

Tongue Twisters

Tongue twisters are coming back into popularity. Telling tongue twisters is a good way of "killing time." You know what a tongue twister is, of course. Here is one: Should a Hottentot tot be taught to say "ought" and naught, or what ought to be taught her? Or, if to hoot and to tot a Hottentot tot be taught by a Hottentot tutor, should the tutor get hot if the Hottentot tot hoot and toot at the Hottentot tutor?

This one is from an old spelling book: Theophilus Thistle, the successful thistle sifter, in sifting a sieve full of unsifted thistles, thrust 3,000 thistles through the thick of his thumb. Now, if Theophilus Thistle, the successful thistle sifter, in sifting a sieve full of unsifted thistles thrust 3,000 thistles through the thick of his thumb, see that thou in sifting a sieve full of unsifted thistles thrust not 3,000 thistles through the thick of thy thumb.

It is hard to even read this: Bill had a bill board. Bill also had a board bill. The board bill bored Bill, so Bill sold the bill board to pay the board bill, and after Bill had sold the bill board to pay his board bill the board bill no longer bored Bill. — Selected.

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CONFERENCE AUTHORIZES BIG CAMPAIGN

Launches Movement for a \$400,000 Endowment for Iowa Wesleyan

PARSONS MERGER IS NOT PROBABLE

Permanent Location at Mt. Pleasant Is Assured; Bristol to Talk

The Iowa conference, in special session at the First Methodist Episcopal church here today, authorized the launching of a \$400,000 campaign for Iowa Wesleyan college at Mt. Pleasant.

Of this amount \$100,000 has already been raised by the town of Mt. Pleasant and Henry county. The conference, consisting of about twenty counties in this part of Iowa, obligated itself to raise the additional \$300,000.

Wanting Agriculture. Adam Wier of Mt. Pleasant, chairman of the committee which raised the \$100,000 in that city, stated to the conference that when that body had subscribed \$250,000 of the \$300,000 authorized, then Mt. Pleasant and Henry county will increase it with the additional \$50,000 on the express condition that a chair of agriculture be established in the school.

Merger is Improbable. Last September, while the Iowa conference was in regular session at Centerville, a committee of five was appointed to investigate a proposition made to Iowa Wesleyan by Parsons that the two schools combine.

It seemed to be the opinion of the conference that from all which they had been able to learn, Parsons would not consider a combination unless the merged institution would locate at Fairfield.

With the bright outlook which is apparent for Iowa Wesleyan, the conference feels that it would not be possible to effect a consolidation unless the two schools could unite at Mt. Pleasant.

Gain Ratification. The board of trustees of Iowa Wesleyan college at their regular mid year session, held Wednesday in Mt. Pleasant, unanimously ratified the action of the conference committee of five, which proposed last December, that if Mt. Pleasant and Henry county would raise \$100,000, all negotiations for a removal of the school or a merger elsewhere would be terminated.

The money was raised in the city and county and the permanent location of the school there is assured. The \$100,000 subscribed was accepted by the trustees and resolutions passed commending Mt. Pleasant upon its action.

It was the original intention that, in the event of Mt. Pleasant raising \$100,000, the conference would be asked for \$150,000. Those trustees who are anxious to make Iowa Wesleyan the strongest school in southern Iowa feel that this program is inadequate. Hence the board is recommending that the Iowa conference of twenty counties in southern Iowa, raise \$300,000.

This added to the money raised in Mt. Pleasant would mean an additional \$400,000 to the endowment of the school. It would make a fund of \$850,000, above all debts, money on annuities and the annual support of the conference.

Two hundred trustees, college officials, pastors and laymen from all over this part of the state are here to attend the sessions. The meeting opened at 10 o'clock this morning with Bishop Frank M. Bristol of Omaha presiding.

Bristol Speaks Tonight. This evening a big public meeting will be held. Bishop Bristol will speak and the public is urged to hear him. All sessions are held at the First church.

The church representatives will all remain in Ottumwa over Friday. On that day the Methodist forward movement is to be presented to them.

Bishops Bristol, Theodore S. Henderson of Chattanooga, Tenn., and E. W. Hughes of San Francisco, together with Dr. John L. Hillman of Des Moines, Dr. E. J. Shook, superintendent of the Ottumwa district, and the local pastors will be in charge of the sessions.

Banquet for Bishops. Three gatherings will be held during the day. The first is at 10 o'clock in the morning, the second at 2:30 in the afternoon and the last and largest of all the sessions is called for 7:30 with Bishop Henderson delivering one of his noteworthy addresses. A banquet will be served for the visitors and public in the parlors of the church at 6:30.

CHAS. M'WILLIAMS BEGINS SENTENCE

Chillicothe, Mo., Feb. 17. —Charles E. McWilliams, a former real estate dealer, who lost his fight in the state supreme court to gain his freedom from a sentence of four years imposed by a jury in the Daviess county circuit court about two years ago for embezzlement, left Chillicothe Wednesday in charge of Marshal H. C. Schult of the supreme court. The officers and his prisoner departed on the Milwaukee Limited for Kansas City from which place they will go to Jefferson City. They were accompanied as far as Kansas City by Sheriff Nothnagel.

After McWilliams was taken into custody Tuesday morning, many of his friends thought he would make a statement before starting for the penitentiary, but according to information from the county jail he made no statement.

During Tuesday afternoon and evening he was in consultation with his attorneys, S. J. Miller and P. D. Keefe, for some time, but neither of these gentlemen had anything to make public when interviewed by a reporter.

Attorney Kitt stated Wednesday that he had written for a copy of the opinion and until he had read it carefully he was unable to state whether any further action of McWilliams' liberty would be taken.

ADOPT RESOLUTION AT CONFERENCE

The following resolutions, adopted by the Iowa conference in special session here today, outline the plan for the campaign to give Iowa Wesleyan college a \$400,000 addition to its income.

Inasmuch as the committee of five appointed by the conference at Centerville (and likewise appointed by the board of trustees of Iowa Wesleyan) to confer with a like committee appointed by the Parsons board of trustees, after a patient investigation of the opportunities for relocation and merger open to the institution, and while assembled as a joint committee with Parsons representatives passed resolutions: (1) That in view of the fact that twenty institutions were crowded into Iowa on or east of a line drawn north and south across Iowa through Ames and Des Moines the question of merger was before every eastern Iowa college;

(2) That there was room for only one Christian college in this section of Iowa; and deeming it best for the conference that the college under the patronage of the conference should remain at Mt. Pleasant if it was possible to maintain it there, made offer to the Commercial club of Mt. Pleasant that if the city and Henry county would subscribe \$100,000 in 5 per cent notes with three years' maturity, of which \$30,000 should be in cash or notes with collateral, and pledged the college that if such an amount was so subscribed it would enter at once upon a campaign to raise \$150,000 from outside sources, and inasmuch as

Mt. Pleasant and Henry county have met these conditions, and after a careful canvass the committee of five has approved the subscriptions as representing a full \$100,000 and surplus, and inasmuch as

This action obligates the college to remain at Mt. Pleasant, raise \$150,000 from outside sources, or return the principal sum already subscribed in Mt. Pleasant and Henry county; and, considering the constituency and long location and freedom from other distractions, deeming Mt. Pleasant to be the place most advantageous for the location of either a union college or the continuance of our conference institution; therefore be it resolved:

(1) That we request the continuance of our committee as appointed at Centerville.

(2) That we request the president and the board of trustees to at once

arrange a campaign for at least \$300,000 additional endowment.

(3) In our judgment this campaign should begin by letter, newspaper and bulletin publicity as soon as possible; that there should be an exchange of pastors to discuss this question on March 12; that as many educators and bishops as can be secured should be invited to participate in the launching of the campaign in individual charges; that the four districts should be organized under the leadership of the superintendents, and that the whole campaign terminate April 25.

(4) That we pledge ourselves individually and collectively to this essential endowment movement, and by cordial communication, hearty cooperation and by continuing much in prayer, serve to bring it to a successful outcome.

(5) In view of the heavy past and prospective expenditure on the part of the college and to beget the fullest confidence in our determination to persist in our educational endeavor, we urge our brethren to secure the full fifty cents per member for the educational collection this year.

(6) That we express to Bishop Bristol our heartfelt appreciation for his prompt call of the conference together in special session, for his presence among us, and for his enthusiastic pledge of cooperation by visiting a number of charges during the progress of the campaign.

Signed: C. L. Tennant, E. A. Schell, E. J. Shook, H. F. Gilbert, G. L. Minear.

Report of Committee of Five. Your committee of five appointed by the Iowa conference at Centerville to investigate the terms of the invitation to merge with Parsons college beg leave to report as follows:

After painstaking investigation of all the possibilities of relocation and merger proposed to us; after two special sessions of the board of trustees; and a special meeting with the Parsons committee; and after much correspondence and friendly debate among the individual members composing the committee on December 6, 1915, we proposed to the commercial club of Mt. Pleasant that if they would raise \$100,000 in good subscription notes bearing 5 per cent interest and three years maturity we would immediately thereafter enter upon a campaign to raise an additional \$150,000 from outside and county sources.

This subscription was duly completed on January 28 and on February 2 the subscriptions were canvassed and found adequate in the sum of \$100,000. Upon that date also, deeming it wise to secure the merger of Parsons college with Iowa Wesleyan, if possible, we appointed a special committee to invite the merger of Parsons college with Iowa Wesleyan at Mt. Pleasant upon the tentative terms proposed by Parsons to the conference at Centerville, September, 1915. We have made fitting report of all our actions to the board of trustees and have their full approval to some resolutions that we hereby submit to the conference for its action at this extraordinary session.

Signed: H. A. Cole, H. M. Havner, E. A. Schell, C. Tennant, U. S. Smith.

UNABLE TO REACH WAGE AGREEMENT

Mobile, Ala., Feb. 17.—The sub-committee of operators and miners of the central competitive bituminous coal fields of western Pennsylvania, Ohio, Indiana and Illinois has been unable to reach an agreement on a new wage scale and will so report to the full joint conference this afternoon. The joint conference likely will declare a recess of ten days or two weeks, the next meeting to be held in a northern city.

FOURTEEN INJURED IN EASTERN WRECK

Richmond, Va., Feb. 17.—The Seaboard Air Line Florida Limited No. 10, northbound, was wrecked today at Kingsland bridge, ten miles south of here, while running at high speed. No one was killed but fourteen persons were badly injured and others less seriously hurt.

The engine tender jumped the track, ripping up rails and ties and four coaches went down a steep embankment.

The injured were brought to Richmond hospitals.

DEMOCRATS SPLIT.

Kansas City, Mo., Feb. 17.—With the local wing of the democratic party split, primaries to nominate candi-

CLOSING OUT SALE!

Having sold my farm I will sell at public sale on what is known as the Kreuger farm two blocks from Dahlonaga store, four miles north-east of Ottumwa court house, on

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 23

the following described property, to-wit:

16 Head of Horses—Consisting of one imported Belgian draft stallion Gamlin De Bovlant, foreign No. 39144, American, No. 4458, color sorrel, wt. 2050, sound and good breeder, has won first prize over all breeds in Wapello county, for two successive years. One good black jack white tips, a good heavy bone, blocky built and a good breeder. One span gray draft mares, 7 and 10 years old, in foal, wt. 2800 lbs. One bay mare 5 years old, wt. 1600, one black mare 4 years old, wt. 1300 lbs. with foal. Two all purpose work and driving geldings, city broke, single and double. Two coming three year old colts, extra good ones, two coming 2 year old colts, 3 coming yearlings.

Four head of extra good milch cows, two fresh now and other two fresh about date of sale.

Twenty-three head Shropshire ewes 3 years old, good ones; will lamb early; one registered buck.

Implements, Etc.—200 hens, mostly white leghorns, also some cockerels. A complete outfit of farm machinery consisting of a good Webber wagon, one farm truck wagon, one Velle spring wagon, one new rubber tire top buggy, one McCormick mower, I. H. C. stack and sweep rake, 3 riding cultivators, one new two row Deere, 1 Emerson gang plow, 1 John Deere edge corn planter, 1 disc harrow, 1 1/4 horse power engine and washing machine, 2 sets of work harness, 2 sets of new single driving harness, 1 hay fork pulley and track carrier complete, 1 binder, 1 seeder, 1 bob sled, 1 hay rack, 2 kettles, 1 block and tackle. About 200 bu. corn, some oats, 1 cook stove, 1 four burner oil stove, 1 heating stove, 1 hanging lamp and one gas light and other articles too numerous to mention.

Terms—12 months time on all sums over \$10, purchaser giving bankable note drawing 7% interest. No property to be removed until terms of sale are complied with. All sums under \$10 cash.

Sale to commence at 10 o'clock a. m. Lunch on ground.

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dates for city officers today promised nomination, backed by one faction. E. O'Malley is the candidate of another faction.

Mayor Henry L. Jost is seeking re-

Wanted

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Male Help Wanted

WANTED—EXPERIENCED SINGLE man for general farm work. M. M. Dickens, Hedrick, Ia.

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For Sale

FOR SALE—1914 HUNLEY DAVIDSON motor cycle. Best running condition. Bargain account leaving city. Address F-14-D care Courier.

STORM IN HOLLAND IS BREAKING DIKES

Amsterdam, Feb. 17.—The north-westerly storm is still blowing with undiminished violence and the situation is described as critical. Reports from various places of the damage which has been done are causing grave apprehension.

Monnikendam has suffered considerably. The water rose a foot yesterday afternoon in this town, in the province of North Holland, a few miles from Amsterdam, and is still rushing in. At Volendam twenty houses have been abandoned. The railway embankment between Purmerend and Doornst in the same province, has been destroyed, threatening a fresh catastrophe.

Breaking of the dikes around West-end lakes at Aalsmeer, eight miles southwest of Amsterdam, appears to be inevitable.

PRESBYTERIANS PLAN MISSIONS

New York, Feb. 17.—The executive commission of the general assembly of the Presbyterian church in the United States met here today to consider means of unifying the missionary and benevolent work of the church and to devise methods of obtaining money for its eleven missionary boards and agencies. The Rev. Dr. William H. Roberts of Philadelphia, secretary of the commission, said that body was authorized to raise \$4,000,000 and hoped to get \$5,000,000 within a year. He announced that the commission will ask that a "week of sacrifice" be set aside in March for contributions.

DOESN'T GIVE BOND SO HE GOES TO JAIL

Lewis Crumes, held to the federal grand jury last week on a charge of breaking and entering a railroad car in interstate transit, was given until this week to furnish bond. He has not done that and today was committed to the county jail by Deputy U. S. Marshal N. L. Arrison federal court opens here on March 7 and his case will be investigated then.

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IOWA MEDICAL SOCIETY MEETS

Creston, Feb. 17.—The annual convention of the Southwestern Iowa Medical society, which met here today, was opened to the public. All of the speakers with the exception of Dr. J. P. Loord of Omaha, were residents of the state. The convention program began at 9:30 this morning, included a dinner at noon and is to close this evening.

Among the speakers were Dr. T. B. Dorsey of Keokuk, Dr. T. B. Throckmorton of Des Moines, Dr. J. C. Olmarcher of Clarinda, Dr. C. A. Weaver of Cumberland, Dr. Leason of Mt. Airy, Dr. G. I. Armitage of Murray, Dr. G. A. Bolce of Washington, Dr. J. Rossar of Grand River, and Dr. George Brooks of Greenfield.

FLOATER IDENTIFIED AS BEING M'NEELY

Monroe, N. C., Feb. 17.—Friends of Robert McNeely of this city, who was lost on the steamer Persia while en route to his post as American consul at Aden, Arabia, said today they felt sure the body washed ashore near Alexandria, Egypt, as reported by American Consul Garrels there, was McNeely's. The description of the clothing and jewelry tallies with articles McNeely bought here before departing. A former room mate of McNeely says the watch found on the body was one a friend had traded to him and that McNeely had placed the picture of his mother in it.

MARGARET WILSON GIVEN AN HONOR

Washington, D. C., Feb. 17.—Miss Margaret Wilson, daughter of the president, was receiving congratulations of her friends today over her election as honorary president of the District of Columbia forum here last night.

ITALIANS REPULSED.

Vienna, Feb. 17.—An Austrian official statement issued under date of Feb. 16, announces that the eighth attack by Italian outposts on the Austro-Hungarian positions on Javerek was repulsed. The statement adds that the ground in front of the new Austrian positions in the Rombon district is covered with Italian dead.

BRINGING UP FATHER BY GEORGE McMANUS

