COMMERCE

BUTTER GOES UP, EGGS DECLINE

FEATURES SOMEWHAT OF A SURPRISE TO THE TRADE.

High Prices on Eggs Rushed in All in Sight at Country Points—Also Had the Effect of Cutting Down the Movement—Low Grades in Butter Reflect No Stronger Tone.

It certainly impressed upon one the fact this week that northwestern buyers and producers are keeping in close touch with this market on eggs. When the market began to bulge early in the week, and values went creeping up to 28 cents per dozen, outside points began gathering together all the available surplus of eggs, and in they came by the wholesale. Hundreds of cases sold well up in price, but Friday proved an unlucky day, and quotations eased off a full cent on strictly fresh under the influence of the heaviest offerings for any day of the year. The usual scare had been thrown into consumers, and they confined their purchases to such small lots as to discourage retailers from buying in any but a very conservative manner. This may force values down a shade further, but the cold snap has frozen up all ideas hereabouts of anything like really cheap eggs for some time to come. Consumers will take fresh guaranteed stock around 30 cents, but above that figure they are eliminated from the average bill of fare. Speculators show a disposition to take hold when January eggs reach 25 cents, and it is hardly likely that the wholesale price can go under that figure. The call will increase from now on, as spring advances, and a continuance of anything like the weather for the week just closing will force values up again on account of reduced production.

Northwestern people demand fresh made goods with a fair flavor, and this has placed new extras on a slightly better basis, altho the improved tone is not reflected to other grades or makes. The general butter situation, so far as goods held in speculators' hands is concerned, is fully as bad as a week ago, and those interested fail to see a ray of hope shining their way for the immediate future. Some large eastern houses whose capital is tied up in this class of goods are so close to the verge as to make their financial man dizzy, and a big slump in packing stock prices may develop any day should any effort be made to realize quickly on these holdings. These destracting conditions will not particularly affect the northwest, except upon the influence it will have on makers of medium and cheap grades of butter. Northwestern dealers did not load up greatly last June, and are therefore not so vitally interested.

The cheese market is on an unchanged basis. Some makers of standard brands are advancing prices on well cured goods, but in a general way the market can hardly be considered on a firm basis.

The poultry situation is barren of features. Both receipts and demand have been cut down by extreme weather, and the volume of business for the week is therefore comparatively light. Ducks and geese of the top grade advanced slightly early in the week, and the higher range has been maintained without difficulty. Veal has been in rather light supply and values have settled back to what is considered their normal basis, around 7½ cents for fancy. Quite a number of calves have arrived frozen, which hurts their sale as they will not bring anywheres near prices quoted for unfrozen.

The extreme weather has caused an unusually heavy expense in handling potatoes, and several good strong advances are reported for the week. It is expected that values will ease back when weather moderates, unless it should be found that frost had penetrated into many pits which cannot now be reached. The same influences put cabbage upon the advancing list, and it is now quotable at $3 per hundred pounds.

The volume of business transacted in fruit circles has been seriously curtailed by the inability to ship perishable goods. Railroads have withdrawn fruit carrying service on many branches, and the district has had to spindle most orders until conditions change. This has brought business almost to a standstill, but there will be a big movement out later.

The market is generously loaded with fancy California navel oranges, and this has caused a lowering of prices, which brings them within the reach of every one. When fancy oranges can be billed out at $2.50 per box it makes them cheaper than many varieties of apples. The latter are firm on desirable stock, but holdings have not been cut into to any extent for ten days past. Receipts of lemons are lighter and asking prices are somewhat higher. Cranberries are firming up on fancy, with Wisconsin Bell and Cherrys about cleaned up. Illinois sweet potatoes are 25 cents per barrel higher. Other lines are on an unchanged basis. Green stuffs have moved slow, except to city trade.

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LOCAL SECURITIES

MINNEAPOLIS.

	Bid.	Asked.	Last Sale.
German-American bank	150	...	110
First National bank	170	175	175
Germania bank	100	105	105
Hennepin County Savings bank	150	...	150
Minneapolis Trust company	125	129	150
Minnesota Title Insurance and Trust company, pfd	115	120	110
Minnesota Loan and Trust company	115	118	115
National Bank of Commerce	125	130	125
Northwestern National bank	190	192	195
St. Anthony Falls bank	127	130	127
South Side State bank	135	...	130
Security Bank of Minnesota	153	157	155
Swedish-American National bank	130	...	130
Minneapolis Gas Light Co., con. 6's, 1910-30	108	111	111
Minnesota General Electric Co., con. 5's, 1929	103½	104	...
Minneapolis Brewing Co., common	101	105	103
Minneapolis Brewing Co., preferred	106	...	...
Minneapolis Brewing Co., bonds	110	112	110
Minneapolis Syndicate	102	105	102
Minneapolis Threshing Machine Co.	175	200	...
Minneapolis Steel and Machinery Co., pfd	...	100	100
North American Telegraph Co.	70	80	75
Twin City Telephone Co. 1st mortgage 5's, 1913-16	92	98	...
Twin City Telephone Co., common	...	...	100
Twin City Telephone Co., preferred	106	107	107

ST. PAUL.

	Bid.	Asked.	Last Sale.
American National Bank	100	102½	102½
Capital Bank	120	...	125
First National Bank	...	...	250
Merchants' National Bank	...	142	138½
National German-American Bank	130	135	130
St. Paul National Bank	...	107	108
Scandinavian-American Bank	130	135	130
Second National Bank	220	...	225
State Bank	100	...	...
Northwestern Trust Co.	105	...	...
Minnesota Transfer Railway Co. first 5s, 1916	...	105	...
Minnesota Transfer Railway Co. first 4s, 1916	*90	95	...
Security Trust Company	...	...	100
St. Paul Union Depot Co. first 6s, 1930	*125	130	...
St. Paul Union Depot Co. consol. 5s, 1944	*109	115	109
St. Paul Union Depot Co. consol. 4s, 1944	*100	106	...
Interstate Investment Trust Company	125	132	...
American Light and Traction Co. pref	83	87	...
American Light and Traction Co. common	44	47	41
St. Paul Gas Light Co. first 6s, 1916	*110	112	...
St. Paul Gas Light Co. Cons. 6s, 1918	*110	111	110½
St. Paul Gas Light Co. general 5s, 1941	...	90	87½
St. Paul City Ry. Co. cable 5s, 1937	*105	110	108
West Publishing Company, common	250	300	250
West Publishing Company, preferred	...	105	105
St. Paul Fire and Marine Insurance Company	175	...	175
St. Paul Trustee Co.	96	100	...
Superior Water, Light and Power Co. first 4s, 1931	...	*67½	...
South St. Paul Union Stockyards Co. first 5s, 1916	78½	82	77

*And interest.

A TEMPORARY CHECK

SPRING TRADE RETARDED BY THE RECENT COLD WEATHER.

New York, Jan. 30.—Bradstreets to-day says, in part: "Weather conditions have been unfavorable thruout a wide area, and while in some instances helpful to trade, extreme cold or heavy snows have rather sharply checked spring trade and retarded transportation. There is a rather quieter feeling found also in several lines of speculation and of industry. An exception to this is found in the south, which section, stimulated by almost undreamed-of cotton prices, is preparing to plant an enormous acreage. Spring trade, which was opening up actively in the southwest, has been brought practically to a standstill for the time being by zero weather.

"Rather less satisfactory reports come from the iron and steel trade. Southern iron is claimed to be unchanged, but northern iron is weaker, foundry grades not being in active demand. The railroads are still on the market for rails, and finished products, excepting at a few western markets, are rather duller.

"The strain in the cotton goods branch of the textile market increases rather than diminishes with the steady upward flight of the raw material. Buyers of cotton goods have shown a disposition to trade more freely and to pay higher prices, but at all markets sellers are slow to fill orders except at value.

"Wheat, including flour, exports for the week ending on Jan. 28 aggregate 2,917,622 bu, against 3,538,192 bu last week, 4,420,065 bu this week last year, 3,702,368 bu in 1902, and 3,776,000 bu in 1901. From July 1, 1903, to date they aggregate 98,730,028 bu, against 146,991,624 bu last season, 160,821,094 bu in 1902, and 111,807,814 bu in 1901.

"Corn exports for the week aggregate 1,469,396 bu, against 1,150,202 bu last week, 2,045,000 bu a year ago, 427,018 bu in 1902 and 2,487,707 bu in 1901. From July 1, 1903, to date they aggregate 33,487,473 bu, against 20,335,710 bu last season, 20,368,037 bu in 1902, and 11,782,060 bu in 1901.

"Business failures in the United States for the week ending Jan. 28 number 242, against 266 last week, 230 in the like week in 1903, 308 in 1902, 238 in 1901 and 171 in 1900.

In Canada failures for the week number 18, which compares with 25 last week and 30 in the same week in 1903."

BANK CLEARINGS.

New York, Jan. 30.—The following table, compiled by Bradstreet, shows the bank clearings at the principal cities for the week ended Jan. 28, with the percentage of increase and decrease as compared with the corresponding week last year.

Cities—	Clearings.	—Per Cent— Inc.	Dec.
New York	$1,310,471,294	0.8	...
Chicago	159,082,558	....	.03
Boston	122,629,816	....	4.4
Philadelphia	116,373,496	....	.01
St. Louis	53,859,479	18.3	....
Pittsburg	35,836,251	....	22.1
San Francisco	26,033,836	....	1.9
Baltimore	21,646,395	7.4	....
Cleveland	12,476,612	....	15.2
Kansas City	21,232,008	10.7	....
Cleveland	12,476,935	....	15.2
Minneapolis	14,172,935	6.2	....
New Orleans	28,346,004	81.2	....
Detroit	8,482,242	....	12.1
Louisville	9,760,726	....	5.8
Omaha	6,838,488	....	4.7
Milwaukee	7,655,686	0.5	....
Providence	7,706,900	14.7	....
Buffalo	5,157,361	....	8.3
St. Paul	5,264,021	....	1.7
Indianapolis	5,850,241	8.2	....
Los Angeles	5,676,107	16.8	....
St. Joseph	4,222,096	7.5	....
Denver	4,069,931	4.3	....
Seattle	3,254,152	....	1.6
Washington	3,632,881	2.2	....
Salt Lake City	2,824,421	14.1	....
Portland, Oregon	3,057,067	....	17.6
Des Moines	2,180,553	11.7	....
Spokane, Wash	1,832,239	16.5	....
Sioux City	1,197,074	....	11.7
Topeka	855,504	....	35.4
Tacoma	2,067,031	1.7	....
Davenport	679,421	....	12.5
Helena	488,172	15.9	....
Fargo, N. D.	404,201	....	24.9
Sioux Falls, S. D.	184,172	....	1.6
Houston	17,826,194	15.3	....
Galveston	10,706,000	2.2	....
Totals, U. S.	$2,116,212,283	1.2	....
Outside New York	806,941,079	1.7	....
CANADA.			
Montreal	$16,993,396	....	10.6
Toronto	12,328,950	....	15.8
Winnipeg	4,202,752	8.8	....
Halifax	1,321,561	....	15.3
Ottawa	1,502,353	....	7.2
Vancouver, B. C.	1,035,941	....	3.3
Quebec	1,135,781	....	0.9
Hamilton	866,302	....	15.9
St. John, N. B.	797,778	20.2	....
Victoria, B. C.	422,826	....	27.7
London	630,864	....	2.4
Totals, Canada	$41,238,204	....	10.0

GENERAL PRODUCE

Saturday, Jan. 30.—Butter, firm. Eggs, lower. Poultry, firm. Veal, firm.

BUTTER—Creameries, extra, lb, 20½c; creameries, firsts, 17½@18c; creameries, seconds, 14c; dairies, extra, 17c; dairies, firsts, 14c; dairies, seconds, 11c; packing stock, 8@11c; renovated, extra, 15c; renovated firsts, 11c; roll and print, fancy, 14c; roll and print, fair to good, 11c.

EGGS—New laid, case count, current receipts, cases included, 25c; candled, loss off, doz, 26c; dirties, $5 per case for candled; seconds and checks, per case, $5.

CHEESE—Twins or flats, fancy, 12@12½c; twins or flats, choice, 9½c; twins or flats, fair to good, 7½c; Young Americas, fancy, 13c; brick, No. 1, 13c; brick, No. 2, 9c; brick, No. 3, 6@6½c; primost, No. 1, 8c; primost, No. 2, 6c; pultost, 9c; Swiss, No. 1 block, 15c; Swiss, No. 2 block, 12c; daisies, No. 1, 12½c.

LIVE POULTRY—Turkeys, large, fat, 10c; turkeys, thin, small, 5@7c; chickens, hens, large, 8c; chickens, roosters, 6c; springers, 9c; ducks, young, white, 9c; ducks, young, colored, 8½c; ducks, old, 7c; geese, fat, large, 8½@9c.

DRESSED POULTRY—Undrawn turkeys, fancy, 13c; choice, 13c; old toms, 11c; culls, 6@7c; chickens, springs, fancy, 12c; springs, fair to good, 9@10c; hens, fancy, large, 10@10½c; fair to good and small, 7@8c; old roosters and culls, 4@5c; ducks, fancy, heads off, 12½c; fair to good, 9@10c; geese, fancy, heads off, 11c; fair to good, 8@9c. Frozen stock, 1@2c less.

DRESSED MEATS—Veal, fancy, per lb, 7½c; fair to good, 6@7c; small, overweight, 4@5c; mutton fancy, 5@6c; lambs, yearlings, 7@9c; hogs, light, 5½c; medium, 5½c; heavy, 5c.

FISH—Crappies, medium to large, 7c; small, 5c; pickerel, 9c; bullheads, 6c; pike, 6@7c.

CABBAGE—Per 100 lbs, $3.

SQUIRRELS—Gray, per doz, 75c.

POTATOES—White, per bu, car lots, sacked, 75@80c; mixed, per bu, car lots, sacked, 60@70c; small lots, sacked, 85@90c.

ONIONS—Per bu, 50@60c.

RABBITS—Cottontails, per doz, $1; jacks, per doz, $2.50.

PIGEONS—Live, doz, $1; dead, doz, 75c.

DRIED PEAS—Fancy yellow, per bu, $1.50; medium, per bu, $1.25; green, fancy, per bu, $1.75; medium, per bu, $1.25; marrowfat, per bu, $2.25.

BEANS—Quotations include sacks. Fancy navy, per bu, $2.15@2.25; choice navy, $2; medium hand picked, $2; medium, fair, $1.25; medium mixed and dirty, 65@70c; brown, fancy, $2.50; brown, fair to good, $1.50@1.60; Lima, California, per lb, 6c.

APPLES—Jonathans, per brl, $6.50; Kings, per brl, $4.50; Northern Spys, per brl, $4.25; Wagners, per brl, $3.25@3.50; Greenings, per brl, $3.50; Baldwins, per brl, $3.50@3.75; Tallman Sweets, per brl, $3@3.25; Russets, per brl, $3.50@4.

ORANGES—Floridas, all sizes, $3.50@4; California navels, extra fancy, 96s to 250s, $3; California navels, fancy, 96s to 250s, $2.50.

LEMONS—California, fancy, as to size, $3.75@4; choice, $3.25@3.50.

SWEET POTATOES—Illinois, per brl, $3.75; CRANBERRIES—Late Howes, per brl, $8@8.50; Jerseys, per brl, $6@6.50; Jerseys, bu boxes, $2.75; Wisconsin Bell and Bugle, $8@8.50.

CALIFORNIA FRUITS—Pears, Winter Nellis, boxes, $3.75@4.

GRAPES—Malagas, per keg, $5@5.50.

HONEY—New, fancy white, 1-lb sections, 13c; choice white, 1-lb sections, 12c; amber, 11c; goldenrod, 11c; extracted white, in barrels, 6s; extracted amber, 7½c.

BANANAS—Fancy, large bunches, $3.25@3.50; medium bunches, $2.75@3; small bunches, $2.25@2.50.

VEGETABLES—Radishes, per doz bunches, 40@75c; lettuce, doz, 45c; lettuce, heads, per doz, $1; mint, per doz, 50c; celery, per doz, 30@40c; celery, California, fancy, 75c; choice, 65c; squash, doz, $2; parsnips, bu, 75c; cucumbers, per doz, $1.75; tomatoes, six-basket crates, $5.50; carrots, per bu, 80c; cauliflower, per crate, $4.50; parsley, doz, 60@65c; green onions, shallots, per doz bunches, $1.75.

HIDES, PELTS, TALLOW, WOOL

REVIEW OF THE MARKET BY THE NORTHWESTERN HIDE AND FUR CO.

Hides—Nothing new to report. Market steady at quotations.

Furs—Much to be said on the fur question. Reports from the London sales all in, and the reports are very bad on some articles and not good on anything. We have stated that the market was shoved up higher than the conditions warranted and the results of the sale proves it. The loss to the exporters on muskrats has averaged from 4c to 5c each. This is a very great decline, and those who exported feel it keenly. Revised prices will be sent out by all houses at once.

Those who are buying to sell had better be careful. Those who are trapping can congratulate themselves on the profitable price they have been getting, and even now at the reduced prices, in comparison with previous years, the figures will be very good, for an average run of rats then would only bring 9 or 10 cents, and even at the reduced prices they will be several cents better than that.

Nothing new to report on other goods. All in good demand.

	No. 1.	No. 2.
Green salted heavy steer hides	8½	7½
Green salted cow hides	7½	6½
Green salted light hides	7½	6½
Green salted bull hides	7	6
Green salted veal calf	11	9½
Green salted long-haired kip	8	6½
Green salted deacons	45	@55

Green salted branded, 1½c per lb less than free of brands.

Green or green frozen, 1c less each grade.

Green salted horse or mule hides, large	$3.20	2.20
Green salted horse or mule hides, medium	2.50	1.75
Green salted horse or mule hides, small	1.70	1.00
Dry flint Montana, Oregon, Washington and Idaho butcher hides, flat	.14	@15½
Montana bulls and fallen hides	.10	@11
Dry flint Minnesota, Dakota, Wisconsin and similar	11½	10
Green salted pelts, large to small, each	.50	@90
Dry flint calfskins	.16	14
Dry flint territorial pelts, per lb	.10	@11
Tallow, in cakes	4½	3½
Tallow, in barrels	4½	3
Grease, light	3½	3
Wool, medium, unwashed	.16	@17
Wool, coarse	15½	@16½
Wool, fine unwashed	.12	@14
Feathers, goose	.40	@45
Feathers, duck	.34	@40
Feathers, chicken	3	@ 3½
Feathers, turkey	2¾	@ 3
Dry ginseng root, per lb	$5.80	@6.00
Green, for planting, per lb	1.25	
Seneca root, per lb	.65	@ .67
Beeswax, yellow	.29	
Beeswax, dark	.24	

CHICAGO HIDE MARKET, Jan. 30.—Closing hide quotations. Heavy green salted cured, lb, 7¼c; light green salted, cured, lb, 7¼c; damaged green salted, lb, 6¼c; green No. 2, lb, 5¼c; green, No. 1, lb, 6¼c; salted bull hides, lb, 6¼c; part cured, No. 1, lb, 6¾c; part cured, No. 2, lb, 5¾c; green bulls, lb, 4½@5¼c; salted bull hides, damaged, lb, 5¼c; kip, lb, 6½@8c; green salted, calf, lb, 8c; dry flint, lb, 13½c; deacons, each, 45@50c; slunks, each, 25c; glue stock, lb, 3@3½c; horse hides, each, $1.25@2.75; pony hides, each, 75c@$1.

PULPIT AND PEW

MR. RILEY TAKES HARPER TO TASK

REGARDS CHICAGO "U" AS BAPTIST UNDER CHARTER.

But He Intimates That Religion Is Considered Far Too Seldom in the Management of the Institution's Affairs—Plainly Says University Stands for Higher Criticism.

Rev. W. B. Riley, pastor of the First Baptist church, becomes somewhat sarcastic in discussing the announcement, reported yesterday, and said to have come from President Harper, that Chicago University was no longer a Baptist institution. He says Dr. Harper is the president but not the policy of the institution. His statement in full follows:

"A morning paper contains an article regarding the University of Chicago in which its President, Wm. R. Harper, is accredited with having declared the university to be no longer a Baptist institution. 'In the nature of its faculty, its students and methods it has spread beyond allegiance to the Baptist church.' 'A majority of its students and professors were non-Baptists.' 'Its professors are elected without regard to their religious beliefs.' 'The Baptist church alone could not supply us with enough professors.' 'At faculty meetings, where elections are held religion is not mentioned.' 'Religious denominationalism in universities is narrow-mindedness,' etc., etc.

"A few remarks: First, let the puglic remember that Wm. R. Harper is the president of the Chicago university, but not its policy. That belongs to the board of trustees, and it would seem better for him to leave them to make the declaration. Two-thirds of the board of trustees must forever be Baptists. If a majority of the students and gifts to the institution—John B. Rockefeller's gifts aside—come from outside sources, let it be known that this was not true in the early history of the institution, nad would not be so now if the religious character of the instructors was such as to command the confidence of the Baptists thruout the country. From the beginning there has been a persistent effort to bring this institution under the control of a board in sympathy with higher criticism—and no one will question that the endeavor has eminently succeeded. Harper's statement, 'Its professors are elected without regard to their religious beliefs,' is sufficient proof of that fact. While his additional remark 'at faculty meetings, where elections are held, religion is not mentioned,' raises the question with some, in more conservative quarters, as to whether it is mentioned when elections are not held. The statement, 'The Baptist church alone could not supply us with enough professors,' can be received only by supposing that he means the sort of professors who represent an 'election without regard to religious belief.' The Baptist denomination, four millions strong in this country alone, has one hundred universities and colleges, —not to mention its multitude of academies, seminaries, and institutes, and last year there were employed 2,033 instructors in these universies and colleges. If scholarship only was required the denomination could splendidly fit out several such universities, and if skeptical scholarship is a sine qua non we shall soon be able to displace the few conservatives left on the faculty of the institution with graduates from it.

"Finally, if it is within the power of the president of an institution to annul, with a word, its allegiance to a denomination, people who have clear cut convictions of the truth, and are willing to invest their money for the sake of its propagation will have to face the serious question as to whether their purposes in founding and endowing an institution will receive any consideration after once it is so amply on its feet as to change the name of college for university."

S. S. CONFERENCE PROGRAM

Leading Workers to Take Part in Fifth District Meeting.

The full program for the International Sunday School Field Workers' conference of the fifth district to be held at the Central Baptist church, Feb. 2-4 has been issued. The district includes Nebraska, Iowa, North Dakota, South Dakota, Minnesota, Wisconsin and Manitoba. Marion Lawrance of Toledo, international general secretary, will take part in the program and conduct conferences. Other speakers will be J. W. Barnes of Newark, international primary and junior secretary and W. C. Pearce, international teacher training secretary. The program:

TUESDAY AFTERNOON.

State Officers' Session—Duties of state officers. "The President," J. A. Lapman, president Iowa Sunday school association; "The Treasurer," J. F. Hardin, chairman Iowa executive committee; "The General Secretary," Professor H. M. Steidley, general secretary Nebraska Sunday school association; "The Executive Committeeman," Rev. George R. Merrill, D. D., secretary of international executive committee.

Workers' conference in charge of Marion Lawrance.

TUESDAY EVENING.

Address, "Teacher Training," W. C. Pearce; address, Marion Lawrance.

WEDNESDAY MORNING.

Teacher Training Session—"A State Normal Course of Study," Professor H. M. Steidley; "Helping the Teachers Thru Conventions and Institutes," Rev. F. P. Leach, general secretary South Dakota Sunday school association; "A Teacher Training Class in Every Sunday School," Rev. C. M. Daley, superintendent Congregational Sunday school work, South Dakota; "The Teachers' Meeting," Marion Lawrance.

WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON.

Organization Session—"Complete County Organization," John Orchard, general secretary North Dakota Sunday school association; "Duties of County Officers", "Duties of Township Officers," "How to plan and hold a successful County Convention," Mrs. B. F. Mitchell, corresponding secretary Iowa Sunday school association.

WEDNESDAY EVENING.

Public Session—Devotional service, Rev. John E. Bushnell; address, Mrs. J. W. Barnes; address, Marion Lawrence.

THURSDAY MORNING.

Department Session—"Superintendent of Home Department Work," "Superintendent of Primary Work," Mrs. J. W. Barnes; "Superintendent of Teacher Training Work," W. C. Pearce; "Superintendent of House Visitation, Mrs. B. F. Mitchell.

THURSDAY AFTERNOON.

Evangelistic Session—"Decision Day and How to Conduct It," Rev. J. T. Chynoweth, general secretary Wisconsin Sunday School association; "Child Conversion," Marion Lawrence; "The Spiritual Nurture of Child Christians," Mrs. J. W. Barnes.

CHRISTIAN ENDEAVOR ITEMS.

At its meeting at Westminster church Wednesday evening, the City union executive committee elected the following to fill vacancies: Recording secretary, Mrs. C. H. Trowbridge; Lyndale Congregationala schurch; treasurer, Wm. A. Yanacek, Westminster Presbyterian church; press manager, T. H. Colwell, First Congregational church; intermediate superintendent, Miss Rachel H. Holdridge, state superintendent. The resignation of the junior superintendent, Miss Constance Madison, was laid on the table.

Tuesday, Feb. 2, is the anniversary of the founding of the Young People's Society of Christian Endeavor. It has been decided by the executive committee to hold a grand rally, or a devotional service, at Park Avenue Congregational church. Rev. Alex. Patterson, assistant pastor of Westminster church, will have charge of the meeting, and others prominent in the work will speak. All pastors and Endeavorers of the city are urged to be present. The entire evening will be given to the devotional side of the work.

There will be at least two district union meetings Endeavor Sunday, Feb. 7, at 6:30 p. m. One will be at the Park Avenue Congregational church, the First Presbyterian society joining, and President C. S. Olds leading. The five Southeast societies will unite at the Andrew Presbyterian church. George L. Hempstead, chairman city lookout committee, will have charge. H. B. Chamberlain will lead the singing, and the pastors of the churches represented will be present.

The society at the First Congregational church will celebrate Lincoln's birthday with a chicken pie supper at 6 p. m. The proceeds will go to replenish the treasury of the society.

Sleigh rides are the order of the day among the Endeavorers of the city.

GENERAL CHURCH NEWS.

The Holy Islamic league, an organization created for the defense of Mohammedanism against the encroachments of western civilization, has issued, thru its president, Sheik Abdul Hagk of Bagdad, a declaration of war upon Christianity. The dominant note of the declaration is hostility to the deity of Christ. The document is pitched in the key of intense fanaticism thruout.

A movement has already begun for the celebration of the centennial of Protestant missionary work in China, in 1907, 100 years after the arrival of Robert Morrison in China. The anniversary really falls in the present year, for it was in 1804 that Joshua Marshman began missionary work among the Chinese.

A Berlin journal which has been collecting Jewish statistics reports that the number of Jews who have been converted, and are at present occupying pulpits of Protestant churches, is 125. The same journal states that the records of Jewish baptisms during the last century aggregate 204,540.

The last day of a century of work for the universal circulation of the scriptures by the British society will be March 6, when it is proposed Irish and Foreign Bible society will be March 6, hen it is proposed to observe a universal Bible Sunday.

A missionary in India says in the current Missionary Review of the World that in the Madura mission the native converts, whose income averages less than $4 a year, give an average of 75 cents annually for church work.

A fair estimate of the amount of money given in this country during 1903 for philanthropic purposes puts the figures at $100,000,000. Fully 75 per cent of this amount has been contributed by the people in the churches.

From a report just issued by the American board, it appears that the number of Christian communicants in India has nearly doubled during the past ten years.

A bill has been recently introduced asking congress to give United States life savers, lighthouse-keepers and shipwrecked marines a system of chaplaincies.

Rev. Dr. S. B. Rossiter of New York, has sailed for the Philippines to become pastor of the American Presbyterian church in Manila.

Among the deaths registered recently in Philadelphia, was that of a lady who claimed to be a descendant of King David.

The Church Economist estimates the cost of maintenance of all churches in America to be $280,000,000 a year.

There are now 6,838 preaching stations in Africa, and 3,061 foreign missionaries.

CHURCH NOTES.

A society of The Brotherhood of St. Paul has been organized in the Thirteenth Avenue M. E. church. This is a society among men for the mutual improvement and entertainment of its members by religious, social, physical and literary culture, and the promotion of the spirit and practice of Christian brotherhood. Its membership is divided into three orders or degrees. First, the Order of Jerusalem, second the Order of Damascus, third, the Order of Rome. On next Sunday evening the pastor, Rev. C. F. Sharpe, will give an illustrated lecture on the "Life and Character of St. Paul," and the lecture will be followed by the public initiation of a large class of men into the first two degrees.

A musical service will be given at Plymouth church Sunday evening by the quartet. The new members of the choir, Mrs. Marie Graves, soprano, and Mrs. Louis M. Park, contralto, will have special numbers. In the morning Dr. George F. Herrick of Constantinople will speak on "Present Conditions, Religious, Educational and Racial, in Turkey." Dr. Herrick has long been resident at Constantinople and is thoroly versed in all the delicate phases of the eastern question.

The special work in Bethlehem Presbyterian parish is proceeding in a most encouraging manner. Eight meetings in the homes of the people have been held this week. This evening meetings will be as follows at John H. Downings, 3117 Dupont avenue; Mr. Cornell's, 2541 Bldrich avenue S; David Craig, Jr., 2717 Harriet avenue; Mrs. Whicher's, 2611 Stevens avenue. Special evangelistic meetings in the church Sunday evening.

G. L. Morrill will speak at the People's church, Masonic Temple, Sunday at 11 a. m., on "Traffic in Souls." D. L. Cubberly will sing a barytone solo, "In His Steps," by Manfried. The Danz orchestra will play Paraphrase, "Ben Bolt," by Brode, "Melodienkranz Potpourri," by Barr, and selection, "Carmen," by Bizet. Theatrical people, hotel transients and down town non-church goers are especially invited to the service.

The Young People's Christian union of the Church of the Redeemer will meet at 6:30 p. m., in the young people's clubroom. This is "Christian Union Day," and the topic will be "The One Thing Needful in Our Union Work. Faithfulness. To Whom? To What?" Cordial invitation is extended to all to atten dthese meetings.

The twentieth anniversary of the Open Door Congregational church will be celebrated Sunday. Special services will be held morning and evening. Greetings from charter members and former pastors will be part of the morning program, and Mrs. C. E. Sinclair will sing. Miss Cook and Mrs. Cotton will sing in the evening. The pastor is Rev. Wm. Alfred Gerrie.

At the Hennepin Avenue Methodist church tomorrow the quartet will sing Van Laer's Te Deum and sing "O Heavens," by Tours. Colonel Frank M. Joyce will lead a young people's meeting at 6:30 p. m.

The Gideons will have charge of the meeting at the Union mission Sunday at 7:30 p. m. The meeting at the Volunteers' hall Saturday at 8 p. m. will also be in their charge.

Rev. Arthur T. Fowler, pastor of the Calvary Baptist church, will preach for the Trinity church Sunday morning. Dr. George H. Bridgman will supply the Calvary church.

"Interviews with Christ" will be the subject of a new series of prayer meeting topics inaugurated this week at the Linden Hills Congregational church.

At the First Baptist church Sunday morning the anthem will be Beethoven's "The Heavens Are Declaring."

The Ladies' Social circle of the Church of the Redeemer will meet next Wednesday at 2:30 p. m. in the young people's clubroom at the church.

Rev. E. Y. Hill of Logansport, Ind., will preach at Andrew Presbyterian church, Sunday.

PEOPLE'S PULPIT

G. L. MORRILL.

WATCH.

I HAD been pulled and pushed up the steps of the Cheops pyramid, two to four feet at a time, until I was higher than St. Peter's. I gave my tall, turbaned, brown-bloused guides bucksheesh, took a drink of Nile water from a clay jar, added a scarab and typhoon to my collection of antiquities, and sat down on the granite flat apex to get my breath and set my bones back in their sockets.

Beneath and beyond me lay a hundred-mile view which included the sandy Sahara sea, with its white-capped Bedouin tents, picturesque palm trees, beautiful Cairo, with its citadel and minarets, the silent, sleepless sphinx, Cephren pyramid, that monarch's tomb, and the fertile banks of the silver Nile, which had long ago rocked little Moses to sleep and played love's music for Cleopatra and Antony.

After I had written a postal card home, and waved my silk flag with true American pride, I started to come down alone, for I was tired of my jabbering guides. I dismissed one and kept one—even he seemed unnecessary, for the descent looked easy. No. 2 went away reluctantly, and No. 1 held my left hand with his two. I started to step down a three-foot stone, turned my right ankle I had sprained when a boy, stumbled and lost my balance. I would have bounced into death long before reaching the base, 450 feet below, if Ali had not jerked me back, and the other ally come to my rescue, telling me what a "big fool" I was, and how, if I had been killed, he would have lost his job as guide for the season.

I quietly consented to be helped down, and watched my steps as carefully as a baby just learning to walk.

Life is a pyramid. Many histories are summed up in the Scripture: "My feet were almost gone, my steps had well nigh slipped."

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