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MINOR MENTION.

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Craft's chattel loans, 204 Sapp block.

There will be no game Sunday on account of wet grounds.

The Ladies auxiliary will give a social this evening in Knights of Pythias hall.

W. C. Morris is to be married next week to a young lady of Oakland avenue.

The Pottawattamie Democratic association will meet this evening in their hall.

Sunday school lesson study at the Young Men's Christian association rooms tonight.

Frank Webster was fined $15.80 for disturbing the peace yesterday morning in police court.

John Nielson entertained a number of his friends Thursday evening in honor of his 37th birthday.

Miss Jennie Heft entertained a number of her young friends at her home, 806 Avenue H, in honor of her sixteenth birthday.

J. C. Mitchell of the Northwestern has purchased one of S. E. Maxon's houses on Harrison street and will move into it at once.

A council of Commercial Pilgrims of America will be instituted at Hastings, Neb., tonight, by L. W. Snow of Lincoln, G. W. P. or Nebraska.

The baggage shed where Northwestern passengers have been landed for so many years past has been torn down and work has been commenced on the new depot.

Regular meeting of Council Bluffs Council No. 1, Commercial Pilgrims of America, this evening. All members are requested to be present as there is business of importance to be transacted.

John Barhyte is the grandfather of a little girl that arrived at his home on Benton street a few nights ago. The mother is Mrs. M. B. Bridge of Denver, who is paying her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Barhyte, a visit.

The Fifth ward election contest will come up for a hearing in the superior court on the 16th. The result of this contest is being watched with great interest, as upon it depend a great many appointments to city offices.

Special convocation of Star chapter No. 47, Royal Arch Masons, this evening, for work in the Master Mason degree. All Master Masons in good standing are cordially invited. By order of the Most Excellent High Priest.

John W. Kisler was arrested yesterday on an information filed before Justice Swearingen charging him with administering a trouncing to his brother-in-law, Thaddeus L. Miller. He gave bonds for his appearance next Monday at 2 o'clock.

The monthly meeting of the Pottawattamie County Fruit Growers and Gardeners association will be held this afternoon at 2 o'clock at the county court house. The subjects to be discussed are "Bees as Aids to the Fruit Growers," and "Fertilization of Fruit Blossoms."

John Meyers, Jacob Hamlin, and Bert Bates, three boys about fifteen years of age, were arrested at midnight Thursday night for holding up a hen coop on West Broadway. They had one solitary chicken in their possession when they were caught, but it cost them each a term of seven days in the county jail.

Nellie Hess and William Walker were given a hearing before Justice Hammer yesterday on the charge of adultery. At the close of the hearing the defendants were discharged, on condition that the woman would leave the city and rid Mr. Walker of her entrancing presence which has caused so much trouble in the Walker household.

The ladies of Unity Guild gave an entertainment in Masonic temple yesterday to raise funds to assist in the erection of a church building in the eastern part of the city. Excellent meals were served during the day and in the evening a dance was given. The entertainment was in every way a success and quite a sum was realized.

A petition has been filed in the district court by Ina Casady, A. W. Casady and T. E. Casady asking that T. E. Casady be appointed special administrator to take care of $10,000 worth of personal property belonging to the estate of the late Judge Casady, of which T. E. Casady was made executor by the terms of the will of the deceased.

A mad dog created something of a sensation yesterday morning at the residence of Mayor Lawrence, 105 South Seventh street. His teeth failed to make connections with anything human, but the people living in the vicinity was considerably terrified. One of the mayor's blue coated and brass buttoned policemen were finally dispatched to the scene and the unfortunate canine was put out of danger.

Cora Smith, a depraved woman who was run in by the police a day or two ago, amused herself Thursday afternoon by standing at the front window of the city jail and using vile language toward little girls who were passing by on their way from school. She was transferred to a back room, but made such a terrific racket that she had to be handcuffed to the wall for several hours in order to cool her down.

Mr. and Mrs. R. S. Rawlins entertained a party of friends Thursday evening in honor of their guest, Mrs. W. R. Carroll of Davenport. The evening was spent in progressive high five, prizes being awarded to Miss Ollie Clark and Mr. C. Morgan. Those present were Messrs. and Mesdames W. D. Nason, George Shoemaker, D. Haggerty, Misses Ollie Clark, Davidson, Carry and Mary Aten, Messrs. E. H. Ott, George Hamilton, Ed Pryor, Luke Mithen and C. Morgan.

The Hercules lawn mower, with 10-inch wheels, will cut high grass and work easier than any other mower made. We keep also the genuine Philadelphia mower and several other machines that we can sell cheaper than the cheapest. New refrigerators; carload just received. Dauntless and Warwick bicycles. 11 Main street. Shugart & Son. Recollect that the new Dangler Surprise is only gasoline stove that possesses every quality of a gas stove.

Candlelight tea by the guild of St. Paul's at 521 Broadway, Saturday, May 7, from 6 to 9. Come and bring your friends.

PERSONAL PARAGRAPHS.

Thomas Bowman returned to Washington Thursday night.

C. F. Swift of Harlan, who was assistant secretary of the Iowa senate at the session just closed, was in the city yesterday, the guest of J. J. Frainey.

P. Allen, the veteran grave digger of Fairview cemetery, has handed in his resignation. The position which he has filled for twenty-eight years will be filled hereafter by a man named Foster.

An Attractive Art Sale.

Messrs. Riley and Sherraden, the artists, have purchased the Chapman art store and after June 1st will remove it to 45 Main street, under their photograph gallery. Until that date, for the purpose of saving cost of moving, art goods will be sold at actual cost and frames at a heavier discount than at any of Chapman's special sales. This will afford a splendid opportunity for art lovers to secure bargains.

Reiter, the tailor, 310 Broadway, has all the latest styles and newest goods. Satisfaction guaranteed.

Wall Paper.

The newest designs, the largest stock and by far the lowest prices is at the BOSTON STORE. Estimates furnished for papering. Nothing but the best paperhangers employed. Everything guaranteed. Figure with us when you want papering done.

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Council Bluffs, Ia.

Swanson Music Co., Masonic temple.

NEWS FROM COUNCIL BLUFFS

Congressman Thomas Bowman Refuses to Accept a Renomination.

YET HE THINKS THE NINTH IS ALL RIGHT

There Are Many Democrats, However, Who Have Little Faith in Their Party Carrying the District at the Approaching Election.

That Hon. Thomas Bowman will not be in the race as a candidate for re-election to congress seems to be a pretty well determined fact from the contents of a card which he issued yesterday for circulation over this congressional district.

The card reads as follows: "To the Democracy of the Ninth District—Having been importuned by many of my constituents to become a candidate for re-election I desire to state here and now that I do not intend to aspire to a re-election nor will I accept of a renomination. Situated as I am my private business demands my undivided attention and I can only continue in public office at a great personal sacrifice. This is the only reason that prompts me to decline a renomination. As regards the success of the party in this district the coming fall I have not the least doubt. The Ninth district has an amplitude of available men, any one of whom can be elected. The trend of public sentiment is toward democratic principles. There is nothing ephemeral about the great tidal wave that swept across the country in 1890.

"The revolution in sentiment is growing and the outlook for a sweeping victory, both as to the congressional and presidential tickets, was never brighter. In no place is the change more firmly engrafted into public sentiment than in this district. A wise nomination must of necessity be followed by success. It is with the utmost confidence of party success in this district that I tender my declination to be a candidate. In conclusion I desire to return my sincere and humble thanks to the people of this district for the honors they have bestowed upon me, and while I will not be a candidate, I will do all I can to accomplish the election of a democrat as my successor.

"THOMAS BOWMAN."

The meaning of this card has become the subject of many inquiries, both by democrats and by republicans. The republicans are not disposed to take Mr. Bowman as meaning precisely what he says so far as his reason for withdrawing is concerned. So far there have been four men prominently mentioned by the republicans for that position, Judge Walter I. Smith, Judge H. E. Deemer of Red Oak, George F. Smith and Major H. G. Curtis of Atlantic. The fact that Mr. Bowman was the first democratic congressman to be elected from the Ninth district, and that he owed his election partially to local causes and circumstances which might not have the same weight in the coming election as in the last is thought by many to have more to do with Mr. Bowman's decision than his lack of time. At all events, however, Mr. Bowman, who is considered the strongest man the democrats could put up, is out of the race, and it remains to be seen who will be selected as standard bearer for the democrats of the Ninth congressional district in the coming campaign.

MAY SALE.

Boston Store, Council Bluffs, Ia.

UNDERWEAR.

200 dozen ladies' ribbed vests, 5c each.

Ladies' shaped vest, 9c, three for 25c.

Ladies' shaped vest, 12½c each.

Heavy weight silk trimmed vest, 17c.

25c vest we show in three makes, finished with silk, draw string, in white and ecru.

Our 33c vest come in high and low neck, silk trimmed.

At 50c see our Egyptian lisle in ecru and black.

Misses' silk vests in black, pink and cream at 75c.

Ladies' silk vests in black, pink and cream, in narrow and derby rib, the best $1 silk shown.

Gents' underwear, mode and ecru, shirt and drawers at 50c.

Lisle finish, shirt and drawers 75c.

Fancy striped shirt and drawers (Medlicott goods) sold regularly for $1.25, our price for sale 75c each.

WASH GOODS.

At 3c—5,000 yards challies, good colors, worth 5c.

At 5c—Challies on black ground. Good assortment of dark colors and 200 patterns, regular 7c goods.

Outing flannels 5c, worth 8c.

Outing flannels 8½c, worth 12½c.

Half wool outing 12½c, worth 19c.

30 percale shirting 10c, usual price 12½c.

Gingham, 8½c, 10c and 12½c. Fine zephyrs, 17c. Scotch ginghams, 25c.

Black brocade sateen 25c and 30c a yard. At 12½c our line of wash goods beats them all. All the latest things, such as cote de cheral, crepon, Shantong, pineapple tissues, Bedford cords, Chilian cloth, over 1,000 pieces to select from, at 12½c per yard.

BOSTON STORE.
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Council Bluffs, Ia.

Don't forget the candlelight tea on Saturday evening next, at 521 Broadway.

Dr. Chamberlain, eye, ear, throat, catarrh. Shugart block, Council Bluffs.

Preparing for the Convention.

A meeting of the members of the reception committee for the democratic state convention was held last evening in the superior court room for the purpose of dividing the work into different departments and apportioning each member of the committee his share. S. N. Harvey of Neola was appointed chairman and James N. Fenlon secretary. S. E. Wadsworth stated to the meeting that he and the chairman had spent a good share of the day in dividing the committee into the necessary subcommittees, and after he had given his idea of the work to be done the following list of committees was appointed by the chair:

Marshal of the day, J. C. Lange; assistants, W. F. Sapp, J. K. Cooper, William Arnd.

Railroad committees to meet delegates at different railroads—Chicago, Rock Island & Pacific: A. T. Etwell, E. W. Hart, J. N. Bowman, A. S. Hazelton, S. P. MacConnell, H. H. VanBrunt, F. M. Hunter, C. A. Tibbitts, William Maloney, W. D. Hardin; Chicago, Burlington and Quincy, W. C. James, John Lindt, C. R. Hannan, T. C. Campbell, L. Zurmuehlen, W. J. Davenport, J. J. Stewart, Peter Smith, Wade Cary, J. H. Pace; Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul, W. H. Ware, John M. Lane, T. E. Casady, J. A. Churchill, Harry Bowman, E. O. Odell, W. B. Reed, C. M. Hart, L. A. Bergman, Emmet Tinley; Chicago & Northwestern, J. W. Bell, J. C. Mitchell, John H. Mithen, George H. Richmond, Dr. J. M. Barstow, John P. Weaver, M. F. Rohrer, R. N. Whittlesey, Benjamin Marks, J. L. Templeton; Omaha & St. Louis, F. M. Gault, J. M. Galvin, G. A. Robinson, W. R. Fisher, D. W. Archer, Fred Geise, W. E. Aitchison, August Beresheim, T. C. Dawson, W. J. Jamison.

Reception committees at hotels—Grand: Mayor N. D. Lawrence, Lucius Wells, T. J. Evans, E. A. Troutman, J. W. Peregoy, John Schoentgen, Hon. H. E. Deemer, Dr. Donald Macrae, W. H. Thomas, S. N. Harvey, Hon. J. E. F. McGee, S. G. Underwood. Ogden: Hon. W. I. Smith, J. P. Organ, R. J. Clancy, A. T. Flickinger, Frank Trimble, Chris Hansen, F. H. Guanella, A. L. Hendricks, R. N. Whittlesey, A. W. Reikman.

Committees on Temporary Quarters for Delegates not Provided for at the Hotels—Grand, Ira F. Hendricks, I. M. Treyner; Ogden, E. A. Wickham, S. D. Rohrer; Neumayer, S. L. Etnyre, George M. Wilson; Gordon, James Nichol, W. H. Knepher; Pacific, R. S. Rawlings, E. F. Watts; Kiel, William Larsen, John T. Hazen; newspaper reporters' committee, R. J. Clancy, E. F. Watts, H. W. Tilton, H. E. Grimm, J. R. Dietrich.

Ushers Committee—E. A. Troutman, J. N. Bowman, L. Zermuehlen, jr., J. M. Fenlon, W. H. Thomas, William Larson, John Mithen, Emmett Tinley, A. W. Casady, W. B. Reed, S. L. Etnyre.

District Headquarters Committee—Archer hall, W. L. Thickstun; north court room, W. H. Thomas; Wagner's hall, L. A. Bergman; Manderchor hall, Emmett Tinley; Creston hall, A. W. Riekman; Grand Army of the Republic hall, J. A. Churchill; south court room, W. B. Reed; League, William Moore; Democratic club room, R. N. Whittlesy; Masonic temple, W. J. Jamison; Knights of Pythias hall, J. M. Scanlan.

Chapman's screen factory. Exclusive screen doors and windows. See him or write for prices. 15 Pearl St., Council Bluffs.

A Splendid Endorsement.

Everybody in Council Bluffs knows George H. Meschendorf. He is one of our most enterprising business men and a very successful one at that. Mr. Meschendorf, like all human beings, is not without his faults and his greatest one was drinking. To a reporter yesterday he recited the facts which corroborate his statement given below, as follows:

COUNCIL BLUFFS, April 29, 1892.—I, the undersigned, am engaged in the meat market business in which I am quite extensively interested in Council Bluffs and Omaha and have been for the past twenty-six years. I finally contracted the liquor habit, so much so that nothing less than from five to thirty glasses a day would satisfy me. Feeling it was injurious to myself, my family and my business I sought the aid of the Blanchard Gold Cure. After treating for the past twenty days am thoroughly satisfied that I am absolutely cured of the worst habit that man can acquire. The treatment left me robust and in the best of health and today liquor is distasteful to me. Therefore, I cheerfully recommend the Blanchard institue, 555½ Broadway, Council Bluffs, to my many friends of this city and Omaha.

GEO. H. MESCHENDORF.

Death on a Hand Car.

A terrible accident took place yesterday morning about 7 o'clock at Stanton, a small way station seventy miles east of Council Bluffs, on the Burlington road. An engine had been to Creston for repairs and was on its way back in charge of a railroad crew of the Burlington. In rounding a sudden curve the engineer was appalled to see a hand car with six men on board coming directly toward him and hardly 100 feet away. The engine was going at the rate of thirty miles an hour or more and it was impossible for it to be stopped for the men on the hand car to get out of the way in time to avert the impending danger. A collision took place, the hand car was hurled from the track and all but two of its occupants became the victims of the iron wheels. Two of the men were killed outright and the physicians who were summoned to attend the others pronounced the recovery of two more impossible.

Veterans, Attention.

On the occasion of the department encampment of the G. A. R., to be held at Ottumwa, commencing May 10, the C., B. & Q. will sell tickets at one fare for the round trip. For particulars call on

O. M. Brown,
Ticket Agent, 517 Broadway.

The most fortunate man in town is Geo. Davis, the leading druggist, because he has exclusive agency for the best prepared paints in the world, made by Heath & Milligan.

Hotel Gordon, 336 Broadway, has recently changed hands, and is being thoroughly renovated. Clean beds; prompt service; table first class.

Patronize blue ice wagons for Mo. river channel ice. Mulholland & Co. Tel. 162.

FLOODS STILL RISING.

Ottawa People Removing from Many Districts of the City.

OTTAWA, Ill., May 6.—Heavy rains brought the floods today up to a point two feet higher than ever. The south bluff boats were being rowed through the streets to remove people from their water soaked homes.

The power house of the electric railway has several inches of water over the main floor, compelling the abandonment of the line. The glass factory district is all under water and the Pioneer company has been compelled to shut down. Great furrows have been made in many streets and culverts, sewers and drains have been rendered worthless by the rushing waters. The loss in this city alone is fully $75,000. In the farming district adjacent it is incalculable.

Bursting of a Dam.

PEORIA, Ill., May 6.—The dike of the La Marsh drain system in the lower part of the city gave way shortly after 10 o'clock tonight, flooding the district, which is about five miles in length by two and a half in width. This was all reclaimed land and under cultivation. About twenty families live in the portion affected and great excitement prevails at Pekin, directly opposite which place it lies, for it is feared that some of the families have perished in the rush of water. The break is about 600 feet in length and the damage to property will amount to thousands of dollars. Rescuing parties are arranging to go out of Pekin. The Illinois river is higher than it has been since 1844.

Passed High Water Mark.

NEW ORLEANS, La., May 6.—The Times-Democrat's Greenville, Miss., special says: The Mississippi river passed the high water mark of 1891 yesterday, and the high water mark of 1890 was reached this morning, and tonight the gauge records forty-three and a half feet, half an inch higher than any previous record, and is still rising at the rate of a half inch in twenty-four hours. It is likely to go six or eight inches higher still. There are no causes for alarm, whatever. The levees are carefully guarded and watched the entire length of the district.

Disasters at Keokuk.

KEOKUK, Ia., May 6.—The Mississippi has been rapidly rising the past two days. Lowlands are submerged, crops ruined and farmers taking their stock and families to the high ground for protection. Small levies along the Des Moines and Fox rivers are broken and large tracts are under water. The main levy, however, is yet safe. Alexandria, Mo., is surrounded by water and the people are traveling about in boats. Should the rise continue much longer the disastrous flood of four years ago will be repeated.

Surrounded by Water.

ALEXANDRIA, Mo., May 6.—This town is surrounded by water and travel and traffic is conducted by skiffs. The railroad tracks are submerged in places, but the road beds are safe. Should the rains continue much longer it will be a repetition of the disastrous floods of four years ago.

NEWS OF YESTERDAY.

Domestic.

Julius Kuffrian of Norwood, Pa., was struck by lightning and killed.

Washington, D. C., has been visited by a severe wind storm, which did much damage to the city.

A cyclone at Gettysburg, Pa., did much damage to that town. A woman was severely injured by flying timbers.

Officials of the Peoria & Western emphatically deny that there has been a wreck or accident of any kind on their line.

Edwin S. Pearl jumped from the big bridge across the Mississippi river at Memphis to the water below, and was picked up uninjured.

Thomas Lawton has been executed at the Colorado penitentiary for the murder, last August, of John Hemming of Colorado Springs.

The schooner Grover Cleveland of and from St. Johns, N. F., for Boston, with a cargo of fish, has been given up for lost. It is supposed she foundered in the gale of March 4.

Governor Nichols of Louisiana has signed the death warrant of Etienne Deschamps, the murderer of Juliette Deitzch, and fixed Friday, May 13, between the hours of 12 noon and 6 p. m. as the time for execution.

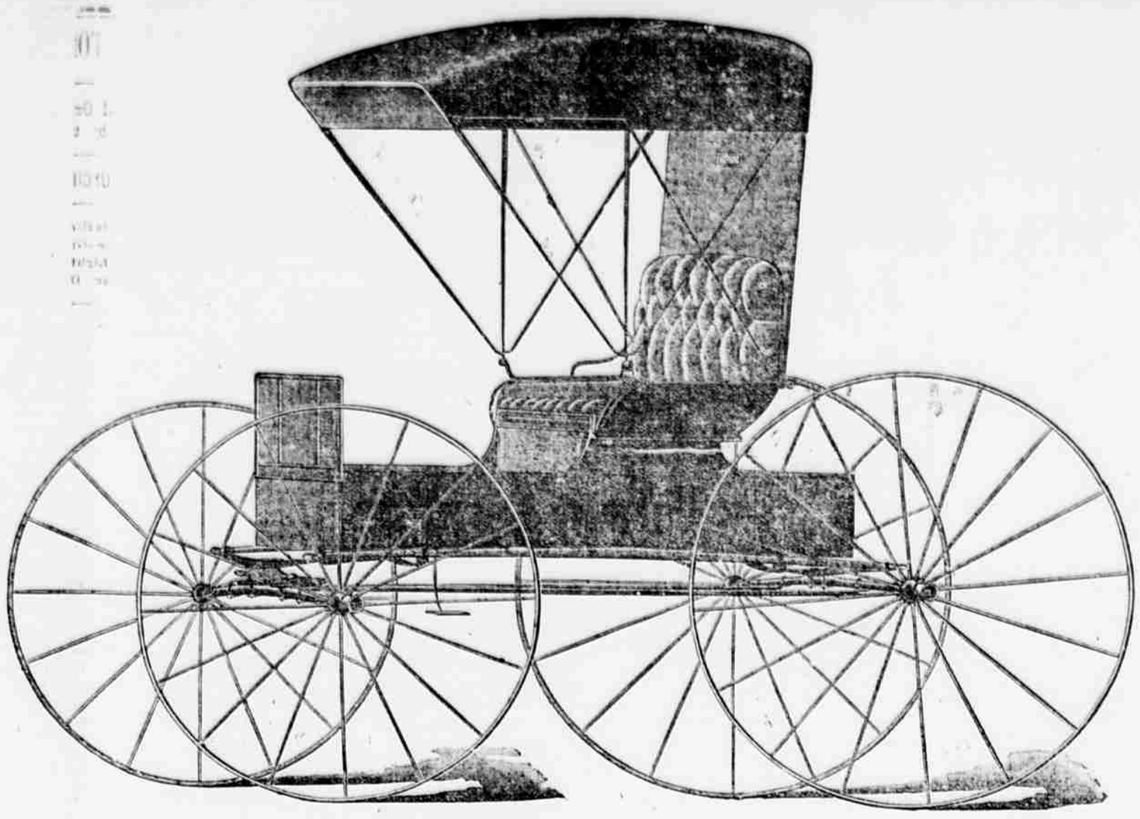
A span of the bridge across the Tennessee river at Florence, Ala., went down beneath the weight of a freight train. One man was dangerously hurt. The bridge is the property of the Memphis & Charleston railroad.

Foreign.

Rome has been disturbed by slight earthquake shocks.

Anarchists have attempted to blow up the railroad bridge at Steengerque, Belgium.

The German emperor's oldest son, Crown Prince Frederick William, was 13 years old yesterday, and in accordance with the long established custom became a "the youngest lieutenant" in the army.



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Remember Van Brunt is decidedly in it. Warehouse Cor. 10th Street and Broadway.

OFFICIAL ORGAN'S TROUBLES

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claim a part in the sentiment of the hymn. I am sure that the mistake made by a misguided government 120 years ago cannot prevent me from linking myself to you. Your past is ours, and our past is yours. The more I am loyal to my queen, and to my island home, the more I will maintain that we and you are one. You cannot call me 'fellow citizen.' I can only claim the brotherhood of race and the brotherhood of our great religion, but we will all be fellow citizens with the saints.

His Experience of a Week.

"I have been deeply impressed with the greatness of your country, the vastness of its cities, the inexhaustibility of its resources. Within one short week, I have been permitted to see Boston, Niagara, Chicago and Omaha, and during the remainder of my life these words, as well as many another, will be sufficient to bring to me a flood of pleasant recollections. Boston, with its wealth of scholarly culture, its universities and its Bunker Hill; Niagara, with its wonderful scenery and its sublime power, as well as its associations that reminded me that there is nothing more wonderful in nature than your country is in history; Chicago, just risen from its ashes, and Omaha, but yesterday the camping ground for tribes of untutored savages and now guaranteeing equality before the law to hundreds of thousands of citizens. I do not want you to think that I have not been a student of your country heretofore. I have studied your characteristics and tried to understand your politics and I am satisfied that the hearts of these two great nations, yours and mine, beat in unison. Your scientists, your scholars and your philosophers command our warmest admiration, and I am convinced that in this respect at least America has not received her full meed of praise. England and Germany have done much to enrich our store of classical learning, but they have been forced to look with admiration during the last thirty years on the researches of your American students.

Relations of the Churches.

"We have a common interest in the great Wesley, and I will speak to you of the English church as of an elder sister who holds you in deep affection. The principal distinction between us is that your environments are fluid, ours are crystallized. You mould the conditions around you, while we find ourselves surrounded by conditions too firmly established to be so easily overcome. I congratulate you on your increasing numbers, which to us seem fabulous. I congratulate you on your noble Sunday school organization, on your wonderful literature, your book concerns, your educational establishments and your Enworth league. I hear with intense interest of the development of women's work in your country and especially of your deaconess' institutes.

"It is now my duty to bring you tidings from my church at home. We look back upon the last quadrennium with very mingled feelings. We have lost some of our brightest scholars and best workers, but we have a choice array of young men, well equipped and devoted to Christ, who have stepped forward to fill the vacant places in the ranks. The work of temperance is progressing earnestly and we have every reason to believe that our efforts in this cause will be successful. The British church is also beginning to take cognizance of the more complex questions of life. While distinct from politics it is beginning to believe that religion should play an effective part in social life. One of the results of this is the strong sentiment in favor of excluding from public life men of notoriously immoral character. We are forced to emphatically denounce sacerdotalism, not in our own church, thank God, and I believe the influence of priestcraft in England is less now than ever before.

"I am privileged with one other commission. I have brought you our fraternal greetings. I have congratulated you on your success. I am also charged to tell you that as you on your side are, we on ours are faithful to the trust reposed in us by a gracious providence. England needs America and America needs England in our common endeavor to emancipate the world. Need I hope that in the near future I may have the pleasure of welcoming some of you as fraternal delegates to our church?"

Dr. Moulton's remarks were frequently interrupted with applause.

The singing of "Blest Be the Tie That Binds" followed the address, and the benediction was pronounced by Bishop Fowler.

BUSY ROLLING LOGS.

Aspirants for Offices Looking After the Main Chance Very Closely.

The sentiment against the election of any new bishops by the general conference this year is growing, and the present indications are that none of the dozen or more aspiring divines will be advanced to the episcopacy for another four years. To some of the candidates themselves is this change in the situation partially due, as those whose prospects have been growing daily less brilliant since the opening session of the conference have made up their minds that if they can not be elected they do not want to see any one else grasp the plum, and are therefore now devoting their energies to prevent the election of any more bishops this year, hoping that by the time the next general conference meets they may have their fences in good shape to then secure what they readily recognize they can not win this time.

The colored brethren are earnestly urging that they be given a bishop of their own color, but the prevailing opinion as expressed is that they are hardly entitled to it as yet, and if they are finally granted what they ask it will come in the nature of a tie-up on which will also depend the election of some of the ambitious white candidates.

There is a move on foot to bring up the election of officers as early as possible. It ordinarily comes up toward the close of the second week or early in the third week, but there is now a strong desire to have it occur not later than the middle of next week. There is, however, no means of telling when it will take place, as it will all depend on the outlook for the various candidates. If the chances of certain candidates, who can influence a large following, are regarded as favorable the election will be rushed in order that the aspirants may go in on the high tide, but if their chances do not look sufficiently promising it is measurably certain that they will succeed in staving off the eventful day in order to give them time to do the necessary electioneering.

PERSONAL SKETCHES.

Something About the Foremost Men in the Methodist Congress.

Among the delegates and visitors now attending the Methodist conference there are a number of eminent men not only in their own church but among the pulpit orators and scholars of the land.

Some of them will doubtless take a very active part in the deliberations of the conference and the citizens of Omaha and visitors attending the conference would be benefited by knowing something of their history and personal achievements. The following brief personal notices will assist the readers of THE BEE in making the acquaintance of a few of these leading men of the church.

A gentleman very widely known and who took a leading part in the separate seating discussion, is Dr. J. M. Buckley, editor of the New York Christian Advocate. Dr. Buckley is a man of a little less than medium height, of firm build and possesses a clear, strong voice that commands attention in the most exciting discussion. He is in the prime of life and enters with deep earnestness into all the important discussions that come before the conference. Dr. Buckley is a native of New Jersey and was educated at Pennington seminary and the Wesleyan university. He entered the New Hampshire conference in 1858 and most of his ministerial work was done in the New Hampshire, Detroit and New York East conferences. He is the author of several well known religious books, and was one of the committee appointed in 1876 to revise the hymn book. He is a forcible pulpit orator and a writer of exceptional ability. He was elected editor of the Advocate in 1880 and has been elected at both general conferences since to the same position.

Another man who is sure to take a prominent part in the conference is Dr. Luke C. Queal of central New York. He is thoroughly informed upon all usages and the legislative work of the conference for many years past, and being a speaker of acknowledged force and sagacity, he naturally takes a front rank in discussion. He is accorded a very high place in his own conference and has been sent to the general conference a great many times.

Dr. John Lanahan of Baltimore is another leader in the distinguished gathering. He is a pulpit orator of great power and a debater worthy of more than passing notice. He has been a member of every general conference since 1858.

Dr. Henry A. Butts of Drew Theological seminary is a man of considerable note and his voice in the conference will doubtless command a good deal of attention, and his influence will be felt in all the deliberations of the body.

Dr. W. F. Warren, president of the Boston university, has not yet arrived, but it is generally conceded that he will be one of the central figures in the conference. He is a man of ripe scholarship, great force of character and positive convictions. He is one of the most widely known men outside of the Methodist denomination attending the conference.

Dr. Adna B. Leonard of Ohio is at present one of the missionary secretaries of the church. Dr. Leonard is a leading prohibitionist of his state and was the prohibition candidate for governor in Ohio some years ago. He is a vigorous speaker and takes a deep interest in the conference proceedings.

One of the most eloquent men in the entire conference is Dr. John W. Hamilton of Boston. He is tall and graceful in physique, has a luxuriant head of hair and shaves his finely moulded face perfectly smooth. His voice is deep, musical, profound and his gestures are both elegant and forcible. Dr. Hamilton is one of the most successful and popular preachers in Boston.

Another man who always makes himself felt in the general conference is Dr. Earl Cranston of Denver, but whose official duties are in Cincinnati in connection with the great book concern and publishing house of Cranston & Stowe. Dr. Cranston is a man of prepossessing appearance, of medium height, well proportioned and wears short whiskers on his chin and a light brown beard cut short. He is a concise and forcible speaker and usually defends his position in debate with logical argument.

Perhaps the most distinguished visitor or fraternal delegate to the conference is Dr. William F. Moulton of England. He comes as the fraternal delegate from the Wesleyan Methodist church. Dr. Moulton is a famous scholar and distinguished Wesleyan Methodist minister. He comes of a remarkably clever and gifted family and has distinguished himself in the world of letters. Dr. Moulton is a great linguist, being familiar with Latin, Greek, French, German, Hebrew and half a dozen other languages. He was one of the board of New Testament revisers. He is a profound mathematician and a musician of distinguished ability. Dr. Moulton is past the meridian of life, but hale and hearty. He is a portly gentleman of pleasing and scholarly appearance.

Conference Gossip.

The question of electing additional bishops will probably come up for discussion on May 10.

Chaplain McCabe, it is said, has the episcopacy bee in his bat. His friends are urging his election as bishop when the time comes.

The colored brethren are going to press for the election of a colored bishop. Dr. Grandison of Bennett university will probably be their choice.

Next Monday night comes the great lecture by Chaplain McCabe at the First Methodist church. The subject is the "Bright Side of Life in Libby Prison."

Rev. J. L. Smith of Indiana is 84 years old, but he is not too old to assume marital responsibilities. He was married the other day to a lady over 50 years old, a former sweetheart.

The attendance in the galleries yesterday was large. The public is beginning to find out that the conference is free to everybody. The impression had prevailed among some that the public was not admitted without admission tickets. The conference is free, but there are some seats reserved for those who have paid for them. There are plenty of good seats that are free to all.

Another thing the colored brethren want and are going to demand is the election of a colored man as assistant secretary of the Freedmen's Aid and Southern Education society. They have been calling for this for some time, but have not yet succeeded in gaining the point. It is likely that Dr. Hammond of the Lexington conference will be urged for this position. Rev. Thomas Mason of Arkansas is also looking toward the assistant secretaryship.

Dr. Grandison of Bennett university is fond of fun. He was introducing Rev. Thomas Mason to one of the white brethren and called him "Rev. Thomas Snowball." A more striking contrast could scarcely be conceived than that which exists between the colored man introduced and a pall of the beautiful. The colored men have already scored some triumphs. They have secured the election of Rev. Haygood as secretary of the committee on freedmen's aid and Grandison was elected secretary of the committee on episcopacy.

Dr. H. B. Leonard, it will be remembered, is the gentleman who had a rather exciting altercation with the presiding officer one day last summer in the ecumenical conference at Washington, D. C. The presiding officer that day was an Englishman and Dr. Leonard was not aware of the fact that according to British usages a chairman is the autocrat of the house. Dr. Leonard disagreed with the ruling of the chairman, and demanded recognition to state his grievance. The chairman ignored him, and Dr. Leonard became excited, calling for an appeal to the house. The chairman simply called him to order and went on. Then Dr. Leonard fairly roared and pranced up and down the aisle, but the foreign delegates howled and hissed him down. He was finally obliged to cork up his indignation and sit down.

AMUSEMENTS.

"Ship Ahoy," a musical farce with a nautical setting, began its engagement at the Boyd last evening. There is nothing noteworthy in the music beyond a soprano number or two and several quartets, the latter apparently "introduced" from other sources, but the burlesque is amusing and at times rollicking, and the staging is particularly attractive.

The first scene represents an unknown island upon which Colonel Mapleson Mulberry's opera company has been stranded. A pretty piece of scenery shows a topical island with the wreck of the ship in one corner, and a man-of-war sails into view on the sea in the background. The singers are taken on board, and the second scene shows the deck of the war ship. The commodore is too convivial, and while he is recovering from the effects of his indulgence the opera manager puts on his uniform and takes command of the vessel. The third act transpires on the veranda of a hotel near Fortress Monroe, and an effective bit of staging is introduced by the passage of the White Squadron, each boat firing a salute. In this act the commodore regains his uniform and his authority, the prima donnas are mated with lovers in uniform, and the manager subsides.

There are several good voices in the company and the comedians do the farcical work with considerable cleverness. One of them slides across the stage on his stomach with a recklessness that would excite the envy of a base ball player, and the audience last night made him repeat it. The company puts plenty of snap into its work, and the audience evidently enjoyed the merry, jingling divertisement.

ANNOUNCEMENTS.

Today the Miller Opera company will give two performances of the opera "Ship Ahoy" at Boyd's new theater, a matinee at 2:30 for ladies and children, and the regular evening performance at 8. The engagement closes tomorrow (Sunday) evening.

A production of unusual magnitude will be given at the Farnam Street theater next Sunday evening, continuing for four nights, Lincoln J. Carter's superb scenic melodrama, "The Fast Mail." As its name indicates, it deals largely with the railroad in its incidents, but it presents an abundance of effects that are daring in their magnitude and admirable in their execution. The steamboat is said to be a wonder of clever conception and masterly mechanical work, and the railroad scene, with its trains going at a terrific rate of speed, makes the stage seem like a piece of reality. The Niagara Falls scene is wonderfully beautiful. There are a multitude of minor effects that contribute to make the performance a revelation of realism. The play is under the personal direction of L. J. Carter, the author. The cast is said to be a capable one. A large number of people are employed in the production, which is in many particulars plainly the result of care and skill combined.

The famous comic opera comedian, Francis Wilson, and his company of merry-makers, open a three night's engagement at Boyd's new theater on Thursday evening next in the opera, "The Merry Monarch." This will be the first stop the company makes on its trip from New York to the Pacific coast.

West Virginia Republicans.

ROANOKE, Va., May 6.—The republican state convention adjourned at 3 o'clock this morning. A big fight was made on the question of instructing the delegates for Harrison. Mahone and Langston opposed this and a deadlock was threatened. When a vote was taken Mahone won by 392 to 178. Mahone stated if delegates were instructed for Harrison he would not obey instructions.

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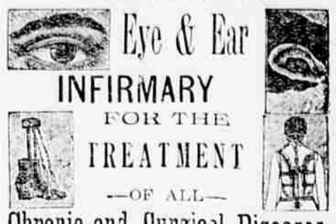

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