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## UNITED BRETHREN IN CHRIST HOLD SIXTH ANNUAL CONFERENCE AT TILLAMOOK.

LARGE BODY OF PREACHERS AND LAYMEN PRESENT. BISHOP BELL OF LOS ANGELES, PRESIDES. CHEESE, AUTOMOBILE RIDES AND YELLOW LEGGED CHICKEN ORDER OF THE DAY.

The sixth annual session of the Oregon Conference of the United Brethren in Christ is meeting in this beautiful little city by the sea. Bishop W. M. Bell, D. D., of Los Angeles, is presiding. Hon. P. O. Bonebrake, prominent member of the state legislature and Superintendent of the Conference, C. C. Bell and J. R. Parker, former superintendents, both of Philomath, Geo. McDonald, of Seattle, Wash.; J. R. Knipe, of Everett, Wash.; J. B. Parsons, of Hood River, J. W. Sprecher, of 2nd Church, C. P. Blanchard, 3rd Church, C. L. Williams, 1st Church, J. E. Conner, 4th Church, Portland, C. W. Corman, Philomath; F. M. Dakin, of View, Wash.; J. L. Garrett, of Manor, Wash.; R. G. Summerlin, of Vancouver, Wash.; Mrs. N. R. Lewis, of North Bend; J. E. Meese, of Tillamook; Mrs. B. N. Peoples, of Salem; J. S. Rhodes, of Amity, J. G. Richardson, of Portland; B. E. Emerick, of The Dalles; Mrs. Dora Young, Beaver and W. M. Owens, of Coquille, are the active ministers attending.

The following are the lay delegates present: F. W. Barker, of Coquille; J. A. Cotton, of Gravel Ford; G. A. Bennett, of Philomath; Geo. Betts, of 1st Church, O. F. Hoffman, of 3rd Church, Mrs. T. Brown, of 2nd Church, Mrs. W. H. Betts, of 4th Church, Portland; Mrs. N. Hansen, of Tillamook; Mrs. Fred Lyster, of North Bend; W. F. Sorber, of Vancouver, Wash.; J. Miller, of Manor, Wash.; Mrs. A. C. Cross, of The Dalles; Mrs. E. L. Kinaman, of Beaver; Mrs. S. P. Hale, of Salem; Mrs. E. Allison, of Hopewell; and W. L. Bonebrake, of Coos River.

Rev. Herman Schuknecht, pastor of the First German Evangelical Church, Portland, is present as fraternal delegate from the Evangelical Association.

H. L. Sheldon, of Portland, Superintendent of the Oregon Anti-Saloon League is attending the Conference representing his work.

A fine number of visitors have accompanied the pastors and delegates from all parts of Oregon and Washington.

The conference was opened at 9 o'clock Wednesday by Bishop Bell's reading and comments upon the first chapter of Timothy.

Rev. C. L. Williams was elected secretary and Geo. Betts treasurer of the conference, committees were appointed by the Bishop at once and the conference set upon the regular work of the session.

At 11:40 Bishop Bell gave the address scheduled for the forenoon. The theme was, "The Church and Economic Conditions," and the Bishop handled it in a lively up-to-date fashion. He thinks the Church ought to have a very material interest in the economic welfare of the great, middle class common people and has no hesitation in putting it in a very emphatic way. The address seemed so timely and masterful that the conference voted to change its program so that this series of addresses might be given in the evenings that more of the citizens and people in general might have the privilege of hearing these great 20th Century addresses.

### The Wednesday Evening Welcome Meeting.

On Wednesday evening the conference body was formally welcomed to our city by representative citizens delegated for the occasion. Attorney T. H. Goyne welcomed the conference from the standpoint of the laymen; Attorney H. T. Batts addressed the conference from the standpoint of the professional men; and D. L. Shrode spoke in behalf of the business men in general. The above mentioned gentlemen addressed the assembled preachers in a happy humorous vein, endeavoring to make our visitors feel at home, and at the same time feel pleased because they are here.

Rev. Geo. McDonald of Seattle, responded to the addresses of welcome

and very fittingly replied to the gentlemen who had spoken before him, very pleasantly introducing now and then shafts of wit appropriate to the occasion.

The next speaker to be introduced was Bishop Bell, who for one hour, held the audience in wrapt attention. His subject was "Poverty," and included a discussion of economic conditions. He spoke on the subject "Poverty" in the morning. His evening address was simply a continuation of the morning address. He dealt our present industrial system some sledge hammer blows. He made a plea for the middle classes and the wage worker, because the church is dependent upon and must rise or fall with the fortunes of that class. He made a plea for better pay for teachers and preachers and all those who are engaged in educating our people. He said it was a shame that men should receive so much more for services in the industrial world than they could receive for the same services in the educational world.

Bishop Bell stated that there were ten million people in the United States today who were in poverty and that the church should take upon itself the job of leading in the economic fight for the uplift of this great mass of people. He said that our people should be delivered from a strange enslavement that has crept over our land, and that our courts and law-making bodies should be thoroughly cleansed.

Bishop Bell said that many of the great financiers were getting a new viewpoint of things, and it is being realized that while it is a fine thing to finance and build railroads and build up other great institutions, it was a



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finer thing to finance families and see that they were properly cared for. He said that the average income of a family in the South was \$300 per year, while the average income of a family in the North was from \$400 to \$500 per year, and that this was not enough to properly clothe and educate a family.

He further stated that poverty was not conducive to piety as many people supposed and that unless the poorer classes were given more consideration and there was a more equal distribution of wealth serious times were in store for us. He said that the government had sown torpedoes of anarchy by favoring capital as it had.

One fine point brought out by the bishop was the fact that while it takes heroism for a man to go to the front and fight the battles of his country in an army, it takes far more heroism for him, while at his own home, to manfully do the duties which his God and his country demands of him.

Near the conclusion of his address,

Bishop Bell paid a fine tribute to President Wilson because of the splendid manner in which he is standing up for present day reforms. He mentioned the terrible strain the president is now under, and of how he is harassed daily by the interests who are endeavoring to bluff him in regard to tariff reforms. He gloried in the fact that the president was remaining firm.

Bishop Bell's address was greeted by continuous applause.

### Thursday's Session.

Fine attendance and tense interest has characterized the entire day. Reports of pastors and committees have furnished the occasion with humor and pathos and oratory. The report of the committees on finance drew the keenest interest in its insistence upon the goal of \$800 and a parsonage as the minimum to be reached in the next four years for ministers. It is also the idea of such co-operation as shall bring definite assistance from the stronger to the weaker work.

Rev. H. Schuknecht, of Portland, representing the Evangelical Association, read an able paper bearing fraternal greetings and having reference to the contemplated educational federation.

Bishop Bell read a carefully prepared and far reaching report of the committee on social service and community work.

After which H. L. Sheldon, of Portland, Superintendent of the Oregon Anti-Saloon League, made an address outlining the plans of the League to make Oregon dry in 1916.

Dr. P. O. Bonebrake and J. B. Parsons were elected Trustees of the Oregon Anti-Saloon League and a resolution was passed adopting the program of the Anti-Saloon League for the repeal of the so called Home Rule amendment to the Constitution in 1914 and an amendment to the Constitution for Prohibition in 1916.

"Modern Incongruities" was the subject which Bishop Bell spoke on Thursday evening. He went back into history and laid as a background for his theme, Watt's discovery of the power of steam, the American Revolution and the French Revolution, these three great events happening within twenty years of each other and evident-

ly destined by God for man's industrial and political liberty. The Bishop then went on to show how with the advent of machinery, labor began to be concentrated into the cities and man's selfishness began to show itself, with the result that there immediately set in a movement towards abject poverty on one hand and the piling up of great wealth on the other hand. Bishop Bell said that capital had arisen to power through injustice and that matters had reached such a state that the one great living enemy that man lived in fear of was man, who in his endeavor to monopolize the resources of the earth had brazenly violated God's laws at every stage of process.

Bishop Bell said that men had secured for themselves indulgences in individual power and had endeavored, so to speak, to place themselves on a par with God himself, for no one had the right to power which a fortune of hundreds of millions of dollars carried with it except God himself.

Bishop Bell read his splendid address with an eloquent plea for all, through Divine aid, to do their best to be what God have them be. He stirred his audience through and through and when he had done there was plainly felt a decision for better things on the part of those present.

### Interesting Conference Personal.

P. O. Bonebrake has the "honorable" distinction of the conference, being a member of the state legislature for the third successive time and a member of some of its most important committees. Much of the splendid legislative work of the last session owes no little to his support. He lives at Hood River.

C. C. Bell is a first cousin to the Bishop and was for several years a hardworking and efficient presiding elder or superintendent of the conference. More than once he has walked over the mountains and waded the streams to be at his quarterly meetings.

J. S. Rhodes is the debating scrapper of the conference; he has a record for doing up sceptics and Seventh day advocates.

No one questions Bishop Bell's statement that his mother permitted him to have a good stomach and good nerves. Maybe that is responsible for the fact that he is, as he says, as often taken for a Brewer as a Preacher.

If our conference never meets in Tillamook again it won't be because of lack of hearty welcome, or of cheese, milk and honey. It will be because the Bishop finds it too tedious a task to keep the preachers at work with the temptation of so fishing so near.

Members of the conference admired the grit of Rhodes. J. Hopewell, but but were willing for him to confine his treatment to himself when he remarked that when he looks in the face of his gray haired wife and thinks of the sacrifice and privation she has endured while members of his church have increased in wealth he feels like going out behind the barn and kicking himself with hobnailed boots for six days for having allowed such to obtain.

Mr. Sheldon was quite willing to agree with Rev. Mrs. Blanchard, of Portland, Third Church, that the women of Portland were valuable in assisting to elect Mayor Albee.

Three of the visiting women might have accepted Shrode's cordial invitation to stop at the store and sample Tillamook cheese, had he not found it necessary to start to dinner just as they were approaching the store. But the fact that cheese continues to be sent in for the preachers' consumption proves the Tillamooker's generous disposition.

After hearing this morning the first of the lectures by Parsons, of Hood River, we were glad that we would be privileged to hear the rest of the series.

When a man is called a dog, much depends on what kind of a dog is meant. No one was offended when Mr. Sheldon, of the Anti-Saloon League, referred to Elder Bonebrake as the watch dog of the House, during the recent legislature. He said being able to depend on Bonebrake in the house he was the better able to work in the Senate.

Rev. Schuknecht explained to us how the names Small, Little and Kine were all of the same origin. Why couldn't some such division have been arranged for Smith and Brown.

H. B. Dorks of Salem is a late arrival at the conference. Rev. Dorks is a new man on the coast, having come less than a year ago from Colorado.

F. W. Jones is tardy but welcome; he used to be our efficient Presiding Elder and has made the difficult rounds of the conference many times.

F. H. Neff of Eugene came Thursday. Rev. Neff is one of the best remembered pastors of the Tillamook church. He was delayed on account of the death of his father-in-law, Mr. Rowe.

H. F. White, whom we best know as Herbert, arrived Thursday. Herbert is just back from Dayton, Ohio, where he has been the past three years, having just graduated from Bonebrake Theological Seminary.

C. C. Poling, D. D., of Portland, came in Thursday. Dr. Poling is fraternal delegate from the United Evangelical Church; he, with Dr. Schuknecht and the United Brethren representatives, are working on a plan to federate the educational work of the three churches they represent.

I. E. Meese of Tillamook is about the busiest man of the conference, but he makes a good host, for he and the good people of his city are royally entertaining their guests.

H. L. Sheldon, Superintendent of the Oregon Anti-Saloon League, presented the "irrepressible conflict" and stirred the conference with his slogan, "Home Rule repeated in 1914, Oregon Dry in 1916."

Rev. H. Schuknecht of Portland, representative of the Evangelical Association, read an able paper bearing the kindly greetings from his association and referring favorably to the federation.

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