

INVESTIGATION INTO CHARGES AGAINST BISHOP WILLIAM H. MORELAND BEGINS

Inquiry Greatly Interests Members of the Church. Episcopal Delegates Are Assembled in City to Hold Their Regular Annual Missionary Conference



PRELATE WHO IS UNDER INVESTIGATION, AND BISHOP PROMINENT AT CONFERENCE.

An event which much affects the Episcopal clergy and which is of great interest to the public is the investigation of the charges against Right Rev. William H. Moreland, Bishop of Sacramento, which is now being held in the Occidental Hotel by a body of his fellow clergymen.

The first meeting of the board of inquiry was called at 10 o'clock yesterday morning, but a number of the members of the board had not yet arrived and there being no quorum present the meeting adjourned until the afternoon. At 3:30 nine members, the Rev. Frederick W. Clappett, Archdeacon John A. Emery, W. M. Van Bokkelen, Rev. P. H. Hickman, Rev. A. G. Trew, D. D., Daniel Cleveland, Henry T. Lee, Rev. W. F. Short and Rev. E. T. Simpson were present and the board went into executive session. The Rev. A. G. Trew was elected president, the Rev. W. F. Short secretary and Rev. John A. Wright, who will arrive to-day, church advocate.

KEEP TESTIMONY SECRET.
The taking of the evidence was commenced and continued until 6 o'clock in the evening. The members of the board refused to make public any of the testimony taken during the afternoon, and stated that nothing would be given out until the board had made its final decision at the conclusion of the investigation.

Those who constitute the board of inquiry were appointed by Bishop Clarke of Rhode Island, presiding Bishop of the American Episcopal Church. The members are:

The Rev. Frederick W. Clappett, Archdeacon John A. Emery, W. M. Van Bokkelen and William H. Hooper, all of this city; the Rev. H. Martin Hart, D.D.; the Rev. P. H. Hickman, A. W. Fellows and A. D. Parker of Colorado; the Rev. G. Trew, D.D.; the Rev. B. W. R. Taylor, Daniel Cleveland and Henry T. Lee of the diocese of Los Angeles; the Rev. W. F. Short, the Rev. E. T. Simpson, J. W. McCormack and F. B. Clifton of Oregon.

The duty of the board is to make an examination of the charges, and if they prove substantial it will so report to the House of Bishops, when Bishop Moreland will be formally tried before a bench of seven Bishops appointed for that purpose, but on the other hand, if the board find that the charges are not well founded, the matter will be dropped.

The charges against Bishop Moreland were preferred by Rev. William Bollard, who alleges violation of the canons of the general convention, violation of the canons of the missionary district of Sacramento, breach of ordination vows, and conduct unbecoming a Bishop. Each of the charges involves several alleged offenses against canons of the church.

The board adjourned until 2 o'clock this afternoon, when it will be reinforced by Rev. B. W. R. Taylor and Deacon H. M. Hart. Major William H. Hooper, who is also a member of the board, will not be present owing to illness.

Harbor Commissioners.
At a meeting of the State Board of Harbor Commissioners yesterday two bids were received for the old tug George C. Perkins. John Bernstein offered \$45 for the boat and the Atlantic and Gulf Company offered \$70. Bernstein's bid was rejected at once. The other bid was taken under advisement. The craft cost, new, \$9,000, and at this time is supposed to be worth \$3,000.

The board granted John Packard permission to build a wharf on the south side of Berry street, near Sixth. The wharf is to be used in the handling of Hmo. Packard is to pay a monthly rental and tolls are to be collected by the board from all vessels docking at the wharf.

Dining Cars.
Serving admirable meals en route are now run on the Crescent City Express No. 8 and the Pacific Coast Express No. 7 between San Francisco and El Paso, as well as on the Sunset Limited, Nos. 10 and 11, between the same points.

Baldwin Gets Six Months.
Sumner Baldwin, who was arrested Sunday night on a charge of burglary for breaking open the telephone box at William Meyer's saloon, 922 Geary street, pleaded guilty to petty larceny before Police Judge Mogan yesterday. The Judge sentenced him to serve six months in the County Jail.

Son Assaults His Father.
C. Kramer, a grocer living at 1621 Sanchez street, secured a warrant from Police Judge Cabanias yesterday for the arrest of his son, F. W. Kramer, on a charge of battery. He said the telephone rang yesterday morning and both he and his son ran to answer it. The son got there first and the old man ordered him to stand aside, when the son struck him a violent blow on the side of the head.

Klamath Extension to Open Soon.
The directors of the Klamath Lake Railroad Company announce that the extension of their railroad to Pokesgama for passengers and freight will be open for business on and after the first of May. This extension of their line will shorten the stage drive for summer visitors to Klamath Hot Springs and other summer resorts in this section of the country.

LARGE PRICE PAID FOR TIMBER LAND

Pacific Lumber Company Buys Redwoods for \$1,000,000.

Proposes to Erect at Eureka Second Largest Mill on the Coast.

Tract Contains Seventeen Thousand Acres of the Best Trees of Their Kind in the World.

A transaction involving the expenditure of \$1,000,000, and which will entail the further outlay of \$300,000 in improvements, has just been consummated by the purchase by the Pacific Lumber Company from the Excelsior Redwood Company of Eureka of 17,000 acres of redwood timber land adjoining the town of Eureka, in Humboldt County. The transfer also includes eight miles of steam logging railroad, cars, engines and a shingle mill. The deal was effected by Hiram C. Smith, president of the Pacific Lumber Company, who has been negotiating for the tract for several months. The principal stockholders of the Excelsior Redwood Company are the firm of the C. A. Hooper Lumber Company of this city and consequently they will receive the major portion of the purchase price. The sum involved was paid partly in cash and partly in securities, readily transferrable into money.

The tract which has been transferred consists of the body of the finest redwood timber in the world, that is estimated will yield 1,000,000,000 feet of lumber. It lies within easy access of water transportation and in addition will be readily reached by the proposed extension of the Santa Fe to Eureka. There have been numerous rumors that the Santa Fe was financially interested in this latest lumber deal, but this is denied by the officials of the Pacific Lumber Company. It is admitted that one of their heaviest stockholders is a high official of the Santa Fe and it was possibly the advance information he possessed of the intention of the road to build to Eureka that hastened the timber transaction.

It is the purpose of the Pacific Lumber Company to erect as quickly as possible an immense sawmill near Eureka, with the latest improved machinery, that will be capable of cutting 50,000,000 feet of lumber annually. This will be of the same capacity as the company's mill at Scotia, which at present is the largest sawmill on the Pacific Coast. It will take about a year to complete the new mill.

NIHILL NOW OCCUPIES CELL IN CITY PRISON

His Arraignment on Charge of Murder Is Continued Till Saturday.

The case of Michael Nihill, the bartender, who shot and killed Mrs. Benefrieda Baker in a saloon at 1661 Howard street Tuesday, was called in Police Judge Mogan's court yesterday, but as Nihill was at the Central Emergency Hospital, his instruction and arraignment were continued till Saturday morning.

Nihill was taken from the hospital yesterday afternoon by Sergeant O'Connor and placed in a cell at the City Prison. He will have to be taken back to the hospital for two or three mornings to have the wound in his head dressed. Nihill blames drink and women for his terrible position and claims he did not realize what he was doing when he shot Mrs. Baker. He says she had some papers relating to his father's estate. It was for the purpose of getting these that he wanted to arrange a meeting with her and he had no intention of shooting her when he met her face to face on the street, he says.

Convicted of Simple Assault.
James Dunning, alias James Rossi, 15 years of age, was tried before a jury in Judge Cook's court yesterday on the charge of assault to rob. He was accused of assaulting E. A. Gilmore at Ellis and Baker streets and attempting to rob him. The jury brought in a verdict of simple assault, and the Judge suspended sentence till July 20, and will see how the boy behaves himself in the meantime.

LONDON, April 22.—Thomas Sexton has declined the invitation of the Irish National Convention to enter Parliament, saying his length is not equal to the trying duties.

DR. PIERCE'S REMEDIES.

Half and Half.

The dyspeptic may well be represented pictorially as being half masculine and half feminine, and combining the least desirable characteristics of either sex. He has all the stubbornness of the man with the peevishness of the woman.

It is the habit of turning the gas on or off, and also what Nelson expected to do by "taking the meter" every other day. Young Niebehr was a good boy and of industrious and studious habits. He was reputed to be a son of a Tahitian princess, and was born in Tahiti.

ACCUSED OF ATTEMPTING TO SHANGHAI A SAILOR.
Marks Weiner and A. Jonanon were arrested for disturbing the peace.

Marks Weiner, a runner for a sailors' boarding-house, and A. Jonanon, proprietor of a restaurant on Montgomery and Pacific streets, were arrested about noon yesterday by Policeman Clark and booked at the City Prison on a charge of disturbing the peace.

It appears that Weiner met Emil Guzneck, a sailor, in front of the restaurant, and it is alleged, struck Guzneck on the head with an iron bar. Jonanon ran to Guzneck's assistance and there was a three-cornered fight in progress when Policeman Clark came upon the scene. Guzneck was sent to the Harbor Hospital to have a wound on his head stitched and dressed.

Jonanon says that Weiner had often helped him to help him in shanghaiing sailors, offering him \$15 for each, and when he saw Weiner assaulting Guzneck he jumped to the conclusion that Weiner was going to shanghai him and that was why he ran to Guzneck's assistance.

Chasing a Debtor.
The creditors of A. Jacobs of 1123 Broadway, Oakland, having filed a petition in the United States District Court, asking that he be declared an involuntary bankrupt, Deputy United States Marshal R. De Lancia was sent with the writ to serve upon Jacobs. He caught the merchant on Saturday last week in a store on Broadway and attempted to serve the writ, but Jacobs refused to accept it and ran down the street with De Lancia in full chase. The deputy overtook the fleeing merchant and jammed the paper between Jacobs' right arm and his side, which act constituted a legal service, and the deputy left him without further proceedings.

HIGH CLASS DRUGGISTS AND - OTHERS.

The better class of druggists, everywhere, are men of scientific attainments and high integrity, who devote their lives to the welfare of their fellow men in supplying the best of remedies and purest medicinal agents of known value, in accordance with physicians' prescriptions and scientific formula. Druggists of the better class manufacture many excellent remedies, but always under original or official names and they never sell false brands, or imitation medicines. They are the men to deal with when in need of anything in their line, which usually includes all standard remedies and corresponding adjuncts of a first-class pharmacy and the finest and best of toilet articles and preparations and many useful accessories and remedial appliances. The earning of a fair living, with the satisfaction which arises from a knowledge of the benefits conferred upon their patrons and assistance to the medical profession, is usually their greatest reward for long years of study and many hours of daily toil. They all know that Syrup of Figs is an excellent laxative remedy and that it gives universal satisfaction, and therefore they are selling many millions of bottles annually to the well informed purchasers of the choicest remedies, and they always take pleasure in handing out the genuine article bearing the full name of the Company—California Fig Syrup Co.—printed on the front of every package. They know that in cases of colds and headaches attended by biliousness and constipation and of weakness or torpidity of the liver and bowels, arising from irregular habits, indigestion, or over-eating, that there is no other remedy so pleasant, prompt and beneficial in its effects as Syrup of Figs, and they are glad to sell it because it gives universal satisfaction.

Owing to the excellence of Syrup of Figs, the universal satisfaction which it gives and the immense demand for it, imitations have been made, tried and condemned, but there are individual druggists to be found, here and there, who do not maintain the dignity and principles of the profession and whose greed gets the better of their judgment, and who do not hesitate to recommend and try to sell the imitations in order to make a larger profit. Such preparations sometimes have the name—"Syrup of Figs"—or "Fig Syrup"—and of some piratical concern, or fictitious fig syrup company, printed on the package, but they never have the full name of the Company—California Fig Syrup Co.—printed on the front of the package. The imitations should be rejected because they are injurious to the system. In order to sell the imitations they find it necessary to resort to misrepresentation or deception, and whenever a dealer passes off on a customer a preparation under the name of "Syrup of Figs" or "Fig Syrup," which does not bear the full name of the California Fig Syrup Co. printed on the front of the package, he is attempting to deceive and mislead the patron who has been so unfortunate as to enter his establishment, whether it be large or small, for if the dealer resorts to misrepresentation and deception in one case he will do so with other medicinal agents, and in the filling of physicians' prescriptions, and should be avoided by every one who values health and happiness. Knowing that the great majority of druggists are reliable, we supply the immense demand for our excellent remedy entirely through the druggists, of whom it may be purchased everywhere, in original packages only, at the regular price of fifty cents per bottle, but as exceptions exist it is necessary to inform the public of the facts, in order that all may decline or return any imitation which may be sold to them. If it does not bear the full name of the Company—California Fig Syrup Co.—printed on the front of every package, do not hesitate to return the article and to demand the return of your money, and in future go to one of the better class of druggists who will sell you what you wish and the best of everything in his line at reasonable prices.

OTTO NIEBEHR IS KILLED BY GAS

Sad Ending of a Fifteen-Year-Old Son of a Princess.

A fifteen-year-old boy named Otto Niebehr was found dead in his bed yesterday under circumstances that warrant inquiry. He was employed in the Austin book factory at the intersection of Fourth and Harrison streets and roomed in a lodging-house at 781 Folsom street, kept by L. Nelson.

Young Niebehr retired at the usual hour last Tuesday night and took with him a paper of candy, a bottle of soda water and a novel. He had disposed of the candy and the soda water, and had evidently fallen asleep while reading, the gas remaining lighted. The odor of illuminating gas attracted the attention of Night Watchman C. W. Ridgeway at 10:30 o'clock yesterday morning, and, summoning help, he broke open the transom, the door being locked. The stopcock on the gas fixture was fully turned on. There are only two theories for the cause of the boy's death, one is that the flame of the gas turned on, and the other is that the gas was turned off at the meter and turned on again.

Landlord Nelson stated to Deputy Coroner Charles Meenan that it was his habit to go down into the basement every other day to "take the meter," as he desired to know how much gas his roomers were using, but he strenuously denied that he ever turned the supply off at the meter at any time. He always carried a piece of paper and a pencil with him on those trips and marked down the state of the meter, he said. This remarkable story is the only statement that he could offer regarding the management of the gas supply in his house.

The coroner will make a thorough investigation, should the police fail to do so, and also determine whether Nelson was in the habit of turning the gas on or off, and also what Nelson expected to do by "taking the meter" every other day. Young Niebehr was a good boy and of industrious and studious habits. He was reputed to be a son of a Tahitian princess, and was born in Tahiti.

MADE AN ATTEMPT TO INTIMIDATE WITNESS

Mrs. Emma Freeman Warned Not to Give Her Testimony at a Trial.

The trial of Mrs. Mary Balkwell on the charge of murder in connection with the death of Miss Lottie Peterson of Santa Rosa on January 17 was commenced before a jury in Judge Lavello's court yesterday. It will be concluded to-day.

Mrs. Emma Freeman, the dead girl's sister, told Detective T. B. Gibson, who has charge of the case, that two days ago two well-dressed young men called at the house, 413 Eddy street, where she is stopping, and asked for her. She did not happen to be there and they told Mrs. Donnelly, the landlady, to warn her that it would be better for her not to appear in court and testify against Mrs. Balkwell. They were also anxious to know if Detective Gibson had found her.

Gibson got a good description of the two men from the landlady and will make an effort to find them and punish them for attempting to tamper with a witness. Mrs. Freeman was in court yesterday and testified.

WANTS HUSBAND ARRESTED ON CHARGE OF ROBBERY

Mrs. Ina Cole Swears to a Complaint Against Amos Cole, a Teamster.

Mrs. Ina Cole, 131 Eleventh street, secured a warrant from Police Judge Cabanias yesterday for the arrest of her husband, Amos Cole, on the charge of robbery. She said she was walking along Howard street Tuesday night, when Cole approached her and snatched her purse from her hand, breaking the chain, which she had wound round her thumb, and cutting the thumb. The purse contained \$15. She and her husband have been living apart since last May and a divorce suit is pending.

Cole was in Police Judge Mogan's court yesterday on a charge of cruelty to animals. He is employed as a teamster by his father and was driving four horses on Tuesday and beating them savagely with the butt-end of a whip. The horses were in poor condition. He was convicted and ordered to appear for sentence this morning.

LECTURE BY W. L. GARRISON.—William Lloyd Garrison of New York will speak under the auspices of the San Francisco Single Tax Society at the Academy of Sciences building next Monday night. His subject will be "The Struggle of Privilege Essential to the Survival of Democracy."

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