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THE PRESBYTERIANS.

Meeting of General Assembly of Southern Church.

THE ATTENDANCE VERY FULL.

Seventy-Eight Presbyteries Are Represented.

THE ELECTION OF MODERATOR.

A Reception—To Lay a Corner-Stone—The Virginia Commissioners—Interesting Session Expected—Northern Assembly at St. Louis.

ATLANTA, GA., May 17.—(Special.)—When the General Assembly of the Southern Presbyterian Church convened this morning at 11 o'clock in the spacious auditorium of the Central Presbyterian church of this city, there were nearly two hundred commissioners in attendance, representing seventy-eight presbyteries, scattered variously over the entire South, from Florida to Indian Territory, and from Maryland to Texas.

Rev. J. F. Cannon, D. D., of St. Louis, Mo., the retiring moderator, preached the opening sermon of the General Assembly, basing his discourse upon the Saviour's question, addressed to Simon Peter: "Simon, son of Jonas, lovest thou Me?" John xxi., 17. Dr. Cannon's theme was love as the test of discipleship, and he argued that no higher consideration could engage the attention of the General Assembly at the beginning of the deliberations than the one set forth in the text. He took the position that love was the great extinguisher of heresy and the great promoter of Christian unity and fellowship.

At the conclusion of this eloquent and impressive discourse prayer was offered by Dr. Theron H. Rice, pastor of the church, evoking God's blessing upon the General Assembly. Next, an appropriate hymn was sung, after which Dr. Cannon led in prayer, and then announced that the first business in order was the election of a moderator to preside over the deliberations of the session.

ELECTING A MODERATOR.

Captain C. A. Bridewell, of Hope, Ark., nominated Judge J. W. Martin, of Little Rock, Ark., stating that in the opinion of many of the members of the General Assembly it was only right and proper that the eldership should occasionally be represented in the moderator's chair. Judge Martin's nomination was seconded by Rev. A. J. Cheatham, of Potosi, Mo., and Rev. J. C. Williams, of Junction City, Ark. Dr. Charles Ghiselin, of Shepherdstown, W. Va., nominated Dr. G. W. Finley, of Fisherville, Va.

In presenting Dr. Finley's name to the General Assembly Dr. Ghiselin stated that he was not opposed to seeing the eldership represented in the moderator's chair, but that in comparatively recent years one of the elders of the Church had been so honored.

He declared that at the present time Dr. Finley was pre-eminently the man for the position, and he spoke in high terms of his character as a soldier, as a man, and as a minister of God. Dr. Finley's nomination was eloquently seconded by Hon. Z. W. Ewing, of Pulaski, Tenn.; Rev. G. N. Van Houten, of Manchester, Va.; and Rev. J. W. Wells, Ph. D., of Staunton, Va. Dr. Wells's speech was one of the best of the morning's session.

Rev. R. C. Anderson, of Shelbyville, Tenn., nominated Dr. R. C. Reed, of Columbia, S. C., whose nomination was seconded by Rev. G. A. Blackburn, of Columbia, S. C.; J. L. Dean, of Opelika, Ala., and R. E. McGill, of Nashville, Tenn. On the first ballot the vote stood: Martin, 73; Reed, 57, and Finley, 32. Before the next ballot was taken Dr. Finley's name was withdrawn. Only two candidates then remained before the General Assembly, and the result of the next ballot, when taken, was announced as follows: Martin, 89; Reed, 70. Judge Martin was thereupon declared the moderator.

He was escorted to the chair by Captain C. A. Bridewell, of Hope, Ark., and on receiving the gavel from the hands of the retiring moderator, Dr. Cannon, he expressed his gratitude for the honor in appreciated terms.

There being no further business of any importance to transact at the morning session, the General Assembly adjourned until to-morrow morning at 9 o'clock.

A RECEPTION.

To-night at 8 o'clock a formal reception was tendered to the commissioners at the Central Presbyterian church. Addresses of welcome were delivered by Rev. D. G. Armstrong, pastor of the Inman-Park Presbyterian church, and Rev. Dr. W. W. Landrum, pastor of the First Baptist church, to both of which the moderator, Judge Martin, responded in eloquent terms. Three sessions of the General Assembly will be held daily, and in order to facilitate matters, midday lunches will be served to the commissioners in the lecture-room of the church. On Tuesday afternoon of next week the General Assembly will lay the corner-stone of the Ninth Presbyterian church, which is now being erected on Peachtree street, Atlanta's most aristocratic thoroughfare.

Dr. R. P. Farris, of St. Louis, the permanent clerk, and Rev. W. A. Alexander, of Clarksville, Tenn., the stated clerk, are both in attendance upon the session.

Judge Martin will announce his committees to-morrow morning, and the General Assembly will then get down to business in good earnest. Perfect weather prevails at this time, and the prospects for its continuance are bright.

Each of the Virginia Presbyteries is represented by strong men, and they will be heard from during the session.

The following permanent officers are here with interesting reports to make: Rev. J. H. Lumpkin, Memphis, Tenn., secretary; Rev. J. N. Craigg, D. D., of Atlanta, Ga., secretary of home missions; Rev. S. H. Chester, D. D., of Nashville, Tenn., secretary of foreign missions; Rev. J. J. Hazen, of Richmond, Va., secretary of publication; Rev. D. C. Lilly, of Tuscaloosa, Ala., secretary of colored evangelization; Rev. R. P. Farris, of St. Louis, Mo., permanent clerk, and Rev. W. A. Alexander, of Clarksville, Tenn., stated clerk.

Several important matters will come up before the General Assembly for discussion, such as Christian education, the veto power of the General Assembly; the complication of another hymn-book; the duties of the editor of Colored Evangelization, &c.

Among the prominent members who are on special missions are Rev. John Fox, of New York, secretary of American Bible Society; Rev. F. R. Beattie, D. D., of Louisville, Ky.; Rev. Thomas H. Law, D. D., of Spartanburg, S. C.; Rev. T. W. Raymond, of Holly Springs, Miss.; Rev. R. J. Shaw, of Eureka Springs, Miss., and W. H. Neel, D. D., of Memphis, Tenn.

The Cumberland Presbyterians.

CHATTANOOGA, TENN., May 17.—The Cumberland Presbyterian General Assembly met here to-day, 227 commissioners attending. In the election of a moderator a generous sectional rivalry sprang up. Dr. Ira D. Landreth, of Nashville, Tenn., was nominated by the southern representatives; Dr. John R. O. Walker, by the West, and Dr. H. C. Bird, of Uniontown, Pa., by the East. Dr. Bird was elected by a small majority. To-night the communion was celebrated.

THE PRESBYTERIANS, NORTH.

One of the Delegates Drops Dead—Dr. Dickey Moderator.

ST. LOUIS, MO., May 17.—The 112th annual session of the Presbyterian General Assembly, the law-making body of that Church, began to-day at the Washington and Compton - Avenue Presbyterian church. Nearly 1,000 commissioners and delegates attended the session. Owing to important matters pending, the meeting probably will occupy a fortnight.

Rev. William R. Echols, of Middlesport, O., a commissioner representing Athens (O.) Presbytery, dropped dead in the church during this morning's session.

Rev. R. F. Sample, the retiring moderator, delivered his sermon.

This afternoon the election of a moderator to succeed Rev. Robert F. Sample, D. D., after a spirited contest, resulted in the choice of Rev. Charles A. Dickey, D. D., of Philadelphia, president of the Presbyterian Hospital.

"ADVANCED ORTHODOXY."

Rev. Joseph Rheaser, D. D., of St. Charles, Mo., nominated him, and Dr. Stewart, of Auburn, seconded the nomination, saying Dr. Dickey was a representative of advanced orthodoxy.

The names of Rev. Daniel Webster Fisher, D. D., LL. D., president of Hanover College, Indiana, and Rev. William McKibben, D. D., of the Lane Theological Seminary, Cincinnati, were also presented.

To-night's session was a devotional service, over which Retiring-Moderator Sample presided. Drs. Dickey, Roberts, and others are making up the committees.

Dr. McKibben will be chairman of the Judicial Committee, before which the McGiffert and other cases will come, on appeal.

MISSIONS FOR FREEDMEN.

The report of the Board of Missions for Freedmen showed that the receipts of 1899 show a balance in the treasury of $192, and indicated that the problem of the elevation of negroes was taking up greater general thought. The Temperance Committee reported that, on account of the lack of funds, work among the colored people of the South was almost suspended. It says the committee is perplexed and saddened regarding the apathy of a large portion of the Presbyterian Church on the question of the liquor traffic here and in our new possessions.

LOUISVILLE REUNION.

An Address to the Confederate Veterans.

The following explains itself:

New Orleans, La., May 12, 1900.

To all Commanding Officers, Commanders, and Adjutants of Camps:

Comrades,—The general commanding desires to urge you to attend the Louisville reunion, to be held on May 30th and 31st, June 1st, 2d, and 3d next, and to bring your families, and to influence all your friends you can to attend, as anyone who is not a veteran can also travel on the reduced railroad rates.

Please get your local papers to write it up, and to keep it before the public until the date of the reunion.

The splendid Reunion Committee at Louisville is a body of representative Confederates, who performed their duty nobly during the war, who left their homes and loved ones, and made every sacrifice which men could make for the southern cause, and they now want you to come to the metropolis of their native State, so they can dispense to you that boundless hospitality for which they have a world-wide reputation.

This magnificent body of Kentuckians are working day and night with intelligence, energy, and enthusiasm to do everything possible for your comfort and pleasure when you honor their city with your presence. Gallant soldiers themselves, they know what is due to you, and they will leave nothing untried or undone to give you the most cordial welcome upon your arrival; to strew your pathway with flowers while in their midst; and they will regret when you bid them farewell and take your departure, and will see that you carry home never-to-be-forgotten recollections of your visit to the "Falls City" and the reunion of 1900. Their first care will be for the comfort and pleasure of the private soldiers—the men who stood in the trenches and behind the guns. Everything is to be made subsidiary to their comfort and welfare.

After that they will see to it that all the officers, sponsors, maids of honor, Sons of Veterans, Daughters of the Confederacy, and visitors of all classes will receive that care and hospitality for which the city of Louisville is famous. Our important business will be transacted in Reunion Hall, a magnificent structure, built for this special occasion right upon the banks of the Ohio river. The city will be a mass of flags and bunting by day and a blaze of glory by night, as all the principal streets in the city in the business portions will be illuminated with red-and-white arches, from which will be suspended the names of some of our illustrious dead in electric colors, all to be crowned with a "Great Confederate Arch," the only one of its kind ever erected since the war in honor of the Confederate soldiers.

Barbecues, basket picnics, and many other entertainments of different kinds will be given, nearly all free, to the veterans; a sham battle, reproducing the battle of Perryville; representation of the gunboat battle of Fort Donaldson, excursions up and down the Ohio river, receptions tendered the sponsors and maids of honor by the Albert Sidney Johnston Chapter, Daughters of the Confederacy, and others; a grand ball to be given in the Confederate Reunion Hall, and many other amusements and entertainments will be given, to nearly all of which the old veterans are invited free.

Our annual parade will take place as usual, and on Sunday, the 3d day of June, in the Reunion Hall, the "memorial exercises" in memory of Mr. Davis, the "Daughter of the Confederacy," and all of "our dead" will be held. A band will be stationed at each division headquarters from the time of your arrival in Louisville and retained until your departure.

All department, division, and brigade commanders while in Louisville will have free use of the Postal and Western Union Telegraph on business connected with reunion matters.

There will be no Confederate hotel, as formerly, but meal tickets will be issued to those not able to pay, and free cots will also be supplied to them.

Nothing will be left undone by this magnificent committee which human ingenuity and forethought can provide.

By command of J. B. GORDON, General Commanding.

George Moorman, Adjutant-General and Chief of Staff.

STABBED BY NEGRO YOUTH.

J. J. Murphy Slashed in the Shoulder Severely Last Night.

J. J. Murphy, a white man, was severely stabbed on Broad street just above Seventh last night by Willie Hayes, a negro youth.

Murphy has been running a place where rings are put over canes for prizes. Last night, about 9 o'clock, the Hayes boy stole one of the canes. Murphy attempted to get the stick from him. Hayes drew a knife and cut the white man very badly about the shoulder. Special-Officers J. E. Whittaker and George King arrested Hayes and took him to the Second Station. Here the negro fought Policeman Foster desperately when that officer attempted to lock him up. But he locked him up. Dr. Fisher, in charge of the ambulance, treated Murphy.

One of the sights of Richmond is the Meyer Store.

THE BOER ENVOYS.

They Are Formally Welcomed to New York City.

THEIR MISSION TO AMERICA.

Peace With Honor for Their Country Sought.

ALL OF THE DELEGATES SPEAK.

They Are Encouraged by the Warmth of Their Reception—They Will Never Stop Fighting Till They Win Freedom—Forced to Fight.

NEW YORK, May 17.—The Boer delegates, Messrs. Wessels, Wolmarans, and Fischer, were given an official welcome this evening by the city of New York. Accompanied by the Reception Committee, and a delegation from the South African Club, the delegates drove to the City Hall, where the Municipal Assembly and Mayor Van Wyck were awaiting them.

Mayor Van Wyck said:

"I am delighted to welcome you to the city of New York, and to assure you that in America you will receive a cordial welcome from the liberty-loving people of this country.

"Never, since I have been in the Mayor's office, has a more pleasant duty been discharged by me than this one—to welcome you on behalf of a free people. I want to assure you that wherever you go you will find a welcome from the people, and we hope that when your mission is ended and you are returning to your country you will again call on us, so that we may have the pleasure of giving you another welcome."

ENVOY FISCHER'S SPEECH.

Delegate Fischer said: "This is to us an occasion of pleasure and of pride. We are not so conceited as to take to ourselves the honor shown us, but we wish to show that we do not represent an unworthy people. We believe that no people can understand what it is to struggle for freedom, except a people who have won their freedom by such a struggle. We have been told to avoid the pitfalls of party cliques, and we can say that we are as ignorant of party cliques as when we arrived. The reception that has been given us comes from all classes of people. We cannot think that the mission to seek peace for country—peace with honor—will be unsuccessful. We hope we shall obtain the object of our mission, and we are encouraged in our hope by the splendid reception we are given everywhere.

"This reception by you is an honor which we will remember. The small liberty-loving people will think the better of their big brother. We think we will come well out of the struggle. We have been told that 90 per cent. of the people of America sympathize with us. We want to convert the other 10 per cent. by simply telling the truth. We hope that a free people will not have appealed to a free people in vain."

Aldermen Kennedy read an address, prepared on behalf of the Municipal Assembly, welcoming the delegates.

DELEGATE WESSELS.

Then Delegate Wessels said:

"Each member of this commission has a part to perform. The part assigned to Mr. Fisener is speech-making. We have other duties, which we will not mention now. We have come to tell the free people of America that we mean to win and to retain our freedom; if not to-day, to-morrow; if not to-morrow, we will keep on fighting for it for the next one hundred years. We have had to fight for our liberty. We did not want to fight, but we had to. We do not ask you to fight for us, but to say to England 'Stop,' and we think that if America said the word the war would be stopped. We are doing our own fighting, but you can hardly call it a war. It is like a little boy trying to defend himself when attacked. If we are beaten, America will probably be ashamed in future years if the question should be asked, 'What has happened to your little sister?'"

Delegate Wolmarans, who also spoke, gave a history of the Transvaal trouble from the beginning. He said:

WAR THRUST ON BOERS.

"We never sought the war. It was thrust upon us. We were robbed of our independence in 1877, and regained it in 1881. By the co-operation of a small, but well disposed, party in England, of which Mr. Gladstone was the head, we got the convention of 1884, which gave us our independence without suzerainty. The question was not disputed until after the Jameson raid. We have tried to have all our disputes arbitrated. This has been refused by Mr. Chamberlain and Sir Alfred Milner. We are gratified at the way America has subscribed for the widows and orphans of the Boers. We want to prevent the making of more widows and orphans by dum-dum bullets or otherwise."

The members of the Municipal Assembly were introduced separately to the delegates. As the envoys left the City Hall they were shaken hands with by persons on all sides.

CUBAN CONSPIRACY.

Changes in Books and Accounts to Shield Neely.

HAVANA, May 17.—The principal charge against the Havana postmaster, E. P. Thompson, who, with W. H. Reeves, deputy auditor of the island, and Edward Moya, and George Masaro, Cuban clerks in the stamp department, was arrested yesterday, will be that he entered into a conspiracy with Carridon Rich, the clerk who has confessed to a knowledge of many of the transactions, and who will give evidence for the government, to shield C. F. W. Neely, the arrested financial agent of posts.

The prosecution says Thompson deliberately ordered that changes be made in the books and accounts, with the manifest intention of shielding Neely.

Moya and Mascaro admit selling over $1,800 worth of an old issue of stamps, through the windows, which were not called for in the requisition.

Thompson says that though he ordered the alteration of certain figures at the request of Rich; still he did so without knowing his action was of a criminal nature. He thinks he might have been treated with more consideration—either dismissed or requested to resign.

BAILS REDUCED.

Thompson's bail was ultimately reduced to $1,000, which was deposited in cash by the Danish Consul, Herr Culmell, a wealthy merchant.

The bail of Moya and Mascaro has been reduced to $1,500, which has not yet been furnished.

Reeves will be allowed to remain at his own home, in charge of special agents. During the investigation now in progress he will be called upon daily that give evidence, and it is also felt that the bail required of him would necessarily be heavy, and probably would be obtainable.

NEELY'S BOND TOO LIGHT.

It is reported here that Neely has admitted that his deposit was his own money, and a request will be made for the seizure of that amount, as belonging to the postal department, should it prove that the funds came out of his own pocket.

It is also felt that in the circumstances his bail is excessively light. Although he was first charged with peculations to the amount of $36,000, it is now believed that he obtained the larger part of the $100,000 which is said to cover the defalcation.

BARACOA MAN INNOCENT.

The special agent who is making inquiries at Baracoa reports that the postmaster there has been acting as the business representative of Neely, and has received from him during the last few months $12,500, for a cocoanut grove and coffee plantation. No suspicion rests upon the Baracoa postmaster.

Messrs. Smith and Foster, the inspectors, who arrived yesterday, have been examining Mr. Rathbone. This afternoon they were in conference with General Wood for more than an hour, and then examined Reeves.

THE EXTRAVAGANCE IN CUBA.

Congressman Jones Proposes to Know About It.

WASHINGTON, D. C., May 17.—(Special.)—Representative Jones, of Virginia, to-day introduced a resolution directing the Secretary of War to furnish the following information, relative to pay and allowances of officers in Cuba:

"What amounts have been paid for quarters for officers and the cost of decorating and repairing said quarters; the number of horses, vehicles, and equipage allowed said officers and the cost of same; also, the amount of salary and allowances paid the commanding-general, the heads of departments, and chiefs of the different Cuban bureaus, and the number of servants allowed them."

Representative Jones, in speaking of the resolution, said that it was introduced so as to give the House and the public information showing the vast expenditures and needless extravagance now in vogue in Cuba, and that it would only be a short time before the same thing would be practiced in the Philippines, if it were not already being done.

Representative Wise to-day introduced a bill, authorizing the payment of $1,800 to the trustees of the Oak-Grove Methodist church, of Norfolk, for the use of and injury to their property by Federal troops during the civil war. He also introduced a similar bill for th relief of the Seamen's Friend Association, of Norfolk, amounting to $4,000, for the destruction of property by order of the Federal Government during the civil war.

Representative Otey is endeavoring to have the officers of the Confederate Veterans' Association attend the Grant statute exercises in the House Saturday next. If they consent, Representative Otey will secure the privilege of the House floor for them, this privilege having already been granted to the Grand Army officials.

TO EXTRADITE NEELY.

WASHINGTON, May 17.—The Post to-morrow will say:

"Attorney-General Griggs yesterday evening forwarded to Senator Hoar, chairman of the Senate Committee on Judiciary, and to Congressman Ray, chairman of the similar committee of the House, a copy of a bill drawn especially to ensure the extradition of the Cuban defaulter, Neely. The bill provides that the statutes of the United States relative to extradition between the United States and countries with which the United States has treaties of extradition shall apply to the extradition of fugitives from justice from Cuba, while the government of that island is exercised under the authority of the United States. This section is directed to the Neely case.

"The second section is to guard against future troubles in the possessions over which the United States has unquestioned control. It provides that the domestic extradition now in force between the various States shall be extended to the Philippines, Guam, Hawaii, and Porto Rico.

MUNCIE END OF CUBAN STEAL.

Read Fraud, it is Said, in Sale of Counterfeit Stamps.

MUNCIE, IND., May 17.—One of the government's detectives, who has been here working on the Muncie end of the Cuban post-office embezzlement cases, made the statement to-day that the real steal had been the sale of counterfeit stamps, which, it is alleged, have been printed in the office of a printing company in this city. Thousands of dollars' worth of bogus stamps are said to have been issued and distributed to the Cuban post-office officials, a number of whom, it is stated, shared in the profits.

The printing office is said to have been searched from garret to cellar for the material used. Heretofore, the search here was supposed to be for an alleged package of money.

It is asserted that almost two million dollars' worth of bogus stamps have been printed in Muncie and sent for distribution to Cuban post-offices. The system was to distribute these stamps in numbers that would not cause suspicion to officers who had charge of the regular consignments.

NEELY PRINTER UNCONCERNED.

When Ross Cowan, president of the Neely Printing Company, was told the story to-day, he did not seem especially concerned, but said:

"You may say that if there is any story afloat that the Neely Printing Company ever turned out stamps, either for the postal or any other service, it is false. We have never printed stamps, legitimately or illegitimately. The government contract work that we have we have not denied. It has been mostly in the form of printed blanks. This work has been conducted for the past eighteen months since Neely took office, and my books will show that it has not exceeded $10,000, while the printed stories are that it will reach eighty thousand. Do you suppose that the government officials who have overhauled my place have found evidence of the gigantic stamp-factory you speak of as located here?"

Russia and the Korans.

LONDON, May 18.—A dispatch to the Times from Pekin says:

"M. Pavloff (the Russian Minister to Korea) has informed the Korean Government that Mesampo will be the winter headquarters of the Russian fleet. His action is in close analogy with the Russian proceedings prior to the occupation of Port Arthur.

"On March 30th two agreements were signed between M. Paxloff and the Korean Government. By the former Korea granted a site for coal depots and a naval hospital. By the latter Russia renounced her purpose to acquire land on the mainland opposite Masampo harbor."

Nothing to Say.

(Chicago Tribune.)

Uncle Sam: Well, what have you got to say about paying that money? Speak out, man!

The Sultan: You forget that I am the unspeakable Turk.

One of the sights of Richmond is the Meyer Store.

NEW TOBACCO CO.

Opposition to the American Practically Inaugurated.

THE "INTERNATIONAL."

Its Capital $25,000,000, and There Will Be No Bonded Debt.

GEORGE ARENTS A LEADING SPIRIT

Incorporators Include the Dunlops, Cameron, and Venable, of Petersburg; Cameron, of Richmond, and the Haneses, of Winston.

NEW YORK, May 17.—The formation of the new opposition tobacco company has now been practically completed, and articles of incorporation will be filed at Trenton within a few days.

The new concern will be known as the International Tobacco Company. It will be incorporated under the laws of New Jersey, with a capital of $25,000,000, consisting of 125,000 shares of 6 per cent. non-cumulative preferred stock, and an equal number of shares of common stock, all of the par value of $100 each. There will be no bonded debt. The papers, which have already been executed and signed, were drawn up by Coudert Brothers, of this city.

INCORPORATORS.

Among the incorporators mentioned are some of the best known individual manufacturers in the United States, including David Dunlop and David Dunlop, Jr., of the Dunlop Tobacco Company, of Petersburg, Va., said to be the largest exporters of manufactured tobacco in the world; Brown Brothers, of Winston, N. C.; Alexander Cameron, of Richmond, Va., and George Cameron, of Petersburg, Va.; P. H. Hanes and J. H. Hanes, of Winston, N. C., and E. C. Venable, of Petersburg, Va.

The main offices of the new concern will be in New York.

LEADING SPIRITS.

It is believed that the leading spirits in the enterprise will be George Arents and H. L. Terrill, both of whom were active in the affairs of the American Tobacco Company. Mr. Arents was treasurer of the company until a fortnight ago, when he resigned, to go abroad on a visit of pleasure, it was said. His trip to Europe has, however, been postponed.

TEN PER CENT. DIVIDENDS.

The capitalization of the new company is based on the expectation of 10 per cent. dividends, as indicated by the earnings of the constituent companies for the last year.

The International Company will at the start control twelve factories, with a capacity of 18,000,000 pounds, exclusive of cigarettes. To the manufacture of the latter $5,000,000 of the capital stock will be devoted.

NEW CIGARETTE MACHINE.

The new company will take over, among other things, a new cigarette machine, controlled by Mr. Buchanan, who was formerly at the head of the firm of Buchanan & Lyall.

American Tobacco sold down to 86 in to-day's stock market, and closed at 86 5-8, a net decline for the day of 5 3-4 per cent. Continental Tobacco, common, closed at 72, a net loss of 1 1-8 per cent.

RUN-AMUCK ABOARD SHIP.

Seven Persons Killed and Five Wounded—Murderer Escapes.

COPENHAGEN, May 17.—A telegram from Koping, Sweden, reports that as the steamer Koping was passing the Prins Karl, a man sprang upon the deck of the latter and shouted, "If any one comes near I will shoot," and at the same moment a woman was seen hanging over the side, shrieking for help.

The man escaped in a boat. When the Prins Karl was boarded it was found that twelve men on board had been shot, six of whom, including the captain, were dead. The rest were found locked in their quarters. One of the wounded has since died.

The murderer is being pursued.

LOCKED UP AND SHOT.

The wounded say they were playing cards in the smoking-room about half-past 11, with other passengers, when somebody put his head in the room and exclaimed, "Look out! There's a massacre on board." At the same moment shots were heard. All sprang to their feet at once, in order to leave the cabin, but they found the door fastened on the outside. While they were trying to force the door a shot was fired through the window and hit one of them, a man named Karlson, who fell to the floor. The other three—Schneider, Knoditor, and Lindquist—burst the door. Then Lindquist, who was the first to step through, received a bullet in his head. Disregarding the wound, he ran after the assassin to the steering-room. The fugitive shouted down the speaking-tube, "Full speed ahead." The engines were already at full speed, and the engineer replied, "Is that the captain?" receiving the answer, "Certainly. Drive her to the devil!" The engineer put the engines at full speed astern. The assassin then ran down to the engine-room and threatened to shoot the engineer if he did not obey. The engineer barricaded himself in the room. At that moment the Koping came along and the murderer fled in a boat.

REVOLVERS, DAGGER, AND KNIFE.

Further details from Koping show that the man suddenly started shutting all the doors of the cabins and saloon, and then, with a revolver in each hand, and with a dagger and a knife in his belt, he began firing at every one he encountered. He stabbed the captain in the back, and a lady passenger in the breast with the dagger, and hacked a boy with the knife. He also shot the mate through the shoulder, and of four gentlemen who were playing cards in the smoking saloon, one was shot in the temple because he moved when the murderer warned him not to stir.

The Prins Karl was stopped off Koping, and the murderer seized the opportunity to jump into a life-boat and row away as fast as possible. Search of the steamer discovered seven dead and five wounded.

The Prins Karl proceeded to Stockholm, where the police officials took charge of the victims. A tradesman of Abroga, Sweden, reports that a man giving the name of Gronkirst, of Stockholm, came to him yesterday and secured two revolvers, which he fired several times to test their qualities.

Spellmyer and Berry Bishops.

CHICAGO, May 17.—Dr. William V. Kelley, of the East New York Conference, a leading candidate for Bishop, withdrew from the race to-day. To-night, it is said, the Kelley vote will go to Dr. Spellmyer, together with a sufficient number of Dr. Berry's friends to elect the minister from New Jersey. After this is accomplished the Spellmyer, Kelley, and Berry forces will combine to elect the last-named.

In the interest of economy, the Committee on Book Concerns, at its meeting to-day, decided to recommend to the General Conference the consolidation of the three Church papers and the removal of the book depository, located for a quarter of a century at St. Louis, to Kansas City. They have been operated at a loss.

WILL STOP THE NUISANCE.

Ball-Throwing and Like Indulgences Will Be Taken Cognizance Of.

The police regulations on Broad street to-day and to-morrow, especially at night, will, from what can be learned, be more stringent than they have hitherto been during Carnival week.

The complaint about rubber balls being thrown in the faces of ladies, and of other forms of rudeness, has become so general that the police, while not desiring to detract from any form of innocent amusement, are determined to save ladies out without escorts from the annoyances to which they have been subjected the last night or two. Ladies who have escorts do not need this protection, as demonstrated in several cases in which the offenders have been punished.

The rubber ball, a thing rightly designed for the amusement of children, has become the fad this week. An immense number have been sold. The fact that girls have used them as well as young men has complicated the matter, and made the nuisance much more general.

Men have even gone to the extreme of scraping the faces of ladies with bunches of pine tags. Two were arrested last night for this offence. From now on the police will be especially alert for all breaches of propriety in street conduct, and those who offend must take the consequences. Popular feeling is behind the police.

W. J. Harris and Harding Steimitz were arrested yesterday for fighting on Broad street. One of the men struck a lady with a rubber ball, and her escort knocked him down.

STATE B. Y. P. U. CONVENTION.

It Will Be Held in Portsmouth a Year Hence.

The Board of Managers of the Baptist Young People's Union of Virginia held an interesting meeting last night at the Young Men's Christian Association. There was a large attendance, including eight out-of-town members.

Association leaders were chosen and other plans adopted looking to the furtherance of the work of the organization in Virginia.

The board accepted the invitation of the Court-Street church, Portsmouth, and decided to hold the next State Convention there. This will be in June of next year.

Will Be Here To-Night.

Chairman Curtis and one or two other members of the Committee on James River Improvement have gone to Washington to accompany the Rivers and Harbors Committee to Richmond. The following are expected to come: Representative Theo. E. Burton, chairman, who will probably have one or two friends with him; Hon. George P. Lawrence, of Massachusetts; Hon. Thomas H. Tongue, of Oregon, accompanied by his daughter and by Miss Ruane and Miss Wilson; Hon. Stephen M. Sparkman, of Florida; Hon. Thomas C. Cutchings, of Mississippi; Hon. Albert S. Berry, of Kentucky, accompanied by his wife and daughter; Hon. James H. Davidson, of Wisconsin, and Mrs. Davidson; Hon. Roswell P. Bishop, of Michigan, with his son; Hon. Rufus E. Lester, of Georgia, accompanied by his wife and daughter, and Hon. Ernest F. Acheson, of Pennsylvania, accompanied by his wife and son.

Personals and Briefs.

Rev. R. Atwell Tucker, of Lawrenceville, Va., is the guest of Rev. J. T. Tucker.

Dr. Kerr went to Baltimore yesterday, to deliver an address for Dr. Guthrie's Church.

Dr. George Cooper has returned from the mountains, after a short rest, much benefited.

Mr. Robert Greaner, of Newport News, an old Richmond boy, is in the city attending the carnival.

Mr. Frank Mason Hatcher, of Danville, Va., is visiting his brother, Mr. Horace A. Hawkins, at 2705 east Grace street.

Mr. John N. Dickins, proprietor of the Dickins hardware store, at Houston, Va., is in the city, attending the Carnival.

Mr. James A. Otey, of Montgomery county, is spending the Carnival week with the family of Dr. B. B. Minor, No. 530 west Grace street.

Charles Lipscomb, nominee of the Democratic party for High Constable of Newport News, is spending a few days here during the Carnival.

Sergeant Kerse, of the First Police Station, lost his bunch of four keys, one of them being a fire alarm box key, and another a postal box key. He would be glad to have them returned to him at the station.

Among the visitors at the Capitol yesterday were Senator John L. Jeffries, of Culpeper; J. C. Mahoney, of Caroline county; C. N. Buford, of Newport News, and Judge J. Randolph Tucker, of Bedford City.

Dr. A. R. Boykin, of Isle of Wight, is at the Old Dominion Hospital, suffering from nervous prostration, superinduced by too close application to the requirements of his profession. His brother, Colonel R. E. Boykin, is in the city with him.

The stockholders of the Peerman Burial Company yesterday elected the following officers: Henry S. Winston, president; T. Wiley Davis, Jr., secretary; J. G. Peerman, treasurer and general manager. Board of Directors—Henry S. Winston, W. D. Cates, Leslie H. Phillips, T. Wiley Davis, Jr., and J. G. Peerman.

Richmonders in New York.

NEW YORK, May 17.—(Special.)—G. J. Mishelbacher, Marlborough; Mrs. A. W. Archer, Mrs. W. M. Jones, Holland; R. S. Bosher, Jr., Herald Square; C. C. Tyler, Broadway Central; P. M. Slaughter, Morton.

Virginia Red Men.

DANVILLE, VA., May 17.—(Special.)—The State Council, Independent Order of Red Men, adjourned to-night, after electing the following officers: Grand Sachem, Charles I. Phillips, of Richmond; Great Senior Sagamore, S. S. See, of Roanoke; Grand Junior Sagamore, E. M. Tennis, of Hampton; Grand Prophet, George A. Tabb, of Portsmouth; Grand Chief of Records, Ira T. Holt, of Norfolk; Grand Keeper of Wampum, H. A. Southall, of Lynchburg; Grand Representatives—C. S. Wells, of Manchester; J. A. Page, of Roanoke, and C. F. Wise, of Richmond. The appointed officers are: Mishinewa, K. P. Humphries; Sannap, H. O. Walden; Guard of Wigwam, J. W. Murden; Guard of Forest, P. S. Barrett; Great Trustees—J. H. Brown, of Winchester; R. W. Jones, of Richmond; P. G. Calyer, of Chincoteague.

"You haven't seen Richmond till you see the Meyer Store," Foushee and Broad streets.

KENTUCKY RADICALS.

Their State Convention Held at Louisville.

TAYLOR MOVED TO TEARS.

He Buries His Face in His Hands and Weeps Bitterly.

BRADLEY FOR VICE-PRESIDENT.

Delegates to Philadelphia Instructed So to Vote—Judge W. H. Yost and Richard W. Knott, Brown Democrats, Address Convention.

LOUISVILLE, KY., May 17.—The Republican State Convention this evening elected delegates and alternates to the national convention, and two presidential electors; endorsed the administration of President McKinley; condemned the Democratic party for the present conditions in Kentucky, and instructed the delegates to vote for McKinley for President and W. O. Bradley for Vice-President. The delegates elected included W. S. Taylor and ex-Governor W. O. Bradley.

The convention was called to order at 3 o'clock by Chairman M. Barnett, of the State Central Committee. The Auditorium was decorated with flags and bunting, while pictures of President McKinley, ex-Governor Bradley, and Governor Taylor adorned the stage. Captain N. S. Irwin, Republican candidate for Congress from the Louisville District, was elected temporary chairman. In accepting the nomination, Captain Irwin talked at considerable length on State and national affairs.

Hon. J. W. Yerkes, of Danville, national committeeman for Kentucky, was appointed chairman of the Committee on Resolutions. There were loud calls for Taylor, Bradley, and other party leaders.

TAYLOR SPEAKS.

The Chair appointed a committee to escort the contesting candidate for Governor to the platform. His presence caused the greatest enthusiasm. Governor Taylor referred to the condition of affairs in the State, and urged that "the fight for liberty be continued unceasingly, until Kentucky should be wrested from the state of disorder and disregard of the people's rights into which the Democratic party had precipitated it." His speech evoked the greatest enthusiasm.

Ex-Governor Bradley followed with a speech, in which he referred to State affairs, invoking a restoration of civil liberty, which, he said, had so long been disregarded in the State. He denounced in unmeasured terms the assassin who shot down Senator Goebel, and said he hoped the guilty would be punished, but not the innocent.

While the ex-Governor was speaking Governor Taylor sat behind him, with his little daughter on his knee, and as Bradley referred pathetically to the criticisms made of Taylor, the latter buried his face in his hands and wept bitterly.

BROWN DEMOCRATS SPEAK.

The unusual spectacle of Democrats addressing a Republican convention was seen when Judge W. H. Yost and Richard W. Knott, editor of the Evening Post, of Louisville, lifelong Democrats and supporters of ex-Governor Brown, was called for and spoke.

After several speeches the convention adjourned until 8 P. M.

DEBOE CHAIRMAN.

At the evening session the report of the Committee on Permanent Organization, recommending Senator Deboe for permanent chairman, was unanimously adopted, and Senator Deboe took the chair.

The report of the Committee on Resolutions was made through Chairman Yerkes. The resolutions dealt briefly with national affairs. They endorse President McKinley and his administration, and instruct the Kentucky delegates to the national convention to vote for McKinley. They recite that it is the party duty "to restore the right of suffrage to the people of the Commonwealth." They demand the unconditional repeal of the present election law, which was denounced at length. The course of the Democratic majority in the late Legislature is denounced. The course of Governor Taylor, Lieutenant-Governor Marshall, and all of the Republican officials is endorsed.

The independent voters of Kentucky, who sided with the Republicans, are thanked. The positions of Senator Deboe and Congressmen Pugh and Boreing are endorsed. Recognition is made of the service rendered by ex-Governor Bradley in allowing the Republicans of Kentucky to present his name at the coming national convention for Vice-President. They were enthusiastically adopted.

Serious Anti-Christian Outbreak.

LONDON, May 18.—The Pekin correspondent of the Times says:

"The anti-foreign movement headed by the 'Boxers' has attained alarming proportions. There has been a serious anti-Christian outbreak near Paeting Fu, province of Pe Chi Li. Seventy-three native Christians were murdered, including women and children. Many were burned alive.

"The Catholic missionaries report that the persecution is the most serious known for years. The danger is increased by the apathy or connivance of the government."

The Weather.

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WASHINGTON, May 17.—Forecast for Friday and Saturday:

Virginia—Partly cloudy Friday; showers, and cooler in the afternoon or evening; Saturday, showers; variable winds.

North Carolina—Showers Friday and Saturday; variable winds.

For Richmond—Partly cloudy, probably showers, and cooler Friday evening and Saturday.

THE WEATHER IN RICHMOND YESTERDAY was clear and hot. The range