BALLOTING BEGUN FOR NEW BISHOPS No Indication of a Break In the The Returns Indibate the Election

The Methodist General Conference Begins the Work of Selecting Eight Bishops.

REPORT OF THE BOOK COMMITTEE PRESENTED TO THE CONFERENCE.

The General Principle of Unifying the Book Concern by Consolidating Its Manufacturing Departments Under One Management is Approved.

Los Angeles, Cal., May 19.-The crowd that besieged Hazard's pavilion seeking admittance to the Methodist conference in order to observe the balloting for bishops, which had been fixed as the special order of the day, was unusually large. Every seat was filled by nine o'clock and hundreds were turned away, although offering all sorts of prices for seats.

The conference took up the call of the annual conferences for memorials immediately after the regular devetonal exercises and most of the entire morning in hearing resolutions. There was nothing of striking importance in any of the resolutions, and the dele- man, 2; Pierce, 31. gates seemed anxious to refer every thing without debate in order to reach the balloting.

Recess was taken at 10:45 and unor reassembling, Bishop Hamilton, who presided, asked the delegates to devote ten minutes to prayer, seeking divinguidance in the important duty before them. Tellers were then appointed and the first ballot for bisheps was cast. The result is not yet known, as will require considerable time for the tellers to tally up the votes for the many candidates.

It was the opinion of many delegates that the work of selecting the eight bishops will require several days, pos sibly a week

The report of the book committee presented to the conference, is as fol-

"Resolved, first, we approve the general principle of unifying the bool concern by consolidating its manufacturing departments and placing them under one management.

"Second, we recommend that bishops be requested to appoint a committee of one from each general conference district and one or two a large, so as to provide an uneven num ber in the convention, and not including therein members of the book committee, but at least half the persons so appointed shall be laymen, to which shall be referred the report of the book committee, with power.

Third, that after having duly con sidered the recommendations of said report, the committee, if it shall adop' a plan, shall proceed to outline and determine the same for consolidating the manufacturing departments of the book concern and for their future administration under one official man-

of said general plan, the book com- ported good. mittee shall at once proceed to carry the same into effect, and shall present to the next general conference the necessary disciplinary changes.

"Fifth, that if the commission fails to adopt a plan of consolidation, it shall make a complete report of all its doings to the general conference

CUTTING OFF RACING NEWS.

The Western Union Order Extended to Chicago, Atlanta and San Francisco.

New York, May 19 .- Following his action in discontinuing to all subscribers in this city a report of the racing at various tracks in this country, Col. Robert C. Clowry has notified the general superintendents of the company at New York, Chicago, Atlanta and San Francisco that the collection and distribution by the Western Union Telegraph Co. of horse race reports would be discontinued forthwith. The text of the notice to the superintendents reads as follows:

"It has been decided to discontinue forthwith the collection and distribution by this company of horse race reports. You will please act accordingly. Acknowledge receipt.

[Signed] "ROBERT CLOWRY, "President and General Manager."

DEMENTED MOTHER'S DEEDS

Thew Her Three-Year-Old Child Into the Des Moines River and Jumped In Herself.

Des Moines, Ia., May 19.—Swinging her three-year-old baby girl about her head, so as to give the body the greatest momentum, Mrs. Trussler, a demented woman from St. Paul, threw her offspring from the Walnut street bridge into the muddy waters of the Des Moines river. Then, deliberately waiting until the waters had closed over the little form, she climbed upon the railing, stood poised for a moment and leaped close to the spot where her child went down. A riverman saw the act, rowed to the scene and was enabled to rescue them both. The child may die.

Died on Board a Train.

Rome, May 19.-The dowager grand duchese Paulne of Saxe Weimar, while on board a train on her way from Rome to Venice, fainted when the train reached Orte and died suddenly in the car. She was 52 years of age.

THE ILLINOIS REPUBLICANS THE ELECTION IN DENVER TRUE ELEPHANT STORIES.

Ranks of the Contestants

Three Fruitless Ballots Were 'anken and Then the Convention Took a Recess.

Springfield, Ill., May 19.-Fifteen minutes before the reopening of the republican state convention, the Lowden delegates from northern Illinois formed a procession and marched into the hall, led by a band. Each carried a big placard with the motto "Lowden

This demonstration was for the purpose of offsetting a story to the effect that Lowden was about to withdraw from the race.

Chairman Cannon called the convention to order at 11:12, and at once directed the clerk to call the roll for the thirty-ninth ballot. There was an outburst of applause when Adams county voted "Twenty votes still for Yates."

The thirty-ninth ball as officially announced, stood: Yates, 483; Lowden, 3961/2; Deneen, 4421/2; Hamlin, 112; Warner, 36; Sherman, 2; Pierce, 30. The fortieth ballot (official) result-

ed: Yates, 482; Lowden, 3961/2; Deneen, 4401/2; Hamlin, 111; Warner, 40; Sherman, 2; Pierce, 30. The forty-first ballot (official) result-

ed: Yates, 484; Lowden, 3991/2; Deneen, 4331/2; Hamlin, 111; Warner, 41; Sher-

At 12:40 p. m. the convention took a recess to 3 p. m.

Republican state conventions were in session, Wednesday, at Des Moines, Ia.; Columbus, O.; Lincoln, Neb.; Grand Rapids, Mich., Madison, Wis., Sacramento, Cal., and Laramie, Wyo.

IT CAME JUST IN TIME.

A Timely Donation of Forty Thousand Dollars Saves a Conditional Hospital Fund.

New York, May 19.-Discouraged by their inability to raise sufficient funds from their projected new hospital building, on the eve of renouncing \$125,000 in conditional donations, the beard of directors of the Manhattan eye, ear and throat hospital have received from Edward R. Thomas \$40,000 as a personal memorial to his father Gen, Samuel Thomas. This unexpected gift will secure for the institution the conditional gifts which were about to be returned and makes possible the erection of what the directors predict will be the "finest special hospital in the world." The Thomas family, a year ago, donated to the same hospital the sum of \$50,000.

A Hopeless Case.

St. Louis, May 19.—Richard Carey, a coal miner, of Glen Carbon, Ill., was brought to St. Louis for treatment for a self-inflicted wound in the abdomen. He was taken to the Mullanphy hospital, where his case is considered hope-

OTHERWISE UNNOTICED.

Cool weather is retarding crops, but Fourth, that upon the completion the general state of cultivation is re-

Hon. Harry H. Mevers, of Monroe, was unanimously nominated by the Arkansas republicans to head their state

It is thought the suffrage question may disturb the sevenity of the General Federation of Women's clubs' elec-

tion at St. Louis. Mexican health officials will co-operate with the United States Marine hos-

pital service to prevent yellow fever

Although weather conditions have been unseasonable in portions of the Mississippi valley, planting has made

fair progress. George O. Beal, aged 24 years, committed suicide at Colorado Springs, Col., by drinking carbolic acid. Beal's

parents live in Kansas City. A Columbus (O.) woman tied her five-year-old daughter to her and leaped from the bridge into the Scioto

river. Both were drowned. Judge Parker says prohibition of use of the American flag for advertising purposes, as affecting property

rights, is unconstitutional. St. Louis detectives arrested Rufus Woods, a noted pickpocket, in the Hotel Jefferson lobby. He carried diamonds in his shoes and opium pills in

his pockets. Approximately 1,000 members of the medical profession of Missouri are in St. Louis for the annual meeting of the Missouri State Medical associa-

Jesse Lewisohn, the New York banker, who refused to testify in connection with the gambling crusade, has been indicted on the charge of criminal contempt of court.

The remains of Sir Henry M. Stanley were buried in the churchyard of the old Surrey village of Pirbright, after impressive funeral service at Westminster abbey.

The battleship Rhode Island ran aground shortly after it was launched at Quincy, Mass., Tuesday, running upon a mud bank so hard that half a dozen tugs could not pull it off until high tide.

Saturation of the cows \$2.564.50; stockers and feeders, \$2.564.70; calves, \$2.566.00; western steers, \$4.064.90; western cows, \$2.064.25; hogs and lights, \$4.004.65; packers, \$4.564.80; pigs and lights, \$4.004.65; Sheep-Muttons, \$4.5665.25; lambs, \$5.0866.65; range wethers, \$4.5665.25; ewes, \$3.5065.00.

Sir Hugh Gilzean-Reid caused a great demonstration at the national editorial convention, in St. Louis, when he said that England and the United States are one in blood, language and industrial

The Jefferson guards at the World's fair are forbidden to partake of any intoxicating beverage while on duty. It cost Carrie Nation \$50 to find out that President Roosevelt is not a user of tobacco in any form.

of the Democratic Ticket.

The Republicans, Who Allege All Kinds of Fraud, Declare They Will Contest.

Denver, Col., May 19 .- On the face of the returns, which are still incomplete. the entire democratic ticket has been elected in this city. Robert W. Speers majority over John W. Springer, republican, for mayor, probably will be over 3,000.

The board of supervisors is solidly democratic and the democrats will have nine or ten of the 16 aldermen. Out of 70,000 names on the registration books, more than 55,000 were voted.

Republican leaders intend to contest the result. It is asserted that over 2,000 registred voters were disfranchised through having had their names purposely omitted from the lists, and that thousands of votes were cast by repeaters. Ballot box stuffing was not so prevalent, it is admitted, as at previous elections. As the supreme court has the election under its jurisdiction, and will receive a report regarding the conduct of the election commission and those under it, the action of that tribunal will determine the first steps to be taken in the courts regarding the election.

Under the new charter the city officers elected now are to serve four

The voters approved a bond issue of \$400,000 to build an auditorium and other bond issues to refund the outstanding bonds and pay the floating

A TERRIFIC HAIL STORM.

Three Inches of Heavy Hail Fell, Tuesday, at Rolla, Mo., and Vicinity, Doing Great Damage.

Rolla, Mo., May 19.-This section was visited Tuesday afternoon by a disastrous hail storm. Hail half the size of a hen egg fell to a depth of three inches on the level.

Fruit and shade trees were badly damaged. Gardens were completely demolished. Wheat and other growing crops were injured greatly, and the damage will be hard to estimate. After the haif storm a heavy rain began to fall, which lasted for over two hours. At night the temperature showed a drop of 25 degrees. It was the worst hail storm in this section for 15 years.

Suicide by Asphyxiation.

New York, May 19.-Hudson Langdon, a graduate of Oxford, who enachieved considerable reputation as a tragedian, was found dead in his apartments here. He had committed suicide by inhaling gas.

Released Under Surveillance.

Saturday, has been set free by the tives still are seeking evidence against | ple think.

Stage of the Rivers.

| Stations. | Gauge | Change 24 hours | |
|-------------|-------|--------------------|-----|
| Pittsburg | 6.7 | -0.1 | .26 |
| Cincinnati | 11.5 | -0.6 | .04 |
| St. Louis | | 0.0 | |
| St, Paul | | -0.2 | |
| Davenport | 8.3 | -0.1 | |
| Keokuk | 8.8 | -0.2 | .06 |
| Evansville | 10.4 | -0.1 | |
| Memphis | 24.7 | -1.5 | .14 |
| Louisville | 5.5 | -0.3 | |
| Cairo | 28.3 | -1.1 | |
| New Orleans | | -0.1 | - |

THE MARKETS.

THURSDAY, May 19. Grain and Provisions.

St. Louis - Flour - Patents, \$4.85@4.95; st. Louis - Flour - Patents, \$4.5004.36; other grades, \$3.9004.85. Wheat—No. 2 red, \$1.08½. Corn - No. 2 mixed, 52½053c. Oats—No. 2 42½c. Hay—Timothy, \$10.00 (214.50; prairie, \$7.0003.00; clover, \$5.0000 (11.00. Lard—Choice steam, 6c. Pork — New mess, \$11.50. Bacon—Breakfast, \$2.5000 (11.00. Lard—Choice steam, 6c. Pork — New mess, \$11.50. Bacon—Breakfast, \$2.5000 (11.00. Lard—Choice steam, 6c. Pork — New mess, \$11.50. Bacon—Breakfast, \$2.5000 (11.00. Lard—Choice steam, 6c. Pork — New mess, \$11.50. Bacon—Breakfast, \$2.5000 (11.00. Lard—Choice steam) 934@1254c. Butter—Creamery, 15@21c.dairy, 11@16c. Eggs—Fresh, 14@1652c. Wool— Tub-washed, 30@31c; Missouri and Illinois combing, 216/21/2c; other grades, 136/20/2c. combing, 21@21\(\frac{1}{2}\epsilon\); other grades, 13@20\(\frac{1}{2}\epsilon\). Chicago—Closing quotations: Wheat—May, 96\(\frac{1}{2}\epsilon\); July, 86\(\frac{1}{2}\epsilon\); old, 87\(\frac{1}{2}\epsilon\); September, 80\(\frac{1}{2}\epsilon\); old, 81\(\frac{1}{2}\epsilon\); Corn—May, 47\(\frac{1}{2}\epsilon\); December, 42\(\frac{1}{2}\epsilon\); December, 41\(\frac{1}{2}\epsilon\); December, 30\(\frac{1}{2}\epsilon\); December, 36\(\frac{1}{2}\epsilon\); Deptember, 36\(\frac{1}{2}\epsilon\); Ribs—May, 36\(\frac{1}{2}\epsilon\); July, 36\(\frac{1}{2}\epsilon\); September, 36\(\frac{1}{2}\epsilon\); Rye—May, 73\(\epsilon\); July, 66\(\epsilon\); September, 63\(\epsilon\); August, 67\(\epsilon\). No. 3 red, \$1.02. Corn—No. 2 white, 514c; No. 3 red, \$1.02. Corn—No. 2 white, 514c; No. 2 yellow, 52c. Oats—No. 2 mixed, 403c. Hay—Timothy, \$11.00@13.00.

Live Stock Markets.

St. Louis-Cattle-Fancy exports, \$5.000 5.65; butchers', \$3.50@5.50; stockers, \$3.00@ 4.25; cows and helfers, \$2.50@4.65. Hogs— Packers, \$4.75@4.85; butchers', \$4.82\204.90; light, \$3.70@4.82\2, Sheep—Mutton sheep, \$4.25@5.50; lambs, \$4.50@5.45; spring lambs,

Indianapolis — Cattle — Good to prime steers, \$4.75\(abpla 5.5\) Hogs—Best heavies, \$4.85\(a4.90\), medium and mixed, \$4.75\(a4.85\), Sheep—Good to choice, \$3.75\(a4.50\); lambs, \$4.75\(a6.25\); spring lambs, \$5.00\(a8.00\). Kansas City — Cattle — Native steers, 4.0045.25; southern steers, \$3.7564.50; outhern cows, \$2.2563.75; native cows and

wethers, \$4.566.25; ewes, \$3.566.00.00.

Chicago—Cattle—Good to prime steers, \$5.1065.65; poor to medium. \$4.296.50.00; stockers and feeders, \$1.256.450; cows, \$1.506.4.30; heifers, \$2.256.5.25; canners, \$1.566.2.60; calves, \$2.256.5.25; Texas-fed steers, \$4.296.4.90; Hogs—Mixed and butchers, \$1.7064.90; good to choice heavy, \$4.8064.95; rough heavy, \$4.6564.85; light, \$4.6564.85. Sheep—Good to choice wethers, \$5.066.65; fair to choice mixed, \$3.7564.75; western sheep, \$4.6064.65; native lambs, wooled, \$4.5066.10; western lambs, clipped, \$4.7592.65.10; western lambs, wooled, \$6.10; western lambs, wooled, \$6.10; western lambs, wooled, \$6.2566.36. 3.10; western lambs, wooled, \$6,25905.95

Quotations for middling range as follows. St. Louis, 13%c; New York, 13.55c; Bits.

Some Popular Beliefs About the Animals Are Exploded by an Experienced Trainer.

He was a cheery, redcheeked man of the German type and had just setled himself for an after-dinner smoke. He had probably turned 40 and at eas half of his years had been devoted to elephant-training. To look after the welfare of 40 elephants, which he must, does not appear an attractive job, but there were no lines of care in his face nor his straight up-andlown frame, relates the Chicago Chronicle.

"The best part of my life has been pent in the company of elephants and nearly every day somebody tells me things about them I don't know, What makes me most tired is the fool question about bad elephants. A bad elephant is a freak and is seldom come up with. The big beast is as domestic as the horse, although a little too cumbersome for the same uses. When an elephant gets a little cranky there is always some light-headed attendant, it seems, to fly off and say he is crazy. Ninety-nine times out of a hundred the poor elephant has been badly treated, and as he cannot talk he does about the only thing he can do and trumpets his disgust, and maybe eases his feelings by taking a crack with his trunk at something within reach. Elephants are as kind-hearted and tender as women and respond to little attentions in the same way, and n the same way just like a woman, when they get soured it takes a long while to sweeten them again, if it can be done at all.

"Because the elephant is such a big animal most people think he must be full of danger. This is all nonsense. Did you ever notice how fond they are of children? Who ever heard of an elephant hurting a child? Why, in our winter quarters the boys and girls will pet them and walk among them and the elephants enjoy it. They will move so as to make room and never step on their feet. This is more than can be said of horses. In their jungle home the babies always run under their mother's body when any danger approaches, and explorers say that no matter how found more than two or three crushed baby elephants. This may account for the fact that elephants never make the mistake of stepping on a friendly foot. The animal is really of a loving disposition and very gentle and obedient.

"An elephant cannot jump. He canfeet wide, although the step of a large one is more than six feet long. There are times in the movement of a circus when it would be impossible to get on without him. The big, heavy cages used by Ringling brothers never could be set in place on time without his powerful tered upon a stage career under Sir help. I have seen a heavy stake and Henry Irving, many years ago, and chain wagon stalled in mud up to the Then his trunk and tusks at once becrane. With his aid the wagons were pushed out of their trouble and those that were tipped over were righted, so Chicago, May 19.-Mary Biszak, wife that work could go on in the necessary of Stephen Biszak, the man supposed quick way of a circus. The elephant's to have been strangled and thrown into head, protected with a pad, is a ram the Illinois and Michigan canal, last of immense force. These things show that he is a mighty useful fellow in our Brighton Park police, although detec- world and not half as bad as many peo-

'The real elephant-the one I knowis the best natured wild animal in the world. He is affectionate, loyal, obedient and as ready to learn as a child. He looks on the cheerful side of things and will play with his neighbor, even when so old that his bones are stiffened with rheumatism. They have a family feelng and when one is sick it would do your heart good to see the others give it attention. They will bring bundles of straw over to make its bed, will toss wisps of hay over its back and body (a practice elephants love) and save the choicest of the food they may pick up for the ailing elephant. When one of them dies, even if it happens in a remote quarter, they seem to know it intuitively and their sorrow is as plain o the eye as a human being's. At such times their trunks hang limp, their eyes overflow with water and their bodies lose that swinging motion which they seem to be forever enjoying. Their ondness for a baby elephant is almost human. The little one owned by Ringing Brothers is a wonderful comfort to the big herd. This youngster is now over year old and is as full of mischief as a young colt. We give him the liberty of the big barn, because if we didn't he would whine and whimper so as to get the whole elephant family into the dumps. He gets the best of everything hat is fed to his elders, and is selfish enough to take it all, even if he can't eat it. It is fun to see him try to hide things he doesn't want, just for the mere sake of keeping them. I am at a little oss to figure this out, because his mother was an unselfish beast, and his father was a jolly, good-natured fellow, who would let any of his mates lick up his bran without any kick.

" 'The daughter is best at her fatherin-law's house, and the elephant is best at the rajah's,' is the Indian way of saying that daughters and elephants are an expensive luxury. But however that may be, and all good things after all come under the head of cost, don't let anybody lead you into the belief that an elephant belongs to the savage class some writers claim."

An Apt Description.

Young Mr. Freshly (to his tutor)-Will you tell me something of the the Reign of Terror? You know all about it, I believe.

Absent-minded Professor-Reign of Terror? Know all about it. I should say I did. Six children at my houseoldest nine, youngest three-and all down with the whooping cough .- Tit-

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