

METHODISTS MEET AT PACIFIC GROVE

Opening of California Conference.

A GOOD REPRESENTATION OFFICERS AND STANDING COMMITTEES ELECTED.

Afternoon Session Devoted to the Anniversary Exercises of the Conference of the Ladies' Aid Society.

Special Dispatch to The Call.

PACIFIC GROVE, Sept. 6.—With the usual ceremony that marks the opening of a conference, so impressive to those who witness it as well as those who participate in the sacrament of holy communion, the California conference entered upon its forty-seventh annual session to-day.

The present conference opens under unusually favorable circumstances, and an absence of that bustle and unsettled condition that is customary among the members the opening day was very noticeable to-day, and conference delegates say this is due to the admirable entertainment arrangements planned and carried out by Dr. Thomas Filben, superintendent of Pacific Grove.

The conference was called to order at 9 1/2 a. m. for the first business session. Bishop W. X. Nindie of Detroit, Michigan, presiding, after a few opening remarks by Bishop Nindie the roll was called by last year's secretary, A. H. Needham, 153 members answering.

Conference officers were then elected as follows: Secretary, A. H. Needham, Oakland; assistants, L. M. Burwell, G. M. Richmond; statistical secretary, H. J. Winney; treasurer, Thomas Filben, Pacific Grove; assistants, J. T. Murrish, Lorenzo Fellars; railroad secretary, W. P. Grant; postmaster, C. F. Coy; other routine business was completed and standing committees elected, the chairman of which are: Auditing, S. M. Woodward; auditing Chinese and Japanese accounts, W. S. Urmy; Bible course, W. H. Wytke Jr.; book accounts, J. D. Hammon; Chinese missions, E. M. Hill; church extension, J. P. Macaulay; conference entertainment, Thomas Filben; conference relations, H. B. Atkinson; day camps, J. H. Hanson; Epworth League, E. P. Bennett; evangelizing, J. E. Wright; general secretary, A. H. Needham; missions, C. F. Withrow; ministerial qualifications, H. B. Heacock; missions, James Williams; ordinations, J. A. B. Wilson; Sabbath observance, J. A. B. Wilson; Sunday-school union, H. O. Edson; Sunday-school, H. O. Edson; Home Missionary Society, C. E. Rich; Woman's Foreign Missions, Alfred Kummer; Brotherhood of the Holy Spirit, H. Hammond; exemption of churches from taxation, F. D. Bovard; state of the country, E. R. Dille.

Officers and committees began serving immediately upon election. The committee on memoirs appointed Dr. W. W. Freeman as president of the conference, and Dr. H. B. Heacock of Santa Clara, to deliver a eulogy in memory of Bishop Nindie, and Dr. F. F. Jewell.

Friday at 10 a. m. was set as the time for the election of delegates from this conference to the general conference of 1900 in Chicago.

The afternoon was devoted to the anniversary exercises of the conference of the Ladies Aid Society and Woman's Foreign Missionary Society, and also to the address of Rev. Dr. J. W. Hamilton, national secretary of the Methodist Freedmen's Aid movement, addressed the conference on his department of the church's work.

NEW MONETARY RATIO FIXED IN SAN DOMINGO

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PORTO PLATA, via Havre, Sept. 6.—The Provisional Government has decreed that all duties shall be paid in gold or Dominican silver at the rate of six silver dollars for one dollar in gold. Paper money is not accepted. Merchants have protested on the ground that as they have been obliged to receive it the Government must take a certain percentage of it for duties.

Miners left with a large accompaniment of followers to visit towns in the interior. He is going to Sanchez to take a Dominican warship and men sent for the capital, where the Provisional Government is located.

General Imbert was installed in the office to-day as Provisional Governor of the city.

MINING COMPANY SUES

Objects to a Heavy Raise in Its Assessment.

PLACERVILLE, Sept. 6.—The Union Mining Company of San Francisco, owner of the Union mine near El Dorado, in this county, has begun proceedings against the Board of Supervisors of this county and cited them to-day to show cause why the order passed at a recent meeting of the board as a Board of Equalization raising the company's assessment on the mine from \$12,500 to \$100,000 should not be declared void.

The Union mine, formerly owned by Haywards & Lane and known at that time as the Spangfield, is one of the richest producers in this county.

A strong effort was made this year to increase the assessment of the mine to a value well known value, but the board finally concluded to make the raise \$100,000.

CRUISE DETROIT ORDERED TO PROTECT AMERICAN INTERESTS IN VENEZUELA.

ALL HEADQUARTERS, WELLINGTON HOTEL, WASHINGTON, Sept. 6.—Orders were issued by Acting Secretary Allen late this afternoon to Commander Hemphill, commanding the cruiser Detroit, directing him to proceed with his vessel to La Guayra for the purpose of providing protection to American interests in Venezuela. This action was taken by the Navy Department in compliance with the request of Secretary Hay, who has received unofficial information from Caracas, showing that a turbulent condition of affairs exists in the republic and that an outbreak is impending, and that it is desirable that a warship should be in Venezuelan waters to protect Americans and their interests.

Commander Hemphill has been given usual instruction to communicate with Mr. Russell, Charge d'Affaires of the United States at Caracas and to co-operate with him to protect American interests.

It was stated this afternoon by Senator Pulido, Charge d'Affaires of the Venezuelan Legation, that he had no information indicating that there was any danger of an insurrection. In fact all information received so far indicated that the revolutionists in Los Andos province had been defeated and their leader, General Castro, had fled to the mountains.

The Government has sent a military expedition to capture Castro and the insurgents still with him. Mr. Pulido doubts the reports that the revolution has assumed a serious character in the vicinity of Caracas, as he says it has been confined up to this time to the mountains.

RECORD BROKEN AT STATE FAIR WORKERS IN THE LADIES' AID SOCIETY.

Largest Attendance in Session of Catholic Ladies' Aid Society.

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SACRAMENTO, Sept. 6.—To-night's attendance at the Pavilion was the largest third-nighter in the history of the State Fair in ten years. There were so many people there that no one cared to venture to say how many passed through the turnstiles. It seems that the fair from every point of view is getting better as the show progresses. The big Exposition Hall presented an unusually animated appearance. Everybody kept moving during the intermissions and hardly an exhibit was overlooked by the spectators, so eager were they to feast their eyes on the innumerable displays. The experience of to-night is highly gratifying to the directors of the State Fair.

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There will be a fancy dance by Little Claire Mayo of Sacramento and Master of Ceremonies will be the "Ollie Baby," with refrain from the galleries. Alma Ferris will sing "Just One Peach Tree" and Eugene Coffin and Lola Frost will sing "My Gal from Honolulu."

Young McIntosh of San Francisco will give a black and white act. Tomorrow night will be Odd Fellows' night, and there will be a parade on the principal streets, a drill by the 1st Cavalry and a reception by the wives and daughters of Odd Fellows to their friends also in the Pavilion.

The members of the Young Men's Association will give a reception in the Pavilion to-morrow night by the States Fair Directors and the citizens' committee. William Jennings Bryan, who will be in the city to-morrow, will be escorted to the Pavilion and the Quinquennial Club in the evening.

CREW OF THE SATURNUS HELD BY THE FILIPINOS

Captured Officers and Seamen Well Treated by the Insurgents.

VICTORIA, B. C., Sept. 6.—According to mail advices received from Manila by the steamer Geniole, the officers, crew and passengers of the looted steamer Saturnus are safe and uninjured at Tarlac, as Aguinaldo and his staff make their headquarters there.

The American, published by the United States soldiers at the Philippine Islands, has reported that the crew of the Saturnus by the result of plans carefully laid and carried out by the insurgents who had captured the vessel.

SEARCH FOR THE SKELETON IS FUTILE

SAN JOSE, Sept. 6.—Sheriff Langford has discontinued his search for the skeleton of the murderer Dunham, which a Visalia resident named Keener says he found in the Pacheco Pass.

INDICATIONS OF OIL

SAN LUIS OBISPO COUNTY FIELDS WILL BE DEVELOPED.

SAN LUIS OBISPO, Sept. 6.—San Luis Obispo County is soon to start a new industry and the outlook is bright for its wonderful development.

Transmitting Electricity.

SACRAMENTO, Sept. 6.—Sacramento is successfully using to-day electric power transmitted sixty-five miles over aluminum wires from Brown's Valley, above Marysville. It is the first installment of 600 horsepower sent by the North Yuba Company under contract with the Sacramento Electric Gas and Railway Company of this city, and supplements the power already used transmitted here from Newacastles and Folsom. Under the contract four thousand more horsepower is to follow.

CARRIE SANKEY WAS DEFEATED BY HER GUARDIAN.

Recovers Judgment of All Her Property.

WAS INFLUENCED BY COGGINS HE MUST ACCOUNT FOR ALL MONIES SHE ADVANCED.

Judge Belcher Decides That Questionable Advantage Was Taken of Plaintiff's Youth and Simplicity.

Special Dispatch to The Call.

Charles Coggins and his wife Mary must give their presents back. Judge Belcher yesterday rendered a decision canceling deeds to nearly \$40,000 worth of property, executed by Carrie E. Sankey to her guardians, Mr. and Mrs. Coggins, several years ago. Miss Sankey made the deeds, it was proved during the trial, while under the undue influence of her guardians.

When Miss Sankey was but 13 years of age her uncle, Samuel Sankey, died in Pennsylvania leaving a large estate. She inherited property worth about \$40,000, and as she was at that time employed in the Coggins household she became their ward. Soon after his appointment as guardian Coggins, the testimony showed, immediately began to systematically wrest the property from her.

Coggins and his wife contested her action on the ground that they executed all of the deeds in good faith and "for services rendered." Nearly ten days were consumed in the trial of the case, and during that time it developed, in addition to the fact given heretofore, that the so-called services which Coggins valued at \$40,000 were practically worth nothing. In giving judgment Judge Belcher decided all points of the controversy in Miss Sankey's favor. He held that the deeds were made under undue influence and without consideration, and in addition to ordering their cancellation the court ordered the defendants to account to the plaintiff for all properties which have come into their hands through purchase by Miss Sankey as well as moneys received from her "for her use and benefit."

CONCERT SEASON OPENS TO-NIGHT

The concert season will be inaugurated at the Sherman and Clay Hall to-night when Miss Meta Asher, a young San Francisco pianist, who distinguished herself by her brilliant playing at the Royal Academy in Berlin, and Harry Samuels, the local violinist who achieved fame in Brussels with Cesar Thomson, will play for the first time since their return to their native city. They will be assisted by Arthur Weiss, cellist, and Arthur Dickson, double bassist. A programme of unusual excellence will be rendered. The house has been sold out.

VALLEY ROAD RAPIDLY NEARING COMPLETION

STEEL FOR ALL BRIDGES NEARLY READY FOR DELIVERY.

Officials Make a Tour of Inspection and Make a Report on Progress of Construction Along the Line.

Vice-President A. H. Payson, Director F. W. Van Sicken, Director W. A. Bissell and Chief Engineer W. B. Storey returned yesterday from a trip of inspection over the line of the Valley road as far as Stockton.

They found the work progressing favorably all along the line, and such satisfactory advancement has been made that they now consider the completion of the road to its Point Richmond terminal by the end of the month a probability.

While the work on the Middle River is only advanced as far as the placing of piles, yet the foundations for the Old River bridge are all in place and the work on the bridge over the San Joaquin has advanced so far that the laborers are now employing themselves on the superstructure, the steel for which has now arrived in the hands of the contractor.

Although the factories have not as yet delivered the orders for the steel to be utilized in the construction of the other bridges, yet the first shipment is expected to arrive within the next three weeks, and then the work can be pushed ahead to a half of the extent of the East.

The only matter experiencing any great delay is the construction of the wharf at Point Richmond. The contract is with the Union Iron Works, and thus far that contractor has completed the work of completing two boiler tubes and a link of the wheel chain. So there is now no telling how exact the date of the opening of the wharf will be.

Vice President Payson yesterday issued the following list of directors of the Valley Road officials, which becomes effective October 1:

John D. Spreckels, San Francisco, chairman of the board; J. H. Hays, Los Angeles, treasurer; Alexander Mackie, San Francisco, secretary; L. C. Duming, New York, assistant treasurer; Victor Morawetz, New York, general counsel; C. S. Storry, Los Angeles, general auditor; W. B. Storey, New York, general superintendent; G. W. Wells, Los Angeles, general superintendent; W. B. Storey, Jr., San Francisco, general superintendent; W. E. Bailey, Los Angeles, auditor.

FAN-TAN GAME RAIDED.

Sergeant Duke and Officer Conlan Surprised the Wily Chinese.

Advances made on furniture and pianos, with or without removal. J. Noonan, 1017-1023 Mission.

ADVERTISEMENTS. ANOTHER SPECIAL SALE OF LADIES' KID GLOVES! On August 13 we placed on sale 100 dozen LADIES' KID GLOVES at 50 cents per pair. These gloves, which represented "A Manufacturer's Job," were marked at 50 cent below usual post and were entirely sold out during the ensuing week. We now announce to our friends and the public that on to-day, THURSDAY, we shall place on sale a similar "Manufacturer's Job," numbering 200 dozen of Ladies' Kid Gloves, all sizes, in brown, gray, tan and black colors, at 50 cents per pair.

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STATEMENT OF THE CONDITION AND AFFAIRS OF THE MAGDEBURG FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY OF MAGDEBURG, IN THE EMPIRE OF GERMANY, on the 31st day of December, A. D. 1898, and for the year ending on that day, as made to the Insurance Commissioner of the State of California, pursuant to the provisions of sections 410 and 411 of the Code of Civil Procedure, as per bill furnished by the Commissioner.

Table with columns: ASSETS, LIABILITIES, INCOME, EXPENDITURES. Total Assets: \$1,084,451.45. Total Liabilities: \$1,351,543.00.

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