

CASE WILL BE DROPPED

Mystery Surrounding the Death of Walter F. Baker Will Probably Never Be Cleared Up.

Special to the Herald.

New York, April 7.—The mystery surrounding the death of Walter F. Baker, the wealthy young Boston man, which caused a sensation last October, will probably never be cleared up. Despite the fact that the coroner's jury recently found that the young man was poisoned, it is said that the authorities have practically concluded not to lay the matter before the Bergen county grand jury, which met today. The district attorney's office is of the belief that the evidence at hand would not warrant any arrests in the case and unless the private detectives employed by the relatives of the victim bring to light some new facts on which an arrest could be made it is extremely likely that the world will never know how Baker came to his death and the motive for his murder, if a murder was committed.

Baker died October 27 last within an hour after he had been removed to the home of his friends, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Hurd, in Bogota from the Tenderloin restaurant, where he was stricken. He died shortly after midnight and the body was embalmed before daylight. When his brother in Boston was informed of Walter's death he at once directed that the body be not embalmed, but it was too late. His brother was not satisfied with the report of the circumstances of the death and decided to have an examination made by chemists of the organs of the body even after the embalming fluid had been used. The chemical and microscopic examination of the viscera and internal organs disclosed the presence of large quantities of arsenic in the body. The poison was said to have been found in organs which the embalming fluid could not by any possibility have penetrated.

Baker left a fortune estimated at about \$600,000. For several years before his death he had been well known in this city as a frequenter of fashionable restaurants and cafes. He still called Boston his home, but the greater part of his time was spent here. During his frequent visits to this city he often made his headquarters at the home of his friends, the Hurd family. It was at Hurd's

on suddenly ill, and Baker's young daughter, Natalie—a little child—was the principal beneficiary under Baker's will. She received \$200,000 outright from the estate. The little girl never came into possession of the fortune, however. In the first place the will was disputed by Baker's relatives, and that contest has not yet been decided by the courts. The child was stricken by scarlet fever last January, and died on February 21, after an illness of five weeks.

An investigation which was instituted by the authorities in this city and in New Jersey soon after Baker's death came to nothing and the body was taken to Boston and buried. The dead man's brother, however, believing that there were details in the case that had not been disclosed, kept steadily at the investigation. As a result of his efforts the New Jersey authorities were prompted to take up the matter once more. Another coroner's inquest was ordered and as the result of medical and other testimony offered the jury found that the young man had come to his death through poison administered by some person or persons unknown. But the entire lack of a clue upon which to work has led the district attorney's office to the conclusion that, under the circumstances, it would be useless to submit the matter to the grand jury which convened today. The brother of the dead man, however, announces his intention to pursue the investigation to the end, and has employed several detectives to devote their entire time to the case. Meanwhile the disposal of the fortune left by the young man will be fought out in the courts.

New England M. E. Conference.

Special to the Herald.

Worcester, Mass., April 7.—The 112th annual session of the New England Methodist Episcopal conference was preceded today by the Epworth League anniversary in Trinity church and by committee meetings and other preliminary business. The regular sessions of the conference will begin tomorrow, with Bishop George W. Harrington presiding.

Iowa Funeral Directors.

Special to the Herald.

Sioux City, Ia., April 7.—A jolly crowd of visitors from all over the state filled the Y. M. C. A. auditorium this morning at the opening of the twenty-eighth annual convention of the Iowa Funeral Directors' Association. President Leo V. Myers called the gathering to order at 10 o'clock, and after an invocation and several

selections of music the visitors listened to an address of welcome by Mayor Sears and a response by Frank L. Daggett of Ottumwa. These formalities disposed of, the convention took up the regular program of business, including papers and discussions on methods of embalming and other branches of the undertaking business. The convention will be in session three days.

MIDDLE WEST ELECTIONS

Spring Elections Are Being Held Today, With Prohibition Elections in Illinois State.

Special to the Herald.

Chicago, Ill., April 7.—Cities and towns throughout a large section of the Middle West are holding their spring elections today. From Wisconsin, Minnesota and Dakota in the north to states as far south as Oklahoma, and in most of the states in the intervening territory, elections of some sort or another are in progress today.

Milwaukee and several other cities of first importance are to elect mayors and other municipal officers. In Chicago the election is only for aldermen. Outside of Chicago practically all of the cities and towns of Illinois are voting for the first time on the question of prohibition. This statewide contest has been one of the most exciting in the political records of Illinois and the results are awaited with keen interest.

At political headquarters in this

WITH LARGE ATTENDANCE

The State Sunday School Association of South Dakota Opened Today. Will Continue Three Days.

Special to the Herald.

Brookings, S. D., April 7.—This city capitulated today before an invading host of enthusiastic delegates come to attend the annual convention of the South Dakota Sunday School Association. Every arriving train brought its quota of visitors, who represented among them every county of the state. On their arrival in the city the visitors were escorted to the First Presbyterian church, where they were registered and assigned to families who are entertaining.

Business of a preliminary nature occupied the day. The formal opening of the convention has been reserved for tonight, when a monster welcome demonstration takes place, with addresses by several noted Sunday school workers.

The sessions will continue over Wednesday and Thursday. Interesting features of the program will be addresses by Hugh Cork of Chicago, representing the international association, and by prominent divines, educators and church workers from many cities and towns throughout South Dakota. Professor M. M. Ramer of Mitchell is president of the association and will preside over the sessions.

Election in Milwaukee.

Milwaukee, Wis., April 7.—Today's

place candidates in the field in every congressional district in the state. In addition to its other business tomorrow's convention will select a successor to Chairman C. Bascom Slemph, who is filling the unexpired term of his father, the late Colonel Campbell Slemph, in congress.

Municipal Election in Hartford.

Special to the Herald.

Hartford, Conn., April 7.—The municipal election in this city today follows a campaign of more than ordinary interest. The republican candidate for mayor is Edward W. Hooker, whose platform calls for a continuation of the policy of the present administration. The democratic candidate is Ignatius A. Sullivan, whose election to the mayoralty six years ago attracted national attention. Sullivan's platform leans toward the socialistic doctrine, with municipal ownership, free text books and kindred ideas included among its planks.

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city the opinion is expressed that today's elections, taken as a whole, will have little or no bearing on the coming state and national campaigns. In nearly every instance the issues are purely of a local character, with party lines cutting little or no figure. The results, therefore, cannot reasonably be expected to forecast in any degree the probable results of the contests this fall.

SUNDAY SCHOOL ASSOCIATION

Of North Carolina Met at Burlington in Convention Today.

Special to the Herald.

Burlington, N. C., April 7.—Earnest christian workers from every part of North Carolina rallied here in force today for the annual convention of the State Sunday School Association. From the time of the formal opening today until the final close of the proceedings Thursday evening there will be a succession of features that will keep the delegates busy. The large attendance, the prominent speakers, the attractive musical features and the perfection of the arrangements for the entertainment of the visitors combine to give promise of the best convention ever held by the association.

The officers of the association who are in charge of the convention are: President, Dr. C. M. Poole of Salisbury; vice presidents, L. W. Clarke of Spray, Rev. P. H. Flemming of Burlington, and Rev. P. B. Hall of Kinston; secretary, Miss Mand Reid of Raleigh, and treasurer, H. W. Jackson of Raleigh.

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election in Milwaukee is for all the principal municipal officers, including mayor, comptroller, treasurer and aldermen. There are four complete tickets in the field. David S. Rose, a former mayor and a democratic leader of national prominence, is the democratic candidate for the mayoralty. T. J. Pringle heads the republican ticket, Emil Seidel is the candidate for mayor on the social democratic ticket, and Thomas Gardner is the candidate of the prohibitionists.

VIRGINIA REPUBLICANS.

Lynchburg Will Be the Scene of State and District Conventions.

Special to the Herald.

Lynchburg, Va., April 7.—Leading republicans of Virginia are rounding up here in considerable number for the state and district conventions for the selection of delegates to the national convention at Chicago. The convention promises to be well attended and plans will be discussed for pursuing a vigorous campaign in Virginia this fall. It has been decided to

roduction to my family, I have done very well, I thank you. The good folks have bought the "Child's Friend" and "Misery Mover" until I actually believe I'll have to "pull down my barns and build greater." And if anybody questions my sanity, or suggests that my soul may be required in the near future, I'd say, all right, I'm just as ready now as it ever will be, and perhaps I'm not so foolish after all. If we build other barns, and fall at the mandate of the great Master, they'll be ready for the next tenant. It's all a question of chance, anyway. We make our puny little play and pass off the stage and others take our places. Thus it has been for countless ages, and countless ages hence, rheumatic and colic folks will call for "Misery Mover," and babies will cry for the "Child's Friend." For the present for sale at

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