

# PRESBYTERIAN SEES SPIRITUAL NEED IN NATION

## Rev. Covert Tells Closing Session of Convention Young Lack Training in Ways of Church—Banquet Ends Conclave.

If the integrity of education is to be maintained and if the progressive life of the nation is to be continued, more attention must be paid to the spiritual training of boys and girls, citizens and leaders of tomorrow, said Rev. William Chalmers Covert of Philadelphia, general secretary of the board of education of the Presbyterian church, in addressing the closing session of the Presbyterian Men's convention here last evening. The convention began yesterday forenoon and attracted over 75 ministers and elders from all parts of southern Oregon.

Within the past 20 years, declared the speaker, the world has taken on a new aspect by the advent and development of mechanical genius, resulting in automobiles, moving pictures, airplanes, electricity and other mechanical inventions, which have tended to break down the restraint and training of the old fashioned home. The percentage of young Americans who are biblically ignorant is astounding, said Rev. Covert, who told of a recent test, in which 1,000 boys and girls took part. Results of the test revealed that 50 per cent did not know the golden rule; 70 per cent knew nothing of the "Sermon on the Mount"; 12 per cent did not know the opening words of the Lord's Prayer; 16 per cent did not know the parentage of Jesus Christ.

### Young Crowd Jails.

This condition is held responsible for a degree of the crowded condition of the prisons today as a result of a great laxity in law observance, sweeping over the country and to some extent for the fact that the average age of criminals has been reduced 10 years, the present age ranging from 17 to 22 years.

The gospel is needed more and more, declared the speaker, who referred to students, going through school without proper spiritual training as clever, educated devils with an educated mind, but with untrained desires. The need of more individuality was also cited as a remedy for present conditions which Rev. Covert believes will lead a great democracy onto the rocks.

### Remedy Discussed.

The principal work of the board of Christian education of the church is to remedy present conditions, he told his listeners, and yesterday's entire session was directed to this end.

Rev. Murdoch McLeod of San Francisco, Pacific coast director for the board, in a few words thanked local committees for the success of the session and declared it was one of the best arranged sessions in which he had taken part on the Pacific coast. Carl Brommer, president of the men's club presided, at the banquet, prepared by members of the Women's Association of the church. Several numbers were sung by a quartette composed of Messrs. Meeker, MacDonough, Howard and Shockley.

The only other meeting held by the visiting churchmen in Oregon was held at Portland and the next will be held in California, leaving only New Mexico and Arizona before the entire nation will have been covered.

### CHEST REPORTS FAVORABLE

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ford, who are not already contributors, are urged to weigh the situation carefully—give what they can in a spirit that will lead others to follow their lead.

Reports from committees who have solicited Jacksonville and Central Point were also heard. Central Pointers have not entered into the Community Chest wholeheartedly, and the situation there is believed to be because the chest work is not entirely understood. Central Point and Jacksonville residents and businessmen are reminded that the chest will do good wherever it is needed and that it embodies a great cooperative idea, doing away with numerous drives and placing charity on a more systematic basis.

Chest workers are also soliciting outlying communities, and the Community Chest, as it now stands, is not to be regarded as an exclusive Medford project, but as a cooperative project taking in the entire community.

### Continue Plans.

Solicitors will hold another luncheon tomorrow noon at the Hotel Medford and discuss further plans for the continued success of the drive.

Businessmen and employees of local establishments, who have donated, are urged to please stickers in windows of their homes. Solicitors will then not duplicate efforts by calling at the residence also.

Reports were also made in regard to collections from chain stores and oil companies. Several have made good donations, and others are expected in due course of time. The sum of \$3000 is expected from this source. These companies have sources of revenue in Medford but the main offices are outside of the city and derive the main benefit from local sales. The Community Chest is put up to them as an opportunity to express their appreciation for business derived here.

# Medfordite Draws Pen Picture of Great R. R. Fight in San Francisco; Fate of an Empire in Balance

SAN FRANCISCO, Nov. 13.—Special to Mail Tribune.—In the Colonial ball room of the St. Francis hotel is being decided the fate of an empire. This is a story of once-upon-a-time, but is dated today and the empire upon whose fate this meeting is being held is no kingdom over the seas, but is the country in which you live. For this is the hearing before the interstate-commerce commission of a petition to build a scant 299 miles of railroad. It will only cost three million dollars, which is quite a lot for you or me, but less than a drop in the bucket for a great railroad system.

The big ball room is the field of battle, where two monsters of western transportation are fighting for the future more than for today. On the defensive is the Southern Pacific system, a little sullen, more than a little fearful.

On the offensive is the Great Northern railway, whose steel rails extending a long the northern boundary of the U. S. are now attracted towards rich southern Oregon and northern California, eager to break the monopoly, which for more than 50 years has fattened its rival. It has given up the powder and ball battles of Hill and Harriman and has brought to the front its battery of lawyers.

The I. C. C. examiner sits under a huge map of western United States, upon a raised platform. A simple table is his rostrum. On the same platform is the witness chair. Below at two long tables sit eight judges in the platform are the lawyers. Perhaps two dozen at each table. On the right hand of the commissioner are the S. P. forces and on the left the G. N. forces together with the ten western states, which have intervened in behalf of the new comer. Gold legged, spindly chairs stand line upon line on the ball room floor for spectators.

As I entered the witness in the chair was discussing Klamath Falls and what effect two roads toward the south would have. No one seemed very interested at this every question the S. P. attorneys opposed objections, which were quickly over-ruled. Suddenly he was excused and the general in chief of the invaders was called.

President Ralph Budd of the Great Northern is a slight, alert business man. He took the oath in a quiet voice and then in answer to questions by his counsel he explained that his road was one of the shortest to the Great Lake region and that except for the S. P. Sunset Route it had the lowest crossing of the Rocky mountains, that the S. P. reached all along the Pacific coast from Mexico to Portland and that from the Columbia to the middle of California only one north and south railroad now existed. Later upon cross examination he agreed that there were two lines of track but I don't think he has any great opinion of the stretch from Black Butte to Eugene through "Our Valley." He was sarcastic when he pointed out that one could travel from the Bay Cities to the Rose City via Oregan. He showed that his road to Klamath Falls was a stub and that it could not pay its rental to S. P. profitably, unless it were extended. But also he did not mention the P. & E., which is so often brought to notice in connection with John R. Allen in "29 years ago." When asked by S. P. inquisitors if he were trying to make the inference that the S. P. could not and did not handle the traffic, he politely evaded the question until forced to answer, when he said that there had been considerable difficulty in getting the S. P. to

handle his private car to San Francisco. There was a howl of abuse at this and the whole S. P. table turned red and when in answer to the next question Mr. Budd said there had been no debate of how much he should pay on the G. N.'s part, but only if it would be possible for him to use the north and south road without incommensurate the regular shipper, it did seem as if some one had put his foot into the soup.

President Adams will tell how the Western Pacific will help itself and the Great Northern and President Shoup will bring to light the heartiness of the S. P. But these are only details. Even president Budd's prediction that three times the seven million people now residing in this favored region will soon have to be considered from a railroad point of view is window dressing. The heavy artillery which will settle the fate of this great Empire lies on the table before those lawyers. Stacks of white paper whereupon car-miles, ton-miles, revenue-per-dollar-expended have been figured, cost-curves, tables of income, prospectuses of new farms, new cities, new activities are all marshaled there.

Citizens who expect to ride either a G. N. or S. P. train will some day be attracted to this court. Babies not yet born will grow into voters in this region. And so today the fate of this last frontier is being settled.

Shall it be under the dictatorship of the Southern Pacific System or shall it be developed under a joint control? "All this hullabaloo, and what does it matter to me?"

You may be right, but perhaps Jim Owens. It would be nice to ride to Chicago without a change of sleeper. It might help if our freight rates, incoming and outgoing, were based on a competitive basis. At any rate, dream or no dream, over the hump lies California and some 400 miles south of the hump there are battling men and marshalled facts and near-facts about to settle the fate of an empire.—C. L.

# REV. ANDERSON NEW BISHOP OF EPISCOPALIANS

## Exponent Separation Church and State to Serve Remaining Term of Late Bishop Murray—Rev. Burleson Assistant.

WASHINGTON, Nov. 14.—(AP)—A dynamic exponent of the separation of church and state—the Right Rev. Charles P. Anderson of Chicago—today took office as president bishop of the Episcopal church. For many years a dominant figure in the national organization of the church, the bishop of the Chicago diocese will serve the two years remaining of the term of Bishop John Gardner Murray of Maryland, who died before the altar of St. James church in Atlantic City on October 3.

Bishop Anderson's election came on the 16th ballot of the house of bishops, and, as his first official act, he appointed the Right Rev. Hugh L. Burleson, bishop of South Dakota, as his assistant. In an address before the 49th

triennial convention of the church in Washington during the heat of the presidential campaign last year Bishop Anderson flayed sectionalism and intolerance. An extensive reader, Bishop Anderson has studied prominent writers of all ages. A writer of talent himself, he is the author of "Letters to Laymen," "The Religion of Our Lord" and "Religion and Morality," all of which have been widely quoted.

Bishop Anderson, who is 65, was born in Ontario province, Canada, and was ordained early in his twenties.

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## Jennings Tire Co. Conducts Big Sale

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