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as follows:

Resolved, That it is the sense of this meeting that at present it is not expedient to make any change either in the number or in the boundaries of the presiding elders' districts of the Virginia Conference.

The substitute was rejected by a vote of 16 to 11. The original resolution was then offered, and was defeated. The delegates took no further action in the premises. There has been little or no discussion of the subject among the ministers in the ordinary gossip of the conference. It does not seem to be a matter of great concern to them. The fate that similar propositions have met before the conference does not seem to justify the opinion that the bishop and his council will take any action in the matter.

Trip to Ashland.

The members of the conference, accompanied by many ladies, and a large party of invited guests, visited Randolph-Macon College at Ashland yesterday afternoon. They left on a special train at 3 o'clock from Elba Station, and returned to the city at 6:30.

Arriving at Ashland, they were met at the depot by the student body of the college, and escorted to the college chapel, where special exercises were held. President R. E. Blackwell presided over the meeting that was devoted largely to arousing interest in the additional endowment for the college. Bishop John C. Granberry welcomed the visitors, and stirring addresses were delivered by President Blackwell, Bishop W. W. Duncan, and Rev. W. B. Beauchamp. Bishop Duncan was very felicitous in his remarks to the students. His wit and references to college life won the approval of the students. He urged upon the conference to assist the college trustees and official agents to meet the generous offer of Mr. John P. Branch to give $100,000 if $200,000 were raised by the college.

Rev. Mr. Beauchamp spoke in behalf of the alumni. His remarks were along the same line as those of Bishop Duncan. President Blackwell spoke for the college, and asked the conference to aid the cause in every way they could. No definite action was taken in the matter, as the occasion was taken only to bring the matter to the attention of the conference.

The visitors were escorted through the new laboratories of the college by the senior German class. The modern chemical, physical, and physiological laboratories, under the direction of Dr. Hall Cantor and Dr. A. C. Wightman, were revelations to many of the conference, who had studied at the college in the days when scientific apparatus was a minor affair in comparison with the classics.

In the college chapel the students enlivened the meeting with their college songs. The trip was thoroughly enjoyed by the conference.

Methodism and Sailors.

Rev. R. E. Steele, chaplain of the Naval Sailors' Rest at Hampton, was accorded the privileges of the rostrum yesterday to speak in behalf of the Virginia Mariners' Friend Society. His remarks on the subject were very interesting. He stated that the objects of the society was to reach the 50,000 sailors who come to the Virginia ports annually.

Mr. Steele said that a converted sailor was the best missionary that could be gotten. Next month a large crew of Lascars will reach Newport News, where they will have to remain for a month. According to the contract with the men, they cannot be taken north of a certain latitude, and efforts will be made to convert these sailors to the Christian faith, as they are properly heathen. The speaker said that many East Indian crews come to the Virginia ports, and many Japanese seamen annually land there. The society will endeavor to provide comforts for these people, and preach Christianity to them during their stay in port.

The society has now in operation the Naval Sailors' Rest at Hampton, Merchant Sailors' Rest at Newport News, the Floating Harbor in Hampton Roads, and "Alow and Aloft," a periodical for the seafaring classes.

The conference passed a resolution commending the work of the society, and Bishop Duncan thanked Rev. Mr. Steele for his talk.

YESTERDAY'S PROCEEDINGS.

Business Transacted at the Third Day's Session of the Conference.

The third days' session of the Virginia Annual Conference was not marked by the interruptions of the previous days. The caustic comments of Bishop Duncan, and the efforts of the Entertainment Committee resulted in an unusually quiet session, much to the satisfaction of the presiding officer and the members of the conference.

Bishop Duncan addressed the young ministers, who were admitted to full connection with the conference, in a most forceful manner. The class was composed of thirteen members, all of whom were elected to deacon's orders. The bishop confined his remarks to the difficulties that would confront the young men in their ministerial careers, impressing upon them the fact that if they would do the best they could in the work before them, they would perform the highest duty devolving upon them. His words were full of sound advice, suggesting the necessity for a close adherence to the discipline of the church without attempting to introduce any ideas of their own, with the view of improving upon the ritual of the church.

He counseled them against tediousness, both in their pulpit and pastoral duties, saying that the fault had done much to cripple the effectiveness of ministers and he was unsparing in his comments on the lazy and slothful. Conformity to the requirements of the discipline, he said, was essential, and Methodist ministers who imitate other pulpit and church forms than those prescribed by the church authorities came in for a share of his censure. Above everything, he urged that the spirit of God should be the basis of their lives, and predominate in their prayers and sermons, and in the relations with their members of the church.

Bishop Duncan then welcomed the following class into the fellowship of the conference:

C. E. Pleasants, G. W. Watkins, A. C. Bledsoe, J. R. Eggleston, G. T. Kesler, H. L. Weston, J. L. Winn, J. W. Gee, G. W. M. Taylor, L. C. Moore, M. L. Jones, J. C. McCulloch, J. E. Brooks.

ONE OF THE FEATURES.

One of the features of the session that created no end of interest and amusement, was the report of Rev. John Hannon, D. D., in charge of Union station, in this city. His tribute to his church was uttered in his characteristic language and style. When he had concluded, Bishop Duncan drew a long breatch, and said: "Brother Hannon, we'll pass your character in spite of that speech," and there was a round of laughter among the brethren.

The conference convened on time, Rev. Oscar Littleton opening with prayer. The call of the Committee of the Fourth Year, which was not concluded at Thursday's session, was taken up, and L. H. Early, Daniel T. Merritt, F. B. McSparran, and J. B. Lavender were passed. The latter was continued in the class of the second year. The others gave reports, and were elected to elders' orders.

Chairman DeShazo, of the third year class, was not ready to report, and Bishop Duncan took occasion to say that the work of the conference would not be delayed by the absence of one or two candidates. Rev. Mr. DeShazo explained to the bishop that he was compelled to wait on one or two of the class to give them opportunity for preparation. The bishop then indulged in a little running criticism of the ministers who were often absent from the hall. "Some of them are on the street. I wish the Entertainment Committee would close up the basement of the church, where the ministers are in the habit of congregating. It would be a Godsend to the conference. Some of the preachers spend hardly an hour in the hall, and while it is painful for you to hear this, it is more painful for me to say it." He called the attention of the conference to the habit of congregating in front of the church, smoking and spitting on the sidewalks. All of his remarks were given in a kindly spirit, and there were plenty of "Amen's" in the audience.

AS TO "SPECIAL" ORDERS.

Following the examination of the elders' class, efforts were made to fix the order of the day for special reports. Bishop Duncan said he would not let special orders embarrass the work of the conference and the minute questions. The education report was made the order of the day for Monday at 11 o'clock. Rev. James Cannon announced that Dr. W. J. Young had been elected president of the Education board, vice Dr. A. Coke Smith.

On motion of Dr. A. F. Lipscomb, Monday night was fixed for the memorial service. This is one of the most pathetic occasions of the conference. Those who have died during the year receive from their colleagues tributes to their lives and characters.

There was a disposition to work in a number of motions and special orders about this time, but the bishop cut short all efforts, and wanted to bring the conference down to the immediate business at hand. Before going further, however, Bishop Duncan said he desired to take up a collection—something that he had done but once before. He spoke of the case of a minister on the frontier of the State of Washington, who was in great distress. He did not call his name, but asked the conference to trust to his judgment that the case was one that demanded immediate attention. At the same time he unrolled a bunch of bills from his pocket and slowly counted them. "I mentioned this sad case to a friend to-day, and I was asked what was the smallest amount that I would take. I told him I would take a postage stamp, but this money was handed to me. I haven't counted it. Here's $50 in the roll. Now don't say that Mr. Branch could afford to give this to me, for he didn't do it, but some body near him did, and I thank God he is in the succession." Tellers were appointed to collect, and Secretary Lambeth announced shortly after that $75.50 had been subscribed, making a total of $125.50 for the relief of the suffering minister.

SOME "REGULAR" BUSINESS.

This was just one of the little incidents of the session that interrupted the regular order of business, but everybody was interested in the occurrence, and it served to enliven the cut and dried routine.

The minute question: Are all the preachers blameless in their life and administration?" was immediately taken up, and the work of the conference went on as usual. Under this head, the following reports were made:

Rev. George H. Spooner, Trinity, reported 55 new members. Finances in good shape. Prosperous year.

Rev. G. H. Wiley, in charge of the Methodist Mission at Main and Nineteenth streets, reported a number of improvements to the mission, and invited the conference to come down and see for themselves.

Rev. John Hannon, Union station, convulsed the conference with his his figures of speech, which were entirely unique and as descriptive as they could be. "Is the machinery working well?" said Bishop Duncan. "Yes, sir. Oiled with the lubricant of love, the looms working and the shuttles flying, and the money flying, too, bishop." "Do you have to make all that speech for Union station?" said the bishop. "Yes, sir. It's a big occasion." "All right; we'll pass your character in spite of the speech," replied the presiding officer.

HASKER MEMORIAL.

Rev. R. B. Beadles, Hasker Memorial, collections nearly up to the mark. Hasker Memorial being the child of Union station, it had inherited the good qualities of the mother church. Salary of the pastor fully paid.

Rev. J. D. Langley, St. James. Finances in good shape. Nice parsonage. Dr. J. Powell Garland asked that Rev. Dr. Langley be located, as his health was not good and he had requested that he be given a rest for one year. The request was granted.

Rev. J. O. Babcock, Fairmount. Net increase, 65. Debt paid. Two thousand dollars in improvements on church property.

Rev. L. B. Betty, Clay-Street. Thirty new members. Salary and assessments paid. Five thousand four hundred dollars on church improvements. Eight thousand dollars collected.

Rev. W. F. Davis, Epworth. Satisfactory report.

Rev. R. M. Maxey, Asbury. All collections up and over paid. Bishop said report was very satisfactory.

Rev. E. A. Potts, Highland Park. Successful year. Eighteen conversions, Better condition than ever.

Rev. T. E. Blankenship, Barton Heights. Work in good shape, notwithstanding ill health of pastor.

PARK PLACE CHURCH.

Rev. J. T. Bosman, Park Place. Successful year. Collections in full. Church societies flourishing.

Rev. H. E. Johnson, Laurel-Street. Twenty-one added to the church. Several removals owing to change of railroad work, on the part of several of the congregation. Parsonage purchased: $4,100 raised, but collections not up in full.

Rev. R. E. Bentley, Lancaster Circuit. Collections all paid. Quite an improvement over last year.

Rev. E. F. Garner, Whealton. Best revival in his experience. Collections better than last year.

Rev. T. J. Wray, Heathsville. Labors interrupted by sickness. Salary and collections well up considering his illness. His presided elder reported for him.

Rev. J. W. Robbins, Bethany Station. Fine revival. All assessments paid. Salary overpaid. Built $11,000 church.

ABSENT ELDERS.

Rev. J. J. Lafferty absent, Rev. H. M. Hope, absent.

Rev. C. E. Hobday, satisfactory report.

Rev. J. M. Anderson, Hanover. Twenty-nine accessions. Good church societies. Prosperous year.

Rev. William E. Allen, Windsor Circuit is advancing. Several gracious revivals. Slight decrease in membership owing to circuit being reduced.

Rev. Richard Ferguson, Middlesex. Successful church year. Finances well up. Sixty-five additions. Rev. Mr. Fergusson has had several sad afflictions in his family during the past year. He was completely overcome during his remarks yesterday, and was excused. One of his brother ministers started the familiar old hymn, "How Firm a Foundation," and the entire congregation joined in the singing.

CONFERENCE COMMITTEES.

The various conference committees are holding sessions every day. Their reports will not come before the main body for several days, and there will therefore be no debates in the body on the hearing of these reports until Monday. It is more than likely that the discussion of the reports will bring out some lively contests on the floor that will be greatly enjoyed by all present. There are many able parliamentarians in the conference, and legitimate politics comes in for a share of the minisers' attention.

The appointments to charges will not be announced by Bishop Duncan until the closing day of the conference. Great interest is centered in them throughout Methodism in the State, and suitable assignments necessitate great labor and care on the part of the Bishop and his cabinet. Some of the appointments have been accurately forecast already, but the majority of them are still in doubt, and only the public announcement will remove all doubt.

WANTED—MAN FOR STOCKTON.

During the session yesterday, Bishop Duncan announced that he desired a man from the Virginia Conference to take charge in Stockton, Cal. He spoke of the delightful climate of California, and said that the charge was a most desirable one for a vigorous, consecrated minister who was willing to work. He said it was a good place for a young minister to get a start, but he added that he did not want a man that the presiding elders wanted to get rid of. The bishop had much to say about the desirability of this charge. It pays $1,000 a year. He stated that the congregation was entirely desirable, but that they wanted a worker. Any man who took it would have to expect sufferings along with a good time, but he added that it was a luxury to live in that climate.

There will be a continuation of the committee reports on applicants for promotion to-day. It is thought that they will be concluded at to-day's session, and next week will be devoted to the consideration of matters pertaining to the church at large in the State.

Rev. G. H. Spooner announced the appointments for the various pulpits in the city and vicinity for Sunday. They are given in another column.

The conference adjourned at 1 o'clock, and at 3 o'clock a large number of delegates and ladies went up to Ashland to visit Randolph-Macon College.

SUNDAY ASSIGNMENTS.

Where Conference Ministers Will Preach Sunday Morning and Night.

The following assignment of conference ministers to the various pulpits Sunday in Richmond and vicinity was announced:

METHODIST CHURCHES.

Broad-Street—11 A. M.—Bishop W. W. Duncan; Ordination of Deacons; 8 P. M., R. J. Bigham.

Centenary—11 A. M., W. J. Young; 8 P. M., J. D. Hannon.

Clay-Street—11 A. M., S. K. Cox; 8 P. M., W. G. Starr, ordination of elders.

Park-Place—11 P. M., J. J. Tigert; 8 P. M., E. H. Rawlings.

Hasker-Memorial—11 A. M., W. L. Ware; 8 P. M., L. P. Bransford.

Laurel-Street—11 A. M., R. F. Gayle; 7:30 P. M., T. J. Taylor.

Epworth—11 A. M., J. W. Baker; 8 P. M., C. H. McGhee.

Denny-Street—F. M. Edwards; 8. P. M., J. T. Routten.

Highland Park—11 A. M., L. T. Williams; 8 P. M., J. N. Latham.

Trinity—11 A. M., C. F. Reid; 8 P. M., T. McN. Simpson.

Union Station—11 A. M., W. H. Edwards; 8 P. M., C. R. James.

Asbury—11 A. M., J. B. Winn; 8 P. M., R. T. Waterfield.

St. James—11 A. M., J. T. Payne; 8 P. M., R. H. Bennett.

Fairmount Avenue—11 A. M., G. E. Barker; 8 P. M., W. W. Royall.

Barton Heights—11 A. M., A. L. Franklin; 8 P. M., W. T. Williams.

MANCHESTER.

Central—11 A. M., J. N. Latham; 8 P. M., W. R. Proctor.

Fifth-Street—11 A. M., McDaniel Rucker; 8 P. M., J. S. Wallace.

Asbury—11 A. M., J. E. McCullock; 8 P. M., J. T. Green.

West-End—11 A. M., J. A. Thomas; 8 P. M., W. H. Riddick.

Railroad Young Men's Christian Association—3:30 P. M., E. G. Moseley.

Young Men's Christian Association—3:30, W. J. Young.

Methodist Mission—8 P. M., C. H. Galloway.

ASHLAND.

Duncan-Memorial—11 A. M., J. T. Whiteley; 8 P. M., W. H. Atwill.

CHESTER.

N. B. Foushee.

PETERSBURG.

Washington-Street—11 A. M. and 8 P. M., T. N. Potts.

Market-Street—R. M. Maxey.

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Chestnut-Street—C. D. Crawley.

Trinity—J. M. Burton.

Sunday-School Association — 3:30, at Union-Station, C. L. Bane.

BLACKSTONE.

J. E. DeShazo.

BAPTIST CHURCHES.

First Baptist—11 A. M., C. L. Bane; 8 P. M., W. C. Vaden.

Second Baptist—11 A. M., James Cannon; 8 P. M., S. S. Lambeth.

Grace-Street—11 A. M., G. W. Wray; 8 P. M., R. A. Compton.

Grove-Avenue—11 A. M., W. E. Judkins; 8 P. M., R. H. Potts.

Leigh-Street—11 A. M., W. F. Green; 8 P. M., M. S. Colonna, Jr.

Randolph-Street—11 A. M., J. K. Jolliff; 8 P. M., C. T. Comer.

Venable-Street—11 A. M., R. B. Blankenship; 8 P. M., J. W. S. Robbins.

Immanuel—11 A. M., Paul Bradley; 8 P. M., E. T. Hall.

Barton Heights—11 A. M., B. S. Herrink; 8 P. M., R. S. Baughan.

East-End—11 A. M., A. L. Carson; 8 P. M., J. R. Sturgis.

Bainbridge-Street—11 A. M., George W. Jones; 8 P. M., J. H. Moss.

Fairmount-Avenue—11 A. M., E. E. Harrell; 8 P. M., C. W. Leftwich.

Fulton—11 A. M., J. R. Griffith; 8 P. M., E. F. Garner.

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCHES.

Hoge-Memorial—11 A. M., S. C. Hatcher; 8 P. M., G. H. Lambeth.

Grace-Street church—8 P. M., W. V. Tudor (special request).

First church—8 P. M., J. C. C. Newton.

Second church—5 P. M., Paul Whitehead.

Church of the Covenant—11 A. M., J. W. Schackford; 8 P. M., W. A. Cooper.

Seventh-Street Christian—11 A. M., J. H. Amiss; 8 P. M., G. H. Ray.

English Lutheran—11 A. M., R. H. Marks; 8 P. M., W. F. Hayes.

Lynchburg Y. M. C. A.—G. H. Wiley.

Hampton—First church, J. E. McGee.

Baptist church, Ashland—11 A. M., W. H. Atwill 8 P. M., J. T. Whitley.

First Baptist church, Petersburg—D. G. Butts.

Highland Springs—11 A. M., J. A. Winn.

Third Colored Methodist—11 A. M., J. W. Carroll; 8 P. M., A. C. Bledsoe.

First Presbyterian, Colored—11 A. M., G. E. B. Smith; 8 P. M., G. G. Puller.

Thomas J. Buchanan.

Mr. Thomas J. Buchanan died at 2:30 yesterday afternoon at his home in this city, aged 62 years. The deceased formerly lived at Goodall's, in Hanover county.

One sister, Mrs. John E. Gathwright, and one brother, Mr. J. M. Buchanan, survive. Notice of the funeral later. z

Thanksgiving Turkey.

(New York Press.)

Warm weather means lean turkeys for Thanksgiving. The big dealers who handle poultry by the million pounds tell me that so long as the weather is reasonably mild the young birds will run about and keep poor, but so soon as it becomes cold they huddle together and fatten up quickly. Thanksgiving is a weather market, therefore, and large shippers await it with much anxiety. Under the most favorable circumstances turkeys are rarely in suitable condition to freeze so early as the last Thursday in November.

COST $12.

Advice That Was Worth It.

"I was once a slave to the coffee habit, and became almost a confirmed invalid by drinking it," says Mr. C. H. Aitken, of Whiting, N. J.

"I tried to break away from coffee, but every time I stopped I suffered from severe sick headaches and for relief went back to coffee again, only in the end to suffer from extreme nervousness and severe bilious attacks.

"I became so irritable that I made life miserable for my family and myself. Finally I went to New York to consult a specialist. After thoroughly questioning and examining me, he said I must give up drinking coffee, as it had greatly undermined my health, and he further said that coffee killed more people than rum. I laughed at him, but he said it was the truth, and that in his practice he had seen many evil effects from coffee drinking.

"He said it was of no use to prescribe for me, unless I gave up coffee, and recommended that I use Postum Food Coffee, which he highly recommended. He charged me $12 for his advice, which I thought rather high priced at the time, but to-day I think it very cheap. I bought several packages of Postum from the grocer, and it was the best day's work I ever did for myself.

"I had a pot of Postum made for my supper that night; that was in the spring of 1898, and I have drank it ever since, with the best of results to my health. The sick headache and nervousness I suffered from drinking coffee have entirely gone; I am never bilious, and have increased in weight; I have a happier disposition, and am much more agreeable company to my family and friends."

ASKS TARDY REWARD

BILL TO REMUNERATE HEIRS OF DR. MORAN FOR VALUABLE SERVI

WAS PROMISED COMMISSION.

A Virginian Now Deceased from the Federal Government $448,000, on Which It is Said He Was Promised a Large Margin. OA OA OAO AO

"To compensate the heirs of J. J. Moran for services rendered by him as agent of the State in prosecuting the claim of State for recovery of direct tax levied by the Federal Government under act of Congress approved Aug. 5, 1861, and acts amendatory thereof."

The foregoing is the title of a bill presented to the Senate yesterday by Mr. Donahoe, of Fairfax county. The history of the claim is an interesting one, and in conversation with a reporter for The Richmond News Senator Donahoe gave the following facts:

"The claim, in my judgment, is clearly and indisputably a just one. The General Assembly, by an act approved March 3, 1880, authorized the Governor to appoint an agent to collect certain claims due the State, including a claim against the United States, on account of taxes collected under the act of Congress approved Aug. 5, 1861, and the amendatory acts thereto, and to pay said agent for his services a sum not to exceed 25 per cent. upon the net amount of money collected. Governor Holliday, acting under the authority thus vested in him, and with the approval of the Attorney General, executed a contract in writing on the 28th day of April, 1880, appointing Dr. J. J. Moran, now deceased, of Falls Church, Fairfax county, a special agent to adjust, determine and settle said claim, among others, agreeing to pay Dr. Moran for his services 25 per cent. upon all money collected.

Dr. Moran faithfully carried out his part of the contract, and by reason of his efforts the State of Virginia recovered from the Federal Government the sum of $448,144, upon which he was undoubtedly entitled to the commission agreed upon. Unfortunately, however, Dr. Moran died within a few days from the passage of the act by Congress, recognizing and allowing the claim. He had given the matter eight years of ceaseless labor, searching the records in Richmond and in Washington, presenting the matter to individual members of Congress as well as before the committees of that body, neglecting his professional work for that purpose, impoverishing not only himself and his family, but receiving financial assistance from his friends in the prosecution of the claim.

"He was profoundly impressed with the justness of the claim, and was resolved that no effort should be lacking on his part to bring it to a successful conclusion. His death was due to overwork, worry and excitement, and the hardships to which he and his family were subjected were believed to have caused the death of his wife, which followed within three months. Their three children were left not only penniless (for at the beginning he was possessed of ample means), but were deprived of proper education by reason of his work and expenditures in behalf of the State to the exclusion of every other interest. They thus became dependent upon the care and kindness of friends and relatives. After Dr. Moran's death there was some talk of appointing some one to succeed him as agent, which, however, was found to be unnecessary. Governor Lee, in the meantime, had succeeded Governor Holliday, and he assured the representatives of Dr. Moran that in the event of the appointment of a successor the State would require that nothing in said appointment would prevent the representatives of Dr. Moran's family from receiving legal compensation for the eight years he had been laboring to bring said claim to a satisfactory result.

"The record in the case embodies one from Governor Lee, advising Secretary Fairchild that Dr. Moran was the State agent in the matter. There is also a letter from the treasurer of the State of Maryland stating that the agent for that State had been paid for similar services.

"Of the $448,144 recovered from the United States $79,419 remained undistributed and was ultimately apportioned among the counties and cities of the Commonwealth and applied to the improvement of the public roads and streets.

"Dr. Moran was a gentleman of the highest character, and I will mention the interesting fact that he attended Edgar Allan Poe in his last illness, and the gifted poet died in the arms of the gentleman who rendered such signal service to the State of Virginia, and whose impoverished children are now asking a reasonable remuneration for his services.

"If the State of Virginia refuses to pay a reasonable sum, after obligating herself to do so under the seal of the Commonwealth, and by a contract duly executed, then, indeed, have the credit and honor of the old Commonwealth suffered deterioration. I have no idea that such will be the case."

CLEVELAND IN NORFOLK.

Ex-President Talks of Ducks Instead of Politics.

NORFOLK, VA., Nov. 14.—Owing to delay of his train Former President Cleveland, who is to spend a week shooting ducks on the marches of the Back-Bay Gunning Club, in Princess Anne county, Virginia, was over an hour late in arriving here to-day from Princeton, and the Southern train, upon which he left for Back-Bay, had to be held for him.

Cleveland, who looked the picture of health in his heavy overcoat, ready for a week's sport, said he never felt better in his life. He met the newspaper men courtesly, but declared he was not talking politics.

"I am just on my way to good old Back Bay, to load up," said Cleveland, "and indeed I know nothing to talk about."

When asked what he thought of the chances for Democratic success in 1904, he said he could make no prediction this far ahead. He said he could not talk on what the next Democratic national convention might do, and when asked if he thought the next Democratic nominee would be from New York, was reticent, saying pleasantly: "What's the use of talking about that, this far ahead?"

Mr. Cleveland is accompanied by Dr. Paul Van Dyke, of Princeton University; Ernest Gittings and T. Wallace Blackistone, of Baltimore. Ducks are plentiful at Back Bay now, and the week's sport is expected to be great.

RESOLUTIONS OFFERED IN LABOR CONVENTION.

Old-Age Pension System — Protest Against Ship-Subsidy Bill, and Against Any Isthmian Canal.

NEW ORLEANS, LA., November 14.—Another day was devoted by the American Federation of Labor to work preparatory to the actual duties of the convention. The reports of committees and resolutions took up all of both sessions. No action was taken on any of the resolutions. The following are the resolutions of chief interest:

That the United States Government be asked to return to Porto Rico those people who were induced to leave that island for Hawaii under fake promises of bettering industrial conditions.

That any man who shall have reached the age of 60 years, who is a naturalized citizens, and has lived twenty-one years in this country, and whose average annual income has been less than $1,000 per annum, be given a life pension of $12 per month.

That all applicants for charters in the American Federation of Labor shall give clear and sharp definition of trade lines, in order to prevent conflicting claims of jurisdiction.

That the national headquarters be removed from Washington to Denver.

That a protest be made against the ship subsidy bill, as it is calculated to extend over the sea the same monopoly held by the railroads on land.

That the Federation encourage the development of a naturalized body of American seamen.

That protest be made against the forcible return of deserting seamen from private vessels. No allusion is made to ships of war.

That the Federation protest against the construction of either the Panama or the Nicaraguan canal, as the country must either acquire more territory or encroach upon the liberties of the Latin-American States.

That the Federation protest against the harsh treatment given labor organizers in Porto Rico, under the Spanish laws of the island.

That the 3,000 employees of the National Bureau of Engraving and Printing be unionized.

For recognition of the present principles of international socialism.

MAY DECIDE BY LOT,

Question of Assignment of Terms of Members of Commission.

Colonel George C. Cabell, a member of the House, was asked yesterday as to the manner of deciding which of the members of the Corporation Commission will get the one-year, which the two-year, and which the three-year term. While he was not in a position to give a positive answer to the question, not having given any thought to the subject, he said he presumed the General Assembly would assign the members to their terms, and that the fairest way to do this would be by lot. Whether or not this plan will be adopted remains to be seen. The Constitution does not specifically confer on the Governor, nor on the Legislature, the power to assign the men to the long, short, and shorter terms, and he would probably be embarrassed if he had to do so. On the other hand, it would be a delicate matter for the General Assembly to make the assignments. The selection by lot seems the more tactful plan.

The publication of the names of the three gentlemen believed to have been selected as members of the Corporation Commission by the Governor has been widely commented upon, and the reported selections very generally commended. It was expected that the Governor would yesterday transmit to the General Assembly his nominations for the three positions, which must be confirmed by the two houses, but he did not do so.

Instead the report in some way leaked out from some source, said to be "close to the Governor," that Hon. Beverly T. Crump, of this city, would be the lawyer member instead of Mr. Anderson, who was believed to have been tendered and to have accepted the trust. This report came as a great surprise in the face of the fact that Mr. Crump was recently selected as Judge of the Circuit Court of the City of Richmond in the stead of Judge Beverly R. Wellford, who, during the past year, announced his intention to retire from the bench at the close of his present term. Another report was that the Governor was in doubt as to which of the two gentlemen suggested would be named.

Mr. Crump was absent from the city, and Governor Montague would neither confirm nor deny the newspaper reports, merely good-naturedly disclaiming responsibility therefor.

The report is not credited by a great many persons, who believe that, having been elected to the circuit bench, Mr. Crump would not relinquish that honor to accept a place on the commission. Meanwhile the Governor guards his secret, not even stating when he will send the nominations to the General Assembly. The nominations are to be confirmed by the two houses in joint session and not by the Senate, as seems to be the impression in many quarters.

CENTRAL NATIONAL BANK, OF BOSTON, SUSPENDS.

Excess of Loans, and Lack of Quick Assets—Institution One of the Smaller Ones at the Hub.

BOSTON, Nov. 14.—The Central National Bank, of this city, did not open for business to-day, the comptroller of the currency having ordered the bank examiner to close its doors and take charge of its business.

The closing of the bank is said to be due to excess loans and a lack of quick assets. An appeal for aid was made to the Boston Clearing-House Association, but the committee did not deem it advisable to assist the bank.

The bank is among the smaller institutions of the city. It was organized in 1873 with a capital of $500,000. Its deposits aggregated $2,300,000, and it is believed that this amount can be paid in full without an assessment on the stockholders. Otis H. Luke is president and J. Adams Brown, cashier.

The failure of negotiations for the Elliot National Bank to liquidate the Central National is understood to have contributed to the failure. A meeting of the Central Bank stockholders had been called for December 10th to approve the plan for the Elliot Colored Methodist Bank to take over the business. Upon investigation, however, President Burrage, of the Elliot Bank, and his board of directors refused to accept the assets of the Central Bank as security for any guarantee of the $2,700,000 deposits.

STATEMENT BY COMPTROLLER.

WASHINGTON, D. C., November 14.—The following statement was issued at the office of the Comptroller of the Currency:

"The Central National Bank, of Boston, Mass., has been closed, by direction of the acting comptroller of the currency, as a result of a conference by telephone late last night with Examiners Neal and Dwyer, of Boston. The acting comptroller has appointed William E. Neal as temporary receiver.

"The bank was last examined September 11, 1902, and while the examiner's report showed losses equal to surplus and undivided profits then on hand, there was no evidence of insolvency, as the bank's assets seemed to be ample to meet its liabilities to creditors. Certain conditions were then imposed upon the bank, with a view to providing for losses, and securing the bank against further losses on its loans. Later, it was determined to place the association in voluntary liquidation, by having another bank in Boston take over its assets and assume its deposit liabilities, and it was thought that arrangements to this end were being successfully carried out, when the acting comptroller received a dispatch from Examiner Neal yesterday that the efforts to liquidate had failed. After a conference by telephone with the examiners, who stated that a receiver was unavoidable, the bank was ordered closed.

"The failure is due to losses sustained. There is no apparent dishonesty on the part of the officers of the bank, so far as the records of the comptroller's office show."

NO FLURRY.

The incident of suspension of the Central National Bank did not produce any flurry in financial circles. Many banks came to the relief of the Central's depositors, the National Shawmut offering to advance 50 per cent. of their deposits. Director Moses W. Richardson, of the bank, to-night said that depositors would be paid in full, and while the stockholders may be called for a quick assessment, in the end they will lose nothing.

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Arrive—Byrd-Street Station—8:25 A. M., except Sunday, from Fredericksburg; 8:40 A. M. daily, from North; 12:01 P. M., except Sunday; 7:15 P. M. daily; 8:50 P. M. daily.

Arrive—Elba Station—6:40 A. M., except Sunday, from Ashland; 6 P. M., except Sunday, from Ashland; 11 P. M., except Sunday, from Ashland.

Arrive—Main-Street Station—2:05 P. M. and 10:29 P. M. daily