

LARGE NUMBER PRESENT

Methodist Conference Is Growing in Interest

Attendance is Heavy—Elec- tion of Delegates Set for Tomorrow Morning

The Oregon conference of the Methodist church resumed its session this morning, with an increased attendance, the spacious auditorium in the First M. E. church being well filled.

Promptly at 8:30 a. m. services were opened with singing and prayer, and Dr. W. S. Gamble addressed the conference on the Sabbath question until 9 o'clock. Dr. Gamble has already established a national reputation in handling this question, and remains practically unanswered by his most formidable opponents, the Seventh Day Adventists. Dr. Gamble is debating a question of great interest to many people of Salem. None, interested in the question on either side, should miss hearing him. All will be abundantly repaid by giving attention to his argument.

Promptly at 9 o'clock Bishop Hamilton entered the room, and took his chair. The secretary read the minutes. The statistical secretary called the names of charges from which reports were not in, and these were handed in.

T. L. Jones reported as agent of the Permanent Fund for Conference Claimants, showing that there is now a total of \$2225 in the fund. The election of delegates to the general conference was made the order of the day, immediately after the bishop's address to candidates for admission, which is for 10 a. m. tomorrow.

Two delegates are to be elected, and many candidates are talked of. Prominent among them are Dr. T. B. Ford and Dr. L. E. Rockwell.

The lay electoral conference will convene tomorrow, and two lay delegates are to be elected. Prominent candidates are R. A. Booth, of Eugene; W. C. Noon, of Grace church, Portland; T. S. McDaniels, of First church, Portland; and Gen. W. H. Odell, of Salem.

Visitors were introduced, among whom were Dr. A. B. Leonard, of New York; Dr. J. N. Beard, of San Francisco; Dr. G. L. Tufts and Dr. Henry, of Indiana.

The reports of the presiding elders were then taken up. Dr. Ford, of Eugene district, made his report, in his usual optimistic style, showing decided progress in every line.

Rev. D. T. Summerville, presiding elder of Grants' Pass district, read his report. He travels the largest district, territorially, and the smallest in church membership. Mr. Summerville's report showed healthy conditions in Southern Oregon.

Dr. L. E. Rockwell, of Portland district, read his report, showing that an aggressive campaign has been carried on about the mouth of the Willamette.

Rev. D. A. Watters, presiding elder of Salem district, concluded this order of business, by reading his report, showing several new churches and increased membership. The material prosperity of the past year is shared

by the Methodist church throughout the whole conference, and has its sequel in her spiritual affairs.

At this juncture Bishop Hamilton introduced Dr. A. B. Leonard, who spoke, representing the Missionary Society of the M. E. church, of which he is the corresponding secretary.

Dr. A. N. Fisher, editor of the Pacific Christian Advocate, was next introduced, and spoke representing that journal. His introductory contained much reference to the historical facts suggested by the fact of the conference being held in Salem. Bishop Hamilton followed by urging the ministers to advance the interests of the publication.

Bishop Hamilton announced that the lay electoral conference would meet Friday, and he suggested that it be called for temporary organization at 10 a. m. tomorrow.

The roll of committees was then called, and the chairman gave the places of meeting for the different committees for this afternoon. The program for this evening was then announced, when the conference took a recess until 9 o'clock tomorrow morning.

This afternoon, at 2:30 o'clock, the anniversary services of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society is being held. Rev. Dr. Leonard delivering the address.

Tonight the Willamette University Jubilee will be held in the First M. E. church, with Gen. W. H. Odell, president of the board of trustees, in the chair. Addresses will be made by Bishop J. M. Hamilton, L. L. D., Mr. T. S. McDaniels, Hon. R. A. Booth, Rev. John H. Coleman, D. D., president of the University.

Oregon Prunes in Japan.

The Willamette Valley Prune Association last year sent a quantity of prunes to the Osaka Exposition, in Japan, and recently the local office received a remittance for the shipment, the prunes having been sold after the fair closed. With this, Manager Gile thought the matter ended, and he was, therefore, surprised to find in the mail yesterday a diploma, awarded to the Oregon prune growers by the exposition commission. The diploma is in Japanese, and is accompanied by an English translation, which reads as follows:

"Willamette Valley Prune Co.:
"We, by order H. I. H. the Prince Kaichito, President of the Fifth National Industrial Exhibition of Japan, hereby express thanks for the valuable display of the above mentioned articles, which proved to be special object lessons to our people, in the Foreign Samples Building of the Fifth National Industrial Exhibition, held in the 36th year of Meiji.
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"Vice-President of the Fifth National Industrial Exhibition.
"The first day of the seventh month of the 36th year of Meiji."

A Hunting Party.

A hunting party, consisting of J. C. Siegmund and Ira Hubbard, of this city, and G. I. Stahl and Louis Siegmund, of the reform school, returned last week from a two weeks' hunting trip in the Cascade mountains, in the eastern part of Linn county. They report splendid sport in the mountains, securing six deer and one bear, the latter weighing 500 pounds, and they enjoyed venison and bear steaks to their hearts' content.

At San Francisco R. S. Balconer, prominent in Scottish circles, as secretary of the Caledonian Club, committed suicide by asphyxiation. He was 70 years old and destitute. He left a letter, saying his inability to pay his debts has been the incubus of his life.

EXCITING TIME IN UMATILLA

Family Row in Pilot Rock Furnishes Some Amusement

The Old Man Chased His Son About the Street and Attracted Some Attention

There was enough excitement in the little village of Pilot Rock Monday afternoon and evening to last the citizens of the thriving town a week or more, unless they are excitement-

was promptly challenged to fight a duel on the hill, the weapons to be bare knuckles and no seconds. Mr. Carnes refused to go up the hill, but offered to accommodate Mortimer right then and there, but Mortimer had recollections of the enemy a-comin', and withdrew his challenge.

In the evening the enemy got on the war path again, and George not being available, he started to find some one who was. He entered the Carnes Bros' store, and became coming at George Carnes. Now Mr. Carnes didn't care about him coming at all, and told him so. The old man didn't believe it could be possible, and offered to go out on the hill and discuss the question calmly and without malice. Mr. Carnes came from behind the counter and took a trapeze performer's grip on the old man's whiskers, and shook all the fight out of him in about three seconds, also 17 cents that he never had at all. That settled the male population, and the enemy went to bed. But there is now said to be scheduled a fight between two female enemies of that district and street and house which will be pulled off on sight.

KINDERGARTEN UNION FOR GREATER SALEM

Frobelian Educators to Organize and Public Invited to an Open Meeting

A meeting for the purpose of organizing a kindergarten association in Salem will be held in the lecture room of the First Presbyterian church, at 3 p. m., on Saturday afternoon of this week. A partial canvas of the city has been made, with the view of ascertaining how many members could be secured for such an association, and also how many pupils may be enrolled. There is a great deal of interest manifested, but nothing tangible can come of the effort until there is a responsible body to take charge of the details.

The association idea is working very successfully in all Eastern cities, and, in numerous instances, results in the kindergarten finally taking its place in the city schools. The purpose at this meeting will be to organize the association, elect a set of officers, fix a minimum due for the membership, and secure as many members as possible in the city, this body to foster the kindergarten work, by carrying it on the same as the public schools are managed by the school board. This plan will assure the permanency of the work in Salem.

At this meeting it is desired that as many mothers as possible be present, and especially those to enter one or more children. In case it is impossible to come, send name and address, and some of the committee will call.

A number of Salem's prominent citizens, who have no further interest than the good of the community, are lending their influence to this movement, and Saturday's meeting will likely result in a permanent organization.

Men and women, and especially parents, are earnestly urged to be present. The plans and purposes of the association, and the nature of kindergarten work will be fully explained for the benefit of those who are not familiar with the latest methods.

Fish and Birds.

October 1st the black bass season closes, and the Mongolian pheasant season opens. There will be a corresponding change in the diet of sportsmen and some of their friends.

BROKE PLATE GLASS

Demented John Lane Commits New Offence

Man Determined to get Into the Penitentiary or the Insane Asylum

John Lane, an old man who was on September 23d arrested for stealing a coat out of the city marshal's office in broad daylight, and who was later ordered out of the city by Recorder Judah, walked into the city recorder's office this morning, and, stating that he had maliciously broken a plate glass window in the drug store of the opera house, asked that he be locked up for the offense, and that he wanted to be sent to the penitentiary. The man seems to be perfectly sane, and the recorder, in order to have time to investigate the case, complied with his request, and Lane is now in the city jail.

The self-confessed offender is an old man. He broke the window in question, according to his own statement, on the night of the day he was ordered out of the city, by striking the plate glass with a rock wrapped in a handkerchief. The breaking of the window was a mystery to the police up to this time, as no clue could be found to the perpetrator.

Lane, when questioned by a Journal reporter this morning, stated that he did not know why he broke the window, unless it was because he wanted to go to the penitentiary, where he would be cared for this winter. He said he had thought of getting into the asylum, but could not find the place. Asked as to his previous history, the old man said he came from the Atlantic coast, being of French and English parentage. When a young man he was a sailor in the West Indian trade, sailing for a time out of Portland, Me. Later he went to Ohio, and when the Civil War broke out he enlisted in Company I, 138th Ohio Volunteer Infantry, serving 105 days, when he was wounded in the leg and discharged. He is in possession of pension papers, showing the services claimed by him. He lived for a time in Heron Lake, Jackson county, Minnesota, and claims that he once was a member of B. F. Sweet Post, G. A. R., of that city. About six years ago he

went to Boise, Idaho, and there followed mining for a livelihood, until a month ago, when he came to Oregon, since which time he has been wandering about. After leaving Salem a week ago, he says he went to Albany and Cottage Grove, then returned here last evening, and slept at the fair grounds. This morning, realizing that he had committed an offense by breaking the window a week ago, he decided to surrender to the officers.

The old man is not robust, and as he is 70 years old, and, according to his own statement, addicted to the use of opium, a term in jail will probably be beneficial to him, and it is quite likely that he will be sent to join Harry Dunn in the county jail. Old Harry is serving a term for a similar offense.

Another Rich Find.

J. D. Fickes, an old and experienced miner, well-known in this county and city, where he has made his home for a number of years, returned Tuesday from the mining region between Sumpter and Susanville, where he has been out prospecting for the last three months, and thinks that he has discovered something in the mineral world that will make him as independent as he cares to be. He carries with him a regular exhibition of ores from different places that he located, that is intensely interesting to anyone with a knowledge of such specimens. Mr. Fickes may try to secure a little monetary aid in order to enable him to expedite matters in opening up some of the properties he has got spotted, as he is of the opinion that they are entirely too rich to be allowed to remain undeveloped any longer.—Pendleton Tribune.

Fees in County Offices.

The fees collected by the county clerk and recorder during the month of September aggregated \$563.80, of which sum the recorder received \$277.55, and the clerk \$286.25. The clerk's fees were paid on the following accounts:

Circuit court	\$121.00
Probate	75.50
County court	5.00
Marriage licenses	74.75
Miscellaneous	10.00
Total	\$286.25

He Celebrated.

Charles Johnson, a big, hunky farm laborer, who claims his home in Pennsylvania, was last night arrested on the charge of drunkenness, and was this morning fined \$5, in default of which he was sent to jail for 2½ days. Johnson said he had finished work with a threshing crew last Saturday, and he celebrated the occasion.

It is reported on the London stock exchange that Earl Cromer, British minister to Egypt, has accepted the colonial secretaryship. It is also stated that Milner will return to South Africa.

THE OLD RELIABLE



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thirsty. It was a circus, a state fair, a carnival and a fruit fair all combined, and one family caused it all, says the Pendleton Tribune.

Some time Monday afternoon the inhabitants of the Rock were made aware of the fact that all the Mortimers were at home by a great noise emanating from the bungalow occupied by the said Mortimers. Presently there emerged from the doorway the form of George Mortimer. He was coming out crawfish style. Presently the whole show appeared. George was backing out of the door under the physical persuasion of his father, who was revolving his fists in front of the young man's eyes in a most excited way. There was excitement. The people gathered to witness the results.

"Now, dad," yelled the younger Mortimer "I don't want to hit you, but if you come another step nearer I'll build aircastles on your face," and with that he backed off another step, while "dad" kept coming. Again and again the young Mortimer tried to induce his father to desist, but all the time the enemy kept coming, and the young man backed off until he came up with a telephone pole on the opposite side of the street, and couldn't go any further in that direction, but all the time the enemy was a-comin'.

"Now, dad," yelled young Mortimer, as he felt encouragement in the touch of the telephone pole at his back, supplemented by numerous adjectives which sounded like the fourth and seventh list of a Sunday school lexicon. "If you come another step farther I'll knock the everlasting daylight out of your insides," and all the time the enemy was a-comin'. With a telephone pole behind and an enraged dad in front, a-comin', what could the youth do, but to break to the left and run for his life. But even as he was making a record-breaking sprint up Main street, he looked back over his shoulder and the enemy was a-comin', his whiskers fanning the breeze to the tune of "Yankee Doodle."

The race around the block was exciting and interesting, but the city marshal broke up the show, by arresting George Mortimer. The old man ran the other way. George was fined, and promptly paid the requested tax. He was released and started his show again. The old man was out of the humor though by this time, and the young Mortimer had to look for other enemies. Mr. Carnes, one of the merchants, passed along on a bicycle, and

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