The Parmers Will Antagonize Proposed Reduction of Punds.

Ex-Magistrate Ahern Looked Upon a Probable Successor - State Scholarship Bill Abandoned-A Berth for Maj Barten D. Evans.

special to the Scranton Tribune. Harrisburg, April 15 .- There will be several important changes in office on capitol hill the first Tuesday in May. Auditor General Gregg will give way to ex-Senator Lylin and Secretary of Internal Affairs Brown to General James W. Latta. At the same time Professor Albert S. Bolles, of Philadelphia, will reliquish the position of chief of the bureau of industrial statistics. He will be succeeded by Captain James M. Cłark, of Newcastle, a clerk in the department of internal affairs. Professor Bolles is an authority on political economy and banking law, and has accepted the professorship of commercial

General Latta will tender his resignation as clerk of the quarter sessions of Philadelphia to Governor Hastings May 1. This will give the governor a week to select the general's successor. There seems to be no doubt as to who Ex-Magistrate Ahern, of Philadelphia, has no opposition and it is believed he will be appointed with the governor's acceptance of General Latta's resignation. Secretary Brown will again take up the work of deputy secretary, which position he held until last January, when he was appointed to serve out the unexpired term of Secretary Stewart.

law at the Drexel institute.

T. Larry Eyre, of West Chester, the present deputy, will retire when General Latta takes hold. Mr .Eyre is a candidate for recorder of Chester county, and will give all his attention to his canvass. The primaries will be held next August. Governor Hastings has now under consideration a bill increasing the salary of deputy secretary of internal affairs from \$2,200 to \$3,000 a year. The measure also directs the deputy secretary to act as superintendent of the bureau of railways of the department and gives him full authority to execute papers and transact all business concerning the department during the secretary's absence. Should the bill be approved. Major Brown will also be chief of the railroad bureau.

The retirement of General Gregg and Major Brown will create a vacancy in the board of public buildings and grounds and the board of property. Ex-Senator Mylin will become a member of the first board and General Mylin of the other. There is a vacancy in the clerkship of the board of property, which will be filled when that body reorganizes. The position only pays \$800 a year and there is not much of a scramble for it. Howard B. Hartof Clearfield, second assistant state librarian, was selected for the place some time ago by the governor and his cabinet, but he has not accepted through some misunderstanding.

Mr. Mylin will make a number of changes in the auditor general's department when he assumes control. He has not yet officially announced his appointments. It is settled, though, that Colonel John A. Glenn, of Philadelphia, will be corporation clerk, a position be held during the administration of Norris and McCamant. If the bill creating the office of deputy auditor general be comes a law Corporation Clerk Bricker will get the place. If not he will succeed Fred. C. Scheber, of Philadelphia, as chief clerk Guy M. Fleton of Philadelphia, messenger, will give way to a Lancaster politician.

Free Scholarship Bill.

The free scholarship bill of the state college has been abandoned. Had it become a law it would have taken about \$100,000 annually out of the pubmeasure is so strong that its advocates have decided that it cannot pass this session. They will hold off for two years and try the next legislature. The friends of the college have not yet determined what they will do with the other appropriation bills which they have had introduced. The proposed cut in the school appropriation has intensified the opposition to the State college and the chances are that it will get very little aid from the state the next two years.

Governor Hastings has received a proclamation from Governor Stone, of Missouri, revoking, after July 1 next, all commissions issued to persons residing in Pennsylvania and all other states and territories, as well as foreign countries, as commissioner of deeds for Missouri prior to Jan. 1, 1885. There are quite a number of Pennsylvanians who will be affected by the action of Governor Stone. In case a new appointment is desired the application must hereafter be accompanied by the recommendation of the governor or some prominent official of the state where the applicant resides, or the endorsement of some person well-known to Missouri's executive.

Major Barton D. Evans, of this city, has been appointed to a cierkship in the insurance department. He takes the place of ex-Sheriff Ellsworth, of Meadville, who retires next Friday Major Evans was superintendent of public printing during Governor Beaver's term. He is a personal friend of Governor Hastings and Insurance Com- ho missioner Lambert. The new clerk is a member of the staff of Major General snowden, and is well known in military circles. He was for many years editor of the West Chester Village Record.

Will Fight Proposed Reduction. The farmers will fight the proposed reduction of \$1,000,000 in the school appropriation for the next two years. They are much exercised over the action of the conference at the executive mansion last Thursday night, and are preparing to flood the legislature with orials protesting against the proosition. The legislative committee of the State Grange will meet here tomorrow to take this subject into cinsidera-

the committee. It will come out openly and squarely against diverting the funds to other purposes than t of maintaining the public schools heir highest standard. Colonel R. Thomas, ex-secretary of the State amounts demanded for the larger amounts demanded for the long distance instruments and they were removed. that of maintaining the public schools at their highest standard. Colonel R. Thomas, ex-secretary of the State

FIGHT FOR SCHOOL FUNDS committee, and a personal and political friend of Governor Hastings, says the committee, and a personal and political governor is not favorable to the proposed reduction. But this is denied by General Hastings' confidential advisers. A careful canvass of the rural mem

bers of the house at the capitol this afternoon shows that forty are opposed to any cut in the school appropriation GENERAL LATTA IS TO RESIGN and will autagonize it with all their power. Among this number are Walter T. Merrick, the legal oracle of the farmers; Representative Lawrence, the Nestor of the house: "Farmer" Moore, chairman of the agricultural committee, and leader of the Grangers, and ex-Auditor General Niles. The Grangers and Farmers' alliance claim to have a combined membership of seventy in the

house. All these are expected to resist the proposed reduction. The agitation over the reduction of the school funds may lead to the pas-sage of the Cochrane bill taxing brewers 16 cents a barrel on all mait liquors brewed in the state. The farmers be lieve the measure is just and equitable, and will endeavor to have it become a law. They claim it would raise a revenue of at least a million dollars annual-Efforts will be made to get the bill out of the house ways and means committee and push it through the senate and house without delay.

The measure levies a tax of 16 cents a barrel. A movement is on foot to increase this to 25 cents. Should the bill become a law it would raise enough revenue to keep intact the school appropriation and assist the charitable institutions dependent wholly upon the state for aid. It would also enable the advocates of the new revenue bill to strike out the one mill tax on manufacturing corporations and the clause taxing building and loan associations one mill on their capital stock. It is estimated that these provisions would raise about \$3,000,000 a year.

A 25-cent tax on beer, instead of license fee of \$1,000, which the brewers are now required to pay, would raise over \$1,000,000 annually. With the money thus secured from a class of business men who are prosperous in spite of the hard times, the commonwealth could raise more revenue than would be secured by cutting off \$500,000 from the common schools and taxing manufacturing cororations and building and loan associations.

A hill was introduced by Mr. Vaughan making it unlawful for a street railway company using electricity or a cable as its motor power to operate any car, the front end of which is unprotected by a fender and making the penalty for violation of the provision of the act \$25 a day for each car so run. The Senate refused to agree to Senator Becker's substitute for Senator Porter's bill organizing a department of education in cities of the first class, when it came up on second reading, the

The senate amended the house resolution providing for the printing of 5,000 copies each of the speeches of Charles Emory Smith and Charles Heber Clark on the financial question so as to make the number 20,000 and have the two addresses published in one pamphlet.

bill being voted down section by sec-

Senator Crouse's bill defining the several methods of life insurance business eral methods of life insurance authorized by law and extending protection to any punishing fraud upon foreign and domestic life, accident and casualty indemnity insurance companies wa

passed finally. TREATY OF PEACE SIGNED.

War Between China and Japan Is Declared Off-Important Concessions of Territory and Large Indomnity.

London, April 16.-The Times correspondent in Shanghai says: "Li Hung Chang's son-in-law telegraphs that the treaty of peace was signed in Shinmonoseki today, April 16, and that

terms are: First, the independence of Corea; second, Japan's retention of the conquered places; third, Japan's retention lic school fund. The opposition to the of the territory east of the Liao river; fourth, permanent cession of Formosa; fifth, indemnity of \$100,000,000; sixth, an offensive and defensive alliance between China and Japan."

An Oll King's Will

Philadelphia, April 15.—The will of Will-lam G. Warden, who was prominently identified with the Standard Oil company, and who died at his home in Germantown on April 9, was admitted to probate today. It is estimated that the value of Mr. Warden's estate may reach \$10,00f,000, all of which is left in trust for the benefit of his widow and children.

Mexican Beef Coming.

Washington, April 15.—In view of the great rise in the price of beef and the reported scagcity of cattle, the chief of the bureau of animal industry, Dr. Salmon, has recommended to the secretary of agrilculture the admission of Mexican cattle into the United States under stringent regulations calculated to insure a rigid inspection of all cattle admitted.

Death from Politics. Bellefonte, Pa., April 15,-Aaron Willlams, late Democratic candidate for congress in this district, died at his home near here today. His death was the result of his defeat, as ever since then his mind has been so unbalanced as to necessitate keeping him closely confined and he grad-ually failed until he died.

Minister in Prison. Washington, Pa., April 15.—Rev. Dr. Williams, the Green county Methodist Protestant minister, who was convicted

at Waynesburg of a serious crime, has been sentenced to six months in the work-

STATE NEWS NOTES. Operations have been resumed at the Honey Brook mine, Wilkes-Barre, giving employment to many men and boys. This mine has been idle for the past three

W. P. Messinger, secretary and manpany, has been bound over for court charged with mutilitaing books and misappropriating funds, amounting to several hundred dollars, belonging to the com-

Peter Mattern, the Greensburg jail breaker, was sentenced to eight years in the penitentiary by Judge Doty yesterday. A year ago he assaulted Jaller McCready and escaped, liberating seven other pris-oners. John Foster, a pal, was sentenced

to two years' imprisonment. The telephone war in eastern Pennsylvania towns has resulted in the removal of all phones from Kutztown, Blandon,

Severe Shocks of Barthquake Pelt at Various Points.

A NIGHT OF AGONY AT TRIESTE

The Whole Population Aroused at Midnight-Frightened Residents Take to the Open Fields - Six Persons Drowned-Damage to Shipping.

Rome, April 15 .- Severe shocks of earthquake were experienced at Venice and Verona yesterday evening. Many buildings were damaged and several persons injured, but no one was killed. At the first shock in Venice the guests fled from the hotels to the public squares, and the inmates deserted their homes and took refuge in the available open spaces. Many left the city by early trains this morning, fearing a recurrence of the shocks. Violent shocks were also experienced at Bologna, Ferrara and Treviso, in each of high towns

In Treviso the entire audience rushed from a theater into the street at the first shock. Many were hurt in the panic, but no one was killed. Shocks have been generally felt throughout the north of Italy.

great damage was done to buildings.

Vienna, April 15.—All the clocks in the city stopped at 11.20 o'clock this morning. Persons arriving at the railroad stations report deaths and damage to property in many towns beside those already reported. They say that along the railroad lines they saw thousands camping in the fields. The trains were rocked by the shocks. Some say that the rolling motion as as noticeable as on a ship at sea.

Scenes of Torror. Trieste, April 15.-Persons coming from Laibach give vivid descriptions of the scenes of terror during the earth-3 o'clock the streets were blocked with and aged and the children were being later vans, loaded with furniture, could

The barracks, the museum, the dis-tillery, and half a dozen other large lending period-until it has increased, a buildings were laid in ruins. Scores of other buildings were cracked and half shaken from their foundations. shaken from their foundations.

is hardly a vessel in the harbor without the people surrender at which to pay it

were drowned. Slight shocks have been felt here throughout the day.

PETROLEUM'S BOOM.

Standard Oil Company's Attorney States That There Is No Deal with Russia.

New York, April 15 .- The great r'se in petroleum has been accompanied by reports that it as engineered by the Standard Oil comany, in pursuance of a deal with the Russian producers, and, furthermore, to crush out domestic

S. C. T. Dodd, counsel for the Standard company, said this afternoon; There is no deal with the Russian producers and there is no effort to crush out competition at home. All there is of it, the consumption is greater than the production. The demand is at least 10,000 barrels a day in excess of the out-

"The high price of oil will stimulate development work. There never was such activity in the Pennsylvania fields. Everybody is happy at the prospect of making money. There is a difference of opinion as to whether the field is exhausted. The largest production is in West Virginia, which is spoken of as being in the Pennsylvania field. The best prospect of an increase in produchas been pretty well bored over. yields only 33 per cent. of Illuminating fluid, while the Pennsylvania crude is nearly 90 per cent. After it is refined the difference cannot be told between

"In Europe there is an objection to Ohio oil and we have never sent any The oil quickly took fire and the flames of it over here. The Russian oil is very much like the Obio oil. There is great waste in refining it. Some of the waste, however, is used for lubricants and for fuel. The Russian oil has almost absorbed the markets east of the Red Sea. It also competes with the American oil in all the European markets. Oil will continue high unless there is an increase in the production beyond what anybody at present looks for. Current prices are the highest since the Bradford field was struck. It

was the striking of that field which originally reduced the price of oil." The Standard company will make its return under the income tax law, but will probably contest the law. It will hold that as oll is a direct product of the land, it comes under the same category as rent."

SALMON INDIGNANT.

Newspapers Publish Ilis Picture Without Whiskers.

Hazleton, Pa., April 15.-Joseph P. Salmon, ex-city controller, who went to Buffalo several days ago and in whose accounts an alleged deficit of \$20,000 was found by his successor, arrived home today. He proceeded to the controller's office at once and after an examination of the books it was discovered that the alleged deficit was a clerical error. Mr. Salmon was very indignant over the action of councils, claiming that he notified them of his contemplated trip and had requested an adjustment of his accounts previously. Some of the more enterprising Buffaio papers in reporting the matter, he claims, pubished his picture, which rep-

and aged gentleman. The publication of the alleged deficit and the pictures made it decidedly embarrassing among his friends in Buffalo, who are promi nently known there.

SUICIDE FOR LOVE. A Pottsville Girl Hangs Herself in He

Father's Woodshed. Pottsville, Pa., April 15.-Mary Bren inger, the 20-year-old daughter of Squire N. Brensinger, of Auchy station, South Manhelm township, disappointed in love, committed suicide on Saturday by hanging herself in the woodshed. The father found his daughter in the woodshed. He cut the body down. Life was not extinct and a doctor was sent for. The girl never regained consciousness, but lived until

6 o'clock yesterday morning. Mary Brensinger was to have been married on Saturday last to Harry Aulenbach, son of John A. Aulenbach, a prominent farmer and blacksmith of Wayne township. The young couple came to town together one day last week and got the marriage license. On Friday Aulenbach met his sweetheart and told her he would not marry her. The girl returned home broken-hearted.

REPLY TO MR. CLEVELAND.

Bimetallic Executive Committee of Chicago Expresses a Few Opinions to the President.

Chicago, April 15 .- W. H. Harvey, chairman of the bimetallic executive committee, today made the following reply to President Cleveland's letter:

In reply to your letter addressed to committee of business men of this city, we wish to say that the committee called upon you and the persons who attached their names to the petition such committee presented, did not represent a majority of the business men and citizens of this city, who take a deep interest in the welfare of this republic. They represented that class that owns money and se-

curities payable in money-fixed incomes. We respectfully submit that your letter does put the true merits of this controquakes. The first shock, shortly after versy. You call the attention of farmers midnight, was so severe that the whole and wage earners to the fact that rising population was aroused, and hundreds ran half naked into the streets. By 3 o'clock the streets were blocked with carts and carriages in which the sick lect to say that your statement is not conveyed to places of safety. A little down regularly and steadily since the de-later vans, loaded with furniture, could monetization of silver, our merchants, applicable to debts. With prices coming be seen on every side. Men and women | manufacturers and people generally have carrying clothing and boxes of valu-ables crowded the streets, and often so that the time intervening between the stopped completely the progress of the vehicles. Terrified groups knelt on the corners and before churches praying for deliverence, and begging the priests to and expense of business has led to an ever States. Taxes have been increased as ex-At Fiume all night boats, filled with fugitives, put out to the shipping. There

several Flume families on board who refuse to return to land.

During the panic in the city, a frightened horse ran down the street, injurence why it was increasing, but the influence when the people surrender at which to pay it since 1873.

We have constantly pointed the people to the ever increasing exchangeable value of the creditors' dollar and to the reason why it was increasing, but the influence ing twenty persons seriously and of these creditors have dominated your knocking down fifty or sixty. The har- administration and you insist on such a bor was agitated as if by a storm, and several boats carrying persons to the shipping were capsized. Six persons of the property of the people by the sale of property under mortgages, judgments and executions. It means that fixed in-comes will wipe out the interests of stockholders in our railways and corporations. If it is an injustice to restore prices so that people can exchange their property sufficient number of dollars to pay their debts and bring happiness and prosperity to our land again, it was a greater injustice to destroy the value of property and enhance the value of money by demonetization of silver and the establishmore money we want to borrow, but to pay off what we already owe. The more we borrow the more we must pay and the 'annual interest on all our public and private debts is now more than the annual profits of business and production. Where will it end?

We agree with you that it is a time for the people to reason together. We but express your opinion as president of the people when we say that all the people should have the opportunity to investigate and intelligently pass upon this question,

SMOKER'S MISCHIEF. Dropping of a Lighted Match Causes

Trouble in Carpet Mills. Philadelphia, April 15.—One man was fatally and three seriously burned this afternoon by an explosion of oil at John Doak's carpet yarn dyeing mills, John Miller, aged 25 years, was burned about the face and body and will prob-

tion is in West Virginia. Pennsylvania ably die. John Heller, aged 25 years, August Kruhmer, aged 40 years and is a good deal of this oil, but the crude William Lineby, aged 30 years, were severely burned about the face and arms. The men were engaged in oiling a large piece of canvas with a waterproof preparation, when one of number tighted his pipe and threw the blazing match upon the canvass.

> ENCAMPMENTS TO BE HELD. It Is Agreed That They Cannot Be Dis

> spread to a quantity of the fluid, which

ronsed With. Harrisburg, April 15 .- A conference was held at the adjutant general's department this evening. General Stewart talked talked over the matter of summer encampments with Brigadier Generals Gobin, Wiley and Schall and Quartermaster General Logan. It was agreed that they cannot be dispensed with, the military code being manda tory regarding encampments. The First brigade will probably go

into camp July 6 to 13, and the Sec Third from August 3 to 10.

New York, April 15.—There is no truth in the report that the presidents of the coal companies met in this city on Saturday last. It is further stated that no date has been fixed for another conference of the high officers of the various companies.

Bismarck Is III. Freidrichsruhe, April 15.—Prince Bis-marck is seriously III. His physician, Dr. Schweininger, who is temporarily ab-sent, has been summoned to the ex-chancellor's bedside.

Newburg, N. Y., April 15.—Davis, one of the men who escaped from Matteawan asylum, was captured this afternoon near Wappinger's Falls. He was in a deplor

clerk, although he is a grey-bearded which Mr. Sc

CLOSE OF THE CONFERENCE

Appointments for the Year Announced by Bishop Andrews.

desolutions Offered by the Prohibition Pastors-Mr. Hogan Takes the Floor on a Question of Privilege-Business of the Closing Sessions.

Special to the Scranton Tribune

Carbondale, Pa., April 15 .- Today at .30 o'clock the forty-fourth session of pastors were delighted with the promotions to their new charges, while others were loath to rejoice at their removal from a charge where they had become endeared to the people. Among the local pastors removed are

Rev. M. D. Fuller, to Owego, N. Y.; Rev. A. W. Cooper, to Hawley; Rev. E. L. Santee, to Lackawanna, and Rev. P. R. Hawxhurst, who will retire from the ministry. Rev. William Edgar, the popular and energetic pastor of Carbondale church, has been appointed to the Providence church. Mr. Edgar was pastor at Dunmore from 1887 to 1890. Rev. F. B. Doty, of Peckville, to whose energy is due the erection of the new church of that borough, will take charge of the Hampton Street church. Rev. George T. Price, of Avoca, has been appointed to the Court Street church, and Rev. J. L. Race, of Lackawanna, has been appointed to the Cedar Avenue church. Rev. J. R. Angel, of Dalton, will take charge at Vestal, and his place will be filled by Rev. C. H. Newing, of Falls. A resolution signed by a large num-

ber of Prohibitionist pastors was presented by Rev. E. D. R. Briggs, depre cating the conduct and speech of Rev. J. C. Hogan with reference to Presiding Elder Thorpe.

MORNING SESSION.

Much Important Business Was Trans acted by the Clergymen.

A vast amount of business was transacted at the closing business session order without delay, and the names of the supernumerary preachers were called. They were passed and their relations to the conference continued. Rev. William Keathy was granted supernumerary relations, Rev. L. A. Wise was re-admitted to the conference and Rev. J. W. Worley admitted from the United Evangelical church.

The following candidates for the min istry were received on probation: C Tiffany, J. W. Davies, S. E. Hunt, W. A. Wagner, A. W. Andreise, E. D. Cavanagh, E. A. Quimby, D. A. Me- ated list in the divisions indicated: Donald, and E: B. Henry. The relaernumeraries, T. J. Vaughan was

granted local deacon's orders Statistics of Conference. The annual report of the statistical during the year 5,658 probations were received, 933 infants and 2,476 adults were baptized. There were 382 churches in the conference, valued at \$1,966,280, and 178 parsonages, valued at \$338,250. The membership this year was 40,116 Parsons, E. Sibley, W. W. Andrews, as compared with 38,436 last year, being an increase of 1.680 members.

Rev. H. C. McDermott, conference treasurer, reported the collections of

the past year as follow	70.0		
Missions		Inc.	\$1,51
Church extension	2,509	Inc.	11
Freedman's Aid society	1,812	Inc.	9
Sunday School union	452	Inc.	- 3
Tract society	424	Inc.	- 9
Children's fund	1,415	Dec.	. 2
Educational	1,794	Inc.	1.25
Bible society	516	Dec.	0
Women's Foreign Mis-	34100	******	
sionary society	4,630	Inc.	- 44
Women's Home Mission-	21.000	277.77	
ary society	5,924	Inc.	59
Bishops fund	1,624	Dec.	
Conference claimants	5,374	Dec	
Carlo	0,014	*26.67	M17

It was decided that the sessions of the 1896 conference be held at the Centenary

church, Binghamton. At the invitation of the meeting, Rev Austin Griffin made a few remarks as ciety and made an eloquent appeal for more support for the gray-headed members of the ministry. At the conclusion of his address the following resolution was passed by acclamation: "Whereas, There continues to be a lamentable deficiency from year to year in the support of our superannuates and the stewards are greatly embarrassed in making equitable and adequate provisions for the same. Therefore, Be it resolved, that a committee of three be appointed by the chair to devise ways and means, possible, for a more liberal support of those worn-out servants of God, and

to report the same at the next annual

Report of the Book Concern. Dr. Herround reported on behalf of sition was all that could be desired. Of this sum \$1,742 would be devoted to ministers' fund. They recommended wants. that pastors should urge their people to Chaplain McCabe. The Christian Advocate and Christianity in Earnest were also added to the recommendation. The less than last year. committee on the "state of the country" made the following report.

"The year just passed has been one of great struggle for our nation. Every as against \$26,331 for 1894, being a sub-community from the Atlantic to the stantial increase of \$1,434. In addition pacific has felt the influence of the stantial increase of \$1,434. In addition to this the Women's Foreign Missionary racine masses of the scarcity of money. Strikes have caused destitution and suffering, and have led to the destruction of life and property. Drought has caused pain and the severe winter suffering to the destitute. Through lack of confidence our Federal government has been obliged to borrow large sums of money, and thus increase our national debt, which ought to have been steadily reduced. Business has been depressed, employment has not been abundant, and these have led to a turn in the tide of immigration, so that fewer have come from foreign lands to establish homes among us.

Will Be Buried in Chicago.

New York, April 16.—The body of James
But our government is not dead, nor is our nation bankrupt. God is still our Sovereign. Faith has been shown in our government by the congress, with which Mr. Scott made his home.

chased. In several of our large cities reform mayors have been elected, and, although they have not met with the hopes of their constituents in every case, it shows that the people are awaking to their needs and will demand that right will prevail. The temperance re-form has not made the progress desired, THE CASE OF REV. MR. HOGAN

TH It is always in danger, for unprincipled politicians are constantly endeavoring to exalt themselves and make fat their pockets at the expense of the country. Injudicious statesmen are weakly led by rich corporations, to institute thes laws that are a damage to us as a peo ple. We need honest ballots in the hands of judicious citizens. We need conscientious statesmen, and not unthe Wyoming conference concluded its principled politicians, to make our laws sittings at Carbondale and, as fore- we need good, moral and Christian casted by Bishop Andrews, some of the officers to enforce our laws, and while a Christian minister ought not to be politician, he ought to be a faithful conscientious citizen trying by ever-legitimate and possible means to awak en a broader patriotism, a higher stand-

ard of morality, and a deeper spiritual experience.

For Midyear Examinations. On the motion of Presiding Elder Crydenwise it was decided that the examination committee should be re quested to consider the expediency of holding the mid-year examinations in each district instead of in one central place, but at the afternoon session the matter was referred back to the com mittee. Rev. A. F. Chaffee made a motion that the secretary sign resolu tions in favor of local option and forward the same to the local senators and representatives. The motion was adopted.

S. A. Terry and L. T. Van Campell were reported to have passed their studies and were admitted into full connection.

Reports of committees were there upon received. The church extension committee reported that from its irganization in 1866 to the present conference the sum of \$5,290,000 had been collected and disbursed, and that 9,601 applications for assistance from needy churches had been dealt with. The following important resolutions were submitted and adopted.

The fact that our country is new and that our population doubles in less than thirty years, so that within another quarter of a century we shall exceed a hundred millions of people and that the forces of evil are intensely active.

d to apportion the sum of \$6,000-about 13½ cents per member—among the several charges. As pastors we pledge ourselves to use

tire amount apportioned to our charge. Report of Board of Stewards. The board of stewards in presenting their reports recommended that the following be placed upon the superanu-

First class; \$300 for conference yeartions of C. H. Hayes, F. J. Jones, and Asa Brooks, L. Cole, A. F. Harding, C. M. Chamberlain were changed to Philip Holbrook, J. W. Mervis, S. E. Walworth, Richard Hiorns, Rodney 8 Rose, B. B. Carruth, R. C. Getl, J. W. Hewett, A. W. Loomis, David Personeous, W. B. Thomas and Charles L. secretary was presented showing that Rice. The sum of \$187.65 was handed to

each person. Second class; \$200-W. J. Judd. A. D. Alexander, C. J. Alexander, C. V. Arnold, Philip Bartlett, H. A. Blanchard, Joseph Hartwell, G. W. Leach, George Jonas Underwood, Thomas Burges and J. B. Santee. The sum of \$125.10

was paid to each. Third class; \$100-J. K. Peck, Henry Hallstead, O. W. Todd, J. L. Wells, S. M. Stone and A. G. Bloomfield; \$62.55. The sum of \$125.10 was also paid to the widows in the second class who are entitled to \$200 each.

The amounts received toward the fund were as follws: Binghamton, \$850: Chenango, \$400; Honesdale, \$566; Oneonta, \$531; Owego, \$672; Wyoming, \$2,555. Total from districts, \$5,374; from Book concern, \$1,742; chartered fund, \$25; Sabbath collections, \$68. Grand total, \$7,209.28. The board of stewards recommended that the sum of \$8,000 be apportioned to the several districts of the conference to pay the claims which may be allowed next year.

THE HOGAN EPISODE.

to the work of the Preachers' Ald so- It Furnished a Dramatic Ending for the

Conference. Rev. Austin Griffin presided at the ifternoon session in the temporary absence of the bishop. The committee on church music reported the work of the past year and recommended churches be supplied with music and literature suitable for the young scholars, that a special song service should be held occasionally so as to teach the young to sing with spirit and understanding, and that this work should always be intrusted to a Christian interested in the work.

An interesting report was made by Secretary Correll, of the committee on churches and parsonages, in which it was stated that the interest in church building was unabated. During the the Book concern that the financial po- year seventeen new churches had been built in the conference district and one The amounts of profit were \$120,000, an | remodeled. A number of excellent parincrease of \$20,000 over the past year. sonages had been erected and some restored. Twenty-six more parsonage the Wyoming district superannuated were needed to supply the existing

Rev. Abraham Schoffeld, secretary of purchase more largely from the book the committee on Episcopal funds, redepartment and also to support the ported that the amount raised during Northeastern Church Advocate, Meth- the year was \$1,624, as follows: Bing odist Review and the paper issued by hamton, \$259; Chenango, \$143; Honesdale, \$184; Oneonta, \$202; Owego, \$267, and Wyoming, \$569. The total was \$2

A report submitted by the committee on missions showed that the sum of \$27,765 had been raised for this purpose society had raised \$4,630 and the Wo men's Home Missionary society \$5,924 making a grand total of \$38,319 for the

From the report presented by the com mittee on Enworth league it was shown that twenty-three new leagues had been established, making a total of 230 with a membership of 13,760. The in crease for the year in membership was 1,567. Seventeen new Junior leagues [Continued on Page 3.]

WEATHER REPORT.

For eastern Pennsylvania, partly cloudy;

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During this week we will offer some EXTRAORDINARY VALUES rom our LINEN DEPARTMENT. We quote a few of the special

TABLE DAMASKS:

56-inch 23c; recent price 29c 58-inch 27c; recent price 35c 60-inch 33c; recent price 45c 64-inch 38c; recent price 48c 67-inch 43c; recent price 55c 72-inch 55c; recent price 68c 72-inch 89c; recent price \$1.00 72-inch 98c; recent price 1.19 72-inch \$1.25; recent price 1.65 80-inch 2.00; recent price 2.35

SPECIAL PRICES ON QUILTS:

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90-inch 2.20; recent price 2.50

Full size, soft finish, Crotchet, 98 cents; recent price, \$1.35.
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