

BUSY SESSION AHEAD

UPPER IOWA CONFERENCE AT DUBUQUE HAS SEVERAL QUESTIONS TO SETTLE.

REDUCTION OF DISTRICTS FAVORED BY MAJORITY

Vigorous Minority Will Put Up Strong Opposition to Suggestion—Interesting Contests for General Conference Delegates—Large Number of Pastoral Changes Probable.

Special to Times-Republican.

Dubuque, Sept. 15.—The sixtieth session of the Upper Iowa annual conference of the Methodist Episcopal church began here this morning in St. Luke's church, Bishop Homer C. Stuntz presiding.

Nearly every pastor of the 199 charges of the conference were on hand for the first service of the day, which began promptly at 8:30 o'clock. Bishop Stuntz conducted the devotional service following which he conducted the Holy Communion assisted by the pastor of the local St. Luke's church and the six district superintendents of the conference, S. R. Beatty, of Cedar Rapids district; W. W. Carlton, of the Davenport district; A. M. Billingsley, of the Dubuque district; N. A. Mershon, of the Decorah district; W. G. Crowder, of the Marshalltown district and W. F. Spry, of the Waterloo district.

Following the impressive communion service the business matters of the day were taken up. W. H. Slingerland was re-elected secretary; T. P. Potter, statistical secretary; T. J. Strick, treasurer; M. J. Locke, secretary of committee on conference relations; L. D. Stubbs, secretary and Thomas Carson, treasurer of board of stewards; George B. Shoemaker, annuitant secretary; and C. W. Cleveland, conference postmaster. Dr. J. D. Atchison, of his great church, assisted by W. M. Lemen and the Grandview church, have made ample preparations to entertain the 200 preachers and the 200 laymen that will attend the conference during the week. This is Dr. Atchison's sixteenth year as pastor of St. Luke's church of this city and he still proves a very popular pastor. Not only is he a fine pastor and preacher but a most excellent musician. On Friday evening the conference is to be favored with the rendition of "The Messiah" by a great chorus, under the direction of Dr. Atchison, the soloists being the sons and daughters of former or present Methodist preachers of the Upper Iowa conference.

Interesting Session Ahead.

The present conference session is to be one of the most interesting that has been held in years. The reduction of the six superintendents' districts to four is attracting a great deal of interest. A majority of the members of the conference favor the reduction. A healthy minority are opposed to it. Who will represent the laymen at the general conference to be held at Saratoga Springs, N. Y., next May, will be the all-absorbing matter in the laymen's conference held next Saturday. The candidates thus far brought forward are: T. J. Robinson, of Hampton; J. E. Marietta, of Vinton; John Lister, of Conrad; Attorney D. C. Hager, of La Porte City; W. J. Elliott, of Cedar Rapids; R. E. Gunn, of Dyars, and C. P. Colgrove, of Cedar Falls.

Those prominently mentioned among the ministers for general conference honors are S. E. Ellis, of Iowa City; F. P. Shaffer, of Anamosa; A. B. Curran, of Charles City; H. D. Atchison, of Dubuque and E. J. Lockwood, of Cedar Rapids.

Death Invades Ranks. Death has invaded the active ranks of the conference during the year and removed three of its strong men. In April Dr. T. M. Evans, of Waterloo, superintendent of the Waterloo district, died in the Iowa M. E. hospital at Des Moines, as a result of an operation. In June Dr. Slocum, of Lyons church, Clinton, died on a train near St. Paul and in July G. H. Meyers, of

Bassett, was drowned while in bathing. Those on the retired list of the conference who have died during the year are B. C. Hammond, of Springfield, Mo., and M. T. Smedley, of Mount Vernon.

There will be quite a large percentage of pastoral changes this year. Already several of the leading appointments are booked for new pastors.

Stuntz Well Received.

Bishop Stuntz is being royally received by the conference. He began his ministry in the Upper Iowa conference, his first charges being Chelsea and LeGrand. He went to India as a missionary, giving several years of his life to that country. He then returned to Iowa and was pastor at First church, Waterloo, and Mount Vernon. He then went to the Philippines to superintend the Methodist mission work there. After several years of splendid work there, he came back to the United States and became field secretary of the foreign missionary board. He represented the Upper Iowa conference at the general conferences of 1906, 1908 and 1912. At the latter conference he was elected bishop and chose South America as his field. In response to a persistent request he was appointed to hold the present session of the Upper Iowa conference. His son, Clyde B., who is pastor of the Methodist church at Farley will be ordained by his father this coming Sunday and is soon to go to India to become pastor of the great Thoburn Memorial church of Calcutta.

All day yesterday the undergraduates of the conference were busy taking their annual examinations. A strict rule providing that every man should present the day previous to the conference session and take the examinations allotted him or give his reason for not taking the examination in open conference caused almost every man to be promptly on hand.

The examining board is composed of W. C. Keeler, of Mount Vernon; A. M. McIntosh, of Parkersburg; D. M. Parker, of Fayette; E. Baker, of Epworth; D. W. Clinton, of Hampton; A. B. Curran, of Charles City, and E. G. Copeland, of Traer.

Those taking the examinations in the first year course of study were E. G. Cushman, of Fairfax; H. L. Dole, of Van Horn, and R. L. Weaver, of Shellburg. Those in the studies of the second year were Frank H. Scheppie, of Staceyville; W. S. Sylvester, of Pregon; F. W. Cass, of East Dubuque; J. C. Davis, of Dumont; O. J. Felter, of Colerburg; J. H. Graham, of Clermont; E. O. Hillman, of Plainfield; J. B. Kofsky, of Ossian, and E. J. Starr, of Hansell.

J. W. Reed, of Earlville; C. B. Stuntz, of Farley, and F. S. Hurlburt, of Laurel, made up the third year's class. W. I. N. Denmore, of Quasqueton, is the only member of the fourth class. Several of the charges must be supplied by local preachers. Only a very few of the men in the active ranks will retire this year.

STATE W. C. T. U. TO MEET.

Convention to Be Held in Iowa City Sept. 28 to Oct. 1.

Special to Times-Republican. Iowa City, Sept. 15.—The Iowa state convention of the W. C. T. U. will be held in Iowa City, Sept. 28 to Oct. 1. Mrs. B. E. Manville, president of the local union, is planning to entertain 300 delegates. Mrs. Ida B. Wise-Smith, of Cedar Rapids, president of the association, announces that the list of speakers will embrace Mrs. Nelle Burger, state president of the Missouri W. C. T. U.; Miss Anna M. Klingenhagen, dean of women at Iowa university, who represented the state at The Hague peace congress; Attorney General George Cosson; Dr. Carl E. Seashore, S. U. L.; Miss Frances Willard Anderson, Boston; George Ellingswood Joy, San Francisco; Miss Flora Dunlap, Des Moines, president of the Iowa Equal Suffrage Association; Miss Hattie Dickson, delegate to the international purity congress, and others. President and Mrs. T. H. Macbride, of the commercial club, and others, will entertain.

Hunting Without License Cost \$29.85. Waterloo, Sept. 15.—Fred Brown was arraigned in the court of F. F. Knapp, justice of the peace, on a charge of hunting without a license and fined \$29.85. Brown pleaded guilty and was sentenced to the county jail for 30 days. He was arrested Sunday by Deputy Chapman.

IOWA BANKERS DIVIDED

DISAGREE AS TO WHETHER BILLION DOLLAR LOAN SHOULD BE MADE TO ALLIES.

MANY DO NOT LIKE LACK OF SECURITY

Others Consider Bonds of Allies Good and Making of Loan Good Stroke of Financing—Dawson Believes Loan Would Make United States Financial Dictator of World.

Sioux City, Sept. 15.—Sioux City bankers were timid in making any statement in regard to the advisability of making the huge loan asked by the representatives of the allies, of the bankers of this country. W. P. Manley, president of the Security National Bank, expressed himself as favorable to such a loan, providing the allies put up the right kind and a sufficient amount of American securities as collateral.

J. J. Large, of the First National Bank, said the loan would not be acceptable if the security offered were simply bonds of the nations.

Afraid of Bonds. Davenport, Sept. 15.—President F. F. Dawson of the First National Bank of this city expressed the majority sentiment of the bankers of the city when he made the following statement in regard to the huge loan "the allies are attempting to place in this country: "It would place in this country the world's financial center, and it would be the only wise thing to do to take care of them, providing they deposit a proper amount of good American securities as collateral. But if the loan was made with nothing but the government bonds as collateral, these countries would be able to dump a lot of American securities on our markets at any time they so desired. With the floating of this loan, the credit of these nations would permit them to buy their supplies in America, and thus keep up the prices of our products in a year when our crops are the largest in history."

Waterloo Asks Collateral. Waterloo, Sept. 15.—The bankers of this city express themselves as being in favor of the loan asked by the allies, providing they use American securities as collateral.

Holds Bonds Poor Security. Oskaloosa, Sept. 15.—Not one of the six big banks here want any part of the war loan now being negotiated for in New York by the allies, nor would they advise any of their customers to take any. This is especially true if the only collateral to be given is the bonds of their countries for at present bonds of England, France and Russia are not considered very good.

Bank on Hill's Word. Des Moines, Sept. 15.—The bankers of Des Moines seem to be strong for the loan, though they are without any anxiety to take part of it, it being their opinion that eastern bankers may handle it if they care to. H. T. Blackwell, cashier of the Iowa National Bank, says the loan is all right, providing the security is the proper kind. Siman Cassidy, of the Central State Bank, said that if James J. Hill approved the loan, as he did, it would be a good one, simply a matter of securities.

Council Bluffs Lukewarm. Council Bluffs, Sept. 15.—There is no tendency among the bankers of Council Bluffs to approve the war loan asked by the allies. It is simply a business proposition whether or not to loan the money, if the security is right.

Rhodes Scholarship Examination. Iowa City, Sept. 15.—Rhodes scholarship examinations for Iowa will be held at S. U. L. Oct. 5 and 6. The winner will be sent to Oxford University, Eng-

land, and receive \$1,500 a year, for three years, under the will of the diamond king, Dr. T. H. Grubbe, president of S. U. L. The committee chairman, The candidates represent Grinnell, Upper Iowa, Cornell and Drake. Six will compete. Iowa university has no candidate thus far.

CONFERENCE OF "Y." BOYS.

Convention to Be Held in Grinnell Sept. 26-28.

Des Moines, Sept. 15.—Harry Goodrich, Y. M. C. A. state boys' work secretary has just returned from Grinnell where he met a committee of leading church workers and arranged for the older boys' conference for 1915. Grinnell citizens promise the boys a hearty welcome and attend 1,000 boys are expected to attend. The conference will be held Nov. 26, 27 and 28.

This boys' conference is an annual affair and has been increasing in size and interest every year. The attendance recently jumped from 302 at Washington in 1913, to 694 at Cedar Falls in 1914. The enthusiasm among pastors and Sunday school workers as well as among the boys themselves is now such that the size of the conference is limited only by the ability of the city which is host to house the delegates.

While Iowa's record is good other nearby states have outstripped us. Kansas assembled over 1,400 boys in a similar conference last February, while Michigan had upwards of 2,100 boys in her 1914 gathering.

This conference is managed jointly by the state Y. M. C. A. and the State Sunday School Association. The committee in charge consists of W. D. Stem, Des Moines; E. J. Jaqua, Grinnell; M. Vander Linden, Pella; Superintendent O. E. Smith, Indianola; State Leat, Cedar Falls; J. Royce Brown, Ottumwa, and Harry Goodrich, Des Moines, who is also the executive secretary of the conference.

Robert Haddock Champion Plowman. Pierson, Sept. 15.—Approximately 2,000 persons turned out for the Kinsley-Pierson-Washta "plowing match," a big annual feature in this section. The event was held this year at the Thomas Irwin farm, three miles north of Pierson.

There were twenty-one entries in the plowing contest and each had his enthusiastic backers. At noon the women of the Methodist Episcopal church served dinner to about 500 people. A general program of sports was held in the afternoon.

The following awards were made by the judges to the contesting plowmen: First in professional sulky, Robert Haddock. He was also awarded sweepstakes, thus holding the gold cup for a year. First in professional sulky, Stinebaas; first in amateur sulky, William Irwin; first in amateur gang, John McCauley. In the boy class, sulky, Marvin Dawson was first.

Mrs. Elizabeth Beyer-Jones Dead. Special to Times-Republican. Mason City, Sept. 15.—Prof. S. W. Beyer of Ames college, was called to this city on account of the sickness and death of his sister, Mrs. Elizabeth Beyer-Jones. Mrs. Jones is survived by one daughter, Dr. Margaret Monahan, of Chicago.

Northern Iowa Items

Osage. Roland Hamm, aged 16, the son of a prominent farmer, while speeding ran into the Comet culvert west of town and sustained several broken ribs, two ribs and a number of bruises. The car was demolished.

Waterloo. Work on the \$13,000 improvement and extension of the local Illinois Central shops will be started immediately, according to orders received from Chicago office of the company in Chicago. In these orders Waterloo officials of the Illinois Central are informed that the contract has been awarded to T. S. Leake & Co., of Chicago.

Waterloo. August H. Brandhorst, aged 12, son of a farmer living eight miles northwest of Hudson, was killed Saturday evening in a runaway accident. August and his brother, Chris, were working in a field with a team. The team started to run and August was thrown between the team and the wagon. The wheels passed over his body and he died twenty minutes later.

Ackley. In his efforts to turn out and avoid colliding with an automobile that was approaching from an opposite direction, Henry Johns, a son of Mrs. John Johns, residing in the northeast part of town, was thrown from the buggy in which he was seated to the hard ground; the result was that his knee cap was broken or cracked, the result of which will be that he will be obliged to keep from work several months.

Parkersburg. A new Gould deep well pump was installed at the city plant last week and is now at work pumping all the water that is used by the people of Parkersburg. The pump head alone weighs a ton and a half and the pump works so quietly that the team in the heard of the open door of the pump house. The pump was operated approximately sixteen hours and in that time pumped in the neighborhood of forty-five thousand gallons of water.

Webster City. In a straightforward talk of almost an hour, Prof. D. A. Kelly, superintendent of the public schools, made it plain that the "hazing" of high school freshmen had no place in Webster City school life and furthermore nothing of this sort would be tolerated in the future. This talk resulted from the action of several sophomores Monday evening, and as a result of their antics one freshman was somewhat injured and several more were treated roughly.

Cedar Rapids. That representatives of several of the warring nations have been in the city endeavoring to get local manufacturing plants to take orders for munitions it was learned when the manager of one of these plants admitted that his concern had been approached by a Japanese with a tempting offer to make shrapnel for the allies. The Dubuque Brass Company had had several offers through correspondence to engage in the manufacture of brass caps for shrapnel, but all of these offers have been turned down.

Cedar Rapids. A great deal of indignation is being expressed among local business men regarding extensive selling operations which are said to have been conducted near the Ivanhoe bridge, about fifteen miles south of the city, last Monday. One man who saw the sellers at work said that a wagon box in which the fish were thrown after being caught

FAVORABLE CROP WEEK

Corn Makes Some Advancement But Rains Are Not Beneficial to Maturing Process—Potatoes Reported to Be Rotting in the Ground.

Des Moines, Sept. 15.—The weekly crop bulletin says:

The week as a whole was warmer than the average, but frequent and, in many sections, heavy to excessive showers have further delayed threshing and other farm operations. While the rains were beneficial in softening the ground in cornfields, they have kept the crop growing and prevented any material advancement toward maturity. Only the very earliest planted fields are beginning to dent, probably not more than 20 per cent of the crop stage. However, with favorable weather in the future the improvement will be rapid, as soil conditions are now excellent. The rains have also put and considerable of that work was done during the week, and some wheat was sown. Much trouble was experienced in curing the second cutting of clover. Reports of potatoes rotting in the ground are increasing and in some sections the crop has been damaged by blight. Pastures are excellent and there will be an abundance of fall feed.

BALLPLAYERS WIN SUIT.

Greene and Allison Teams Held Innocent of Law Violation.

Special to Times-Republican. Mason City, Sept. 15.—After holding fire for over a year the Greene and Allison baseball teams came out winners in court litigation. The two teams were engaged in playing ball in violation of the Butler side of the county line. Butler county authorities complained and the boys went over to the Floyd side to complete their game of Sunday baseball. In a short time Floyd county officials pounced down upon them and had the eighteen arrested. This was on Sept. 6, 1914. When the case was first heard there was a disagreement but now the decision handed down declares that the boys in playing baseball were not playing in violation of law or ordinance.

CLOSE JAIL TO VISITORS.

Prisoners Supplied With Highly Intoxicating Liquor at Muscatine.

Special to Times-Republican. Muscatine, Sept. 15.—The Muscatine county jail has been closed to all visitors as a result of a startling discovery made this week by Sheriff John Wiley. For some time prisoners in the jail appeared to be in a stupefied state. A close investigation resulted in the discovery of a vial, the contents of which when tested revealed the concoction to be a 42 centimeter variety of booze and dope. Four highly concentrated ingredients gave the preparation strength to put one prisoner into a drunken stupor for thirty-six hours. One tablespoonful of the

mixture poured into a cup of water made it highly intoxicating. Local officers are now seeking to trace the origin of the drink and to ascertain the identity of the person bringing it into the jail. No parcels or foodstuffs may be given to prisoners in the future until they have been inspected by the jailer.

BUILDING BOOM PROMISED.

Many Cottages to Be Erected on Odd Fellows Plat at Clear Lake.

Clear Lake, Sept. 15.—The coming year will see a building boom on the south shore of Clear Lake. In the new state L. O. O. F. plat there are seventy-four lots, sixty of which have been sold to members of the order, and out of this number twenty cottages are to be erected between now and the summer season. Seventy-six lots were

sold in Bayside and Oakland Park subdivisions and fifteen cottages are to be erected in this addition next summer. At least fifty cottages will be erected within seven months on the west side of the lake. There are now over 100 cottages there and the expectancy is that the west side will exceed the popularity of the east side as a resort.

Pneumonia Kills 18-Year-Old Boy.

Special to Times-Republican. Greene, Sept. 15.—Harlan Gibson died at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. James Gibson Tuesday after a short illness. He was a young man about 18 years of age. He caught a severe cold which developed into double pneumonia. The services will be held at the home on Thursday, and interment will be made at Rose Hill cemetery.

Advertisement for Kirk's Flake Soap. Features a woman in a dress and text: "Satisfaction Guaranteed by the Makers", "Ask the Grocer to hand you this", "Softens Hard Water!", "Wash Day loses its 'terrors' with hard water when", "Kirk's Flake Soap 5c", "is used. See how freely and quickly it lathers in Hard or Soft, Hot or Cold water. Kirk makes it, that guarantees its purity and safe use on the most delicate fabrics.", "JAMES S. KIRK & COMPANY Established 1839 Makers of JAP ROSE—The 'Instant Lather' Soap Delightful for Toilet and Bath", "Copyright, 1915, J. S. K. & Co."

Advertisement for Joyce Lumber Co. Text: "Let Us Talk Over Your Building Problems With You", "We are always glad to make suggestions and quote on estimates", "We Have a Big Bright New Stock of Lumber and Building Material of the Best Grades", "WE GUARANTEE SATISFACTION", "Joyce Lumber Co.", "GEO. E. MARTIN, Manager", "Phone 945 410 East Nevada", "'Millwork Made in Marshalltown.'"

Advertisement for Gregory Coal, Coke & Lime Co. Text: "Purity Sootless LUMP AND EGG", "For Furnaces", "NUT For the Range", "Gregory Coal, Coke & Lime Co"

Advertisement for Simkins & Estel Funeral Directors. Text: "Simkins & Estel", "Funeral Directors", "Mrs. Estel, Lady Assistant"

Advertisement for Sterling Gum. Features two thermometers and text: "Crumble-proof", "ALL chewing-gum is at sword's points with the thermometer. Up north the cool, crisp days, and down south the extreme heat try in different ways to urge gum into a crumbly condition.", "But no matter when or where you buy Sterling Gum you will find it crumble-proof. You will find that each stick quickly becomes a velvet-bodied confection.", "So you will always find real enjoyment in Sterling Gum while hunting for that 7th point.", "What is it?", "Sterling Gum The 7-point gum", "PEPPERMINT - RED WRAPPER CINNAMON - BLUE WRAPPER", "The Sterling Gum Co. Long Island City, Greater New York"