of a placer mine at Waldo, Josephine county, Oregon, Serial number, P-69. The weight of this sample was 980.5 pounds. Of this 406 pounds passed through a 2-millimeter screen. This consisted chiefly of magnetite, chromite and garnet. It showed on assay of the original material a value of \$147.68 per ton in gold and platinum. It was concentrated to 40.5 pounds on a Christensen separator, these concentrates yielding a value of \$1,530.49 per ton while the 44.5 pounds of middlings gave \$971.30 per ton, and the tailings showed only \$4.75 per ton.

The 514.5 pounds of coarse material was ground through a 30-mesh screen and showed, to the ton:

Constituents.	Pounds.
Magnetite	565.00
Chromite	39.90
Garnet	113.60
Quartz	41.70
Other minerals	288.90
Gold and platinum	\$1.03

The residence of Mr. and Mrs. A. A. Porter at Grave was destroyed by fire last Friday, nothing being saved. The fire occurred in the evening after supper and none of the family were at the house at the time. Mrs. Porter was in the garden and Mr. Porter was out in the fields. Geo. Porter, the son, was not at home. Before the fire was discovered it had gained such headway that nothing could be done toward saving any of the effects. There was an insurance of \$600 on the property. The Porter place is situated on the old stage road near Grave creek, four miles above Leland.

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- " extra heavy all-wool, patented weave and pattern, regularly worth \$1.25, for this sale \$1 (No. 46815)
- " All-wool, extra super mixed green lilly pattern, excellent value at 92, for this sale 78 1/2c (No. 40261)
- " 1 piece, 10 yards, regular 97c, for..... 67 1/2c
- " 1 " 14 " " \$1.25, for..... \$1.00
- 1 Brussels Art Square, 9x12, regular \$20, for.....\$15.00
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- Ask for Nos. 35022, 40146, 34959, 1503, 31713.

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