

ANNUAL MEETING

Sykesville W. C. T. U. Holds An Interesting Session.

A large and especially interesting meeting of the W. C. T. U. of Sykesville and Gaithersburg was held at the home of Mrs. John Harris, on Tuesday afternoon, September 14. The gracious hostess introduced several visitors, among them being Mrs. Alice Fleming, who joined and was heartily welcomed.

A report of the Carroll County W. C. T. U. convention which met at Manchester, September 2nd, was read by Mrs. W. Alport.

Mrs. Harris read a letter from Mrs. Mary Haslip, State President, in which she extended a cordial invitation to delegates and others to attend the State W. C. T. U. convention at Atlantic Hotel, Ocean City, Md., September 28 to 30.

Those going from neighboring counties are requested to meet at Annapolis at eight o'clock Tuesday morning.

Those elected to the State Convention were: Mrs. William Fortman, delegate-at-large; Miss Annie Randall; Mrs. C. T. Kemp; Mrs. Wm. S. Shipley. An invitation was given baby Mary Agnes, Shipley, of the cradle role, to attend and begin her training for temperance work.

The Pan-American Temperance Congress of the dry forces of the world will meet in Washington, D.C., at the Pan-American Building, beginning Tuesday, September 21st and lasting through Sunday.

Prayers are requested for the success of the Conference, as the wet forces are making great efforts to upset the good that has already been done. The ladies of the District of Columbia have arranged a wonderful pageant to be held at the East front of the Capitol, as the opening feature, on Tuesday evening.

The Union was especially favored by the presence of the beloved and revered Railroad Evangelist, Miss Jennie Smith, who gave a most interesting talk of her experiences. She told of entering upon the temperance work over sixty years ago at Belmont, Ohio. She was then a helpless invalid from spinal trouble. The wives of three prominent citizens knelt by her couch and prayed that their husbands might be cured of the drink habit.

These heartbroken women so stirred the evangelist that she permitted her couch to be carried to the church where a temperance rally was in progress. Suffering severely, unable to raise her head from the pillow or use her hands, with lower limbs boxed, but having a great love in her heart for others needing uplift, she addressed the meeting. Overcoming a natural shyness, and forgetful of self she prayed, with tempted when who knelt beside her, heard their confes-

sions, and aided as God's messenger in their conversion.

She was carried into one saloon after another, and before large gatherings at the Court House. Thousands were brought under Christian temperance influence and saved. This was her first work in the W. C. T. U. For twenty years an invalid, sixteen of which being unable to walk, Miss Jennie Smith continued her loving ministry. Suddenly, in a single night she was healed!

The Evangelist told briefly of her work among railroad men; how thousands of them had been reached and converted.

She mentioned the button-hole bouquet with the scripture-text card tied to it by a white ribbon, distributed by the thousands, and how these little offerings often marked a turning point in the lives of men. She said they were many times treasured, and not long ago one of her converts returned to her a faded flower safely kept in a match box for fifteen years!

She made an earnest protest against home-made wine and cider, and a plea in behalf of men and children who suffer from the bad influence of it.

Miss Jennie Smith's latest book published a month ago, entitled: "Incidents and Experiences of a Railroad Evangelist" is on sale for one dollar a copy. It would be inspiring and helpful in every home; a most acceptable gift, and will lead many to know and love the Savior in whose steps she has followed on her saintly way.

God bless her!

County Press Superintendent, Sykesville, Md.

Train of 21 Freight Cars Stolen By Chicago Gang

Chicago, Sept. 3.—The freight train seized here last night by a band of men, believed to be members of the striking "outlaw" switchmen, was found today with the throttle wide open and 21 freight cars apparently untouched.

Several battles between freight crews and bands of striking switchmen last night in the yards at Cicero, Thomas White, engineer, was driven from his post at the point of a gun and Bert Zimpone, fireman, badly beaten. White gave the alarm and after several hours search the train was found.

White said the manner in which the thieves handled the engine convinced him they were experienced railroad men. Five suspects were arrested today.

Injury Proved Fatal

Emanuel Forney, who unfortunately had his right arm accidentally crushed while employed at Krohn's canning factory, Silver Run, several weeks ago, died of blood poisoning at the Maryland University Hospital.

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R & V Knight Expands

Of particular interest to the motor world is the recent announcement from East Moline, Illinois that the Root and Van Dervoort Engineering Company, veteran motor manufacturers, contemplate directing their entire manufacturing energy toward their popular motor car—the R & V Knight-Six. Marking a notable advancement in the history of their organization, this step was found necessary to meet the remarkable demand for this exclusive Knight motor car.

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