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THE METHODIST CONFERENCE

Twenty-Second Annual Session Will Convene at Minot October 16--Bishop Goodsell of Boston, Will Preside.

Minot has been highly complimented by being selected as the seat for holding the conference of 1907 of the Methodist Episcopal Church of North Dakota.

The Methodist Episcopal church is the most rapidly growing, as it is at present the largest Protestant body in the United States, now numbering 6,500,000 communicants, 20,000 active ministers, 20 bishops, and an organized missionary work that raises annually over \$5,000,000 for the promotion of church work in this country and in foreign lands. The North Dakota conference includes the Methodist Episcopal church work in the state. It has a membership of 25,000, 150 ministers, and is divided up into three so-called districts, each under the immediate direction of a presiding elder.

The conference session of 1907 will convene in our city Oct. 16th. Bishop Goodsell of Boston, Mass., will preside. Bishop Goodsell is one of the ablest bishops of the church, noted for his culture, vital piety and influence in the church.

At this conference session there will also convene a lay delegation of 150 representative Methodists, who hold a quadrennial session, chiefly to elect a lay delegation to represent the Methodist Episcopal church work of North Dakota in the general conference, which will convene in the city of Baltimore in June, 1908.

Every Methodist in Minot, and the citizens generally, should extend a royal welcome to this body of Christian workers and give them a demonstration of true North Dakota hospitality. The sessions are for the public—morning, afternoon and evening. These are very interesting and should be well attended.

On Wednesday, Oct. 16, at 8:30 p. m., Rev. E. O. Eldridge of Wahpeton, N. D., will deliver the regular conference sermon.

At 2:30 Anniversary of Woman's Foreign Missionary Society.

At 4:00 p. m. School of Methods in Aggressive Evangelism.

8:00 p. m. Anniversary of Board of Foreign Missions. Address by Dr. Trumbull, field secretary. None should be absent to attend the evening service.

On Thursday, Oct. 17, at 2:30 p. m., Rev. W. E. Morrison of Sheldon will deliver the missionary sermon.

On Thursday, at 7:30, there will be a temperance rally. Rev. E. O. Eldridge

of Wahpeton will preside. Addresses will be made by Judge E. R. Goss and ex-Gov. J. M. Devine of Minot and Judge E. H. Pollock of Fargo.

At 9:30 there will be a reception given to the bishop and conference delegates in the church parlors. The public are generally invited.

On Friday, Oct. 18, at 2:30 there will be a rally in the interest of Wesley college of Grand Forks.

At 7:30 there will be an anniversary of the Board of Education, Freedmen's Aid society and the Sunday school work. Dr. Anderson, the secretary of education, will speak upon this occasion.

On Friday, Oct. 18, at 9 a. m., the lay-elect oral conference will convene in the First Baptist church.

On Saturday, Oct. 19, at 2 p. m., there will be an anniversary of the Woman's Home Missionary society. Address by Mrs. Annie Hobbs Woodcock, national organizer.

At 3:00, Conference Clergymen's Anniversary.

At 4:00, School of Methods in Aggressive Evangelism.

At 7:30, Home Missionary society anniversary. Address by the distinguished field secretary, Dr. Iliff.

On Sunday, Oct. 20, there will be a sunrise service, conducted by Mrs. Annie Hobbs Woodcock.

At 9:30 Conference Love Feast, conducted by the Rev. Z. James of Mandan.

At 10:30 regular services. Sermon by Bishop Goodsell.

Sunday afternoon at 2:30 there will be held memorial services. This will be followed by the solemn service of the ordination of deacons and elders.

At 4:30 there will be evangelistic services, conducted by Dr. Henderson.

At 7:30 Epworth League anniversary, an evangelistic service under the direction of Dr. Henderson and Dr. Iliff.

All these services will be interesting and should be well attended by the Christian people of Minot. Let everyone be interested, attend these services and receive the benefits.

A conference quartet will aid in the musical part of these services.

There will be street preaching every evening at 7 o'clock, under the direction of Rev. D. S. Scadding of Mohall, N. D.

On Monday morning, Oct. 21, there will be a final conference session, when the bishop will read off ministerial appointments.

The Independent has made arrangements to publish the conference proceedings.



DR. ILIFF.

Dr. Iliff of Omaha, Neb., is field secretary of Home Missions. He was 25 years superintendent of missions of the Methodist Episcopal church in the state of Utah, and is a man of wide and varied experience. He is one of the greatest preachers of Episcopal Methodism and may be fitly described as a whirlwind in the pulpit. He will give an address on Saturday evening, Oct. 19, probably on the Reality of Romance of Home Missions.

Those who have heard it, say that it is a remarkable deliverance and well worth hearing.

At the Epworth League Rally conference Sunday evening, Oct. 20, at 7:30. Dr. Henderson and Dr. Iliff will have direction of the service. This will be the climax of the conference gatherings, and will be in the interest of the young men and women of our city, who are specially invited.

BENEFIT CONCERT A GRAND SUCCESS

Minot Academy of Music Pupils Acquit Themselves with Great Credit--Long Mark for Prof. and Mrs. Dunavski.

The musicale given at the Jacobson Tuesday evening under the auspices of the Minot Academy of Music, and for the hospital, was largely attended, considering the quality of the weather, and those who attended had the pleasure of listening to one of the best musical treats that Minot has had in a long time. The entertainment was given entirely by local talent--pupils of Prof. and Mrs. Dunavski. Little tots, unable to climb upon the piano stool unassisted, played clever selections in a manner which showed that the best of methods had been employed in their instruction. More advanced pupils also participated. Prof. Dunavski has reason to feel highly elated over what he has accomplished during the one short year that he has been located here.

We doubt if there is a city the size of Minot in the country that can boast of so good a musical school. The program was necessarily quite lengthy, but was not tiresome for it was varied.

The Minot Academy of Music has now sixty-five pupils, but all of them did not participate in the concert.

Misses Florence Dunnell and Sibyl McDonald opened the concert with a pianoforte duet. These young ladies play exceedingly well and will be heard from later in Minot musical circles. They appeared several times later on the program and each time won well merited applause.

Little Nora Fauchald, only 9 years of age, played a violin solo in a manner that pleased the audience highly. She is a natural little musician and her training has had a telling effect.

Miss Pearl Hall sang "For All Eternity," displaying a rare, sweet voice.

The maudlin duet by Misses Florence Stewell and Pearl Smallwood was a pretty selection. Miss Smallwood presiding at the piano.

Miss Hope Trumbull's violin solo was rendered very nicely.

Edward Harshberger's vocal solo, "Damon," was well rendered, and the young man is showing marked improvement under his training.

Prof. Dunavski and Prof. Osterlie rendered a pianoforte and violin duet with masterful skill,

and the applause was loud and long.

Misses Banks and Gordon, of the primary grade, played a piano duet very prettily.

Mrs. Dunavski, who possesses a very sweet voice, sang "The Holy City," with violin obligato. This was one of the most pleasing numbers on the program. Mrs. Dunavski, whose former home was in England, has appeared in London concerts often and always was more than pleasing.

Malon Fauchald, one of Minot's rising young musicians, played a violin solo showing much skill.

Miss Simmons rendered a piano solo, "Melodies," from Paderewski, nicely.

Mr. Hall's solo, "Down in the Deep, Let Me Rest," was very pretty indeed. The young man possesses a voice that is very sweet and clear and has great range.

The program ended with a pianoforte duet by Prof. and Mrs. Dunavski, from Schubert. The difficult selection was most faultlessly rendered and the applause which greeted them was most gratifying indeed.

At the conclusion of the concert the pupils and a few friends of the professor gathered at the European restaurant where an elegant repast was served. The menu was elaborate, and at the conclusion of the banquet several toasts were responded to. A. F. Bacon, the toastmaster, covered himself with glory in the manner in which he acquitted himself. The speech by Prof. Dunavski, in which he told what the Minot Academy of Music was doing and what it would try to do in the future years, was interesting. The concert will long be remembered.

Mare Got Frisky.

Smallwood's delivery horse became frisky Saturday evening and got away from the driver, spilling out a load of groceries. The animal ran away a second time yesterday while being unhitched and ran off into the country, harnessed and checked up and has not been heard from at the time of going to press.

Father Raith is Ill.

Father Raith is lying very ill at his home in this city, and is under the care of a trained nurse. He was brot home from out of the city Saturday and it is believed that he is effected with typhoid fever. No services were held Sunday on account of his illness. The Independent hopes to hear of the father's early recovery.

Pierow Hurt in Runaway.

Wm. Pierow was severely hurt in a runaway at the corner of Main and First streets Sunday evening. His horse ran away and did not stop up for the corner. Pierow's ankle and wrist were sprained.

Yeggemen Loot State Bank

Three Bold Fellows Hold the Citizens at Bay While They Take \$6000 From Safe--Nine Charges Required to Crack the Safe.

The Church's Ferry State bank was entered by three yeggemen at an early hour Monday morning, the big safe was cracked and the bold marauders escaped with \$6000 in money. The men were very bold, and for nearly four hours remained in the bank endeavoring to blow the safe. It required nine charges to crack the safe. In the meantime the citizens exchanged shots with them.

The deputy sheriff stood across the street and shot at the bank front with a shotgun. The shot struck the window, but the thick glass did not break--merely rattled off like so many hail. Another brave (?) citizen, armed with a rifle, saw what he thought was one of the robbers creeping towards him. He ordered the man to halt, but he did not and the citizen took to his heels. The man proved to be a roll of

paper blown by the wind. The president of the bank heard the whistles blowing for help, but that that the disturbance was caused by hoboes. After the men had escaped with \$6000 of his money, the president got up and dressed, and came over to town to see why the police had not stopped the noise.

The robbers entered the bank thru the rear door and when they left the town, were not followed.

They fired several shots at the citizens who endeavored to capture them when they first entered the bank, putting them under cover. The bank was fully insured. The N. D. State Bankers Association will offer a \$500 reward.

It was about a year ago that the Sawyer State Bank was robbed, but all of the robbers were captured and with the exception of Duffy, who died, were sent to the penitentiary.

Public Sale.

I will offer at public sale on my farm four miles due south of Surrey on Wednesday Oct. 16, 1907 the following property, to wit:

Five good work horses consisting of two geldings and three mares. Will weigh from 1200 to 1500 lbs apiece.

Five head of cattle consisting of two good milk cows, three short horn heifers one will be fresh Oct. 27.

Eleven head of hogs (for this winter's meat) consisting of two brood sows and nine shoats-- 150 Plymouth Rock chickens.

Farm Implements consisting of one 22 single disc Dwigiac Drill, good as new. One McCormick binder. One McCormick hayrake. One Oliver Gang plow. One Diamond breaker with stubble bottom. One Land Roller. One four-horse harrow and Cart. One Hickory wagon. One farmers truck. One Monitor bob sled, good as new. 1 spring wagon, 1 surrey, 1 superior fanning mill, about 225 feet on one inch rope, pulleys and hay slings. Two sets of extra good heavy work harness almost as good as new. about nine tons of lignite coal and some hay, etc.

Household furniture, 1 bedroom suit, Beds and bed lounge, cupboard, one heating stove, one cook stove, chairs etc

Terms of sale--All sums of \$20.00 and under cash. All sums over \$20.00, time of 12 months will be given purchaser by giving a bankable note with two approved securities, bearing 12 per cent interest from date. 8 per cent will be deducted from face of note for cash. Sale to commence promptly at 10 o'clock.

Free lunch will be given J. E. Coy, Proprietor. D. M. Shorb, Clerk. F. H. Bradley, Auctioneer.

Smallwood's Cash Grocery.

We will still continue to sell you the special sale for one week longer. You can save big money by buying your groceries now, as everything in the grocery line is advancing in price. We want your business and you want the goods.

Soo Surgeon.

Dr. A. J. McCannel secured the appointment of surgeon for the Soo railway at this place. This is a very important appointment, and well merited by the doctor.

HUB SALE CONTINUED

Inclement Weather Forces the Minneapolis Brokerage Co. to Several More Days of Bargain Feasting.

The Hub sale which is conducted by the Minneapolis Brokerage Co. has been a success, but owing to several days of inclement weather, it has been decided to continue it for one week, which will make the date for ending the sale Saturday, Oct. 19. There are bargains galore at the Hub, items that have never yet reached the newspapers.

The stock has got to be reduced and price cuts no figure. The stuff is all nice and new and was bought only a few months ago.

In fact much of the merchandise arrived but a short time ago. The Hub stocked up heavier than necessary, and finds that it is necessary to raise money to pay its bills. The public is asked to read the Independent carefully next week, for the Hub will have something important to say.

Important Real Estate Deal

Geo. W. Swords, receiver of the Minot National Bank, purchased the corner lots just west of the Optic building from Mrs. Combs for \$5000. The property is very desirable and was sold thru the agency of that rustling real estate dealer, A. W. Tracy.

Minot Markets.

CORRECTED EVERY THURSDAY	
Wheat, No. 1.....	1 02
" No. 2.....	90
Durum No. 1.....	82
" 2.....	
Flax, No. 1.....	1 19
" 2.....	
White Oats.....	43
Barley.....	83
" No. 3.....	75
Rye.....	64

PETITION TURNED DOWN

Commissioners do Not Think Second Petition to Divide Ward County is Legal--Stanleyites Have Necks Bowed and Will Carry Case Up.

The county commissioners turned down the Stanley petition to divide Ward county, creating Mountrail county--or rather the petition to give the voters an opportunity of voting on the proposition. They did this believing that the second petition is illegal, inasmuch as a petition was previously accepted from the voters in the northern portion of the county to divide Ward county into two parts, naming the northern portion Lake county. The county dais believe that this first petition should be voted upon before other propositions are entertained. The Stanleyites have their necks bowed and will carry the matter up.

Held Meeting.

Minot, N. D., Oct. 9, 1907.

The members of the Mechanics Mutual Benefit association of North Dakota held a meeting last night and passed some very good resolutions in regard to the credit system. The members of the association have lost a great deal during the last few years doing a credit business.

What they propose to do is to rate their patrons so that persons who will come in and pay their bill the first of each month will be rated "good" and those who do not will be obliged to pay cash for work before it leaves the shop.

On April 1st., 1907, there were 511 members of the said association in good standing in the state of North Dakota, that are bonded for \$100 each, making it impossible for them to do work for a person whose name is on the delinquent list for labor past due. This has become a law and will be in effect November 1st., 1907.

Members of the Mechanics Mutual Benefit Association of North Dakota.



Dr. Henderson, field secretary for the committee on aggressive evangelism, will conduct a school of methods in aggressive evangelism every afternoon during conference week, beginning at 4 o'clock to which the public generally are invited. These services will be held in the Conference church. Dr. Henderson is one of the strong men of the Methodist Episcopal church in the United States, is a fervent and eloquent preacher and greatly beloved for his worth and his work. Don't miss hearing him.

Farewell for Lem Wright.

A farewell reception for Lieut. Lem Wright, who leaves this week for Texas for his health was held Thursday evening at the military hall. Capt. Blakey, Lieut. Mulick and other members of the company D expressed their deep sorrow that Mr. Wright found it necessary to leave and hoped for his future welfare. Mr. Wright responded thanking the company for the honor bestowed upon him.

Later dancing was enjoyed and refreshments served.

Attend Laundrymen's Convention

Messrs. Darby & Peterson, the up-to-date proprietors of the Minot Steam laundry, returned from Fargo Wednesday where they attended the North Dakota Laundrymen's convention Monday and Tuesday. They report more than fifty "washee" men in attendance, and they say that they were royally entertained. The next convention will be held at Crookston.

The Minot Milling Co. bought some wheat last week, there being four different grades from the same field. This is not an uncommon occurrence this season.