

METHODISTS CONVENE HERE

Convention Will Be Held Thursday and Friday of This Week.

AT FIRST METHODIST CHURCH

Ministers from Chicago, Philadelphia, New York, Wichita, Kansas City and Other Cities Will Make Addresses.

The program for the Methodist convention, to be held in the First Methodist Episcopal church, December 2 and 3, promises to be one of the most interesting of its kind ever held in the city.

The Omaha district is represented by Superintendent U. G. Brown, the Council Bluffs district by Dr. W. H. Cable and Tecumseh district by Dr. J. W. Embree.

A continuous program will be held on the two days above mentioned, when some excellent addresses will be given by the representative ministers attending.

Bishop Will Speak. On Thursday, December 2, during the morning session, which will commence at 9:30 o'clock, Superintendent U. G. Brown will preside. The devotional period will be led by Superintendent J. W. Embree, to be followed by a greeting to the convention by Pastor Titus Lowe.

In the afternoon Superintendent W. H. Cable will preside and the devotional period will be led by Rev. F. M. Drulliner. Following these four addresses will be made: "The World-Need of the Bible," by Rev. S. H. Kirkbride of Chicago; "The Social Task of Our Church," by Rev. Harry F. Ward of the same city; "The Challenge of False Religions," by Rev. W. F. Oldham of New York, and "Benevolence and Evangelism," by Rev. Jay W. Somerville of Wichita.

Visitors to Talk. In the evening Bishop Bristol will preside, and Dr. Freeman D. Howard of Philadelphia and Bishop William O. Shepard of Kansas City will speak.

On Friday the same sessions will be carried out, with a program of an equally interesting nature.

In the morning, beside five other talks, Dr. F. J. Maveety of Cincinnati will discourse on a topic that should prove of immense interest. The subject is "The Challenge of the Colored Race." Dr. Maveety has made an extensive study of the subject on which he speaks and will disclose some remarkable deductions which he has made.

In the afternoon Rev. Henry J. Coker will give a general survey of prevailing conditions, besides two addresses by Bishop Shepard and Dr. J. B. Trinitie.

Same Program at Osceola. The evening session, the last of the convention, will be short, consisting of two addresses, "The World For Christ," by Dr. William F. Oldham, and "Consecration to the Total Task," by Bishop William A. Quigley.

The same program will be given at Osceola, Ia., at a similar convention to be held there, December 7, 8 and 9, when several church districts will get together. One of the biggest crowds ever gathered at a convention is expected to attend the Omaha affair, at least 1,000 people being counted on to take an interest in the meetings.

Makes Plea for the Children Housed at Riverview Home

An appeal in behalf of fifty children at Riverview home who will have almost no Christmas except what is provided by county officials and other persons interested, was made by Superintendent M. H. Thompson in an interview. "While the saying that 'they begin at home' should not be overworked," he said, "I believe that the providing of Christmas happiness for the fifty children at the county institution is as worthy and interesting a charitable deed as any. We will be glad to co-operate with all persons interested."

"Hop" Fiends to Get Limit of the Law

"Hop" fiends no longer get off with light police court fines, now that the government has a strict law against even the possession of smoking opium. The federal law now makes it a serious offense, punishable with a heavy penalty, to possess such stuff. Under it, a government warrant has been sworn out against Chauncey Burger, a colored man, who was arrested at 1918 Howard street by the police Friday night. He will be arraigned before United States Commissioner H. S. Daniel. Burger is said to have been smoking opium when arrested, and a complete outfit was confiscated by the police.

Udike Damage Suit to the Federal Court

The Hudson and Popsela Coal companies of Wyoming have secured a removal to federal court of the case brought against them in district court for \$40,000 damages by the Udike Lumber and Coal company of Omaha. The suit is based on alleged breach of a contract by the Wyoming concerns, which are alleged to have granted the Omaha company exclusive selling rights for their entire output of coal.

TIRRO HELD ON CHARGE OF GAME LAW VIOLATION

On the charge of violating the new migratory bird law passed by congress, Frank Tirro, an Italian living in Council Bluffs, has been ordered held to the federal grand jury by United States Commissioner H. S. Daniel. His offense is alleged to have been shooting snibblers after sundown. He gave bail of \$500. Federal Game Warden Emmet C. Higgins and State Warden Jack Murray of the Carter Lake club made the arrest.

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WILL ADDRESS METHODIST MISSIONARY MEETING.



REV. FRANK M. BRISTOL, D. D., Bishop Methodist Episcopal Church.

Czar's Troops Hurl Back Prussian Guard, Says General Staff

PETROGRAD, Nov. 28.—The following statement from the Russian general staff was made public here tonight:

"On the left bank of the Vistula our cavalry succeeded in the lower part of the Enura river, have reached Gombin. In the center of the battle line we captured the town of Brzeziny and the villages in the valley of the Mecoga river. In some places we dislodged the Germans by bayonet attacks. Our offensive in this region continues.

"Between Brzeziny and Glogowo our cavalry succeeded in several charges against the German infantry. During the retreat of the enemy we captured a number of field guns, some with their teams complete. We are computing the number of the prisoners captured.

"Among the German troops we pushed back from Rzgow and Tuszyn toward Brzeziny was a division of the Prussian guard.

"In the region of Siczka and Szykow we attacked the Germans toward Loda. Between Siczka and Sduska Wola some German troops are still holding themselves in their trenches.

"In general between the Vistula and Warta the fighting is favorable to our arms."

France Looks for War to Last Long

Dr. Felix J. G. Despecher related before the Hanscom Park Improvement club, at the Windsor school last evening, some of his experiences, and his impression of conditions in France while he was there during the early days of the war.

Dr. Despecher said France was entirely unprepared for hostilities, but what preparations had been made were merely of a defensive nature. Mobilization when ordered was very rapid, the whole spirit of the people being to fight to the last man. The hope of the French nation was not for an overwhelming victory, but merely to fight for ultimate peace and the abolishment of military power.

More Starving to Be Fed Than Thought

LONDON, Nov. 28.—The population of Belgium which must be fed during the winter will be many thousands more than seemed likely a very short time ago.

This is the conclusion reached by a special commissioner delegated by the American Commission for the Relief of Belgium to make an investigation. Speaking of the Belgian refugees in the south of Holland, the commissioner said large numbers, most of whom belonged to the agricultural element, had returned to Belgium or were going to return, with the result that there would be an enormous addition to the starving population, as it is impossible to get work. At Bergen-Op-Zoom there are 3,600 refugees living in tents. Most of the tents shelter two families. The ground is like a quagmire and the cold almost unbearable, the refugees sit huddled around a small fire by day and sleep on straw at night.

"ANGEL OF THE RAILROAD YARDS" DIES OF OLD AGE

Nell Connolly, aged 75 years, living at 1215 California street, who was known as the "Angel of the Railroad Yards," died Friday night of old age. She is survived by one son, Once, Salt Lake City, who is traveling with Ringling Brothers' circus as a trapeze artist. She was the wife of "Whiskey Jack" Connolly, a well-known police character in Omaha's early days. The body has been taken in charge by Coroner Crosby.

FIRE CAUSES STIR AT YOUNG WOMEN'S ACADEMY

Fire caused excitement late last night at Mount St. Mary's academy for young women, Fifteenth and Castellar streets. It was extinguished with little difficulty and damage. It is not known how the blaze started.

CRANDELL IS RESTRAINED FROM HARMING HIS WIFE

William C. Crandell, from whom Olive Blanche Crandell is granted a divorce in district court, is restrained by the decree "from harming or defaming" her for six months. Suit was brought on grounds of cruelty.

Cedric Conkling charges William A. with cruelty in a petition just filed. Mary Ellen Wood accused Charles of cruelty and desertion.

BIG MAIL RUSH EXPECTED

Omaha Postoffice Preparing for Heavy Christmas Business.

MAIL YOUR PACKAGES EARLY

Persons Sending Presents Via Parcel Post Are Urged to Forward Them Ahead of Time and Avoid Pilcep.

Automobiles, wagons, push carts, bicycles and motorcycles and all manner of vehicles are to be called into service by the postal department this year in order to insure the distribution of the largest bulk of Christmas mail handled in the history of the local postoffice department. Despite the fact that European countries are in the throes of war, and that the parcel post service to Germany and many parts of France, and also Austria, is at a standstill, postoffice officials figure that there will be an increase, because more money will be spent at home for presents and that every office, big and small, will be congested for the few days preceding and following Christmas.

The postmaster general has just issued a circular letter to all postmasters, in which he advises preparations be made immediately for the holiday rush and that mail must not be permitted to accumulate. The employment of additional clerks is authorized, and in every office placards are to be displayed urging the public to mail their Christmas gifts early, and that these parcels should bear the inscription, "Not to be opened until Christmas."

Even at this early date lines are beginning to form in the Omaha postoffice and a small rush of parcels addressed to Europe has begun. From day to day the business is expected to increase, and while December 15 has been set for the increase of the carrier and clerk staff, men will be added to the crews as a necessity demands.

Uncle Sam is expected to lose quite a neat sum this year through the war. The European mails are quite light as compared with former years, according to the statement of the superintendent of mails. Germany has not enjoyed any parcel post service from this country since the beginning of hostilities, and conditions in Austria is such that little mail is being sent there. As for France, that country has just been reinstated on parcel post service, with the exception of a number of northern districts.

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See Want Ads Produce Results.

HANSON TO ADDRESS OMAHA WELFARE ASSOCIATION

With an address by National Secretary Hanson, the Omaha Public Welfare association will open its winter work next Tuesday at 8 p. m. at the Commercial club rooms. All persons interested in the association's work, which includes the study and betterment of charity and correction conditions, are invited to attend, Rabbi Frederick Cohn says.

He is president of the organization. General Secretary E. P. Denison of the Young Men's Christian association is chairman of the program committee. The association was organized last spring and consists of representatives of various charity and correction organizations and of social service and public welfare workers.

Culls from the Wire

Brandishing a revolver and threatening to shoot Mrs. Newton D. Baker, wife of Cleveland's mayor, and her two children, if she did not immediately hand over her jewelry and money, a robber obtained \$200 worth of jewelry and a small amount of money. The police caught the man in twenty minutes. The plunder was recovered.

Continued showers assure the removal of the last of the danger from further ravages of forest fires in Arkansas. Rain is still falling in many parts of the state and is expected to extinguish whatever fires that have not yet been put out. Guards placed by a number of towns to watch the possible approach of the flames have been withdrawn and gangs of farmers, cutting timber and ploughing up fields to prevent the spread of the fires, have quit their exertions.

The Want Ad Columns of The Bee Are Read Daily by People in Search of Advertised Opportunities.

Schmoller & Mueller's 55th Annual Christmas Sale OF NEW AND USED High-Grade Pianos. The grandest Christmas present of all is a Piano or Player piano—the gift that lives as long as you do—the gift that radiates happiness and cheerfulness around the family fireside. We are going to make it possible for every family to own a piano this year. We have lowered the price and terms so that they will be within the reach of all. In order to obtain rock bottom figures from the manufacturers we were obliged to buy over three thousand pianos to be delivered during the year 1914. Poor conditions of the cotton market in the South meant holding back of the wheat crop in the North for higher prices—hence, such a depression in the Piano business that we find ourselves with about one thousand Pianos on hand and in transit, and only about four weeks this year in which to sell them. Rather than store these pianos, we will sacrifice prices in order to place them in as many homes, and get the benefit of the advertising therefrom. We will sell Beautiful NEW Uprights, regular \$250 and \$350 values, at \$175 to \$250; New Player Pianos, regular \$450 to \$600 values, at \$328 to \$395. NEW Grand Pianos as low as \$428. People will snap up these bargains quickly, so we advise an early selection. In our stock you will find such high-grade and world-famed Pianos as STEINWAY & SONS, WEBER, HARDMAN, EMERSON, STEGER & SONS, MOPHAIL, LINDEMAN & SONS, SCHMOLLER & MUELLER PIANOS. Exclusive Agents for the Complete Aeolian Line of Piano Pianos. MAKE YOUR OWN TERMS We will gladly accept terms as low as \$4 a month, and will hold any piano you select now for Xmas delivery. Aeolian Player Piano for \$395 During the sale we offer Genuine Aeolian Player Pianos with all the latest attachments, full 88-note scale, as good as other Players that sell elsewhere up to \$600, for only \$395, and will make terms to suit you. Free Stool—Free Scarf—Free Delivery R. R. FARE TO OUT-OF-TOWN CUSTOMERS Out-of-town people contemplating buying a Piano for Christmas should write at once for bargain list No. 37. Railroad fare refunded to all purchasers between now and January 1, 1915. Write today. Schmoller & Mueller Piano Co. Oldest and Largest Piano House in the Middle West. 1311-1313 Farnam St., Omaha

Whoever Eats the Most Broth Will Get the Most Pudding. "When we were boys, merry, merry boys" the above was a favorite saying of Dad's—We think the old gentleman had considerable method mixed with his generosity, but it was some time before we understood it and in the meantime, we would fill up on the broth only to find that when we had eaten all possible there was not much room for pudding. Now there is to be no fooling—no ambiguity (that's a good word) in this announcement—it's all pudding for the buyer. THOMAS KILPATRICK & COMPANY announce a yearly treat—Starting Monday, the 30th day of November and continuing till the week closes on December 5th—SKIRTS WILL BE MADE TO ORDER. One Dollar \$1.00 Each One Dollar. You can select from any material at the Dress Goods section—be measured by our expert and have your skirt made for \$1.00, and please note the material will be sold at our usual price—nothing added to either the price or length—you pay only for what you actually get. All skirts well tailored, fit warranted. Delivery within one week of measurement. Orders Placed on Monday Will Have Skirts Delivered by Saturday. We have been testing windows alone—newspaper publicity alone—counter specials alone—now we are going to try a combination. Each day for a week we have surprised patrons with a wonderful Silk bargain—not advertised. In same place Monday, starting at 8:30 a. m., we will offer our choicest yard-wide Chiffon Taffetas— JUST FOR A DAY—AT \$1.00 PER YARD. We won't mention former price, except to say the saving on two dresses would pay your fare to Chicago. Look at Holiday Display in Center Window. To start the ball rolling properly—to attract you to our wonderful line of Christmas Novelties—to stimulate early Christmas Shopping—To everybody who buys one dollar's worth at the Stationery and Book Section we will give free a pretty Dutch Calendar—just as quaint as it is pretty. By the way, speaking of pudding, ask to see the individual plum puddings—at the Stationery Section. Thomas Kilpatrick & Co.