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WANTS COLORED BISHOP

Two Elections to Be Made by the Methodists Today.

BOWMAN AND FOSTER RETIRE

Colored Delegates at the Cleveland Conference Urged the Choice of One of Their Race—Pathetic Scenes on the Retiring of the Old Bishops.

Cleveland, Ohio, May 14.—The general conference of the Methodist Church met at 8:40 a. m. today, with Bishop Malanin in the chair.

The reports of the committee on episcopacy were presented by the Rev. Dr. Buckley.

Report No. 1 recommended the retirement of the senior bishop, Thomas W. Bowman, and of Bishop Randolph S. Foster, on account of non-effectiveness.

A most impressive scene followed the reading of the report.

Bishop Foster arose and amid the almost tearful sobs of the vast assembly declared his retirement from any office as acting as their judgment dictated.

He asked permission to retire. Bishop Bowman asked to be retired, as "I have just learned," he said, "that I am non-effective."

George H. Bridgman offered a substitute, which provided that Bishop Bowman and Bishop Foster be not retired, and that the board of bishops be asked to give them light work.

Dr. Braddock said that "the report of the committee was unadvised. Who are these men of whom Dr. Buckley and his committee propose to say to the church, to brother churches and the world that they are non-effective? They are those who have done most for Methodism. The majority report would be exceedingly hurtful to the church."

ROSEY IN THE REPORT. Rev. Dr. Lantahan of Baltimore said: "There is a great deal of honor in the report. The honor, however, is a very good way to smooth the way for the retirement of things that have been set out of discussion and not to be said. I think, sir, that the proceedings of this Episcopacy committee have been unparalleled in the history of the church. For the honor of the church, I hope it may occur again."

Dr. Buckley was given permission to reply to Dr. Lantahan. Dr. Buckley's reply was delivered in a very earnest manner. During the debate much difficulty was had by Bishop Malanin in keeping the delegates from applauding.

He said that the matter under discussion was a delicate one and that the conference would refrain from applause, at least until this particular matter was passed. The substitute was tabled and the report adopted, retiring Bishops Bowman and Foster.

FOR A COLORED BISHOP. Rev. Dr. Brooks of Washington, a colored delegate, said: "The desire for a colored bishop comes from all over the people of the church. What we want is a black bishop, not because he is black, but a black bishop because he is black."

Rev. E. W. S. Hammond, of Lexington, one of the leading colored divines at the church, said that he was the secretary of a bishop of African descent because his work is needed among the blacks of the country.

Rev. J. Wilson, of Baltimore, offered the following as a substitute for the report: "That in the selection of bishops the delegates should be untrammeled, and therefore the race or nationality of a bishop is not to be a consideration."

W. H. Thomas, colored, of North Carolina, said: "Including the eighteen bishops there are forty-four general conference officers, and of these there are twenty-one colored men. Why do we not have a colored representative? Is that just?"

Rev. Anderson C. B. Mason, of Savannah, who is one of the leaders of Southern Methodism, said he hoped that there would be nothing more to be said on this subject, but at the same time he thought the time had come to elect a colored bishop. The previous question was ordered and the substitute tabled. The committee report was then passed.

Dr. Buckley read report No. 3 from the committee on episcopacy, which declared that there should be three more bishops elected.

A report was amended by making the number of bishops to be elected two instead of three. The report was then adopted. The two new bishops will be elected at the next conference morning.

Alfred Grants Reprise. Springfield, Ill., May 14.—Gov. Sigel today granted a reprieve to Nic Marzen, who was convicted of murdering Chris Holliday, March 29, 1897. Marzen was to have been hanged tomorrow.

Fell in Trying to Board a Train. Pottsville, Pa., May 14.—Reginald H. Jaffray, while running to catch the train this morning at the New York Central station, fell from the platform at Irvington, fell as he was about to jump on the platform of the car. His right leg went on the track and he was cut off below the knee. He will probably die.

Shot When He Had a Drink. Pottsville, Pa., May 14.—Landlord Hepler of the Central Hotel, at Centralia, was shot dead at 1 o'clock this afternoon by Michael Corrigan, to whom the landlord had refused to sell a drink. Corrigan had three shots at which took effect. Corrigan escaped.

Wellington, Kansas, Bank Closes. Wellington, Kan., May 14.—The Summer National Bank closed its doors this morning at 11 o'clock in its premises. The comptroller was notified. No statement of liabilities is given out, but it is believed the depositors will be protected.

WHEN wearables of all kinds, for Men and Boys, are here in abundance. Suits in Serge, Unlined Tweeds and Worsteds, Linen and Crash Suits, Serge Coats, Duck Trousers, Coats and Vests in Pongee, Mohair, Alpaca, Seersucker and kindred fabrics. The biggest clothing value you ever saw are those All-Wool, Fast-Color Blue and Black Clay Serge Suits at TEN DOLLARS. They'll fit. They'll wear as well and prove as satisfactory as any you'd see elsewhere for \$15. NEGLIGEE SHIRTS, styles, qualities, and patterns to tally, different from the usual ready-to-wear ones, \$1, \$1.50, \$2, and up. None in town to compare with them at the same or higher prices. We couldn't do our Straw Hat stock justice in a whole page advertisement, so we will only mention that every style and quality worth having is HERE. Specially good values in Boys' Sailors and Yachts at FIFTY CENTS and \$1, and Men's Flat Brim Sailors at \$1.50 and \$2; others as low as 50c and as high as \$3.50. Fashionable, faultless-fitting fine footwear for Men and Boys. Tan Shoes, \$2.50 and up.

W. H. Johnson, Chery & Co., 12th and F Sts. Clothing, Furnishings, Hats, Shoes.

MARCHING TOWARD HAVANA

Gomez, With Strong Reinforcements, Again Invades Matanzas.

NONCOMBATANTS HANGED BY THE INSURGENTS—PROPERTY OF PEACEFUL SPANISH SETTLERS BURNED.

(Special to The Times.) (Copyrighted by James Gordon Bennett.) Havana, May 14.—Advices from Matanzas yesterday report that Maximo Gomez, with important rebel reinforcements from the Orinoco and Las Villas, has again invaded Matanzas province and is making forced marches toward Havana province, the object of the insurgent leader being to attract Spanish attention and enable Maceo to break the trotea on the Pinar del Rio line.

Gomez's advance is commended by Periquito Perez, who camped on the outskirts of Nueva Paz Tuesday night.

A correspondent in Matanzas reports that the insurgents hanged several non-combatants near Benavides, and burned the property of several peaceful Spanish settlers, who have taken no part in the struggle.

Madrid, May 14.—The Epoca, an official organ, repeats the comments of the European press, chiefly British and French, which are chiefly to Spain in her difficulties with the United States growing out of this situation in Cuba.

Alluding to these comments, the Epoca expresses hope that the moral support of the European nations will finally be converted from resolutions on their part into actions.

The hanged, unjust and defiant action of the United States, the paper adds, is in opposition to all international law and to European interests.

CHIEFS FOR MCKINLEY. This was greeted with enthusiastic cheers. The same committee, after their appointment, and at 1 o'clock the convention adjourned until 2 o'clock.

At 2 o'clock Hon. Charles Fairbank read the report of the committee on resolutions, which was unanimously adopted.

"We denounce the unnecessary issue of which the country is suffering, a transaction involving a money policy, which has surprised and pained every man who loves his country. We find great satisfaction in the fact that owing to the wise and courageous spirit of our Republicans the issue of the money policy has been justly and fairly settled."

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A TALE WITHOUT WORDS.

McKinley's A. P. A. Friends Invoked Hanna's Aid.

HARMONY NOW IN SIGHT

Ohio Delegates Now Feel Good and Declare That No Rift Will Mar the Late-President Traynor's Annual Address Made Public—It is a Mild Document, but Full of Warning.

Cincinnati, O., May 14.—It took the jury in the Scott Jackson case just two hours and eleven minutes today to reach a conclusion.

A deathlike silence prevailed as Clerk Beauder received the verdict and read it in measured, solemn tones: "We, the jury, find the defendant, Scott Jackson, guilty of the murder of Pearl Bryan and fix the punishment at death."

Despite the stringent instructions of the court to the contrary, there was a murmur of approval in the room and a few even applauded by clapping their hands. The prisoner at midtable, his eyes fixed on a table before him. There was not the slightest visible trace of emotion in any feature and he walked from the court room back to his cell with a firm and even step.

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MORTONS TOOK THE CUP

Washington Boys Easy Winners of the Prize Drill.

FAVORITES AT SAVANNAH

Crack Company Won Great Applause by Its Fine Work—Award of Prizes Will Be Made Today—Teams of Cadets Entered for the Rifle Contest to Help the Engineers.

Savannah, Ga., May 14.—In the presence of a large crowd this morning the Morton Cadets drilled in the interstate contest for the championship cup and \$2,500, which they won without much trouble.

The exhibition of rifle drilling by the boys won for Capt. Shilling and his drill team an unusual amount of applause and the admiration of all those who witnessed the contest.

Headed by the Mount Pleasant Dragoon Corps, passing the turn of the Morton cadets on the field at 10 a. m., upon which the crowd broke loose and did not subside until the cadets had marched around the field several times and were presented to the judges.

Both the extended and close-order programs, which proved to be quite catchy and difficult, were issued to the cadets last night, but they were not allowed to instruct their companies in regard to any points concerning it or to practice any movements whatever before the drill.

IN CATCHY DRESS. The close order drill occupied about thirty-five minutes, after which the companies were given sufficient time to change their uniforms for the extended order which took about fifteen minutes. The Morton boys took their separate company caps, black coats and duck trousers in the former drill and National Guard fatigue uniforms in the latter.

The work in both was a revelation to everyone who saw them, as the close order drill was even better than their best drill at Memphis. It is the opinion of every witness of the drill that the boys from Washington have won the cup by a good margin, as the program was executed with but one hitch in the things with black rifles, which were exceptionally good. Capt. Shilling only had to give three extra commands in the execution of the program.

Probably the most imposing and elaborate parade of troops, twenty-four companies in all, which has ever been seen in Savannah, was the parade of the Morton boys this afternoon. The city turned out en masse and received the marching band and the Morton boys who are prime favorites, receiving the bulk of the applause.

RIFLE MATCH TODAY. A unique feature of their appearance was the alteration of black and white duck trousers by every man in each rank.

Capt. Shilling acted as major of the First Battalion of visiting troops, while Lieut. Tralles commanded the company and First Lieut. C. F. Cook was in charge of the first platoon. Second Lieut. Konson occupied his own position.

It is rumored that the Neely Zouaves will be given permission to carry arms by the Governor of Georgia and that they will enter a team tomorrow, but no official announcement has been made.

As the expected team did not arrive for the company rifle match this morning, the Morton boys will enter a team tomorrow, so as to make a match for the benefit of the Engineers.

The men will very probably represent the company here. Taylor, L. O'Connell, Capt. Shilling, and Stewart.

The sponsor, Miss Skiles, and the five maid, notified the boys that they will receive tomorrow night, and the company will undoubtedly be there without an absentee.

Boycott Has No Effect. Milwaukee, Wis., May 14.—The public boycott is having its effect on the street railway company and the indications this afternoon point to an early settlement by arbitration. Manager Payne after a long consultation with Edward Goldsmith, chairman of the board, called a number of directors meeting, has consented to hold a conference at 4 o'clock this afternoon with the citizens committee and the strikers' committee.

Teller Men Elected. Pueblo, Col., May 14.—At the Second Congressional district convention, held here today, C. J. Hart of Pueblo and C. H. Brickenden of Colorado were elected delegates to St. Louis. They are Teller men and are under instructions not to bolt.

Seven Hundred Stoneasons Strike. Pittsburg, Pa., May 14.—Seven hundred stoneasons in Pittsburg went on strike today for an advance in wages from 30 to 38 cents per hour. The strike caused suspension of work on a number of buildings now in course of erection.

Congress Heights Office 631 Pa. ave. aw.

Squad Room Where the Ceiling Fell.

FACE DEATH EACH HOUR

Crumbling Barracks Alarm the Soldiers at the Arsenal.

SLEEP IN OLD ROOKERIES

Ceiling of Battery A's Squad Room Craved In—Great Cracks Are Appear and the Walls Are Out of Plumb—Men Ask in Vain for Protection from the Threatened Collapse.

If there is not a repetition of the Ford's Theater disaster down at the Arsenal pretty soon it will be because the threatened danger is remedied. Those concerned, however, build no castles on air. They are Federal aid, as the menace is not a new one.

Ordinarily a detail to Washington is the dream of a soldier. On the other hand, chasing cattle rustlers in the chaparral hunting Mexican bandits and the Arizona whapping buck are no indications of his future in his blunder and dream of some day a trick at the Capital.

But the men of Battery A, Fourth Artillery, are wishing they were back in the burderland with the perils of waterless plains or snow wastes rather than the present danger of death beneath the grinding timbers and walls of the old rattletrap buildings at the Arsenal, called by courtesy the barracks.

The government fact-woman warned of what will happen and the officers at the post have been told about it, but so far as could be learned yesterday no action has been taken in the matter and the lives of sixty men are now in jeopardy.

CEILING CAVED IN. On Wednesday morning forty square feet of the ceiling in the squad room of Battery A fell in. There were thirty men in the room at the time, and when they heard the rafters cracking rushed for the stairs and barely escaped with their lives. Had the accident occurred at night many men would in all probability have been killed or injured, and the government put to the expense of burying them. Perhaps this would be cheaper than building new quarters.

The men in Battery A have complained of their quarters on numerous occasions and it has been done to lessen the danger or make the quarters more secure. The present buildings were erected, it is said, in 1843. Since that time they have been used as quarters for men of the artillery and the cavalry. The row is on the eastern side of the long parade ground and the buildings face west. Battery A is quartered in the last building in the row, and it was on the second floor that the accident happened Wednesday morning.

The outer walls of the building are of brick, surrounded by a heavy stone wall. The floors are old and rotten. They have been re-covered with new pine boards, so that they have the appearance of newness when seen from the street, but underneath, however, will fling the illusion and lay bare the rottenness of the structure.

The building is a mere shell and a death trap for its occupants. Nearly every beam, rafter and cross piece in the entire structure is rotted, and great cracks through which one may see the sky and the stars are everywhere. The walls and floor are in a worse state than that.

The outer walls of this rickety pile are from three to six inches thick and are at the corners there are cracks both inside and out which are plainly visible from the street. The second floor is on the second floor and is thirty-two feet long and occupied each night. The portion of the ceiling which fell on Wednesday came down slowly, and the men were not aware of it.

Heavy beams which had rotted to the core, broke and crashed down upon them. It was only the time of day at which the accident happened that saved the lives of the men who occupy these quarters. Had they been asleep at the time they would have been crushed to death beneath the mass of rafters and heavy framing that came down.

JUST MISSED DEATH. In this squad room the "setting up" exercises are gone through several times a week. At these times the entire building is swayed and the men are in a tremor. Some time ago the men complained to Capt. Wagon, who commands the battery. He ordered that canvas be stretched across the ceiling to prevent, as far as possible, the plaster and beams from coming down upon them.

At the time of the accident on Wednesday a crowd of men had just entered the lower hallway with a roll of canvas and were about to ascend the stairs when the crash came. Had it occurred ten minutes later these men would have been carried down with a falling mass and buried beneath the beams on the floor below.