

COLUMBIA CENTER LUTHER LEAGUE

SIXTH ANNUAL CONVENTION OF THIS WELL KNOWN CHURCH SOCIETY TO BE IN SESSION IN THIS CITY TWO DAYS NEXT WEEK.

On Tuesday and Wednesday nights of next week, October 16 and 17, the sixth annual convention of Columbia Center Luther League will be in session at the First Lutheran church in this city.

The following complete program has been formulated for the convention, and will be carried out to the letter:

Tuesday, October 16, 1906—4:00 p. m. Registration of delegates.

4:15 p. m.—Conference of officers and committees upon work of the convention.

8:00 p. m.—Organ Prelude, Mr. John Olin, organist First Lutheran church. Opening service, Rev. Haasheim, Norwegian Bethany church. Hymn No. 110. Address of Welcome, Rev. Gustaf E. Rydquist, First Church. Response, Wm. S. T. Derr, President C. C. L. L. Anthem, "Just as God Leads," First Lutheran Choir. Convention sermon, "The League and the Church," Rev. M. E. Boulton. Offertory, Violin solo, Miss Maja Fredrickson. Convention announcements. Hymn No. 132. Benediction.

Wednesday, October 17, 1906, 9:00 a. m.—Opening service, Rev. Roehmer, Nehalem. Hymn No. 187. Report of credentials committee. Reading protocol. Officers' reports. Reports of other committees. Appointment of convention committee. Election of officers. Special music, vocal duet, Misses Osborne and Mellquist. Paper, "Value of Recreation in Religious Work," Miss Josephine Nickelsen, The Dalles, Oregon. Discussion, led by Miss Farn Church, Portland, Ore. Hymn No. 188. Adjournment.

2:30 p. m.—Opening service, Rev. Walter E. Bok, Vancouver, Wash. Hymn No. 206. Paper, "What Kind of Delegates Should Be Elected to Our Luther League Conventions," Miss Mabel Thompson, Vancouver, Wash. Discussion, led by Rev. M. E. Boulton, The Dalles, Ore. Paper, "Modern Christianity, What Does That Imply?" Miss A. Nyland. Discussion, led by Rev. J. A. Leas, Portland, Ore. Music, Miss H. Carlson, Vancouver, Wash. Paper "The Convention Rally, Its Value," Miss Mary Koch, Portland. Discussion, led by Albert Madsen, Vancouver. Hymn No. 213. Unfinished business. Adjournment.

An informal reception will be tendered to the visitors and delegates by the local society before the Rally meeting.

8:00 p. m.—Rally Meeting. Prelude, Mr. John Olin. Music, "On the Sea," (Dudley Buck) Norwegian Male Chorus, "Laerkan," Hymn No. 192. Opening service, Rev. C. J. Renhard, Portland. Anthem, "Praise Ye the Father" (Gounod) Choir First Church. Address, "A Luther League Problem," Rev. Gustave E. Rydquist. Music, Bethany Mandolin Club. Address "The Luther League, Its Spirit and Business," Rev. Leas, Portland. Offertory, Mr. Jno. Olin. "For Oss Svea," Norwegian Male Chorus, "Laerkan." Closing remarks, President. Luther League Rally Hymn and Benediction.

BANANA RESOLUTIONS.

Anonymous Refugees Request American Interference.

MEXICO CITY, Oct. 12.—Dissatisfied with the conditions in their country, Guatemalan political refugees have applied to President Roosevelt to bring about annexation of that country to the United States. A proclamation has been issued by the revolutionary junta in New Orleans and copies of this document are being circulated in the city of Mexico by the opponents of President Cabrera. The proclamation is as follows:

"To the People: The stars and stripes, the emblem of civilization, order and progress, is at this moment proudly waving over the land of Martia, Maceo and Maximo Gomez. The republic of Cuba will in the very near future be annexed by the United States.

"President Roosevelt ought to do the same with Guatemala. Over 10,000 of honest Guatemalans have had to abandon their homes on account of revolutions which have almost daily started to overthrow the famous tyrant, Estrada Cabrera.

"We want Guatemala to belong to the United States of North America.

(Signed.)

"Several Guatemalan Emigrants. New Orleans, Oct. 11, 1906."

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COMMISSION WINDS UP AFFAIRS

ACCUMULATIVE WORK OF SESSION NECESSITATES LONG AND BUSY MEETING IN ORDER TO TERMINATE BUSINESS.

The last regular meeting of the Astoria Charter Commission, held last evening, was a most busy and long-drawn-out one, as there was a great accumulation of business to be disposed of.

The first matter disposed of was an amendment to Section 118, of the city charter, altering the provisions for succession to police commission and proposed by City Attorney A. M. Smith, who took the initiative in most of the business of the closing session.

This amendment provides for the continuation in office of the present commissioners and their successors, and was adopted.

The next amendment was proposed

was the consideration of the resolution presented water commission be dissolved, and that the offices on that board be made elective.

This matter led to considerable discussion, pro and con, the general summary of which is best summed up in the address of Mr. Bergman. In a speech that was at once terse convincing and well advised, he said:

"This commission was created to carry out a gigantic work and no one can question the obvious results of their labor. I would not like to see this office made a political one, especially at this time. I think it extremely advisable to leave this matter alone, for in the present state of affairs, it will, in my opinion, be good policy to leave well enough alone."

The matter was further treated by those present from various standpoints, and the issue to make the water-commission a elective body finally prevailed on the following basis:

At the December election in 1908, nine commissioners be elected, two from each of the four wards, and one at large; four for four years each and four for eight years, the ninth man going in for the full term of eight years. The commission then adjourned sine die.

TRAFFIC STATEMENT OF THE Astoria & Columbia River Railroad Company.

When the auditing department of the Astoria & Columbia River Railroad Company struck its annual balance on June 30th, last, it found that its business for the year had increased substantially, not to say handsomely, and there are none to begrudge it the access, for that access means as much, (or more) to Astoria, as to any point on the system.

The passenger traffic shows an increase of 19 per cent over last year, while the freight department figures to the front with an increase of 32 per cent, actualities of pronounced and commendable sort, since they reveal, coming from such a source, an expansion in business throughout this section of the valley that is very wholesome, the profits of which must fall elsewhere beside the office furnishing these commercial statistics; for, as a railway prospers, so does the territory indigeous to it. Twenty and thirty per cent advance in the volume of business of the principal transportation service of a community is a significant pointer as to the ratio of commercial development of a city like this and cannot be too well appreciated by all concerned; since it lends correlative evidence that the company earning the advance has been on the qui vive for the absorption of the growing conditions and has made good use of them.

The following figures illustrate the situation and it may be said, in passing, they are as comfortable as they are accurate.

Gross earnings for 1906.....\$569,299.16
Operating expenses, for 1906.....310,288.62

Net earnings, 1906.....\$259,010.54

From this latter amount must be deducted the fixed charges of the business for the year.

Earnings on passenger traffic, 1906.....	\$ 330,205.34
Number of passengers carried, 1906.....	303,728
Number of passengers carried, per mile, 1906.....	16,626.600
Average passenger rate, per mile.....	1.925 cents
Earnings of freight traffic, 1906.....	\$211,434.47
Total tonnage for 1906.....	203,516 tons
Tonnage for one mile.....	12,253.028 tons
Rate, per mile, per ton, 1906.....	1.726 cents
Classifications of freight hauled and tonnage in each:	
Agricultural products.....	3,902 tons
Animal products, fish included.....	15,420 tons
(Of the last named tonnage, salmon figured to 14,690 tons.)	
Mining products.....	15,214 tons
Lumber.....	141,202 tons
Manufacturing products.....	10,150 tons
Merchandise.....	518 tons
Miscellaneous.....	16,510 tons
Increase in passenger traffic over previous year.....	19 per cent
Increase in freight traffic over previous year.....	32 per cent
Astoria people, in employ of company earned in 1906.....	\$ 159,498.21
Number of people in employ of the system.....	241

by Mr. Lorntsen and provided for an eight-hour day in all city departments and on all city contract work.

As amended it is read, "In all city departments and for city employes, an eight-hour day shall constitute a full day's work" and the resolution was adopted.

Mr. Lorntsen then moved a resolution for an ordinance providing that all employes under city contractors shall receive a minimum wage of \$2.50 per day of eight hours supplemented by the requirement that all employes under city contract should be either American born or so declared, as to intention to qualify as citizens. This was adopted.

Mr. Smith then moved a proviso that all contractors be bonded, as a protective measure for their employes, as considered apart from the regular bond required for all city work, and that all employes be privileged as garnishee agents for the city in the collection of salary arrears; a measure that was adopted without argument, in consideration of the recent unsatisfactory affair in connection with the water works.

A resolution was adopted ordering the secretary of the charter commission to make a transcript of all amendments to the city charter, as adopted by the commission, and also the sections now amended, and authorizing the employment of a stenographer for that purpose.

The final business of the commission

UNIQUE SUICIDE.

South American Adopts Unusual Means of Dying.

NEW YORK, Oct. 12.—A Rio Janeiro dispatch published here says that Viscount Almeida a well known member of society, committed suicide in a novel manner. He invited a number of his friends to dinner and afterward led them to a cage of lions that he had hired from a traveling menagerie. When all were watching the animals and chatting, the Viscount opened the door of the cage and entered. The lions pounced upon him and he was fatally mutilated before he could be dragged out. It is said he was overwhelmed by gambling debts.

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