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ROBERTS IS ELECTED

Former Clerk Will Preside Over the Presbyterian General Assembly.

ALL OTHER CANDIDATES WITHDRAW

Rev. Charles Manton of Paris, Tex., Will Act as Vice Moderator.

DR. LANDRITH ON FUTURE OF CHURCH

Presbyterian Divine Preaches Opening Sermon at Columbus.

CALLS ALL WORKERS INTO THE FIELD

Beginning of Hundred and Nineteenth General Assembly Occurs Under Favorable Auspices—Temporance Activity.

COLUMBUS, May 16.—Rev. William H. Roberts of Philadelphia, for fourteen years state clerk, was today unanimously elected moderator of the one hundred and nineteenth general assembly of the Presbyterian church at the opening session, following the delivery of the annual sermon by Rev. Ira. Landrith of Nashville, moderator of the last Cumberland Presbyterian assembly. More than 900 delegates answered the first roll call and several thousand visitors attended.

The keynote of Rev. Dr. Landrith's sermon at the devotional service in the morning was an appeal for concerted efforts toward the complete union of the church. The communion of the Lord's supper was celebrated tonight by the assembly.

The election of moderator at the afternoon session was reduced to a formality by the withdrawal of all candidates except Rev. Mr. Roberts. When nominations for moderator were declared in order, Rev. Mr. Landrith presented the name of Dr. Roberts. Rev. Mr. Phraner of New Jersey moved that Roberts be elected by acclamation, and this was done.

The acting moderator extended the gavel to Dr. Roberts and congratulated him as the first moderator of the reunited church. The moderator announced that Rev. Charles Manton of Paris, Tex., would act as vice moderator.

Rev. Robert Hunter of Philadelphia, Rev. T. W. Galloway of Decatur, Ill., Rev. Aquilla Webb of Boston and Rev. Theodore Bracken of Kansas were elected temporary clerks.

Rev. J. M. Hubbell, D. D., was appointed assistant treasurer to serve during the assembly.

Rivalry for Next Meeting.

Seattle, Wash., is an active candidate for the honor of place of the next general assembly. Atlantic City and Kansas City are also talked of.

The 4,750 seats in the Memorial hall were all filled when the general assembly convened in open session.

Dr. Coyle of Denver called the assembly to order in place of Dr. Hunter Corbett, the last moderator. Rev. Ira E. Landrith, D. D., of Nashville, Tenn., former moderator of the Cumberland Presbyterian assembly and the man who was most instrumental in bringing about union of his church with the Northern body, delivered the annual address. References which he made to the race question and a declaration that the property of the minority or of the objectors to the union in the Cumberland church will be paid for, were received with applause.

Dr. Landrith, it is rumored, today, will be made chairman of the committee on bills and overtures, the most important committee in the assembly.

Dr. Landrith's Sermon.

Dr. Landrith preached the annual sermon. His theme was "The Call of Presbyterianism's Enlarged Macedonia," and his text, "Possess that the west and the south," Deuteronomy xxxiii:23.

The design of the discourse was to arouse the general interest of the church in educational and religious work in the south and southwest, where Cumberland Presbyterians were most numerous at the time of the union. The merging of the two churches was interpreted by the preacher as enlarging Presbyterians' field of work, and as uttering a clarion call to the united church to "possess the west and the south." The marvelous material prosperity of the southern half of the United States, he declared, constitutes both a plea and a warning of danger if the spiritual advantages of the people do not keep pace with their commercial development. He favored co-operation and ultimate union with the Southern Presbyterian church; declared the south to be ready for a widespread revival; reviewed recent moral reforms in that section, and announced his belief that the wonderful temperance triumph in the southern states was due to the churches. He assured the Christians at the north that "the war is over" in matters religious, the south being fully ready now to welcome the presence and labors of any denomination that labors sanctly and unselfishly for the present and eternal weal of the people.

The Presbyterian church was mentioned and the assurance given that the protesting minority, who have gone into the courts to claim all of the property of the former Cumberland Presbyterian church, shall have in the end every penny to which they are morally entitled, no matter what the courts may determine the legal right to be.

Discusses Race Problem.

The sermon frankly takes up the race question in the south, so far as it is involved in the union, and after showing that the United Church had made adequate provision for the separation of whites and blacks in Presbyteries and synods of their own, thus enabling the white people of north and south to work together for the moral and educational aid of the negro, without violating the rights of the social order of either race, declares that the evangelization of the negro is to be accomplished by neither long range sentimental nor short range indifference, and that the time has fully come when the black man's white neighbor and that same black man's too fast friend must sit down together in a mutually satisfying conference about what is the best step, neither party to the conference claiming a monopoly of wisdom, methods or responsibilities. After naming various religious and educational opportunities for aggressive church work in the south, the preacher concluded with a specific appeal to his church to devote to that section for the next five years all of the funds and workers that can be spared, since the religious and patriotic mission of this church to the south just at this time is so sublime and full of promise as to send this great assembly to its knees in gratitude and in prayer for divine guidance.

In the opening sentence of the sermon

SUMMARY OF THE BEE

Friday, May 17, 1907.

1907		MAY	1907			
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12	13	14	15	16	17	18
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
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THE WEATHER.

FORECAST FOR NEBRASKA—Fair Friday; showers in northwest portion; cooler Saturday fair.

FORECAST FOR IOWA—Partly cloudy Saturday; rain in northwest portion; cooler in west portion. Saturday fair.

Temperature at Omaha yesterday:

Hour	Deg.	Hour	Deg.
5 a. m.	41	1 p. m.	52
6	41	2	53
7 a. m.	44	3 p. m.	54
8 a. m.	52	4 p. m.	56
9	55	5 p. m.	58
10 a. m.	57	6	59
11	58	7 p. m.	60
12	59	8 p. m.	61
13	60	9	62

DOMESTIC.

Rev. W. H. Roberts of Philadelphia was elected moderator of the general assembly of the Presbyterian church.

Eleven talesmen were examined at Haywood trial. One juror was secured, but he is subject to peremptory challenge.

St. Paul railroad pleads guilty to two charges of rebating in New York and is fined \$20,000.

President Finley of the Southern railroad in addressing the meeting of the grand lodge of Ancient Order of United Workmen concluded its work Thursday afternoon at 4:30 o'clock and adjourned sine die.

Past Master Workman A. C. Hardwick acted as installing officer.

The next biennial session will be held at Lincoln in 1909.

Excepting the installation of the officers, the afternoon was devoted to clearing up odds and ends of the meeting.

Resolutions were adopted thanking the local committee for its efficient preparation for and entertainment of the grand lodge; to the citizens of Omaha for their cordial hospitality, and to the press for the proceedings of the meeting.

A telegram was received early during the afternoon session announcing the death of Supreme Medical Examiner D. H. Shields at his home in Hannibal, Mo., Wednesday evening.

Resolutions of condolence were adopted to the family of Mr. Shields and that the resolutions be spread upon the records of the proceedings of the grand lodge.

Mr. Shields visited Omaha about eight years ago and presided over the meeting of the grand lodge as the representative of the supreme master workman, and is well remembered by many of his brethren of this jurisdiction.

Most of the delegates left for their homes on the evening trains and the remainder will depart Friday.

The greater part of Thursday forenoon's session was devoted to the report of the balloting committee.

A vote of thanks was unanimously tendered to the Ak-Sar-Ben for the royal entertainment accorded the grand lodge and its delegates and friends at the Delano Wednesday evening.

A vote of thanks was also extended to Past Grand Master J. G. Tate for his efficient services as the presiding officer at various stages of the convention.

A feature of the morning session was a short talk by Rev. George O. Yeler of Blair, who enjoys the distinction of being the oldest member of the order in the Nebraska jurisdiction.

Mr. Yeler is the father of John O. Yeler of Omaha, became a member of the order at Lexington, Ky., in 1872, and has been a member in good standing ever since. He came to Nebraska in 1888 and is now 88 years of age.

The report was adopted and the present committee was continued.

One of the resolutions adopted was as follows:

"That this association place on record its disapproval of the action of the Interstate Commerce commission in the case of the rate on transcontinental shipments of southern mill products to the Orient."

The action referred to was on a sale case on southern goods to the Orient in which suit was brought by New York exporters against southern railroads to collect the difference between 95 cents, the rate from New England, and \$1.25, the rate from the south. The commission decided in favor of the railroads.

As the work of jury selection progresses the difficulties in the way of completing the panel seem to be increasing.

To day one after another of the talesmen were excused yesterday afternoon on a peremptory challenge from the state.

As was expected, the defense exercised its first challenge by reliving Allen pride, a farmer, at No. 5. Mr. pride had testified during the examination that he had invited the deputy who served him with a jury summons. He and the deputy discussed the case for some time, then haled him to the bar of the court and the deputy dismissed the case.

The defense was then asked if he had been to the bar of the court and the deputy replied that he had not been to the bar of the court.

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