

## PRESBYTERY IN SESSION

## Meeting Held in Immanuel Church Yesterday

## BURT ESTES HOWARD PLEADED WITH

## Reverend Gentleman and His Church Discussed

## WAS NO DECIDED ACTION

## Sentiments of Kindness and Churchy Love Expressed

## And Committee Appointed to Write a Pastoral Letter

## They Will Endeavor to Persuade Pastor and Congregation to Reconsider Their Action and Return to the Presbyterian Fold

An adjourned session of the presbytery of Southern California opened in Immanuel Presbyterian church on Pearl street yesterday afternoon at 2 o'clock. When the moderator, Mr. L. F. Lavery, called the meeting to order there were about 200 people present, and the following ministers and elders responded to their names at the calling of the roll: D. Young, Levi P. Crawford, George D. Irwin, A. Parker, B. O. Junkin, R. B. Ewing, T. Beasley, F. W. Dimmick, S. H. Weller, A. J. Compton, J. M. Elliott, Robert Strong, D. R. Colmery, N. G. H. Fife, A. A. Dinsmore, A. Moss Merwin, Wm. Huelster, Reuel Dodd, G. W. Maxson, H. R. Rice, W. J. Chichester, Henry B. Gage, Wm. L. Johnston, E. R. Mills, J. K. Fowler, P. E. Kipp, E. N. Condit, Alexander Fraser, Willard Thompson, J. W. Parkhill, C. W. Fisher, L. Finley Lavery, W. S. Lowry, G. W. Wadsworth, W. G. Mills, Malcolm H. McLeod, James Stone, J. R. Sinclair, Thos. Leed, Chambers, John T. Hopkins, Elders H. S. Thompson, Ingelwood, W. W. Crowell, Pasadena; J. R. Ellis, Calvary, Pasadena; Samuel McKinley, North Ontario; J. W. Bowler, Immanuel, Los Angeles; Thos. Bookwell, Arlington; Mr. James Welsh church, Los Angeles; Mr. Fielding, Boyle Heights; W. Nichol, Second Presbyterian, Los Angeles; G. Howard, Third Presbyterian, Los Angeles; L. Skellenger, Santa Paula; Robert Gage, Calvary, Riverside; A. D. Seward, Ventura; C. T. Rogers, Monrovia; Professor Coyner, Palms; D. E. Galbreth, Bethany, Los Angeles.

The object of the meeting was to take action upon the decision of the general assembly recently held in Saratoga, N. Y., concerning the case of Rev. Burt Estes Howard and the Westminster Presbyterian church, the details of which have been before the public during the past year.

The stated clerk, Rev. P. D. Young, read the findings of the general assembly in the case of Rev. Burt Estes Howard and the session of the Westminster church and the following committee was appointed: A. Parker, N. H. G. Fife and A. A. Dinsmore. A letter was read from Mr. Howard and a committee appointed by the above named church, addressed to the Presbytery, both of which were published in full by The Herald. A committee consisting of Rev. J. H. Stewart, Robert Strong and R. Gage on the former and Revs. Alexander Parker, N. H. G. Fife and A. A. Dinsmore for the church was appointed.

These committees retired at once and the meeting proceeded to the consideration of other business.

On motion the fidelity of Rev. Mr. Craig as commissioner to the general assembly was commended. A letter was read from Rev. S. H. S. Callender of Monrovia, who severed his connection with the Episcopal church some six months ago, on account of its Romanizing tendencies, and united with the Presbyterian denomination. The reverend gentleman asks to be released from the latter affiliation to return to his first love, a request was granted and his name stricken from the roll.

A letter was read from Rev. J. McLeod Gardiner, resigning the pastorate of the Third church, on account of ill health. The sympathy of the Presbytery was extended to Mr. Gardiner in his affliction.

A call from the Presbyterian church of North Ontario was tendered to Rev. Thos. Huelster, which, upon presentation, was accepted by that gentleman, at a salary of \$600 a year.

A committee composed of Dr. Marks, to preach the installation sermon, Rev. Rice, to give the charge to the pastor, H. B. Gage, to give the charge to the people, was appointed and Wednesday, July 8th set as the date for the service.

The old matter of the division of the more, and eventually a Southern California synod was taken up and discussed, Santa Barbara and Ventura counties having sent a request to sever their connection and form a Presbytery of their own. Their request was granted, and co-operation given, but no action was taken for any other section.

A communication was received from Dr. Lee concerning the establishment of a sanitarium for diseased and disabled Presbyterian ministers. As the Presbytery was asked merely for its moral and not financial support, they endorsed Dr. Lee's plan, which will eventually be modeled upon the successful sanitarium at Clifton Springs, N. Y.

The discussions were kept up during the afternoon to put in the time pending the report of the committees for which everyone present was eagerly awaiting. About 5:30 the chairman signified their readiness to report and presented the following:

The Presbytery of Los Angeles to the Rev. Burt Estes Howard, greeting, Dear Brother: We hereby acknowledge the receipt of your communication of the 18th instant, containing the following statement: "I hereby withdraw from connection with the Presbytery of Los Angeles, renounce its jurisdiction, and declare myself independent."

Permit us in reply to say kindly that you are evidently laboring under a misapprehension of your present relations to the Presbytery. There is no such procedure known, either in our civil or ecclesiastical courts, as will permit or recognize the right of a party under sentence for renouncing the jurisdiction of the court which imposed the sentence. Since you are under suspension, a sentence imposed by the Presbytery, and reaffirmed by the highest court of the church, it lies wholly with the Presbytery to determine what your future relation to the Presbytery shall terminate, or by what method it shall terminate. Hence it follows that your statement of renunciation of the jurisdiction of the Presbytery of Los Angeles and declaration of independence therefrom in no way releases you from its authority

nor produces that ecclesiastical independence which you seem to desire; neither can the presbytery itself give you an honorable release until you regain an honorable standing on its roll.

In the spirit of Christ we would therefore most earnestly and affectionately entreat you to remember the solemn nature of the vows which you, as Presbyterian minister, have voluntarily assumed, and to yield obedience to the acts and orders of the presbytery, and thus regain your former honorable position on our roll.

By doing so you yourself will be blessed of God and the church will be edified.

For this we devoutly pray, and kindly request that your response be handed to the stated clerk of the presbytery prior to July 6, 1936.

R. H. HARTLEY,  
ROBERT STRONG,  
JOHN M. COYNER,  
H. G. GAGE.

The committee to prepare a reply to the Westminster church presented their report as follows:

"In reference to the communication to the Presbytery, the action of the congregation at its meeting held June 17th, and referred to this committee, we recommend the following:

"That no action be taken at present, awaiting the answer to Mr. Howard and the members of the former session of Westminster church. Meanwhile, the Westminster church of Los Angeles, in accordance with the direction of our general assembly, at its recent meeting at Saratoga, N. Y., we herewith transmit to you a copy of the report of the said general assembly on the case of the session of the Westminster church, brought before that body on appeal from the decision of the synod of California. We earnestly ask your careful and prayerful consideration of this action, and sincerely desire and hope that you may see your way clear to consider the position you have heretofore assumed in regard to the former action in the case of your seceding minister, and adopting the course therein indicated. It will give the Presbytery great pleasure to conform its course to the address and recommendation of the assembly. You are requested to send an answer to the stated clerk before July 6th.

An animated discussion ensued on these reports. Rev. Mr. Kipp thought they were fulfilling the letter but not the spirit of the law. The letter killed every time. What they needed was more of the spirit and not so much of the letter.

Rev. W. L. Johnston thought they were not proceeding in the spirit of the law. The Westminster church is bound up in the life of the Presbytery, and he urged that a committee be appointed to consider the case of the seceding minister, and to reconsider their action.

The discussion continued until an urgent call to lunch came from the Westminster church and its pastor, whereupon the session adjourned until 7:15.

The expression of the meeting was the utmost kindness and tenderness toward Westminster church and its pastor, and it was the sense of the body that they be approached in love and requested to return to the Presbytery.

The evening session convened earlier than the hour named, as some of the delegates had a long distance to drive home. The moderator called the meeting to order at 7 o'clock, sharp.

The topic of interest was taken up at once, and the matter of a pastoral letter was discussed during the evening with much animation and manifold differences of opinion pro and con. Several members thought the letter should be sent to the seceding minister to set him straight, and to right before the people. The discussion proceeded excitedly but good naturedly.

On motion, Reverends Stewart, Kipp, Johnston, Strong, and Elder W. S. Craig were formally appointed to prepare the aforesaid pastoral letter.

The Presbytery adjourned to meet in Immanuel church July 6th.

## SUSPECTED OF THEFT

Mexican Arrested for Having a Doublettee Supposed to Be Stolen

For having in his possession the doublettee of a wagon which at first he said he owned, then claimed having found, and later said was loaned to him, Juan Vega, a Mexican, was last night arrested on New High street by Office Alamantes and placed in jail until the ownership of the article could be definitely determined.

Vega is an old offender and has spent two terms in state prison, once for highway robbery, being convicted in 1921, and holding up a Chinaman at Republic and New High streets and relieving him of his valuables, and another previous sentence. If anyone has lost an article of the above description a call at the police station may serve to identify their property.

## PERSONALS

Congressman McLaughlin is home from Washington.

Charles L. Neal of this city, who has been attending the law department of the University of Virginia, passed his examination and was admitted to the bar with high honors in Richmond, Va. Mr. Neal was the senior partner of the firm of Luna & Neal, real estate men, who were in the city to make the law his profession. He will soon return to Los Angeles, where he will practice law.

Mr. Emil Oleovich has returned from Boston, where he has been for five weeks on business.

## His First Day's Work

The dog catcher started on his rounds yesterday and as the result of the first day's work rounded up thirty-two stray canines and impounded them. The unfortunates will now be compelled to put up \$1.00 each for the redemption of their pets and also an additional \$1 for a license tag. It has been made obligatory for the poundmaster to turn in a report to the city clerk of the number and kind of dogs captured so that by applying there it may be possible to ascertain whether or not one's pet has fallen a victim.

## Burlington Excursion

The following passengers arrived in Los Angeles from Burlington, yesterday afternoon, by the Burlington route, seasonally conducted excursion, in charge of J. A. Lawrence:

Hattie Coster, Tuscola, Ia.; J. H. Heard and family, McCook, Neb.; Susan E. Digman, Fairmont, Neb.; Lorena Booth, Beatrice, Neb.; Mrs. Mary Sharp, Aurora, Ill.; Miss H. Rose, Galesburg, Ill.; J. G. Spencer, E. F. Stevens, H. Starkey, Mrs. M. Peterson, Eleanor Beatty, E. N. Jaeger, Mrs. H. Vallette, M. L. Bossman, Martha Houston, Chicago; J. L. Hollaway and wife, Ethel J. Berkey, Hebron, Neb.; A. H. Stutsman, Burlington, Ia.; Mrs. C. Delaney, New York.

The most efficacious stimulant to excite the appetite is Angostura Bitters, the genuine of Dr. J. C. B. Siebert & Sons.

## GEN. CAMPBELL A MANIAC

## Pitiable Condition of the Silver-Tongued Orator

## HIS MALADY DIAGNOSED

## As Brain Fever, and Death May Soon End His Sufferings

Mysteriously Disappeared on Sunday Evening. Found in South Alhambra Yesterday. Disheveled and Worn Out.

Gen. A. B. Campbell, the silver-tongued orator whose eloquence has so often electrified audiences in this city and surrounding section as he spoke from platform or stump, now lies in the padded cell in the county jail, a raving, shrieking maniac, his hands confined in his muffs and otherwise restricted in his movements to prevent him from doing injury to himself or others. His malady is diagnosed as brain fever and his condition is such that death may come as the only relief to his sufferings.

Gen. Campbell came here originally from Kansas and soon made a reputation for himself as an orator of unusual eloquence. He is a lawyer by profession and a Republican in politics. Since the death of his wife, which occurred some months ago, Gen. Campbell has not been the same man and his friends have repeatedly urged the change of his residence. It is undoubtedly his malady that has made him so much to do with unsettling his mind.

Last Saturday evening Gen. Campbell



GEN. A. B. CAMPBELL—The Unfortunate Victim of an Attack of Insanity

bell spoke at the Republican ratification meeting at the pavilion after repeated calls for his appearance. He was not down on the program for a speech, but the audience clamorously called for him and at the conclusion of his speech he responded. His effort was not what had been expected, being of a rambling, ranting, incoherent character, which, in the light of subsequent events, seems to have indicated that his disease had already begun to run its course.

General Campbell was much dissatisfied with the result of his speech and on Sunday expressed himself several times to friends on the subject, saying that he wished he could have spoken earlier and the program and thus been accorded a better reception. Sunday evening he mysteriously disappeared from the city and was not heard of until yesterday morning, when he appeared at a residence in South Alhambra, disheveled and worn out, saying that he must have been out of his head as he had not known how he came there, but asked to be taken in and cared for until his friends could be communicated with.

This was done and a friend of his named Bayless, who lived just across the street, talked to Mr. Campbell and at his request telephoned for Drs. Tuttle and Campbell, the coroner, who came and took the general back to the city. All day yesterday the physicians worked with him and succeeded in quieting him. The coroner, about 8:30 in the evening Dr. Campbell took him out to supper, when the general seemed in his right mind. He ate a hearty meal and was conducted to his lodging at 1030 Spring street, near Eighth. All went well until about 10:30 when he again grew violent.

Despite the efforts of Dr. Campbell he rushed onto the sidewalk in his shirt sleeves and began to roar and rant in a loud voice, causing a crowd to assemble. He was taken to the county jail, where he was placed in the padded cell, where all night long he made stump speeches and gave vent to oratorical efforts that kept the whole city awake.

It had been the intention of Dr. Campbell to take his patient to Santa Monica this morning to try the effect of sea baths and air, but he is now too feeble to make the journey. His ailment is said to be brain fever, and his chances for recovery doubtful. The personal appearance of the maniac is terrible. Great drops of perspiration stood on his brow, the veins in his face stood out like whipcords, while the whole countenance was of a purplish hue. His terrible struggles told on even his massive frame, but until he was exhausted the fearful and eloquent denunciations of all about him, their swiftness to political or religious topics, continued until even superhuman strength was called upon for their utterance. He was taken to the county jail, where he was placed in the padded cell, where all night long he made stump speeches and gave vent to oratorical efforts that kept the whole city awake.

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of the territorial insane asylum, appointing in his stead, Dr. H. W. Hughes of Phoenix. Hamblin refuses to leave the asylum and states he will resist ejection to the last legal resort.

## SOLDIERS ASSIGNED

The Second Regiment Parceled Out at Various Stations

OMAHA, Neb., June 22.—Col. Bates, commander of the Second regiment, has completed the assignment of the regiment to its new quarters, the stations of the different companies and their officers being as follows:

Headquarters, Fort Keogh, Montana. Col. Bates, Major Smith and band. Company A, Capt. Rowell, First Lieutenant Wright, Second Lieutenant Bookmiller; Company E, Captain Kinzie, First Lieutenant Pickering, Second Lieutenant Lutz; Company F, Capt. Miller, First Lieutenant Lee, Second Lieutenant Powell; Company G, Capt. Webster, First Lieutenant Muir, Second Lieutenant Creary.

Fort Harrison, Montana, Lieutenant Colonel Wherry. Company B, Capt. Dempsey, First Lieutenant Van Liew, Second Lieutenant MacArthur; Company C, Capt. Waring, First Lieutenant Arrsmith, Second Lieutenant Hines.

Fort Yates, North Dakota, Company D, Captain Turner, First Lieutenant Abernethy, Second Lieutenant Hutton; Company G, Capt. Keller, First Lieutenant Wilson, Second Lieutenant Wells.

First Lieutenant Benham has been appointed adjutant of the Second regiment, vice Lieutenant Wright, whose term has expired. Lieutenant Penn has been appointed quartermaster of the regiment, and the Western.

Colonel Wherry will be the only member of Col. Bates' staff not stationed at headquarters.

The reports from Forts Keogh, Yates and Harrison are to the effect that the Twenty-second is about ready to move, and will be in shape to return on the train to take out the Second.

A VERY CLEVER CAPTURE

Of a Swindler Who Evolved a New Scheme

Deeds and Mortgages in His Possession Show That He Found Duplicates as Dishonest as Himself

KANSAS CITY, June 22.—The Journal tomorrow will announce the arrest at Neosho, Mo., by Deputy United States Marshal Pearson, of a swindler who has eluded the agents of the treasury department for nearly three years. The swindle exposed by the arrest was operated on lines wholly new. The chief operator, who is known as J. R. Bell, alias James F. Swartz, is in jail at Springfield. Along with him are M. A. Maginnis and Thomas Robbins, heretofore respected citizens of Neosho, who are said to have become parties to the fraud.

Bell claimed to be a secret agent of President Cleveland's administration and carried an alleged commission bearing the signature of W. Q. Gresham, secretary of state, and dated August 13, 1894.

The pretended mission of the swindler was to distribute campaign funds for the national administration and he claimed to be able to give out to favored ones greenbacks that had been presented to the government for redemption and canceled. He claimed that instead of destroying these bills the administration stored them in the treasury vaults to be distributed by him for campaign purposes.

From each of his dupes the swindler exacted an initiating fee of \$250 and he represented to them that the number of citizens admitted to the brotherhood was so regulated that each member would be given \$40 annually to distribute.

Notwithstanding that the scheme was clearly fraudulent the authorities have evidence that the swindle has been extensively worked in Texas, Central Missouri and Kansas.

Among the "bills" was also found a number of foreign mortgages and deeds. The correspondence shows that he has been making negotiations with several eastern trust companies for their disposal. He claimed that he was assisted in convincing his dupes by some accomplice in Washington, from whom he received daily mail including treasury reports and other statements that were apparently sent to him in franked envelopes. These were exhibited as an evidence of his authority.

Bell, or Swartz, claims to be a Californian.

Hanged Herself

ANGELS' CAMP, June 22.—Mrs. Ethan Thorpe of Murphy's, a lady related to some of the best families of Calaveras county, committed suicide yesterday morning by hanging herself from a rafter in the basement of her house. Despondency is supposed to be the cause.

Mexican Politics

CITY OF MEXICO, June 22.—A great popular demonstration took place in favor of the re-election of President Diaz. There was a procession of working men and rural clubs, many being mounted, men bearing banners with devices complimentary to Gen. Diaz. The masses of the people displayed great enthusiasm.

The Lone Highwayman

REDWOOD CITY, June 22.—The noon stage from San Francisco, driven by Ed. Campbell, was held up today by a man at the old dam, who slid down a pile of rock on the bank in front of the horses. The man had a white handkerchief over his face and weighed about 170 pounds. When the horses commenced to run he fired four shots at the driver, which did not do any harm. The robber secured no booty.

A Lockout Ended

CHICAGO, June 22.—After a little over a week the lockout at the Chicago rolling mills was broken today by the Universal Construction company, about 200 men going to work. The lock-out was precipitated in a strike among the heaters employed in

the mills, and trouble was anticipated with the renewal of operations. No rioting took place, however, and so far no assaults have been reported.

## WEATHER AND CROPS

Grain Crop Good and of Fruit There is Next to None

SACRAMENTO, June 22.—The following synopsis of the weather and crop conditions during the week ending Monday, June 22, issued by the State Agricultural society in co-operation with the United States climate and crop service:

The average temperature for the week was as follows: Eureka, 56; Fresno, 82; Los Angeles, 72; Red Bluff, 82; Sacramento, 75; San Francisco, 58, and San Diego, 66. As compared with the normal temperature there is shown an excess of heat at all points of from 1 to 2 degrees, except at San Francisco, where a heat deficiency of 2 degrees is reported.

There was no appreciable precipitation reported from any station except Eureka, where .03 of an inch was measured.

This shows a small precipitation deficiency at Eureka, Red Bluff, Sacramento and San Francisco, while normal precipitation conditions prevailed at the remaining reporting stations.

The week has shown the natural advancement of crops, due to the advance in temperature. There can be but little added to what has already been said—that is, the grain crop is a phenomenally good one, and the fruit crop is a phenomenally poor one.

Hops are making rapid advancement and grapes are rapidly recovering from the setback caused by a late and cold spring.

## Sand Street School

The Sand street school literary society held its regular meeting yesterday afternoon. The program was as follows:

Piano solo, Ella Miller and Mabel Millet; business of the society; reading of society paper; reading, Mary Collins; closing speech, Clayton Cunningham. There was a parliamentary drill, which the negative side won.

## Fire, but No Damage

An alarm of fire was sounded in shortly after 12 o'clock this morning, caused by a blaze in the dismantled ruins standing at the corner of Spring and Third, where the old shanties are being demolished to erect a modern business block. Some one had set fire to the remains of an old wooden shed, but the flames were extinguished with no damage and little trouble.

There are undelivered telegrams for the following persons at the Western Union Telegraph office in this city for John Vandam, Julia Nunlist, March Cycle Co., Beach & Gorham, Bertha Jenkins.

Sam Davis was brought to the police station last night with a bad cut in the head as the result of being struck with a heavy cane in a bar room fight.

A Chinaman named Yee Sing was arrested last night on Alameda street and booked on a charge of carrying a concealed weapon. The weapon consisted of a deadly looking iron bolt carried under the Mongolian blouse.

Hunting Notoriety

LAWRENCE, Kan., June 22.—A man who registered under the name of August Schrader, divine healer of Denver, came here on a bicycle. He claims he is Schlatter, traveling under an assumed name to avoid notoriety. Persons who have seen Schlatter questioned him so closely that he said this morning without attempting any cures.

Tidal Wave Victims

WASHINGTON, June 22.—The first official report of the great Japanese earthquake and tidal wave came today to the state department from Mr. Herod, secretary of the legation at Tokio, in the following brief telegram:

"Deaths caused by tidal wave estimated at over 30,000 in reports to date. No mortality among Americans."

The Gold Reserve

WASHINGTON, June 22.—The total withdrawals of gold today amounted to \$86,700, of which \$750,000 was for export to Europe and \$100,000 for Canada, \$23,900 for export and \$13,100 in bars. The gold reserve in the treasury and the end of the day stood \$102,221,908.

Enlarged Denver

DENVER, June 22.—The city of Highlands was today made a part of Greater Denver by the vote of the taxpayers of the former municipality. This adds four square miles of territory and more than 10,000 population to the city of Denver.

Baby's Clothing.

Many mothers nowadays, in providing the first clothes for their babies, prefer knitted bands to the old fashioned flannel bands made of a hem, as they are more comfortable and more easily adjusted. The bands come in entire wool and in silk and wool mixed, with and without shoulder straps. Ready made bands of plain flannel cost from 10 to 25 cents each. The knitted bands cost from 30 cents to \$1.50. Shirts for infants, whether bought ready made or made at home, should