

INTEREST TO WOMEN

MRS. MACKAY TALKS

MOTHER'S VOTE NEEDED.

Society Turns Out to Hear Her Maiden Speech—Mrs. Morton Joins Franchise League.

The luncheon given by the Interurban Political Equality Council at the Hotel Astor yesterday in honor of Mrs. Clarence Mackay, Miss Ethel Arnold and the Rev. Anna Howard Shaw broke all records on the social side of the suffrage movement.

"I am convinced that the country needs the woman's vote, and I want to do what I can to interest the women of our own state in a question so important to the future quality of our municipal and state government."

"Woman's influence has been felt in all the various channels of our lives; but she has been an influence without responsibility, and no nation is better governed by thought and morality."

"The vote would open many posts in municipal government which are now closed, and women are physically unftted. We know our limitations, each of us, and we only want to use those tools which we are able to handle."

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ENEMY IN "ANTIS" CAMP.

Suffragist Joins Civic League and Then Upsets the Meeting.

Mrs. Ida Vose Woodbury, of Boston, gave a talk on "Woman's Place and Power" at the meeting of the League for the Civic Education of Women yesterday at No. 145 Broadway.

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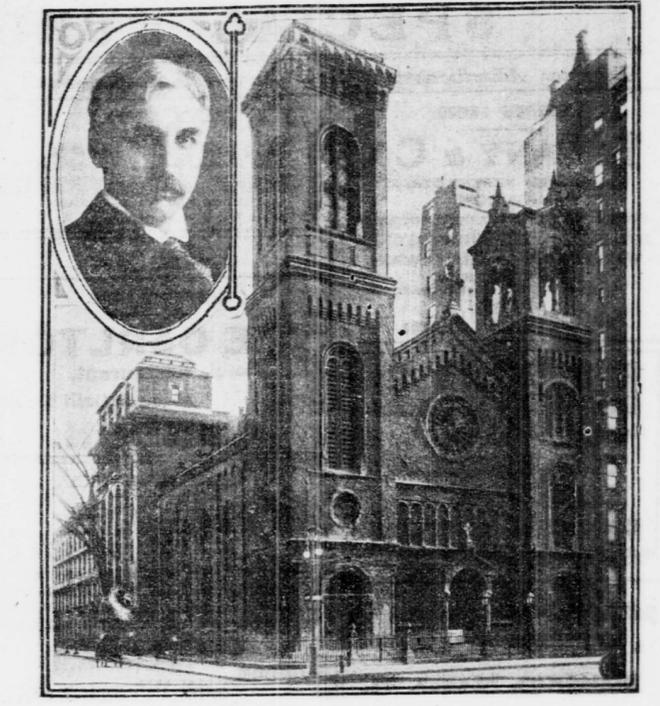
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THE MADISON AVENUE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH AND THE REV. DR. CHARLES A. EATON, ITS NEW PASTOR.

CHURCH AND RELIGIOUS NEWS AND NOTES

MOST EXTENSIVE PUBLICITY CAMPAIGN EVER CONDUCTED IN AMERICAN ECCLESIASTICAL CIRCLES.

The most extensive publicity campaign ever conducted in the interest of great national American problems as they confront the church will be undertaken by the Home Missions Council, which consists of the Home Missions Boards of the Evangelical denominations throughout the United States, and representing fifteen million members.

This campaign will be conducted in two series; the first including Eastern cities, as follows: Brooklyn, January 4 and 5; Hartford, January 25 and 26; Buffalo, January 27 and 28; Cleveland, January 28 and 29; Pittsburgh, January 31 and February 1; Baltimore, February 1 and 2; Atlanta, February 3 and 4; Philadelphia, February 11 and 12.

The second series will be in the Central West and will include Cincinnati, March 21 and 22; Nashville, March 22 and 23; St. Louis, March 23 and 24; Kansas City, March 24 and 25; Omaha, March 25 and 26; Minneapolis, March 27 and 28; Chicago, March 29 and 30. A two days' conference will be held in each city.

Among the speakers who have already consented to take part in this campaign are the following: The Rev. Dr. Charles E. Jefferson, the Rev. Dr. H. L. Morehouse, the Rev. Dr. C. L. Thompson, ex-Governor R. B. Glenn, the Right Rev. Dr. Ethelbert Talbot, Bishop E. B. Hendrix, the Rev. Dr. Howard B. Groce, J. Ernest McAfee, the Rev. P. H. Wright, the Rev. Howard J. Melish, the Rev. W. D. Mackenzie, the Rev. Dr. Floyd Tomkins and Bishop Alexander Walters.

It will not be the primary purpose of this campaign to raise money, but to present to the churches of America the importance of home mission enterprise, particularly as it has developed in recent years. While the phases of home mission work as it has to do with work in the great West will be given proper emphasis, the newer problems which present an appeal for missionary thought and endeavor will be particularly emphasized.

The congestion of cities, the perils and opportunities of immigration, the rising socialism, with its attendant conflict of classes, and the aggressions of fanaticism and superstition are features of American problems which give a larger meaning to home missions.

THE YEAR IN METHODIST CIRCLES.

The Methodist Episcopal Church is the largest religious body among American Protestants having a centralized authority. Statistically, the church is numerically, but its polity is congregational rather than denominational. Statistics for the Methodist Episcopal Church, compiled at the close of the year 1908, show that the denomination has 19,430 ministers and 147,476 local churches. The church has 3,588,838 members, including 348,973 who are on probationary preparation for full membership.

In Methodist Sunday schools are 3,068,254 scholars and 261,867 officers and teachers. The denomination lost by death during 1908 23 ministers and 4,118 members. There were 217,595 baptisms in Methodist churches during the year, 116,933 of those baptized being adults.

Methodist church and parsonage property has a value of \$196,700,000, and on this property there rest debts amounting to \$13,500,000. Of the total amount about one-sixth represents the value of parsonages, while the value of the churches is five-sixths of the total. To home and foreign missions, through all their boards, Methodists in 1908 gave \$1,153,762. Including all other denominational benevolences the total gifts amounted to \$2,706,572.

GENERAL ITEMS OF THE WEEK.

Archibald Forder, of Jerusalem, a missionary to the Bedouin tribes, will describe his experiences "With the Arabs in Tent and Town" at the meeting for men at the Harlem branch of the Young Men's Christian Association to-morrow afternoon at 4:30 o'clock.

The Friends' meeting will be held at the Meeting House in East 11th street and Rutgers Place, Manhattan, at 11 o'clock to-morrow morning. Frank Ball, of Quakertown, Penn., expects to be in attendance.

At the religion and health class the Rev. Frederick Preston will speak on "The Command to Love," continuing the series on "Christian Education" at Carnegie Hall.

The pulpit of St. Andrew's Methodist Episcopal Church will be occupied to-morrow morning by the Rev. Dr. T. Calvin McClelland, minister of the Memorial Presbyterian Church, of Brooklyn. In the evening the pastor will preach.

Dr. Mottet will preach at the children's service at the Church of the Holy Communion at 4 p. m. to-morrow.

At the Church of the Ascension, Fifth avenue and 10th street, the Rev. Percy Stickney Grant, rector, the services to-morrow will be as follows: Morning service at 11, with preaching by the rector; at 4 p. m. the usual musical service, with various selections. The Rev. Walter G. Chilton will preach. At 8 p. m. Mr. Alexander Irvine will speak on "The International Exhibit of War."

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

TILLMAN'S LETTERS.

Made Legal Contract for Land, Says Real Estate Broker.

To the Editor of The Tribune. Sir: As a matter of fact, does it not appear from his own statements in letters and speeches that Senator Tillman not only "undertook" but actually "contracted" to buy the eight quarter sections of land in question? The writer is not a lawyer; he is nothing but a common, everyday real estate broker and dealer; but being a business man, it seems to him that the indignity of Senator "contracted" to buy this land.

It appears that Senator Tillman by telegram and letter offered, in writing, to purchase eight quarter sections of land at a stipulated price and on certain expressed conditions, and to pay in addition thereto the \$21 fee for each quarter section and to procure certain legislation from the Congress of the United States. At the same time he requested that Reeder & Watkins, the other or second party to the agreement, to "hold in reserve eight of the best quarter sections of which you have definite information, and in the mean time press the investigation and other work here, which will facilitate the final purchase and in effect obviate the necessity of your making any case in the courts at all."

If the other party to the agreement or understanding did reserve as requested in compliance with the conditions named in Senator Tillman's offer, expecting to draw on the Senator through Mr. Lee for the fee of \$21 for each quarter section and to receive the Senator's price for the land so soon as the Senator had procured the proposed legislation, then Senator Tillman was actually under contract to buy. An offer is not a contract, and binds no one unless accepted before revocation; but if accepted upon the conditions named before being revoked, the offer is changed in character. It is not an offer any longer, but becomes an irrevocable agreement, which cannot be abrogated or changed by either party without the consent of the other.

It appears, therefore, that Senator Tillman not only "undertook," but actually "contracted" to buy eight quarter sections of this land, and \$21 for each quarter section of the deal until, as he says, "I received the circulars of Dorr, which came to me on February 17 and 18 from three different directions, showing the widespread circulation of them."

Mr. Dorr evidently understood, from information probably obtained from Reeder & Watkins, that there was a contract to buy between Senator Tillman and Reeder & Watkins, for he (Dorr), on the strength of that contract and the legislation contemplated as one of its conditions, agreed to take some of the land on his own account, and immediately issued the above mentioned circulars and sent copies of them to various others to buy at the same price and upon the same terms as those upon which Senator Tillman had agreed to buy, except that Senator Tillman alone could have to do with procuring the desired legislation.

If, therefore, Senator Tillman in his statements to the Senate had used the word "contracted" instead of "undertaken," as he now claims, after discovery, that he should have done, would he then have told the truth? Senator Tillman, being a lawyer by profession, must know that the making of an offer by one party and its acceptance by the other, before the offer is revoked or withdrawn, constitutes a contract that can be enforced in a civil court, and that it is a legitimate transaction, not in violation of law.

M. HILL, New York, Jan. 14, 1909.

CITIZENS AS CRUSADERS.

To the Editor of The Tribune. Sir: Noting your favorable editorial comment last day on the fine act of a Jerseyman of prominence who took an appointment especially to enforce the law against spitting in public places—a law now almost completely ignored, and the result of which is a deep contamination of the health of the people—the writer is permitted to say that for some time he held nominal appointment from the Board of Health of New York City as a lay inspector in the city streets, and in the discharge of his duty he was given the gratifying opportunity to enforce the law against spitting in public places. It was found that a firm but kindly wayward to a persistent offender and the offering of a fine was not sufficient to induce the offender to stop. It was found that the opportunity of defending the great need of such a law, which in every case except one or two is a law which is a disgrace to the city, and a promise not to repeat the offence. The exception was an employee of the city, who ridiculed the law and gave his name and address to the writer. H. C. WEEKS, Bay Side, Long Island, Jan. 11, 1909.

Justice and the Law" will be the subject of Dr. Wise's address at the Free Synagogue, 81st street, near Amsterdam avenue, to-morrow morning at 11:45 o'clock.

The New Thought Church of New York will hold open services with the New Thought Church of Brooklyn in the Aurora Grata Cathedral, Madison street and Bedford avenue, Brooklyn, at 3:30 p. m. to-morrow. Julia Seton Sears will deliver the address. There will be a silence service, followed by illustrated song pictures in charge of Mrs. Caroline Foote Marsh, pastor of the Brooklyn New Thought Church. The public is invited. Seats free.

Horace Fletcher, the exponent of mastication, will be the speaker at the men's meeting of the West Side Young Men's Christian Association to-morrow afternoon.

President Schurman of Cornell University will address the Ethical Society to-morrow at Carnegie Hall, when his subject will be "The Development of Religious Thought."

To-morrow Dr. Silverman will lecture on "The Crime of Child Labor."

SAN FRANCISCO MINING STOCKS.

San Francisco, Jan. 15.—The official closing quotations for mining stocks to-day were as follows:

Table with 2 columns: Stock Name and Price. Includes Alpha, Andes, American, and others.

The Rev. T. R. Slicer will preach to-morrow morning at All Souls' Church on "Some Old-Fashioned Virtues."

A quartet of students from the Hampton Institute, Virginia, will be present at the West Twenty-third Street Presbyterian Church to-morrow morning.

At the Church of the Messiah the Rev. John Haynes Holmes will preach to-morrow at 11 o'clock the second of his series of sermons in commemoration of the Darwin centenary in "Evolution and Some Problems of Religion."

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News of the Markets

FRUITS.

The recent Italian disasters have made very little difference to the local fruit dealers. Oranges and lemons were once imported largely from the present devastated districts, but the supply of oranges for some time past has been small, owing to the increased demand for those from Arizona, Florida and California. Lemons are still brought from Italy, but the Californians are much more in request, as they look finer and are seedless. Messina lemons are still being quoted at their old price of twenty-five for 25 cents.

MEAT, FISH AND POULTRY.

There is not much change at present in meat prices. Legs of which is 22 cents a pound, saddles 25 cents, for saddles 16 cents and racks 25 cents a pound. Shoulders of veal are 15 cents a pound, loins 20 cents and legs 23 cents a pound. Sirloin steak is 25 cents a pound, and porterhouse from 26 to 28 cents.

VEGETABLES.

Fresh California rhubarb is 10 cents a bunch, hot-house mint the same price, radishes 5 cents, beets 10 cents, leeks 5 cents and oyster plant 10 cents a bunch. California asparagus is 60 cents a bunch. Three bunches of carrots are 10 cents, and very fine spring onions are 1 cent a bunch. Okra at 15 cents a dozen is scarce. A three-stalked head of celery costs 25 cents, red cabbage is 15 cents a head.

WEST END EXCHANGE AND INDUSTRIAL UNION.

Endowments and annual contributions needed to help fulfill the noble mission of the Exchange—the aiding of women to self-support and relieving the necessities of poverty, pauperism, and the necessities of every description, are solicited. Meetings on Wednesdays at 8 o'clock. Address: 254 St. Nicholas place, New York. Secretary: Mrs. J. E. Harlan.

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