

MASS MEETING

Last Night of the District Epworth Leaguers Wound Up

IN A BLAZE OF ENTHUSIASM

Their Seventh Annual Convention—Proceedings of the Day Very Interesting. Junior Epworth League Rally in the Afternoon—Mr. W. H. Patterson, of Wheeling, Elected President.

The Wheeling district annual convention of the Epworth League ended last night in a blaze of enthusiasm, after its sessions of two days in this city at Chapline street M. E. church. Like Monday's proceedings, those of yesterday attracted a large crowd, besides the full representation of delegates from all parts of the district.

The convention resumed its business yesterday morning with a praise and song service. The committee on credentials recommended that the Junior Leaguers be allowed to sit in the convention, without taking part in the election of officers; adopted.

Miss Maude Curtis, of West Liberty, read an excellent paper on "The Model Devotional Meeting." Miss Curtis clearly defined what constituted the model devotional meeting, and said that the success of the meeting could only be secured when there was had sweet communion with Christ.

Mr. S. B. Blair, of Moundsville, had a carefully prepared paper on "The Advantages of the Epworth League Reading Course." His paper was brim full of good thoughts, logical and suggestive of many practical advantages to be gained from the Reading Course.

Discussion on Mr. Blair's paper followed, the participants being J. D. Muldoon, W. E. Patterson, Rev. E. D. Hanna, R. B. Evans, L. W. Roberts, A. Denton and Dr. J. L. Sooy. All spoke very thoughtfully, and the discussion was fruitful of good suggestions.

After a ten-minute intermission Rev. C. B. Graham delivered a very interesting talk on "How can the Epworth League Help the Sunday School?"

Dr. J. L. Sooy made one of his characteristic practical talks on "Bible Study Among Epworthians."

Rev. L. W. Roberts, S. B. Blair and Miss Pearl Dorsey were appointed a committee to revise the constitution.

Adjournment was taken at noon. The delegates were then feasted in the Sunday school room and did ample justice to the bountiful spread.

Afternoon Session.

At 2 o'clock the delegates filed into the auditorium. An enjoyable song service was the opening of an afternoon that was an inspiration to the most lukewarm worker. The Junior Leaguers were out in force, and the discussions under the head of "miscellaneous business" were treated.

Before the Junior programme was taken up, Secretary Leach read a communication from the American Anti-Saloon League. The communication suggested that the convention send delegates to the National Anti-Saloon convention, which is to be held in Columbus, Ohio, January 11, 12 and 13, 1898.

The suggestion was unanimously endorsed, and Secretary Leach was authorized to convey to the secretary of the Anti-Saloon League, the action of the Wheeling District League, which elected the following delegates to the Columbus convention: Dr. A. Moore, Rev. R. B. Evans.

Mr. Evans spoke of the Epworth League International Convention which meets in Toronto, Canada, from July 15 to 18, inclusive. Mr. Evans brought out the advantages of the trip to Toronto, the opportunity of visiting Niagara Falls, and the exceptionally low rates, aside from the spiritual good to be received from contact with a great gathering of religious workers.

Rev. D. A. Denton, editor of the Methodist Episcopal Times, spoke in the interest of his paper, and showed the needs of such a journal for the church in West Virginia. Mr. Denton also spoke in favor of the conference ministry at Buckhannon.

Dr. Moore asked as many of the Leaguers in the district as possible to attend the Moundsville camp grounds on August 20, "Epworth League Day." Bishop Fowler will be present and make an address that day.

Junior Leaguers.

At 3 o'clock the Junior Epworth League took possession of the church. As hundreds of the little folks, happy, bright-faced children, marched up the aisles behind the white and gold banners of their respective chapters, many of the older Leaguers were deeply moved and shouted for joy.

Said Secretary John W. Leach, as he glanced over the children, smiling in their joy, and radiant in good clothes, badges and flowers: "There's the hope of the country. Get the children first, and you'll crush out the liquor traffic."

The children were packed on all sides. They filled the space behind the choir railing, and every pew in the church. The older folks stood up to make room for the Juniors. Girls were in the majority, and their spring hats and gaily colored dresses, massed together, reminded one of a flower garden.

Some of the smallest girls brought their dolls with them. Miss Pearl Dorsey, of Moundsville, superintendent of the district League, presided. As Chapline street had no Junior League, previous to yesterday, when one was organized, the address of welcome was delivered by Mr. Henry Hervey, of Triadelphia.

After spiritual work, prayer and singing, Miss Mary Stanton, Fourth street, and Miss Levidia Utworth, Thomson, told of the work of their chapters in the mercy and help department.

Rev. L. W. Roberts, of Wesley, spoke on "What Juniors can do for Missions." His remarks caught the masculine element of the Juniors, and they applauded his cheering words vigorously.

Misses Wenley and Brannon, of Benwood, sang a very pretty duet. Ethel McConnell, of Wesley, gave the key word of its department of literary work, and Miss Mary Otto, of Zane street, spoke in a similar strain.

Miss Marie King, of Triadelphia, sang "Little Raindrops." Her sweet, childish voice has won her renown on former occasions, but her efforts were never more loudly applauded than at the close of her enjoyable selection.

"Literary Work We have Done," was the theme of an interesting paper from Miss Edith Lewis, of New Martinsville. Miss Mabel McCoy, of Triadelphia, who is possessed of a rich contralto voice, charmingly rendered "One Sweetly Solemn Thought."

Under the sub-division of "Social Department," Lester Rogers, of Moundsville, was the first to speak. His view of the social side of Junior League work was a very bright side, and he struck a responsive chord in the breasts of his older auditors.

Bessie Wheeler, of Triadelphia, spoke of the social department in the chapter she represented.

Miss Nellie Reece, of Wesley Chapel, rendered a musical recitation, in a pleasing and effective manner.

Rev. D. A. Denton then addressed the Juniors. He questioned the children, and elicited ready answers. His address throughout was inspiring.

Result of the Convention. It was five o'clock when the Juniors' rally concluded. It was the most suc-

cessful ever held in this district, and the organization and gathering together of the children represents much hard work and careful, patient training upon the part of those in charge. "But," said Dr. Moore, "the work is fruitful, and significant of the progressive trend of Methodism. The Sunday school room lacks just what the Junior League supplies, and we base much of our hope in the church upon the men and women of the next decade."

Speaking of the convention in general, Dr. Moore said that the quality of the papers and addresses was superior to any of the previous conventions, and he felt pleased beyond expression thereby.

The Night Session.

Despite the threatening weather, the large crowds of the previous evening were duplicated at night, thronging the auditorium and the basement, where an overflow meeting was held. The gathering was very enthusiastic, and the right of way was given to the League, with displays of enthusiasm, cheering and waving of handkerchiefs.

After devotional service, there were five-minute talks on "What Promise Does the Epworth League Give for a Greater Methodism?" This was an inspiring theme for the ardent Leaguers, to whom it was assigned: W. E. Patterson, Rev. B. R. Evans and Rev. C. E. Clarke.

Mr. Patterson is at home when speaking to a young people's gathering, and he was especially so last night in addressing the district Leaguers, who had elected him their president for the ensuing year.

Rev. B. R. Evans and Rev. C. E. Clarke said in the Epworth League glowing promises for a greater, more enthusiastic and far-reaching Methodism. All the remarks were full of point and were well received.

Miss Jessie M. Clemans rendered a pleasing instrumental solo, followed by an excellent reading by Prof. F. H. Crago.

Miss Kate Wincher had a splendid paper on "The Model Epworthian," and read it with good enunciation.

A double quartette from the Moundsville League sang "Montani Semper Liberi," to the delight of all. The following ladies and gentlemen were in the quartette: Misses Madge Mathews, Alice Sanford, Margaret Hammond, Alice Hamilton, L. E. Stidger, Wilbur Hammond, Lorn Stewart and Dr. W. J. Carney.

The next three numbers on the programme were contributed by members of the Benwood chapter. The first was a paper, "The Aims of the League," read by Miss Nora Dolbear, who carefully outlined the beneficial purposes of the organization.

Miss Annie Peley, a talented vocalist, excellently rendered a vocal selection.

The final literary selection was rendered by Prof. George M. Ford, he reciting "Our Folks." Possessed of an admirable stage presence, a magnetic voice of great depth, and with the necessary sympathy for his selection, Prof. Ford gave it an expressive treatment that made "Our Folks" one of the gems of an entertaining programme.

The proceedings closed with the congregational singing of "God be With You Till We Meet Again." The vast assemblage sang this appropriate hymn with a will, and the seventh annual convention of the Epworth League of Wheeling district came to a close. It has been the most successful yet held, and the League will receive therefrom an impetus which will make this organization advance into further growth by gigantic strides.

All the delegates will have left the city for their homes by this evening. They are loud in their praises of the hospitalities afforded them by the pastor, Rev. William Anderson, and the congregation of Chapline street church. The report of the committee on resolutions, which thanked Chapline street church for its generous treatment, was enthusiastically received and adopted, as were the resolutions thanking the citizens of Wheeling and the daily press for reports of the convention.

Officers Elected.

The various committees made their reports in the latter part of the day. The officers for the coming year are as follows: President, W. E. Patterson, Wheeling.

First Vice President, James A. Sigafos, Moundsville. Second Vice President, Miss Maude O. Curtis, West Liberty.

Third Vice President, Miss Mollie Wincher, Wheeling. Fourth Vice President, S. G. Grandstaff, Dallas.

Secretary, J. D. Muldoon, Triadelphia. Treasurer, Mrs. Eva Hubbard, Fulton.

Junior Superintendent, Miss S. Pearl Dorsey, Moundsville, re-elected. Superintendent Epworth Guards, George Waterhouse, Wheeling, re-elected.

Executive committee—Dr. A. Moore, Dr. J. L. Sooy, Wheeling; S. B. Blair, Moundsville.

The finances were reported in good condition. All expenses have been met and a slight balance is in the treasury. New Martinsville was selected as the next place of holding the annual convention. The date will be set later by the district cabinet.

"A CONTENTED WOMAN."

Hoyt's Play Charmed the Finest Audience of the Season.

Last night the finest audience of the season—also the largest, for the standing room only sign was put up shortly after 8 o'clock—saw the first presentation in Wheeling of the latest Hoytian comedy, "A Contented Woman," in which the playwright's wife, Caroline Miskel Hoyt, is starring. Star and play and the supporting company all charmed the audience. The play was written for Mrs. Hoyt and it is anything but a misfit. The dialogue is brimful of humor that keeps the audience constantly employed in its appreciation. Of the company, it can be said that it is the best that has ever appeared here in any of the Hoyt comedies.

Mrs. Hoyt's costumes divided honors with the play itself—possibly did more than that with one-half of the audience.

The story sets forth the woes of one Berton Holme, who has been nominated for the mayoralty in Denver. Holme has some high words with his pretty wife, but she in turn forgives him, and helps to cheer him up by sewing a necessary button upon his overcoat. Much hinges upon this fateful button, for it is sewed in the wrong place, and Holme, with a horrid imprecation, tears it off, slams the door, and rushes away to political demonstration in the rain. His wife is indignant, and her heart waxing rebellious under the thoughtless ingratitude of her husband, she accepts the nomination to run against her lord, and master for the office of mayor, leading the ticket of the reform party. A long catalogue of laughable complications follows in the train of this situation, and peace is only restored at the final curtain.

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GRAND COMMANDERY MEETING

Of West Virginia is to be held—The Feature, from the Public's Point of View, is the Parade, which Starts at 8:30 in the Afternoon—Seven Hundred Men will be in Line if the Weather is Fair—Business Meetings in the Afternoon.

GENERAL ORDER NO. 1.

Aides will report promptly at 2 o'clock, corner Chapline and Fourteenth streets. Commanderies will be in line at 7 p. m., ready to move promptly at 8 p. m.

JOHN W. MORRIS, Chief Marshal.

The West Virginia Grand Commandery, Knights Templar, holds its annual meeting in Wheeling to-day, and already the knights are pouring into town numerously, many having arrived on last night's trains, including Grand Recorder Dunnington, of Fairmont, and Grand Treasurer D. W. Emmons, of Huntington. Most of the visitors are to be entertained at the Windsor and McLure, the former having been made the headquarters of West Virginia commandery, and the latter for Cyrene commandery.

From the public's point of view, the most interesting feature of the meeting will be the street demonstration at 2:30 o'clock this afternoon. It is believed that 600 to 700 uniformed, perfectly and gorgeously equipped and highly drilled men will be in line, making the finest spectacular event of the kind ever witnessed in Wheeling. Chief Marshal John W. Morris has issued a general order, printed above, in which he calls for the formation of the various commanderies on Fourteenth street, with right resting on Market street, at 2:15 o'clock. The line will move promptly at 2:30 o'clock over the following route: On Market to Ninth, to Main, to Twenty-fourth, to Chapline, to Twentieth, to Market, to Fourteenth, where the parade will be reviewed by the officers of the Grand Commandery. The several commanderies will be deployed along Market between Twelfth and Fourteenth streets, and will make a brilliant spectacle.

Chief Marshal Morris has as aides, Messrs. John K. List, Conrad Hirsch, Alfred Paul and J. E. Brown. The following commanderies will participate in the parade: Tancred, of Pittsburgh, Allegheny, of Allegheny; Uhrichville, of Uhrichville; Hope, of St. Clairsville; Demolay, of Gratton; Huntington, of Huntington; Calvary, of Parkersburg; Crusade, of Fairmont; Wheeling and Cyrene, of Wheeling.

Tancred and Allegheny commanderies, of Pittsburgh, will come in on a special Pan Handle train, arriving at 12:30 p. m., and will be accompanied by the Fourteenth Regiment band, of Pittsburgh. The Fairmont commandery will be accompanied by the Uniontown (Pa.) band, and other commanderies will come with their own music.

The two local commanderies will spend the morning in receiving the visiting commanderies as they arrive at the passenger stations.

At noon the first session of the Grand Commandery will convene at the Masonic temple. After the appointment of committees there will be an adjournment until 4 o'clock in the afternoon, when the business of the meeting, including the election of officers, will be taken up. The present grand commander will be succeeded by Colonel L. N. Tavenner, of Calvary commandery, Parkersburg.

Cyrene commandery, at the McLure, and Wheeling commandery, at the Windsor, will hold receptions in honor of the visitors, between the hours of 6 and 9 p. m., and then the two commanderies will unite in a reception and banquet at the McLure, lasting from 9 to 12 o'clock.

Scottish Rite headquarters have been opened by that branch of the order, at 1223, 1222 Market street, with Colonel Thomas Darrach in charge. The room is handsomely decorated.

Many business men were swinging decorations to the breeze last night in honor of the Knights Templar gathering. The black, red and white of the order make a pretty combination of colors.

Baggage headquarters, for the convenience of the visitors, have been established at 1412 Main street, where baggage can be deposited for safe keeping.

The board of public works had a large force of men engaged last night cleaning the streets preparatory to the parade to-day. Though the predictions of the weather man are not encouraging, the knights are hopeful for clear weather.

A. O. U. W. OUTING

To be held at Wheeling Park on the Ninth of June.

The annual outing committee, made up of three members from each of the several lodges of the Ancient Order of United Workman in Wheeling, held a well attended meeting last night, for the purpose of arranging for the annual outing of the order in Wheeling.

The committee decided upon June 9 as the date and Wheeling Park as the place for the outing. Dr. H. B. Baguley, of Welcome Lodge, was chosen chief marshal, and he will appoint aides and arrange for the street parade, which will occur at 10 a. m. Two bands are to be engaged, one for escort duty in bringing the South Side Lodges to town, and the Opera House band is to furnish the music at the park.

Novel and interesting entertainments will be given in the park casino, afternoon and evening. The committee will hold its second meeting next Tuesday evening.

FOR POSTAL SERVICE

Civil Service Examination to be Held Here Next Month.

The United States civil service commission has ordered that an examination be held by its local board in this city on Saturday, June 5, 1897, commencing at 9 o'clock a. m., for the grade of clerk-carrier in the postal service. Only citizens of the United States can be examined. The age limitations for this examination are as follows: Carriers over eighteen and under forty; clerk-carriers over eighteen, graded, and certified with entire impartiality, and wholly without regard to any consideration save their efficiency, as shown by the grades they obtain in the examination.

THE Westfield, (Ind.) News prints the following in regard to an old resident of that place: "Frank McCoy, for many years in the employ of the L. N. A. & C. Railway here, says: 'I have used Chamberlain's Colic, Cholera and Diarrhoea Remedy for ten years or longer—I am never without it in my family. I consider it the best remedy of the kind manufactured. I take pleasure in recommending it.' It is a specific for all bowel disorders. For sale by druggists.

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THE PHILHARMONIC

Concert Drew a Large and Delighted Audience, Notwithstanding the Strong Theatrical Attractions.

That Wheeling can to-day put up a musical attraction against a well advertised show and get an audience, was proven last night at the Philharmonic Quartet concert.

The music was exceptionally fine, made up from the writings of Haydn, Schubert, Jonas, Froehlich, Gounod and Beethoven.

Mrs. Martha Whitaker was the vocalist of the evening, and artistically sang Schubert's "Wanderer" and Gounod's "There is a Green Hill far Away." This was Mrs. Whitaker's first appearance before a Philharmonic audience, some members of which had before this never had an opportunity of hearing her, and they now may be added as admirers of one who, for many years, has held her own among Wheeling's foremost vocalists.

All the Quartet work was unusually fine. The "Haydn Quartet, opus No. 2" was exquisite throughout, and should be classed as the gem, everything considered, of the repertoire up to this time. The Beethoven number, "Quartet for 18 No. 3," had been played at a former concert, but last night's rendering was made more satisfactory to the audience, and from the programme is copied the following truisms, by which uninterrupted attendance at these series of concerts will be recognized: "Beethoven's quartets on a first hearing are difficult to comprehend and enjoy, on account of the complexity of the thematic work and the exhaustive manner in which the subjects are treated. Appreciation grows with closer acquaintance, however, and as the hidden beauties of the music begin, one after the other, to reveal themselves to the student, they never fail to arouse in him the greatest admiration for the wonderful genius and colossal knowledge of the great master."

There is much interest in musical circles in the coming W. C. E. Seebock piano recital on Friday evening at the Opera House. Mr. Seebock is the most interesting performer on the piano in this country. His style is considered to more closely resemble that of Liszt than any other pianist. While giving recitals which, from an educational point of view, are unexcelled, he is not unwilling on occasions to bring from the piano melody that awakens the enthusiastic admiration of those who have not been trained to appreciate the intricate harmonies of Wagner or Brahms.

THE RIVER.

YESTERDAY'S DEPARTURES. Cincinnati...KEYSTONE STATE, 8 a. m. Pittsburgh...HUDSON, 10 a. m. Parkersburg...HUR, 11 a. m. Matamoras...LEXINGTON, 11 a. m. Sistersville...RUTH, 1:30 p. m. Clarksburg...LEROY, 2:30 p. m.

BOATS LEAVING TO-DAY. Charleston...KANAWHA, 6:30 a. m. Pittsburgh...HEN HUR, 4 p. m. Sistersville...RUTH, 2:30 p. m. Clarksburg...LEROY, 2:30 p. m. Pittsburgh...LORENA, midnight.

BOATS LEAVING TO-MORROW. Pittsburgh...H. K. BEDFORD, 6:30 a. m. Cincinnati...HUR, 4 p. m. Parkersburg...ARGAND, 11 a. m. Matamoras...LEXINGTON, 11 a. m. Sistersville...RUTH, 2:30 p. m. Clarksburg...LEROY, 2:30 p. m.

Along the Landing.

The marks at 6 p. m. showed 8 feet and falling. Weather, cloudy and warm, with rain.

River Obstruction.

Captain W. H. Christian, of the United States snagboat E. A. Woodruff, sends the following to the river editor of the Intelligencer: "All persons interested in navigation on the Ohio river are kindly requested to communicate to Major W. H. Heuer, corps of engineers, U. S. A., or W. H. Christian, master of U. S. snagboat E. A. Woodruff, custom house, Cincinnati, Ohio, the locality of any known obstruction in the channel of the Ohio river, and in reporting wrecks to please state, if possible, the cause and date of sinking and name of steamboat having charge of wrecks at the time they were sunk. All wrecks that have been obstructions to navigation interests for more than sixty days will be removed by the government without liability to the owners."

River Telegrams.

GREENSBORO—River 8 feet 6 inches and falling. Light rain. The James G. Blaine is due up and down on Wednesday.

PARKERSBURG—The Ohio river is 9 feet 9 inches and falling. Weather cloudy with a heavy rain during the afternoon. Passed down and up: The Ben Hur and Bob Ballard. Passed down: The Keystone State. Up: The Valley Belle. Passed up with empties: The Toronado, H. D. Wood, Vallant, Dick Fulton. The Little Kanawha is falling. All the locals were on time.

WARREN—River 2 feet 9 inches. Weather clear and warm.

PITTSBURGH—River 7 feet and rising at the dam. Raining.

MORGANTOWN—River 8 feet and stationary. Heavy clouds, sprinkling, mercury 70.

OIL CITY—River 4 feet 1 inch and falling. Weather cloudy and pleasant.

STEBUNVILLE—River 7 feet and rising. Raining and warm. Passed up: The Raymond Horner, John Moren, Percy Kelsey, Resolute and Hudson. Passed down—The Kanawha.

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