

MISSOURI STATE NEWS

Tribute to Dunklin.

Walter Williams pays this tribute to Daniel Dunklin, the father of Missouri's school system: Daniel Dunklin was elected governor of Missouri in August, 1832. Governor Dunklin was born in South Carolina in 1790 and came to Potosi, Mo., in 1810. He was sheriff of Washington county while Missouri was yet a territory and a member of the constitutional convention of 1820. He was an ardent supporter of the interests of public schools and is known as the father of the common school system of Missouri. One month before his term as governor would have expired he resigned the office to accept the office of surveyor general of Missouri, Illinois and Arkansas. As surveyor general he established the boundary line of Missouri and Arkansas. He died in 1844 and is buried near Pevely, Jefferson county, Missouri.

A Cattle Quarantine Ruling.

At a recent meeting of the state board of agriculture held in Sedalia a quarantine regulation was established providing for the admission of southern cattle into Missouri to conform to the ruling of the federal department which has fixed the time from November 15 to April 1. The state veterinarian made a report to the board that in different parts of the state there are a large number of cattle suffering with tuberculosis. The board decided to petition the legislature to enact a law indemnifying stockmen for the loss of cattle ordered killed by the state veterinarian.

The Banner Sunday School.

The contest between the Christian church Sunday schools in Central Missouri for a state banner for the largest attendance and cash contributions has closed. The Sunday school of the Christian church of Jefferson City won the banner, scoring a total of 1,200 points. The attendance was 450, with more than \$500 cash collection. Among the other Sunday schools in the contest were California, Centralia, Columbia and Sedalia.

Awarded \$6,000 Damages.

Raymond Moore, who sued the Washash railroad for \$20,000 damages, alleged to have been sustained in a railroad accident at Mexico last summer, was awarded \$6,000 judgment in a special term of court there, by Judge Samuel Davis, of the Fifteenth judicial district. R. J. Moore, father of the plaintiff, was awarded \$1,250 damages for expenses growing out of the accident in taking care of his son.

A Plucky Deputy Sheriff.

A jail delivery was prevented at Lexington by the bravery of Herbert Kinkead, a young deputy sheriff, who discovered two prisoners in an outer hallway of the jail. Though unarmed, the plucky deputy feinted with his gun and drove the escaping men back to their cells. The prisoners gained their temporary freedom by means of an ingeniously made key, fashioned from a piece of lead pipe.

Reward for "Black Hand" Man.

The county court and the Merchants' association have offered a reward of \$500 for the capture of the writer of "Black Hand" letters in St. Joseph. For a month dozens of letters have been posted by a man who signs the name, "Cincos Centavos."

A Large Farm Sold.

The largest farm property sale ever made in Jackson county was recorded recently. Captain R. F. Mastin sold his 1,440-acre farm, two miles southeast of Grandview, for \$144,000. The purchaser was Thomas B. Clement, of Sedalia.

Postmen to Meet.

May 30 has been chosen as the date of the state convention of Missouri letter carriers. There are about 35 towns in Missouri which have city delivery. Congressman Lloyd has accepted an invitation to be present and will address the convention. He is a member of the postoffice and post road committee and his address to the delegates will doubtless be very instructive and beneficial. First Assistant Postmaster General C. P. Grandfield, has consented to send some member of the department, who will also deliver an address.

The State Treasury Balance.

The balance in the state treasury at the close of business April 30 as shown by the state treasurer's report for April, was \$2,516,247.10. This is about \$400,000 more than was on hand at the close of March. This increase in the revenue came from the state insurance tax.

Albany's New Enterprise.

A glove factory is a new enterprise to which Albany is giving the glad hand.

GREAT CHURCH CONFERENCE OPENED AT BALTIMORE

BALTIMORE.—The quadrennial session of the general conference of the Methodist Episcopal church—its supreme legislative and judicial body—opened in this city May 6, and will continue its work until some time in the first week in June. This church is the largest of the Protestant denominations in this country, with a membership of 3,300,000 of the laity, about 20,000 ministers and 14,000 local preachers. To represent this vast host about 850 delegates assembled in the general conference, half of them laymen, there being included in the latter class a score or so of "elect women," for since the year 1900 women may be sent as delegates to the general conference.

The cosmopolitan aspects of this body may be inferred from the fact that there are 300,000 members in the 20 Afro-American conferences in the south, besides missions in Africa on the east and west coasts, and in Rhodesia, where Bishop J. C. Hartzell and his colored associate, Bishop Scott, have done remarkable work. There are missions also in China, Korea, Japan, Burmah, the Philippine islands, India and many countries of South America, besides Methodist conferences in Germany, Switzerland, Italy, Bulgaria, Sweden, Denmark, Norway, Finland and France. The German contingent alone aggregates 100,000 members and 1,000 ministers,

spent most of the quadrennium there; the Germans are concluding that their numbers and the interests they represent, in Germany and in this country, require them to have one of their own men—something they have never had yet—numbered among the bishops.

Several Who May Be Honored.

They have several men in mind as filling the bill—Prof. J. L. Nuelsen of the German Wallace college, Berea, O.; President Addicks of Central Wesleyan college, Warrenton, Mo.; President Havighorst, German college, Mt. Pleasant, Ia.; Rev. P. G. Yunker, director of the Martin institute, Frankfort-on-the-Main, Germany, and Rev. Dr. A. J. Nast, editor of the Christliche Apologete, Cincinnati. It is understood that the German delegates will choose their standard bearer from this list, and that the man they select the general conference will be urged to elect.

It is just now likely that the eight new bishops, aside from the German list already noted, will be found in the following list of men who now appear to be, according to the sentiment of the church, taken far and wide, in the lead. We enumerate them alphabetically:

Rev. Dr. William F. Anderson, for the past four years corresponding secretary of the board of education, with headquarters in New York city, has become widely known in view of the

Lewis, president of Morningside college, Sioux City, Ia., whose successes in developing that institution in a few years into its present status and promise indicate him to be a man of singular resources.

Rev. Charles W. Smith, D. D., editor for many years of the Pittsburg Christian Advocate, is being talked of by hosts of friends in different parts of the church. His age is against him, but one of the remarkable things in the case is the remark, heard on many sides: "Dr. Smith would give in four or eight years of service as bishop, it would be worth while to elect him."

Afro-American Element.

There is a movement now going on which in due time will solve many problems connected with the race—the project to unite organically all the Afro-American Methodist denominations, including the 300,000 colored people of the Methodist Episcopal church. This aggregation would be colossal in size and importance, made up as follows: African Methodist Episcopal, 850,000; African M. E. Zion, 580,000; Colored Methodist Epis-



MEN WHOM METHODISTS DELIGHT TO HONOR.

ten of the conferences being in this country and three in the Fatherland. It will be seen, therefore, that this general conference is a parti-colored, multi-lingual and cosmopolitan assemblage, with manifold interests which identify it with the civilization and religious life of many lands. About 300,000 of the entire membership are in foreign missions.

Question of New Bishops.

The bishops who preside in turn over this body from day to day are the center of constant interest. Their ranks have been thinned by death during the quadrennium. Bishops Merrill, Andrews, Fowler, Fitzgerald, Joyce and McCabe having died. Of the whole number the venerable Bishop Thomas Bowman, who has passed the age of 90, and Bishops Foss, Walden, Mallieu and Vincent are on the roll of honor as men retired from the activities of the episcopacy. The others on the active list, Bishops Warren, Goodsell, Cranston, Moore, Hamilton, Berry, Spellmeyer, McDowell, Bashford, Burt, Wilson and Neely, are in Baltimore to occupy the chair as presiding officer, day by day, in the order indicated above, which is the order of seniority by election.

The missionary bishops differ from the officers just enumerated in that their episcopal jurisdiction is limited to the specific fields for which they were chosen—as for example, Bishops Thoburn, Warne, Oldham and Robinson, for India and Malaysia; Bishops Hartzell and Scott, for Africa, and Bishop M. C. Harris, for Japan and Korea. The missionary bishops are not entitled to preside over the general conference.

A question now being widely asked in all parts of the church under consideration is, who will be chosen for new bishops?

It is hardly to be questioned that at least six new men must be added to the board of bishops in order to maintain its efficiency in the taxing work of administration, at home and abroad. Of those on the active list, men in full vigor, too, one is at the age of 77 marvelously preserved, and with few traces of age upon him; one is almost 70 and two are 68. China is asking that two men be assigned for superintendence in that land—one bishop in addition to Bishop Bashford, who has

ability he has shown as an administrator of the important educational interests which have been in his care. He is a west Virginian by birth, an alumnus of Ohio Wesleyan university and of Drew Theological seminary, 48 years old and a man of attractiveness in the pulpit and on the platform.

Dr. Bovart Favored.

Rev. Dr. Freeman D. Bovard of San Francisco, editor of the California Christian Advocate, and a recognized leader of the interests of Methodism on the Pacific coast, has been of such use in the rehabilitation of the city which he has served since its overthrow by earthquake and fire, that his name has been frequently mentioned as that of the man likely to be put forward as the representative of the men of the Rocky mountain region and beyond in connection with the episcopacy. He is a big-hearted man, a fine administrator.

Rev. Danial Dorchester, D. D., pastor of Christ church, Pittsburg, will be put forward by western Pennsylvania as a fitting man for the suffrages of his brethren. He comes of staunch New England stock, is a fine scholar, has a dozen years of service in a university as professor of letters to his credit, and is known widely because of his breadth of vision and his largeness of manhood.

Rev. Dr. Edwin H. Hughes, president of DePauw university, Greencastle, Ind., is counted on as in the race by virtue of three combining elements—he has an evangelical spirit in a marked degree, he has shown himself an administrator of skill in his present post and he represents the educational field and work, which need to be recognized in relation to the episcopal office. He is a graduate of Ohio Wesleyan university and of the School of Theology of Boston university, and has ably filled some large pastorates.

Rev. Dr. Henry C. Jennings, for 12 years one of the publishing agents of the Western Methodist Book concern, and in that field revealing the elements of a great administrator—intelligence, energy, prudence and enterprise—is considered to have more than a fighting chance for election.

Other Prominent Candidates.

A representative of the region beyond the Mississippi has recently been forging to the front, Rev. Dr. W. S.

copal (formerly of the M. E. church, South), 222,000; making a denomination of about 2,000,000 in membership, including, as do the figures above given, more than 20,000 "ministers.

The denominational publishing interests will command attention, of course, in view of their magnitude and vitalizing relation to all other interests of the church. Messrs. Eaton and Mains, agents of the Methodist Book Concern in New York, with depositories in Boston, Pittsburg and Detroit; and Messrs. Jennings and Graham, agents of the Western Methodist Book Concern in Cincinnati, with branches in Chicago, Kansas City and San Francisco, have for two quadrenniums advanced the business under their care to a point never before attained. The total assets overrun \$4,000,000; the sales of books and periodicals aggregate \$2,000,000 a year; last year a dividend from the profits of the two establishments was made to the superannuated preachers of the denomination, their widows and orphans, amounting to \$150,000.

For half a dozen years there have been several projects looking to the consolidation of the manufacturing plants of the two Book Concerns, and their unification under a single manager, with proper assistants.

Leaders in the Church.

Among the men who will be in the forefront by reason of recognized leadership are Rev. Dr. James N. Buckley, editor for 28 years of the Christian Advocate, New York, confessedly the master of the floor and of the questions that come before the body for discussion; Gov. Hanly of Indiana; Gov. Hoch of Kansas; Rev. Dr. Levi Gilbert, editor of the Western Christian Advocate, in Cincinnati; Dr. D. D. Thompson, editor of the Northwestern Christian Advocate, in Chicago; Dr. Stephen J. Herben, editor of the Epworth Herald; Dr. Henry Wade Rogers, dean of the Law school of Yale university; Gov. Buchtel of Colorado; Hanford Crawford, one of the great merchants of the west; Robert T. Miller of Cincinnati, former president of the Inland Oil company, and scores of college presidents, business men, expert in financial and local church administration, and other clerical and lay leaders.

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