

CHURCH PLAN IS WASTEFUL SAYS PASTOR

NEW YORK, Feb. 3.—Charging that "the competitions and rivalries of evangelical denominations in the United States have resulted in astounding waste and inefficiency" and that 86 percent of the Protestant churches have a total seating capacity of more than 53,000,000 or three times their requirement, the Rev. Dr. Robert Westly Peach, pastor of a Reformed Episcopal church in Newark, N. J., makes a plea for organic union of 22 national church bodies.

Dr. Peach's recommendations, together with others, will be discussed by the Interchurch Council on Organic Union which begins a four days' session in Philadelphia today. The Newark clergyman is one of 50 composing the Ad Interim Committee representing various Protestant denominations which was appointed last December upon an invitation by the Presbyterian church, to approve a plan for bringing about a merger. In his statement, a minority report, he declared that Protestants had built perhaps "100,000 superfluous churches at a cost of \$500,000,000."

Too Many Buildings
"If not a single church had been built in the past 13 years," he said, "those standing in 1906 would accommodate at a single service every Protestant communicant of the year 1919 and every Roman Catholic in our country, baptized infants included, and, besides, every man, woman and child in Canada, Cuba and Porto Rico and there would still be much room to spare."

"These 86 percent of our churches reported over three sittings for every communicant. At the same time, the Roman Catholic churches reporting had one sitting for every two and one-fourth members—a ratio of nearly seven to one in our disfavor. The Roman churches are crowded, our, on an average less than one-quarter full—for it is the exceptional church which, at its principal Sunday service, has an attendance equalling 80 percent of its communicant roll."

Millions are Wasted.
The upkeep and the salaries incident to maintaining services in Protestant churches, Dr. Peach said, "make necessary the raising annually of millions of wasted dollars; make necessary, moreover, grueling efforts to raise this money. Inevitably there has arisen the Great Protestant Order of Mendicant Pastors and Sisters, unincorporated. Inevitably also has followed a widespread defection of church members, weary of continual solicitation to give outright and to buy tickets for suppers, entertainments, bazaars, etc. Not the giving has repelled, in most instances," continued Dr. Peach, for the American people are generous—but the needless calls for uneconomic giving.

Upon members who remain steadfast have fallen the heavier burdens," he said. "This defection also is mainly responsible for increasing the two out of three empty pews caused by over-churching to three out of four. Let not the pastors and members of exceptional congregations blindly question the general validity of these estimates. Withal, we have thousands of settled communities without a single church. In Ohio, for example, the recent Methodist Episcopal survey has discovered scores of townships, six miles square, without a single resident minister. To wicked waste we add woeful inefficiency.

Groan Under Burdens
"In our division," said Dr. Peach, "our people are groaning under the burdens caused thereby, and under the reproach of incompetency, not only, but the unchurched masses ignore our weakened testimony and reject our appeal; our problems are multiplied, our fellowship is marred, our Lord is dishonored. These are the conditions organic unity is set to cure."

The Rev. William H. Black D. D., of the Presbyterian church, Marshall, Mo., another member of the Ad Interim Committee, in a minority report, advocated the use of the terminology of the United States government for characterizing the proposed new united church and opposed a "re-statement of the fundamental doc-

KLAMATH FALLS-BEND ROAD PLAN PROGRESSES

SALEM, Feb. 3.—Governor O'Leary today appointed I. N. Day, Portland member of the state legislative commission, to investigate the feasibility of removing the rails of the railroad extending from the O. W. R. & N. line on the Columbia river to Bend, using them to extend rail connections from Bend to Klamath Falls. The roadbed from which the track is removed would be used as a state highway.

Other members of the investigating committee are Senator Riner of Pendleton and Representative Burdick of Redmond.

CITY TO SHARE HOSPITAL COST

The city is willing to pay one-third the cost of converting the old city hall building into an emergency hospital, in case it is needed for influenza patients, providing its share is not more than \$200, the city council last night informed R. H. Dunbar, president and the Rev. E. F. Lawrence, secretary of the local Red Cross chapter, who appeared before the council to learn what co-operation might be expected in handling an influenza outbreak.

The county court has not definitely promised any money, but Mr. Dunbar said he laid the matter before the commissioners and they expressed favorable opinions and, if the emergency arises, he assured the council that he believed the county would do its share, and the Red Cross, he declared, would go the limit in co-operation.

Mayor Struble agreed to look the building over and make an estimate of the cost of essential repairs, also to supervise their installation. A bath tub is one of the primary needs. Connection must be made with the city water mains and some carpenter work and a general cleanup is necessary.

The council told the Red Cross members that the city had no money available for operating the emergency hospital in case it should be needed. The point was not pressed by the Red Cross representatives, who seemed to think if the building was put in shape the money for operation could be secured. In fact, in view of last year's experience, it was believed that the hospital would be nearly self-supporting.

SIMS NO SAILOR SAYS DANIELS

WASHINGTON, Feb. 3.—Taking up the contentions of Rear Admiral Sims, Secretary Daniels took emphatic issue with the admiral before the senate sub-committee today. Daniels asserted that Sims, during shore duty in the Spanish-American and the world war "demonstrated ability of a high order" and his own record no doubt influenced Sims in placing shore duty above sea duty in the sea zone. The secretary showed that during the last 25 years that Sims had served about nine years at sea.

Daniels pointed out that ashore a man decides important questions with time to weigh the pros and cons while at sea the commander in imminent danger must make a moment's decision when his ship is attacked and the slightest mistake is fatal.

trines of Christian belief," declaring that "all evangelical churches recognize and teach that the holy scriptures are the inspired word of God and are the only infallible rule of faith and practice."

Other suggestions and minority reports which will be presented to the Council were made by the Rev. John S. Romig of the Moravian Church and Alfred C. Garrett of the Society of Friends, both of Philadelphia. Invitations have been extended to 12 other Protestant denominations, making 34 in all, to become members of the conference planning organic union.

MASONS SECURE SITE FOR HOME

In step with the progress that Klamath Falls is making and in keeping with the growth of the organization, the Masonic lodge decided at a meeting held last evening to purchase a site and build a home. With that end in view, lots 7 and 8, block 19, original town, or the southwest corner of Fifth and Pine streets, have been purchased from J. W. McCoy. This property has a frontage of 112 feet on Fifth street and 120 on Pine street. The price paid for the property was \$5,720, or at the rate of \$60 per Fifth street front.

Some time ago it was decided to investigate the feasibility of purchasing property and erecting a home, and with that end in view a building committee, consisting of the five officers of the lodge and eight members was appointed. The members of the committee were George Chastain, W. C. Van Emon, W. U. Foster, C. C. Chitwood, E. R. Reames, Frank Ward, Marion Hanks, George Ulrich, Curtis Setzer, J. F. Kimball, George Grizzle, E. E. Magee and Arthur Wilson. After a careful study of the various locations considered, it was decided that the property purchased was the most suitable for the purposes for which it is to be used, and the committee's report to that effect was adopted.

Plans and specifications will be prepared immediately for a two-story building on the corner lot. The lower floor will be used for business purposes and the upper floor for the lodge. It is the intention to have it erected this year, the structure to be of class A construction.

FOREST RESERVE TO END DISPUTE OVER RANGE USE

Reconciliation of differences between cattlemen and sheepmen over grazing privileges on the public domain in the eastern part of the county has reached a stage of settlement, and both parties have agreed to support a bill in Congress, authorizing the addition of all public lands in the disputed area to the Fremont National Forest. Disposition of the grazing privilege will then be administered by the government through the forestry service.

At the annual meeting of the Klamath Wool Growers' association at Merrill last night the matter was discussed and J. H. Carnahan, representative of the association, in furthering the necessary legislation, was instructed as to the wishes of the organization.

W. C. Van Emon, attorney for the Cattlemen's association, is their legislative delegate. Mr. Carnahan and Mr. Van Emon expect to leave shortly for Washington to place the matter before congress and use all efforts to speed the passage of the necessary legislation which will place the lands in the forest reserve.

About 250,000 acres is included in the proposed reserve, embracing all public lands in the area described by a straight line (following the western township line of townships 41 and 40 south, range 11 east, and townships 39, 38 and 37 south, range 11-12 east, Willamette Meridian) from the California boundary to the Klamath Indian reservation line, thence skirting the reservation boundary to the Lake county line, thence south to the California line and west to the point of beginning. The western boundary line is the first township line east of Dairy.

MIDLAND RANCHER MARRIED HERE SUNDAY

Harvey DePuy and Miss Bertha Owen, both well known residents of the Midland district, were married Sunday afternoon at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Turner on Michigan avenue by the Rev. E. P. Lawrence.

Mr. DePuy has a ranch near Midland, where the couple will reside. His bride is a member of a well known family in that district.

STREET PAVING PETITION FILED

Installation of a 250 candle power electric light at the intersection of Fourth and Pine streets, where the new Warren Hunt hospital is located, and a 400 candle power light at the new Presbyterian church corner, Sixth and Pine, was authorized by the city council last night.

Street improvement matters came up for discussion, with the presentation of a petition by property owners for the improvement of Sixth and Seventh streets from Pine to High and High street from Sixth to Eighth. The petition calls for paving the full width of the thoroughfares but Mr. White, who presented it, explained to the council that some of the property owners would prefer narrower paving. The council decided that difference on this matter could be settled after the publication of the resolution of intention to make the improvement, and accepted the petition. Mr. White stated that while there was a difference of opinion on the width, all parties wanted the paving done and everyone was willing to yield to the opinion of the majority.

The question of paving Washington street was brought up by H. N. Moe, for the property owners who want to see the work between First and Third streets, laid over from last year started as soon as possible. The city already has plans and cost estimates for these blocks. Councilman Upp stated that when the improvement was begun it should be carried clear through to Fifth street, to give the city an approach to the high school. Mr. Upp said that he would be against starting the improvement until the blocks from Third to Fifth were included. As a result of the discussion the mayor was requested to secure from the city engineer estimates and plans for the work from Third street to the high school, to be presented to the council at an early meeting.

No more bills will be allowed, if the council adheres to its expressed intention, unless the purchase is made upon a requisition issued by the police judge in regular form. This followed the discovery, during the allowance of bills, of several small bills which were not itemized and which nobody seemed to know much about.

Mayor Struble stated that all city employees, from the mayor down, were required to secure a requisition for every purchase made, but employees, needing an article in a hurry, went to a store and got it and had it charged to the city. When the merchant's bill comes in there is no record in the police judge's office to show its validity. As a result there is confusion and often a great deal of needless investigation before the bill can be allowed. Merchants have been warned, said the mayor, to charge nothing to the city's account unless a properly signed requisition form is shown, and it was the opinion of the council that hereafter, the rule should be enforced without exception.

Permits Issued

Permits were issued as follows: F. W. Van Buskirk, private garage, lots 5 and 6, block 57; Frank J. Smith, three-room bungalow, Mills Addition, \$1500; Alec Davis, to conduct the Country club rooming house; J. W. Watkins, Jr., to conduct the Townsend flats rooming house.

Electrical Inspector

S. R. Redkey, head of the service department of the California Oregon Power company, was appointed city electrical inspector, in place of Mr. Beauchamp, who has resigned.

SCANDANAVIANS TO HAVE \$14,000 HOME

Permission was granted the Scandinavian society of this city by the city council last night to construct a two-story fireproof brick building at the corner of Ninth and Walnut streets, to be used as a lodge hall and for other activities of the society.

The building will have a floor space of 52 by 100 feet. It will cost \$14,000. Work on it will start shortly, and it is expected to have it finished within 60 days after it is started.

WEDDING CEREMONY

Edward A. Johnston and Jennie White of Chiloquin were married yesterday by Justice of the Peace Chapman.

PORTLAND POSTMASTER CLINGING TO OFFICE

PORTLAND, Feb. 3.—Despite the fact that he was presented yesterday with a signed order dismissing him, Frank S. Myers maintains his position as postmaster. Myers asserts that the senate must confirm the President's action before it will become effective.

OWNERS MUST KEEP CHICKENS ENCLOSED

A number of complaints are reaching The Herald about the chicken nuisance. These complaints should be filed with the police, for it is their business to see that the ordinance covering this matter is enforced. The ordinance provides that chickens must be kept within an enclosure. Where owners are so inconsiderate of their neighbors as to permit their chickens to run at large, a telephone call to the chief of police will abate the nuisance.

Chief Wilson states that he is going to permit no exceptions to the rule. This will be cheerful news to people throughout the city who are trying to improve their property and it is information that should be taken advantage of by those who have chickens, as it will save them a visit to the police judge and the payment of a fine.

COMMITTEE NAMED BY RELIEF CORPS

The regular business session of the Woman's Relief Corps was held yesterday afternoon.

The following committees were appointed: Relief committee, Mrs. Jennie Hurn, Addie Walker, Marjorie Otterbein, Ivy North and Burd McDonald; executive committee, Lina Martin, Florence Brandenburg, Pearl Martin, Katherine Roberts, and Nellie Whitlock; auditing committee, Lizzie Ramsby, Margaret Withrow, and Minnie Montgomery; home employment committee, Ella McMillen, Georgia Sloan, Jennie Seehorn, Stella Skillington, and Leah Smith; conference committee, Imogene Hampton, Myrtle Martin, Carrie Maier, Hattie Keller, and Amelia Whitlock.

It was decided by the corps to present an American flag to Post No. 8 of the American Legion of Klamath Falls.

At the next meeting, February 16, an appropriate program will be given to commemorate the birthdays of Washington and Lincoln.

USES STOLEN MAIL BAG AS HAVERSACK

The sanctity that doth hedge around a United States mail bag is nothing to William Zillman, the tramp arrested for entering the Southern Pacific freight depot last week and breaking open packages from which he took certain edible articles that appealed to him. At a hearing before Justice Chapman yesterday afternoon Zillman was bound over to the grand jury's action on a charge of larceny of a house.

Zillman used a U. S. mail pouch to carry his worldly goods about with him. When questioned as to his possession of the bag, he said he got it when he entered a postoffice and warehouse at Norman, near Dunsuir, Cal. It appealed to him as a handy thing to carry his pack in and so he used it.

STEEL ARRIVES FOR NEW BUILDINGS

The first steel for the new three-story buildings of Collins & Still at Fifth and Main and M. P. Evans at Tenth & Main was laid down on the ground yesterday. Two cars of steel beams and girders have arrived and another carload is coming. M. P. Layenik has charge of the hauling of the structural material and finds it heavy stuff to handle.

The foundations for the buildings were excavated and lined with concrete last fall and the remainder of the task of construction is from the ground level upward. In obtaining a construction permit from the council last week, A. F. Heide, architect for both buildings, stated that work would start within a week after material was on the ground.

RANDALL BILL FOR NATIONAL INDIAN COUNCIL

Representative Randall of Wisconsin on January 24, introduced in the House of Representatives a bill providing for the legal assembly in general council of the Indians of the United States, and for a general election among the Indian tribes to choose delegates to an inter-tribal council to be held within 15 days after the election at Washington D. C. The Bill reads as follows:

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the Secretary of the Interior is hereby authorized and directed to cause a proclamation to be issued and circulated among the Indians of the United States announcing that said Indians may legally assemble in general council, either tribal or intertribal, and meet in accordance with the provisions of the first amendment to the Constitution of the United States of America, to peacefully assemble and petition Congress for the redress of any grievances or wrongs and transact any other business not inconsistent with the Constitution of the United States.

Sec. 2. That the Secretary of the Interior is hereby further authorized and directed to cause a general election among the Indian tribes for the purpose of electing and selecting one delegate from each tribe, band, or faction of the Indians in the United States, and said delegates shall assemble in the city of Washington, District of Columbia, within fifteen days after said election and there form and constitute an intertribal council or league of Indian nations.

Sec. 3. That said council or league of Indian nations shall be governed by rules and regulations made from time to time by itself; that the records of said council and their proceedings, and the records of any tribal or intertribal council when properly certified to by the proper officers of said councils shall be prima facie evidence of the desires of said council in so far records may relate to the welfare of the Indians constituting said council.

Sec. 4. That there is hereby appropriated the sum of \$10,000, or so much thereof as may be necessary, out of the available funds of the Treasury of the United States not otherwise appropriated for carrying out the provisions of this Act.

S. P. PREPARING TO OPERATE LINES

Consolidation on February 1 of the Southern Pacific lines north and south of Ashland, Ore., under the jurisdiction of Federal Manager W. R. Scott is announced by the United States Railroad Administration. This change restores the organization of the railroad's Pacific system as it existed before federal control, and is in preparation for the return to private ownership on March 1. Since the lines were taken over by the government, the portion north of Ashland to Portland has been operated by Federal Manager J. P. O'Brien in the northwestern region, and the lines south to Ogden and El Paso by Federal Manager W. R. Scott in the Central western region.

Federal Manager Scott announces the appointment of H. A. Hinshaw as assistant to the federal manager, with headquarters at Portland. Hinshaw was formerly general freight agent at that point.

WEATHER REPORT.

OREGON—Fair, moderate easterly winds.

NOTICE.

Until arrangements can be made that will insure a supply of paper sufficient to enable The Herald to return to its regular size, it will remain as it is today, with the exception of Fridays, when we are permitted to print eight pages. We shall return to our regular size at the earliest date possible.