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ON WASHINGTON HEIGHTS.

Site for the Presbyterian University
Selected Last Tuesday.

The building committee of the above named institution met in Caldwell last Tuesday to take initiative steps in the matter of choosing site and preparing plans. Rev. J. H. Barton, Boise, and Rev. W. J. Boone, Caldwell, appearing for the presbytery, and H. D. Blatchley and F. Steunenberg for the citizens of Caldwell. Rev. Barton was elected chairman of the committee; H. D. Blatchley, secretary, and Rev. Boone, treasurer. John T. Morrison, Caldwell, was elected advisory member and attorney of the committee.

After due deliberation of the sites offered "down town," and that on Washington heights, the latter was unanimously selected.

Rev. Boone and Mr. Morrison were made a committee to submit plans, specifications, etc., for buildings. The attorney was instructed to secure title to all the real estate offered to the presbytery.

The site chosen for the University is the bench land just one-half mile south-east of the post-office on the twenty-acre tract donated the University by H. D. Blatchley, and commands a fine view of the Boise and Snake river valleys. It is all fine sagebrush soil covered by water from the Caldwell Real Estate & Water Co's canal, and a perpetual water right goes with the donation. The committee will meet again in a few days to consider reports of sub-committees and further arrange for the completion of the buildings.

A THIRD PARTY.

Delegates from all the states in the Union representing the farmers' alliance, national reform society, farmers' mutual benefit associations, etc., held a convention in Cincinnati this week. After mature deliberation the convention launched a new party—the People's—upon the troubled sea of American politics. The convention was largely attended, the delegation from Kansas numbering 800. Senator Peffer, of Kansas, was made chairman of the convention. He said:

"That these people before him were the harbingers of a revolution that will dethrone money and re-establish the authority of the people. It is a movement not to destroy, but to create; not to tear down, but to build up; not to destroy the wealth of the rich, but to restore to labor its just reward.

Referring to a placard on the balcony of the hall 'Nine Million Mortgaged Homes,' Peffer said it told volumes. The disease of mortal usury must be cured. Growing more fervid in his manner, the speaker said: "What shall we do with the money power? We'll raise a power among the people, make our money and use it. [Tremendous applause.] Take their railroads? No! We'll build our own. [More applause.] We will fight with ballots and prayer, for the alliance is in a great meas-

ure taking the place of the churches.

An executive committee from each state was chosen. An alliance congressman J. G. Otis, of Kansas, nominated H. E. Taubeneck of Illinois, as chairman of the National executive committee, and amid much cheering Taubeneck was chosen by acclamation. In his speech he said: "You see before you all that is left of the celebrated independent party in the Illinois legislature, so often called the 'big three.'" He added that while he sincerely appreciated the honor the convention had conferred upon him he scarcely felt equal to the position and would do the best he could, and rely upon the assistance of other members of the committee. In conclusion he said they were standing on the brink of a conflict between capital and labor, and the longer that the conflict was postponed the worse it would be. "Our politicians," he said, "might as well try to stop a cyclone or the movements of the stars as to evade this issue."

IS HE A HERETIC.

Great Interest in the Session of the
Presbyterian General Assembly In
Regard to Dr. Briggs' Case.

DETROIT, Mich., May 17.—The 103d session of the presbyterian general assembly will begin on Thursday morning next, the brethren of the south meeting in Birmingham, Ala., and the brethren of the north in this city, with Rev. Dr. Moore as moderator and the Dr. W. H. Roberts as clerk. With a report expected from the committee appointed last year at Saratoga to revise the Westminster confession of faith, and with overtures from about eighty presbyteries in regard to Union seminary, some asking the assembly to veto the appointment of Prof. Briggs, whose inaugural address on biblical theology has led his own presbytery in New York to begin judicial proceedings against him, among other topics of importance which are expected, the coming assembly promises to be memorable.

The revision of the confession of faith was the question last May which aroused the greatest interest throughout the evangelical denominations. For two centuries and a half the followers of Calvin had the utmost confidence in the integrity of their system. But, conservative as the presbyterian church is, it found itself obliged to go with the current of modern thought. An important revision committee, of which Dr. W. C. Roberts is chairman, containing some of the ablest scholars in the church, has prepared a report which will be submitted to the assembly this week, and after discussion and possible amendment will be sent to the presbyteries for their consideration.

IS PROF. BRIGGS A HERETIC?

The case of Prof. Briggs of the Union Theological seminary, New York, promises to overshadow the confession of faith revision. A few paragraphs from the professor's now famous inaugural address will show the cause of the excitement regarding his orthodoxy. He is a fine speaker and a man of much force of character. Many of those who criticize him were formerly among his greatest admirers, and still a greater number of his friends stand by him in his threatened trouble, protesting with him that he has not gone beyond the bounds of his creed. In his address he had this to say in regard to rationalists:

"Martineau could not find authority in the church or the bible, but he did find God enthroned in his own soul. There are those who would refuse those rationalists a place in the company of the faith-

ful. But they forget that the essential thing is to find God and divine authority, and if these men have found God without the mediation of church and bible, church and bible are means and not ends; they are avenues to God, but not God. We regret that those rationalists depreciate the means of grace so essential to most of us, but we are warned lest we commit a similar error and depreciate the reason and the christian consciousness. The bible has been treated as if it were a baby to be wrapped up in swaddling clothes, nursed and carefully guarded lest it should be injured by heretics and sceptics. It has been shut up in a fortress and surrounded by breastworks and fortifications as extensive as those that envelop Cologne and Strasburg. No one can get at the bible unless he forces his way through the breastworks of traditional dogmatism and storm the barriers of ecclesiasticism."

AN ATTACK ON SUPERSTITION.

Dr. Briggs was especially severe in his handling of the dogmatists who have, he thinks, built barriers around the bible, "shutting out the light of God, obstructing the life of God and fencing in the authority of God." The first barrier which he proceeded to demolish is "superstition." And this is the way he did it.

"The first barrier that obstructs the way to the bible is superstition. We are accustomed to attach superstition to the Roman catholic Mariolatry, hagiolatry and the use of images and pictures and other external things in worship. But superstition is no less superstition if it takes the form of bibliolatry. It may be all the worse if it concentrate itself on the one thing. But the bible has no magical virtue in it, and there is no halo inclosing it. It will not stop a bullet any better than a mass-book. It will not keep off evil spirits any better a cross. It will not guard a home fire half as well as holy water. If you desire to know when and how you should take a journey you will find a safer guide in an almanac or a daily newspaper. The bible is not better than hydromancy or witchcraft if we seek the divine guidance by the chance opening of the book. The bible as a book is paper, print and binding—nothing more. It is entitled to reverent handling for the sake of its holy contents, because it contains the divine word of redemption for man, and not for any other reason whatever."

SUPERSTITION IN PROTESTANTISM.

To the above Prof. Briggs has added this interesting note:

"I am far from any disposition to treat with disrespect the religious convictions of pious Roman catholics or protestants. Roman catholic divines recognize that there are superstitious uses of the mass-book the cross and holy water that are not justified by Roman catholic doctrine and usage. My argument is against those protestants who exhibit the same superstition toward the bible that some Roman catholics show in the ceremonies of their religion. Superstition is just as bad in the one as in the other. The only difference is in the form of its manifestation. In my experience those who make the loudest outcry against Roman catholic superstition are the very ones who are most guilty of the superstition I am condemning in protestantism. The criticisms that have been made upon this address, especially in religious journals noted for their hostility to Roman catholicism, show that bibliolatry is more prevalent in protestantism than I had supposed."

Betrayed Confidence.

Shoshone Journal.
Young ladies, you should never be too confidential with your beaux or he will surely let the "cat out of the bag" some way or another. A nice young man of the above mentioned class who boards at Mrs. _____, gave his best girl away recently. The bald-headed old gentleman with whom he slept, said, "I care not for his tossing and pitching and telling me how badly he desired a mother-in-law, but he squeezed me so tight every time he kissed my bald spot on my head that I've lost my appetite. I'll get him a wooden Indian to sleep with, and if he bursts it I'll get him another one."

Two Old Frauds.

Idaho World.
Judge Nugent, to use a poetical and expressive word, has put the "kibosh" on that old, bald-headed, ancient fraud that from time immemorial has been bobbing up his head in temples of law and justice, to delay business by holding up to view unimportant, flimsy technicalities, and also to place obstructions in the course of justice and to give wrong a loophole to crawl out of. The antiquated nuisance and fraud we refer to is old D. Murrer, a first-class partner of an attorney who has the wrong side of a case. Judge Nugent has given notice that lawyers need not attempt to push him to the front unless he (Mr. D. Murrer) has objections to offer that are well founded. Old Mr. D. Murrer and his emaciated, thin-faced, knock-kneed chum and helper, old Mr. Tech Nic Ality are not potent factors in Judge Nugent's court in delaying or defeating justice.

Another Gold Mill.

Nampa Leader.
W. T. Thompson, of Silver city was in town Tuesday, having one of Fremman's Success dry gold separators with him, with which he will work some of the placer ground near Silver City. The machine works on the principle of a fanning mill, with the exception that it has two bellows, so that while one is exhausting the other is being filled, thus keeping a constant volume of wind on the sand and dirt that is passing over the riddles. The gold being the heaviest drops down and the dirt and gravel is thrown over. Mr. Thompson says that if he can find dirt that contains fifty cents to the ton that he can make it pay to work it. The capacity of separator is forty tons per day.

Bound to be in the Swim.

Silver City Avalanche.
The brave and gallant soldier boys of the Idaho militia companies captivated the hearts of all the Silver city girls who were in Boise last week. It has now come to the point where if a fellow wants to "stand in" he is compelled to wear a cap and brass buttons. We have ordered a rig. No flies on us!

Be Sure

If you have made up your mind to buy Hood's Sarsaparilla do not be induced to take any other. Hood's Sarsaparilla is a peculiar medicine, possessing, by virtue of its peculiar combination, proportion, and preparation, curative power superior to any other article. A Boston lady who knew what she wanted, and whose example is worthy imitation, tells her experience below:

To Get

"In one store where I went to buy Hood's Sarsaparilla the clerk tried to induce me buy their own instead of Hood's; he told me their's would last longer; that I might take it on ten days' trial; that if I did not like it I need not pay anything, etc. But he could not prevail on me to change. I told him I knew what Hood's Sarsaparilla was. I had taken it, was satisfied with it, and did not want any other."

Hood's

When I began taking Hood's Sarsaparilla I was feeling real miserable, suffering a great deal with dyspepsia, and so weak that at times I could hardly stand. I looked, and had for some time, like a person in consumption. Hood's Sarsaparilla did me so much good that I wonder at myself sometimes, and my friends frequently speak of it." Mrs. ELZA A. GORR, of Terrace Street, Boston.

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