DR. ACTON RESIGNS.

He Begins the Year Determined to Labor Elsewhere.

UNANIMOUS REQUEST TO STAY

Y. M. C. A. Attends First M. E. Church—Mr. Dexter on Spiritual Growth—A Discourse on Skepticism.

A mild sensation has come to light in the First Unitarian church, of this city. The pastor, Rev. J. H. Acton, D. D., has resigned, and while he gave no reason for offering his resignation, further inquiry developed the fact that there has been friction in the affairs of the church. The church has almost unanimously requested Dr. Acton to reconsider his resignation, but he has not yet done so, and the indications were yesterday that he would not. No scandal is involved, there is no charge of immoral conduct or dishonesty or imprudence, and the friendliest of feeling seems to mark those who have been divided in their opinions. Along with the resignation of the pastor should be noted that of Joseph Shippen as chairman of the board of trustees, and it is on these two resignations that the story of the church trouble hangs.

Determined to Enter Another Field.

Dr. Acton was seen last night by a reporter, and said: "Yes, I have offered my resignation, to take effect at the close of the regular church year, which is about the middle of next month. I made no statement of my reasons, and have very little to make, except that I have considered matters carefully and have decided that it is best for me to leave. My wife and I have many warm friends here, as warm as we have made in any pastoral charge within the same length of time. These, of course, we shall regret to leave. It is true also that the church has asked me to reconsider my decision, but I have thus far been unable to see any good reason for doing so. I do not form resolutions of this kind lightly, and only once in my life have I changed my mind about a thing of this sort. As to what has been done by the church, I prefer you should learn of that from some one else.

"Our movements to and from the Pacific coast have been brought about by rather peculiar circumstances. I was for ten years in Portland. My sole reason for leaving there was that I might take my wife nearer her mother, who was specially devoted to her. We broke up all ties in Portland and went to Illinois. We had been there scarcely a month when Mr. and Mrs. Clark, my wife's parents, went to Portland. We served a long pastorate at Aurora, Ill., where we were so pleasantly situated that our only reason for coming West again was to be near Mrs. Clark. Well, we came. You know the story of her death, and how my wife reached Portland just in time for the funeral. Since then her brother, Charles Clark, has died, and so the closest ties that bound us here have been severed. My wife still clings fondly to the memories of her home in the East, and it is but natural that we should turn our faces in that direction now."

Trouble With the Trustees.

One of the gentlemen to whom Dr. Acton referred the reporter for further information is John H. Allen, of the firm of Allen & Powell. He was seen at his home on Eighth avenue, and said:

"The source of the whole trouble is the administration of the board of trustees of the church, and especially that of the chairman. There has been a growing dissatisfaction with the management of the board for two or three years. My wife is one of the trustees," he added, smiling, "and so I ought to know all about it. Nothing has been urged against the trustees personally. I have led the opposition to Mr. Shippen as chairman; yet I have nothing whatever against him personally. He has simply failed to conduct satisfactorily the affairs pertaining to his position. About all that he has done has been to assume direction of some minor matters, which, though perhaps unobjectionable in themselves if taken one by one, yet when multiplied and carried to an extreme become naturally a source of trouble. For instance, he undertook to direct the pastor as to what hymns should be used; he would not only mark the hymns which the pastor was to announce, but he would mark out the stanzas that were to be omitted. Another example was his giving directions to the committee on decorations, minute directions as to just how the colors were to be arranged in the decorations, and the like. Moreover, he took occasion to utter unfavorable criticisms concerning Dr. Acton, and to talk with other members of the church. I spoke to him plainly about this several months ago, and told him I thought it ought to cease. I left him with the impression that it would. But it grew worse. Then I took Mr. Blake with me, and spoke to him about it again in November."

The Resignation Unexpected.

"Two weeks ago Dr. Acton surprised the church by offering his resignation. He has done good work, and at the close of the service at which he made the announcement there was an informal meeting to see whether he could not be induced to reconsider the matter. It was resolved to hold a general meeting. Ten days' notice was given, and the meeting was held Saturday night. Resolutions were adopted indorsing Dr. Acton, and expressing appreciation of his scholarship, industry, fearlessness in the discharge of duty, and devotion to his work; declaring it to be the wish of the congregation that he remain for at least another year, and authorizing the trustees to contract with him for another year at a salary commensurate with his services.

"Meanwhile Dr. Acton's resignation had deepened the conviction that the trustees must go. Fifteen or twenty people, I do not know the exact number, had been regularly supporting the church, but had not formally allied themselves with it. They came in a body at a meeting of the trustees held last Monday night, at which time Mr. Shippen resigned his position. Since that time it has been felt that it would be unwise to seek to dislodge the other trustees.

"The resolutions adopted Saturday night were presented to Dr. Acton by R. H. Lindsay at a public service this morning, at which there was an unusually large attendance. He has thus far made no reply.

"Some have supposed that the opposition to Mr. Shippen has been instigated by Dr. Acton. This I deny most emphatically. The steps we have taken against Mr. Shippen, and I have led the opposition, have been taken sometimes without Dr. Acton's knowledge, and sometimes against his protest.

A Deficit in the Finances.

"The loose management of the trustees has allowed a deficit of $970 to accrue in the church finances for the year. Moreover, some one has written to Charles W. Wendte, superintendent of the Unitarian missions for the Pacific coast, in such a way that he has seen only Mr. Shippen's side of the case. I have just written him a letter myself, which I will read to you," and Mr. Allen read a letter giving a history of the case very much as narrated above.

"We are afraid now," he continued, "that Mr. Wendte may cut off an allowance of $900 which he has been making us annually, until we could get out of debt. But to show our good faith, a few of us met today, and resolved that if the money could be had in no other way, we would go down in our pockets for it, to meet the emergency. The simple fact is that the church is practically unanimous in its support of Dr. Acton. Not more than five or six members are opposed to him, and of these only two are regular attendants and contributors."

Laughter Turned to Wailing.

Rev. W. H. G. Temple continues to draw large audiences at Plymouth Congregational church, and there was scarcely standing room in the church last night when he announced as the text of his sermon in the Excuse series the words: "And they laughed Him to scorn," referring to the sneers of the hired mourners when Jesus said of the daughter of Jairus, "She is not dead, but sleepeth." The sermon was a strong arraignment of scepticism and rationalism, and especially of the blatant and ribald sneers directed against the Christian religion. It was full of good things, and was listened to with the closest attention throughout. The silence seemed almost breathless for an instant after the preacher had closed with the words: "But will sceptics always laugh? No. The time will come when they shall stand before the great white throne, and God will say to each of them, as He asketh of Sarah: 'Why didst thou laugh?' And then to the vain denial, 'I laughed not,' the divine thunder will peal out: 'Nay; but thou didst laugh;' and then 'He that sitteth in the heavens shall laugh; the Lord shall hold them in derision.'"

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IN AID OF YOUNG MEN.

Objects and Work of the Y. M. C. A. Told by Dr. Shanklin.

The members of the Young Men's Christian Association attended the First Methodist Episcopal church yesterday morning in a body to listen to a plea for their work by the Rev. W. A. Shanklin. The church was beautifully decorated for the occasion, and splendid music was rendered by the choir. "Our Young Men" was Dr. Shanklin's subject, his text being found in Zachariah 11:4: "Run, speak to this young man." He spoke strongly and with sympathy and fervor, stating that he hoped the service would arouse the good to more earnest endeavor in behalf of young men, encourage those who are devoted to their rescue and salvation, and especially kindle in young men themselves high and noble aspirations.

"The life of a young man in a city," said he, "is often one of the loneliest of lives. At the most critical and susceptible period of life he is least guarded against the seductions of impure delight. The thing most needed at such a time is the rallying point of home or club life—a social center for young manhood, a place where young men, coming in search of situations, find help, welcome and accommodation, and where after business hours they can gather in genial intercourse. This the Young Men's Christian Association, in large measure, supplies."

The speaker then dwelt upon the importance and possibilities of the class in whose interests the service was held—young men, who were the possessors of the best gifts and forces of life. While rejoicing that the vigorous lives of a goodly number of young men in Seattle were thrilled with noble impulses, he frankly spoke of the great army in all the cities who were cursed by insidious and corrupting vices, those who give up their faculties and forces to unmanly and wicked enjoyments.

"But who of us knows the disadvantages under which many of these lost young men labored?" he asked. "The very worst of them challenges the sympathy of every good man and woman; and no one feels for them more than that gracious Redeemer in whom harlots and publicans found a friend; and shall not we, in the spirit of our Master, renew our efforts that, by any means and all means, we may save at least some of our young men. It is not our province to censure—oh, how easy to do that—but to help. I plead for these a hearty and practical sympathy. It is good, loving, friendly Samaritans these need, who lie neglected, bleeding, dying by the wayside. This is everybody's business; but especially is it the work of young men to go after those of their own age; there is a peculiar appropriateness and advantage in this.

"This is the spirit and work of the Young Men's Christian Association, and we can all further the interests of our unhomed young men by contributing in a material way to this great work. The association is not a locally organized church, but it is truly an element in the great church of Christ. As indicating the growth of their work in this country, 60 associations in 1866 have increased to 1,431; one building then has multiplied into 305 now, with an aggregate net value of $16,252,875. Surely this enterprise has earned our confidence and challenges our financial assistance."

At the close of the sermon the work and needs of the local association were presented by S. L. Crawford and A. P. Burwell, and the congregation responded with a generous offering.

CREATOR, NOT CREATURE.

Man Not the Victim of Circumstances in Spiritual Transformation.

"In conforming to the world, we shall always be the creatures of circumstances," said Rev. Henry A. Dexter in his sermon yesterday morning at St. Clement's church, based on the Epistle for the day, Romans xii:2. "In being transformed by the renewing of the mind we become creators of circumstances. St. Paul shows that the great secret of power in life lies not in outward conformity, but in inward change; a free act of the reason in offering up the outward life of the senses to the inward refining of the Holy Spirit. St. Paul here announces the great evangel of the organic development of the soul. The essential form of our inward selves is not opposed to the outward as the real to the unreal; but the outward life is to answer to the inner nature. The natural life is not lost; the outward world is not lost; but a life of holiness is gained and the natural world is conformed to the supernatural.

"In Hawthorne's novel, 'The Transformation,' the better known title of which is 'The Marble Faun,' we see how naturally, or rather supernaturally the purely animal man is changed into the divine. Emerson tells us that a faith like Christ's in the infinitude of the soul of man is lost. But reaching far above the imagination of the one and the vision of the other, St. Paul tells us that the soul of man moves in another sphere by a law that controls it—the law of organic growth.

"The question which we ask today, a question which evolution with its theory of change does not answer, is, 'How can the individual conserve his forces so as to become the type of all individuals?' For the individual soul has, according to St. Paul, an organic growth, which makes man the master of men and lifts him so high that he can discern the will of God. 'Impossible!' said Napoleon, 'Impossible? Name not to me that blockhead of a word.'"

DR. SHANKLIN IN SPOKANE.

Vincent M. E. Church Dedicated—A Humorous Adventure.

"Six below zero is a right chilly temperature for a man who has grown acclimated to a Seattle winter," said Dr. W. A. Shanklin yesterday, and he shivered slightly as he thought of his sudden transition a week ago from Seattle to Spokane, whither he went to dedicate the handsome new Vincent Methodist Episcopal church, just completed in that city. It must not be supposed that the doctor had a cold reception in any other respect than that of climate. Spokane is his old parish, and the Methodists of that city gave him a hearty welcome on the occasion of his visit last Sunday. An elaborate programme had been arranged for the dedicatory services, with Dr. Shanklin's sermon as the central feature, and the Spokane papers are full of praise for the way in which he acquitted himself.

His eloquence had one very practical effect. There was a debt of $1,000 resting on the fair edifice, and church law forbade the dedication until that amount had been raised. Dr. Shanklin made an appeal for it, and instead of the required sum he secured $1,325.

Dr. Shanklin, who is full of sunny-hearted humor, laughingly tells how near he came to having to make his entry among his former parishioners in a surplice-like dress, which might have caused them to think him more Episcopal than Methodist. The sleeping car in which he was approaching Spokane contained but three passengers. The porter, omniscient as such functionaries usually are, had informed the three gentlemen that the car would go on the sidetrack at Spokane. With profound faith in him, when the station was called they made no special haste to leave their snug berths, and were but just fairly shaking off the blankets when the excited porter rushed into the car, with a voluminous and confused announcement somewhat in this wise:

"Dis cah doan stop an' it doan go on de sidin'. An' you got to hurry. An' de's pussons outside lookin' fuh two circus men, an' de udder wan' to know ef de's uh preachuh in de cah."

Then he made his exodus, unable to distinguish between clergymen and clowns. The clerical toilet was readjusted later in one of the chambers of a hospitable Spokane home.

Special Services in South Seattle.

Rev. A. S. Gregg, pastor of Wesley M. E. church, South Seattle, began special meetings yesterday. In the morning he preached on the importance of walking by faith, and at night on the power and need of prayer. The extra meetings will be conducted this week and possibly longer. Mr. Gregg will have charge of the meetings and will be assisted by members of the church and Christians of the community. A special feature will be the use of charts to illustrate the subjects discussed at the different services. The pastor and members of the church have been preparing for these meetings for several weeks past, and the plan, as announced, is to carry forward a systematic and persistent warfare against sin in South Seattle. The affairs of the church are reported to be in much better shape than for some time. The Sunday school is well attended and is pervaded by a substantial interest in the study of the Bible. Interest in the Epworth League is increasing. For the present all the forces of the church will be concentrated in the special meetings.

Children's Home Society.

Rev. H. D. Brown, of Portland, state superintendent of the Children's Home Society, is still in the city, and requests that those interested in the welfare of neglected and homeless children and finding homes for same meet at the Y. M. C. A. building at 12 o'clock today, at the close of the meeting of the ministers of the city, for the purpose of organizing a local advisory board of the Children's Home Society for Seattle. Friends of the cause are urged to be present.

CHURCH WORK AND WORKERS.

The vestry and trustees of Trinity parish will meet at the rectory tonight at 7:30 o'clock.

The ladies of St. Mary's Chapter, of Trinity parish Guild, have decided to assist the rector in maintaining services at the town of Renton, where John Roberts, one of the choir of Trinity, is now officiating as a lay missioner.

The Christmas tide was properly closed on Twelfth night with a sociable at Trinity Guild hall, when carols were sung by the choir, in addition to other music, and the rector concluded the service with prayer and the benediction.

The special prayer services at the Edgewater Congregational church during the past week were so successful that the pastor, Rev. J. T. Nichols, has decided to continue them every evening this week, excepting Monday and Saturday.

The address at the 4 o'clock rally at the Y. M. C. A. rooms yesterday afternoon was delivered by Rev. H. D. Brown, of Portland, who is in the city looking after the interests of the Children's Home Society, of which he is state superintendent.

The programme for the week of prayer, as announced in the Post-Intelligencer, was faithfully carried out in the various churches, and the union congregations entered heartily into the spirit of the plan, apparently inspired to redoubled devotion by the thought that millions of other Christians throughout the land were also on bended knees.

Rev. R. F. Powell has met with a mishap, which, though at first thought trivial, has turned out to be a serious matter. Just as he was descending the steps from his house to the sidewalk on New Year's day he slipped and fell. On getting up he said that he had hurt his back, but did not think the injury would amount to anything. Just a week later, however, he had to take to his bed, and Mrs. Powell had to conduct the Wednesday evening service. Further services during the week of prayer were suspended, and yesterday Mr. Powell's condition was such as to prevent his getting up. Accordingly there was no preaching in the Third Cumberland Presbyterian church, though the Sunday school and Young People's services were held as usual.

BREVITIES.

E. H. Hawkins, the insane man who has a scheme to connect the Mississippi river with Lake Washington, was taken to the county jail yesterday.

The whereabouts of the children of Mrs. Clara F. Daly, who have disappeared since habeas corpus proceedings were commenced, still remains unknown to the police.

Attorney John B. Hart, when asked yesterday if Mrs. Kate Cusack would attempt to bring her daughter, Annie Reger, back from San Francisco, said that the matter had not been decided.

Detective Cudihee has been trying to find out how George Davis, the boy who was arrested with John Adams, the street car robber, got possession of a handsome pin, made out of a seal's tooth.

The remains of John Christ, one of Seattle's pioneers, were buried in Lake View cemetery yesterday afternoon after simple but impressive ceremonies at Bonney & Stewart's chapel. The G. A. R. men were out in full force, and at the grave the services were conducted by Stevens' post. At the chapel Rev. John F. Damon delivered a touching address.

I. A. Nadeau's heart was made happy yesterday by the advent of a boy into his home. Though somewhat excited, he kept his head enough to respond to numerous congratulations. With such a happy increase in his own household, he will take a redoubled interest in the immigration convention today. Mrs. Nadeau and the boy were reported last night as doing well.

The fourth annual report of Secretary W. H. Clark, of the Seattle Fire Department Relief Association, shows the institution to be in excellent shape. The receipts for 1895 were $3,836, as against disbursements amounting to $643, thus leaving a balance of $3,193 in the treasury. The association paid out $582 on account of sickness and accidents, and in all cases has acted promptly. The manner in which the sick and injured have been cared for has called forth many complimentary remarks.

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THE HOSTS GATHER.

Many Delegates Here for the Immigration Convention.

REMAINDER WILL COME TODAY

Big Meeting to Form a State Organization—The Time Ripe for Concerted Action—The Delegates.

The hotel corridors and local clubs were filled last night with representative men from all portions of the state, who are in the city as delegates to the immigration convention, which will convene here today. Never before in the history of the state has there been so much enthusiasm exhibited over a similar proposition, and never has more unanimity of feeling been expressed. A glance at the names of the delegates is enough to convince any thinking person interested in such matters that some good will be accomplished. Every delegate appointed is a representative man in his section of the state and will do everything in his power to perfect a state organization. It is a well-known fact that the transcontinental railroads are heartily in favor of the proposition and stand ready to lend their co-operation. The convention is not only attracting attention throughout Washington, but the East as well. This is made apparent by the arrival in the city on Saturday of H. A. Fisher, one of the best-known railroad men in the Middle West and a recognized authority on immigration.

The convention will be formally opened at 10 o'clock this morning at the rooms of the Chamber of Commerce, and the regular session called to order at 2 p. m. in Judge Humes' court room in the superior court. Citizens generally are extending every courtesy to the visitors, and will leave no stone unturned to make their visit a memorable one.

The number of delegates already in the city will be largely augmented today by the arrival of others from points in close

State Needs Good Immigrants.

Among the visitors at the convention will be Mr. H. A. Fisher, for a number of years assistant general freight and passenger agent of the Wabash road and Missouri Pacific and one of the highest authorities in the country on immigration. In speaking of the convention at the Butler hotel last night, Mr. Fisher said: "I think this is one of the best moves the state of Washington ever made. What she wants is population of the right kind; men that will till her rich soil and make her possibilities realities. During my long connection with the Wabash road I handled most of its immigration business, and know what can be done in that line. My friends in the East have often suggested that I make a trip to Washington, but it seemed I could never get away.

"A short time ago, however, I noticed in your daily press that a movement of this kind was in progress, and for the first time in twenty years having leisure time, I made up my mind to come out and attend the convention. Edgar Ames, now of your city, is a neighbor of mine in St. Louis, and from his glowing accounts of the future of this state, and Seattle in particular, I concluded to make the trip. I have made a study of immigration, and have seen the good results of its advocacy, and if desired I will gladly made any suggestions in my power. I had no idea of the natural greatness of the state of Washington, and feel positive I shall never regret having made the trip."

Time Ripe for Action.

Suggestions pertinent to the immigration movement come from W. W. Sylvester, of Issaquah, who says the convention is a step in the right direction. In 1890, 1891 and 1892 he was engaged largely in organizing parties and bring them out to this state. With headquarters in Cleveland, he advertised his excursions extensively, and then went from town to town through Northern Ohio, picking up recruits. He says:

"I was surprised to find how many wanted to come, thousands of them from that section of the country. In many of the small places even I frequently found a carload of people who had heard of Washington and were desirous of coming; but in the majority of the cases the expense was too great. In the case of men with good-sized families, and those are just the men we want, the expense would be several hundred dollars and a wagon load of household goods boxed runs up to $75 or $80. The expense is, I am convinced, the great bar to multitudes coming, and some arrangement shoul be made for reducing the fare one-half."

Thousands Would Come.

Mr. Sylvester goes on to say that without any advantage in rates, and with nothing but a through car and personally conducted excursions to work on, he frequently gathered a carload of immigrants and landed them here safely. After pointing out that it took a great deal of energy to accomplish that result, he says:

"But with the prestige of a state commissioner or immigration agent, and a reduction of one-half in rates, the right kind of a man could send us hundreds and thousands of immigrants. The spring is the time that more come than any other part of the year, and April is the best month of the spring; and I can narrow it down to the day and the hour even—the first Tuesday in April, leaving Chicago on the night train, is the best run of the whole year. In my opinion the state ought to establish headquarters in Chicago with a good active, honest man in charge. Don't send any of our Western liars. If he goes to 'stuffing' the people they will catch him at it. He will get more by giving it to them 'straight' than he will if he stretches it. Our state wil stand a good, square, correct representation and bring the people, too.

Rates Must Be Reduced.

"Now for the most vital part of all. Arrangements must be made for a reduction of one-half in fare. I am aware of the many obstacles in the way of the railroads doing this, even when they are so disposed, but I think it could be done by making a half rate for parties of fifty or more, say $25 from Chicago and $20 from St. Paul and Missouri river points to Washington points. It would not be necessary that they all have the same destination. Intermediate points would be included. It is no easy matter to get fifty people together to go at one time, and I think such means could not be used by any one outside of the state agent. He would have to advertise largely that there would be a party every Tuesday night, or if thought best, every other Tuesday, beginning about the middle of March. Those intending to avail themselves of the arrangement could notify him of the earliest of the dates they could go, sending a deposit as a guarantee. As soon as he heard from a sufficient number he should notify them that the necessary number was secured.

"It is a long journey—a change for a lifetime—and it will stand a lengthy preparation. There is no doubt that with active, energetic work a large party could be gotten off every Tuesday. You must study the situation carefully, lay your plans correctly and then follow them up vigorously. I never failed to get my car load every time, pay all advertising expenses and make wages, too. I am confident from past experience that if a man with a state back of him and half rates to help him out will launch out on about these lines he will have immense success."

The Delegates.

Delegates to the convention have been appointed by Gov. McGraw as follows:

Adams—O. R. Holcomb, Benjamin Martin, W. C. Reeder, Ritzville.

Asotin—H. E. Benedict, J. N. Boggan, I. H. Bingham, J. A. Weissenfel.

Chehalis—C. F. White, Cosmopolis; Dr. H. G. Hill, Elma; J. W. Divilbiss, Montesano; O. G. Chase, Hoquiam; F. G. Deckebach, Oceosta; Joseph B. Dabney, Samuel Benn, Aberdeen.

Clallam—M. J. Carrigan, chairman; John M. Bell, George H. Gale, L. S. Myers, H. J. Lipsett, Will A. Sparks, Port Angeles.

Clarke—S. Swetland, E. G. Crawford, A. A. Lindsley, Myron Kies, J. H. Fletcher, D. [illegible] Stearns, A. Swank, Capt. F. A. Boulle, Vancouver.

Cowlitz—D. L. M. Sims, A. H. Imus, H. [illegible] Harvey, W. P. Eley, W. H. Ham, W. [illegible] Berry.

Douglas—Dan Paul, Otto Smith, W. L. [illegible]ogers, A. E. Case, W. M. Miles.

Franklin—Robert Gerry, J. W. O'Keefe, [illegible] P. Speck.

Garfield—F. D. W. Mays, Dr. D. H. Payseer, H. C. Thompson, N. O. Baldwin.

Island—Jerome Ely, Oak Harbor; E. J. [illegible]ancock, A. J. M. Hosom, Coupeville; J. [illegible] Smith, Langley.

Jefferson—W. A. Halteman, Lincoln [illegible]rooks, John Lillie, George E. Starrett, J. [illegible] Kuhn.

King—Joseph Shippen, chairman; Thomas [illegible]urke, I. A. Nadeau, James Goldsmith, D. [illegible] Ward, E. C. Hughes, C. L. Webb, R. C. [illegible]evens, D. E. Durie, Frank Olsen, E. [illegible]arrum, John F. Lipman, H. R. Cayton, [illegible] G. Lane, Harry White, S. W. Clarke, [illegible]man E. Knapp, Joseph Groll, W. R. [illegible]rrest, C. E. Remsberg, A. B. Stewart, [illegible] C. Rutter, H. S. Upper, Seattle; T. M. [illegible]ord, Pialchie; Julius Horton, George[illegible]vn; John Wooding, Auburn; O. E. An[illegible], Redmond; C. H. Powers, Issaquah.

Kitsap—E. G. Ames, A. D. Smith, John [illegible]ckett, William Bull, Joseph Pitt.

Kittitas—E. T. Wilson, J. T. Armstrong, [illegible] H. Stulfauth, R. A. Turner, H. L. Stoll, Ellensburg; W. J. Reed, Cle-Elum; [illegible] F. Lischke, Roslyn.

Lewis—W. G. Gaunce, R. H. Simpson, [illegible]ank T. McNitt, J. C. Bush, W. W. Robson, A. P. Tugwell, I. M. Shultz, F. H. [illegible]orne, J. W. Ferrier.

Lincoln—Frank Gehus, Sprague; T. C. [illegible]kin, Crab Creek; J. H. Friedlander, Dell [illegible]sselting, Wilbur; Peter Tramm, Rear[illegible]n; P. W. Dillon, Davenport; John F. [illegible]un, Harrington; J. J. Dodd, Creston.

Mason—G. C. Angle, P. T. Contine, H. [illegible] Gale, H. C. Hungerford.

[illegible]kanogan—J. W. Gunn, A. F. Nichols.

Pacific—H. J. Hubler, Andrew Olsen, S. [illegible] Bell, C. A. Heath, M. D. Egbert.

Pierce—T. L. Stiles, E. Steinbach, W. C. [illegible]eeler, Thomas Cooper, O. B. Hayden, [illegible]rge H. Stone, Edward H. Miller, Sam[illegible] Collyer, W. P. Sergeant, Joseph Eger[illegible]yer, E. J. Wight, James Knox, Henry [illegible]ncke, C. W. Chamberlain, E. W. Tay[illegible] O. J. H. Swift, C. H. Ross, D. J. [illegible]fiths, John Salter, S. A. Perkins.

San Juan—J. A. Gould, Friday Harbor; [illegible] Newhall, Newhall; C. M. Tucker, Ar[illegible]; C. T. Butler, Lopez.

Skagit—Olof Polson, Herbert Conner, La [illegible]ner; Frank Ferrer, F. L. Crampton, [illegible]nt Vernon; J. B. McMillan, Blanchard; [illegible]man Behrends, C. B. McDowell, Hamil[illegible]; Douglass Allmond, Anacortes.

Snohomish—J. P. Comeford, N. P. [illegible]tue, Fred Brown, F. H. Meader, Robert [illegible]allman, John Farrell, H. D. Cooley, P. [illegible] Hubbell, F. J. Call.

Spokane—I. S. Kauffman, L. B. Nash, L. [illegible] Nash, A. N. Murphy, H. Bolster, Cyrus [illegible]ppy, S. S. Stern, J. N. Burke, P. Kizer, [illegible] A. Hutchinson.

Stevens—G. W. Harvey, W. B. Aris, [illegible]yers Falls; H. L. Lillienthal, J. W. [illegible]nch, Chewelah; C. H. Montgomery, [illegible]hn James Graves, Colville.

Thurston—Allen Weir, George M. Sav[illegible], John McKenzie, J. O'B. Scobey, [illegible]tchell Harris, George B. Lane, Isaac [illegible]mauer.

Walla Walla—Dr. N. G. Blalock, W. D. [illegible]ler, William Jones.

Whatcom—G. H. Westcott, Blaine; M. R. [illegible]ight, Lynden; W. J. Malloy, Ferndale; [illegible] S. Lambert, Sumas; J. Hannum Jones, [illegible]oksack; A. S. Cole, A. L. Black, O. B. [illegible]ebo, New Whatcom; Eli Wilkin, Roland [illegible] Gamwell, Fairhaven. Alternates: D. H. [illegible] Can, George Speirs, S. Altshuler, F. D. [illegible]xander, E. M. Wilson.

Yakima—D. W. Simmons, John Reed, A. [illegible] Dilley.

Equal Suffrage Association.

The annual convention of the Washing[illegible] Equal Suffrage Association will be [illegible]d in Seattle, January 29 and 30, instead in Olympia, as formerly. There will [illegible]an evening session on January 29, and [illegible] morning and afternoon session on the [illegible]owing day. A programme of interest [illegible] friends of the cause has been arranged, [illegible]uding short addresses by suffragists [illegible] Washington and elsewhere. Mrs. Bes[illegible] Isaac Savage is president of the as[illegible]iation, and Mrs. Lou Jackson Long[illegible]e secretary.

Little Girl Breaks an Arm.

Margaret Kearny, 12 years old, while [illegible]iting the family of Samuel Heast, [illegible] Green lake, yesterday afternoon, had [illegible] misfortune to fall out of a swing and [illegible]ak the left arm, near the elbow. A [illegible] was also broken, and it was feared [illegible] had sustained internal injuries. On [illegible]mination it was found she was not [illegible]adly hurt. At last accounts she was [illegible]ing easily, under a physician's care.

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