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REV. DR. PHELPS WITHDRAWS FROM THE FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH. Starbles His Congregation. SAYS THE WORK IS TOO MUCH FOR HIM.

Only Reason Advanced for the Peremptory Resignation Offered by the Eloquent Divine—Some Recent Church History. One of the largest congregations of the season attended the morning services at the First Presbyterian church yesterday, and it is safe to say that no other congregation in the history of the church ever received a more profound surprise than did the assembly yesterday morning.

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LAND QUICKLY ENTERED ON. All the Forfeited Grant in O'Brien County Claimed and Some Several Times.

Many Contests Already in Sight. Peculiar Provisions of the Law Make Possible the Completion of Showing of Title and Subsequent Litigation.

DER MOINES, Feb. 23.—(Special Telegram.)—At the close of business at the federal land office in this city Saturday night all but 120 acres of the 22,000 acres in O'Brien county, recently restored to the public domain, had been claimed. Next Thursday is the day set for the opening of the land, and it is expected that there will be hundreds of claimants on hand early in the morning, and that a great number of contests will result. The federal lands under which this land is claimed, after being restored to the public domain, are legal points raised in connection with the conflicting claims. The fourth section of the law of 1857 provides that when lands are restored to the public domain, after being granted to a railroad, as in the present case, if they had been sold by the road, as a bona fide transaction, then the persons to whom they were sold should be entitled to the land, and proof, and that patent shall issue to them. The next section provides that where lands are restored to the public domain, excepted from it and not conveyed on account of it, has been sold, bona fide to citizens of the United States, they shall be entitled to make proof and purchase it from the government.

The third section of the same law provides for three classes, who will have preferred rights to forfeited railroad lands: Bona fide purchasers of the land, bona fide purchasers of the railroad grant, bona fide purchasers of the forfeited lands, and bona fide purchasers of the railroad grant. Claims have been filed for all the lands except the 120 acres under one of these sections. A considerable part of it, which has been sold to the public domain, has been title, and by another by reason of settlement in good faith. The title to the land has been in dispute many years. Persons who have bought and owned the land, and have declared it sold, settled on the land in good faith and made improvements, expecting to ultimately get title from the government, are claiming the land under this section.

Change in Iowa School Laws. Legislative Committee Considers a Few Proposed Amendments. The House committee on schools and text books has been laboring for weeks with the bills proposing radical changes in the school laws. The proposition for free text books for all the public schools has been debated at length. Representative Spaulding and others have contended that if books were furnished free to pupils it would result in an enormous increase in the sales, and an entire set of new books would be required at the beginning of every school year.

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THE ACTRESS SECRET. How She Kept Young and Fresh Looking.

There are four children in the family, the eldest girl being Lucy Follet, a blonde young lady, who has been in society at the capital for two years, and who is one of the most popular actresses at reception. The next girl is Edwina, who is well known in Baltimore, and who will not make her debut yet for some time. The oldest boy is called David, his middle name being Edwin. Young David is now a business in Grand Rapids, and will doubtless become one of the rising men of the state. The youngest boy's name is Marshall Mortimer, and he is now at a school in Washington.

Mr. Uhl is a tall lady, with gray hair, brown eyes and an interesting personality. Her face lights up in conversation, so much that a photograph of her in repose is almost unrecognizable by her friends. Her talent lies in a musical direction, and she has taken a most prominent part in the history of her state in regard to this art. As president of the St. Cecilia society, in Grand Rapids, she assisted the women of that town in the erection of a magnificent hall—the only musical club in the world which has been erected and maintained exclusively by ladies.

While nothing of an active exponent of the doctrine of woman's rights, Mrs. Uhl is fully abreast of the times on all subjects, and says that if women are granted the right of suffrage, she will most certainly cast her vote. She is fond of travel, and a tour of Europe, as well as visits to many states of the union, and a residence in Washington, where she takes a prominent part in social life, have given her an ease of manner and a knowledge of the world most necessary for her new position. Yet she is not what may be termed a "society woman" in the sense that she spends her time exclusively in pleasure, for the fact is that her home, husband and children are always regarded as having the first claim upon her attention.

Mr. Uhl was much liked by the late Secretary Gresham, who reposed perfect confidence in his judgment, and almost the last person at the bedside of the dying secretary of state was his assistant, to whom he talked over matters of business.

Death of Dr. McGovern. Dr. Robert McGovern died in this city this evening. He was one of the most highly respected citizens of western Iowa, where he has resided for the past twenty years. He has held many offices of honor and trust, being at the time of his death a trustee for the asylum at Glenwood. He was a stockholder in the First National bank and owned a large estate. He was a prominent member of the Masonic and Independent Order of Odd Fellows' orders.

Weather Forecast. Fair with westerly winds promised for Nebraska. WASHINGTON, Feb. 23.—The forecast for Monday is: Nebraska—Fair weather; westerly winds. For Iowa and Missouri—Fair; slightly cooler; westerly winds. For the south-eastern portion; northwesterly winds. For South Dakota—Fair weather; westerly winds. For Colorado and Wyoming—Fair weather; variable winds. For Montana—Fair; southeasterly winds.

Reports from Stations at 8 P. M. Stations and State of Weather. Omaha, clear, 50, 56, 60. Platt, clear, 49, 56, 60. Hart, clear, 48, 55, 59. Chicago, clear, 38, 49, 59. St. Paul, clear, 47, 48, 59. Davenport, clear, 48, 58, 60. Des Moines, clear, 48, 58, 60. Helena, cloudy, 28, 38, 50. Sioux Falls, clear, 40, 50, 60. Salt Lake City, clear, 46, 50, 60. Billings, cloudy, 30, 40, 50. Denver, clear, 40, 50, 60. Milwaukee, clear, 32, 38, 50. St. Louis, clear, 40, 50, 60. Galveston, part cloudy, 60, 64, 60.

MR. UHL'S FAMILY. A Glimpse of the Home of the New Ambassador to Germany. The selection of Edwin P. Uhl for the mission to Germany cannot but be classed as a most wise one, writes the Washington correspondent of the Philadelphia Times, for there are few men in the country who are more thoroughly versed in the science of statecraft and diplomacy than could more aptly fill a position which is one of the most important in the gift of the government. As Germany is one of the leading powers of Europe, and our ambassador in Berlin such that the place cannot be allowed to remain long vacant, it is thought that Mr. Uhl and his family will leave town at an early date for their foreign destination.

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