

BIG LUMBER CONFERENCE.

Community of Interest to Be Subject of Meeting. A Circular Issued Calling for a Monster Meeting in Kansas City Next Month. Of Much Interest to Houston.

There have been rumors and rumors of a conference of the lumber interests of the South and the West, but the latest story of centralizing interests and co-operation in reduction of expenses and equalization of unbalanced wages comes from a well-authenticated source. It is reasonably certain that such a conference will be held in Kansas City early in March, at which the great lumber interests of the South and the West will meet to discuss the questions of wages, hours and rentals, and to make a complete merger and plan with the exception of output and prices.

CIRCULAR SENT OUT. The prospects for such a result are based upon the latest trade circular that has been issued in lumber circles. The circular calls for a meeting to be held in Kansas City early in March, at which the great lumber interests of the South and the West will meet to discuss the questions of wages, hours and rentals, and to make a complete merger and plan with the exception of output and prices.

THE HOUR QUESTION. The question of rentals—of houses to be occupied at mill camps and of prices to be charged for the same—will be discussed at the March meeting in Kansas City. The circular also asks that the lumber company representatives at this meeting agree upon the question of the number of men to be employed on a day's work and to secure a uniformity that shall prove satisfactory to the lumber interests. The wage scales to be agreed upon at this meeting.

WESTMINSTER PRESBYTERIAN. Corner Rusk and Louisiana streets. Rev. J. Gilmore Smith, D. D., minister, will preach Sunday at 11 a. m. and 7:30 p. m. in school at 9:45 a. m. in the evening. People's Society Christian Endeavor.

FIRST GERMAN METHODIST. Corner of McKinney and Milam streets. Rev. W. A. Kautz, pastor, will preach at 9:30 a. m. in school at 9:30 a. m. in the evening. People's Society Christian Endeavor.

MASHAN METHODIST. Preaching Sunday at 11 a. m. and 7:30 p. m. by the pastor, Rev. S. McKenney. Sunday school at 9:30 a. m. Junior League 7:30 p. m. and Epworth League at 7 p. m. Prayer meeting Wednesday at 7:30 p. m.

BRENNER METHODIST. Preaching at 11 a. m. and 7:30 p. m. by Rev. W. W. Thomas. Sunday school at 9:30 a. m. in the evening. People's Society Christian Endeavor.

SACRED HEART. Church at Pierce avenue and San Jacinto street. First Sunday of Lent, mass at 6:30 and 10:30 a. m. Rev. J. Nicholson, rector.

MISSION AT SACRED HEART. Rev. Fathers Matthews and Kennedy of the Redemptorist congregation will open a three weeks' mission at the Sacred Heart church, Mass at 10:30 a. m. tomorrow.

MKEE STREET METHODIST. Rev. George H. Collins, pastor, Sunday school at 9:30 a. m. Preaching at 11 a. m. and 7:30 p. m. by the pastor. At the close of the morning service sacrament of the Lord's Supper. Epworth League meeting at 6:45 p. m. Regular prayer meeting Wednesday at 7:30 p. m.

WASHINGTON STREET METHODIST. Corner Washington and Trinity streets. Rev. W. W. Thomas, pastor. Services tomorrow as follows: Sunday school at 9:30 a. m. Preaching at 11 a. m. and at 7:30 p. m. by the pastor. Prayer meeting on Wednesday at 7:30 p. m.

TABERNACLE METHODIST. At corner of Polk and Caroline streets. Rev. Ellis Smith, pastor. Sunday school at 9:30 a. m. Preaching at 11 a. m. and 7:30 p. m. by the pastor. Prayer meeting on Wednesday at 7:30 p. m.

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THE OLD BUILDINGS.

Regular services Sunday morning at 10:30 a. m. in the old Mason building and prayer meeting Thursday night at 8 p. m. in the old Mason building. Subject: "The Hope of the World."

HARDY STREET PRESBYTERIAN. Services at 11 a. m. and 7:45 p. m. with preaching by the pastor, Rev. E. L. Moore. Conversational meeting after morning service. Sabbath school at 9:45 a. m.

CENTRAL CHRISTIAN. Corner Capitol avenue and Carol street. E. Brickert, pastor. Services Sunday at 10:45 a. m. in school at 9:30 a. m. in the evening. People's Society Christian Endeavor at 6:30 p. m. Subject: "Entrance into the Kingdom."

ST. MARY'S CHURCH. Corner Hardy and Conti streets. Rev. J. B. Dicks, pastor. Holy communion at 7:30 a. m. Holy communion and sermon at 11 a. m. Evening sermon at 7:30 p. m. in school at 9:30 a. m. Services every evening during the week at 7:30 p. m.

INDEPENDENT LIBERAL SPIRITUALISTS. The Independent Liberal Spiritualist association will hold their weekly public service in the Calhoun hall, 1000 Texas street, at 7:45 p. m. Sunday, Feb. 28. Subject: "The Spiritual Searchlight." Messages from unseen spirits will be received and interpreted. Mrs. Mary Arnold Wilson will sing.

CHRISTIAN SCIENCE. Second Church of Christ, Scientist—Main street between McKinney and Lamar streets. Sunday services at 11 a. m. and 7:30 p. m. Subject: "Man." Sunday school at 9:30 a. m. Wednesday evening meeting at 8 o'clock. Reading room open daily from 10 a. m. to 12.

LIBERTY AVENUE BAPTIST. At corner of Liberty avenue and Hardy street. Robert D. Wilson, pastor. Sunday school at 9:30 a. m. Preaching at 11 a. m. and 7:30 p. m. Young People's Union, 6:30 p. m. Prof. R. S. Coward, the celebrant, will deliver an illustrated tract meeting at 7:30 p. m. Protracted meeting will continue through the week. Dr. W. K. Perrod of Ennis, Texas, will do the preaching. Prof. Coward of Waco will lead the singing.

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CUMBERLAND PRESBYTERIAN. The public is invited to attend all services at this church. The pastor, Rev. A. B. Buchanan, preaches tomorrow at 11 a. m. and 7:30 p. m. The Sunday school meets at 9:45 a. m. The church is located at corner of Fannin street and Pease avenue.

FIRST GERMAN LUTHERAN. Church at corner of Texas avenue and Caroline street. Sunday school at 9:30 a. m. Regular service at 10:30 a. m. by the pastor, William Blasberg.

AT THE Y. M. C. A. The Boys Will Go on Camping Trip in June. There will be a good time at the Y. M. C. A. after baseball tonight. The third annual camp for the boys will be given in June and the boys who have been faithful to the meetings of the boys' Gospel Meeting league on Sunday afternoons will be permitted to go to the camp.

CITY BREVITIES. Louis Schwartz, deputy in Tax Assessor Schwab's office, is confined to his home with pneumonia. There will be an important meeting of the rollers this evening at 8 o'clock at the residence of Mr. Frank Dwyer, 1204 Polk avenue.

PERSONAL MENTION. Hon. R. W. Stayton of San Antonio was a visitor to Houston yesterday. C. W. Kenney left via the International Great Northern's fast mail for St. Louis. Hon. F. M. Austin of Elba was in the city yesterday, and was a guest of the Rice.

Work Stopped. The heavy rains have caused a cessation of work by the forces of the street commissioner and city scavenger. The mud has accumulated to such a depth that it is impossible to make any progress. The street commissioner has ordered the scavenger wagons to be kept in the streets for three days late on their rounds.

Twenty Billions of Free Trade. New York World. Much more is said about our foreign trade than our internal commerce. Yet the treasury department estimates the annual value of our internal commerce at about \$20,000,000,000, which is equal to the entire international commerce of the world.

Will Meet Monday. The first meeting of the board of operators of the plant of the Houston water company, which is to ascertain the present cash value of the plant in order that the city council may be advised as to its worth.

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