

## A MINISTER'S PAY.

Presbyterian Board Thinks Eight Hundred a Year Small Enough.

General Assembly Urged to Adopt Rigid Rules Against All Secular Uses of the Sabbath—Marriage of Divorced Persons Opposed.

Los Angeles, Cal., May 23.—Rev. Dr. Coyle, of Denver, was chosen moderator of the Presbyterian assembly on the second ballot.

The committee on divorce and remarriage recommended that all Presbyterian ministers be enjoined from marrying divorced persons "except as such persons have been divorced upon grounds and for causes recognized as Scriptural."

The committee on Sabbath observance recommended the passage of a resolution expressing its emphatic disapproval "of all secular uses of the day, all games and sports, all social functions, all traveling for pleasure, all excursions by land or water, all uses of this day as a day of convenience to do that which has been left undone during the past week, or to promote the secular interests of the coming week, both at home and abroad."

The special committee on sustentation reported to the general assembly that the total contributions to sustentation and synodical home missions in the nine self-supporting synods in 1901-2 were \$99,383 and the contributions to the board of home missions were \$1,026,252. The committee recommended that a minister's pay be at least \$800 a year.

The church last year sent out 142 missionaries to the foreign field. In foreign lands the church has 127 stations, 1,402 out-stations, 764 schools with 27,370 pupils, 38,342 Sunday school scholars and 91 hospitals in which 290,103 patients were treated last year.

The board of church extension reported that last year there were 268 applications for aid in building new churches. Of this number 228 were aided in sums aggregating \$194,209, which is less than last year by 23 in number. During the year 221 new churches valued at \$886,502 were completed. At the present time the board holds 4,500 mortgages on church property, aggregating \$2,600,000.

The Y. P. S. C. E. societies in the Presbyterian church have a membership of 500,000. A consolidation of all young people's societies of the church except the Sunday school is urged.

The number of vacant pulpits is 1,132 and preachers without employment 99 in excess of the vacant churches. Only about 3,500 churches of the total 7,744 contribute sufficient funds for the whole of their support.

The report of the treasurer of the twentieth century fund showed that the contributions had been \$12,039,363, the largest amount ever reported by the church for a single fund.

## A MONUMENT TO PEACE.

Subscriptions to the Amount of \$2,500,000 Will Be Taken to Build a Fine Shaft on the Hudson River.

New York, May 23.—E. W. Wellington Ruckstuhl, ex-chief of sculpture of the St. Louis exposition, will sail for Europe next week and will remain abroad until the fall of 1904. His studio will be located a dozen miles from Paris and he will be busily engaged on models for several monuments.

One of the models will be for a McKinley monument which will be erected in Washington by private subscription. Another will be for a colossal national peace monument which will be 700 feet high and will be erected on the Hudson. Ruckstuhl has recently received assurances that the \$2,500,000 necessary will be raised by private subscription and he will devote himself to the model as closely as possible.

## MEXICO ON A NEW BASIS.

A Stable Silver Dollar at a Non-Fluctuating Basis of Fifty Cents Will Soon Be Coined.

El Paso, Tex., May 23.—It is certain that Mexico will soon have a stable dollar fixed at a non-fluctuating value of 50 cents. This news comes to El Paso from official sources. It is said Mexico's financiers will never permit silver to be secondary in the republic. They will allow it to be the coin of the realm, however, only at a fixed ratio. Within six months Enrique C. Creel, who, in conjunction with Secretary of Finance Limantour, controls the finances of Mexico, is expected to bring this about.

Of all the silver produced in Mexico 98 per cent. is now in Asia and the total amount of silver now in the republic will not exceed \$100,000,000.

## Montana Sorely Afflicted.

Bonanza, Mont., May 23.—One section of Montana is eaten up by locusts, while another is under three feet of snow. A district 40 miles square, situated east of Forsythe, is pestered by the Rocky mountain grasshopper, which has eaten up everything. Cattle have to be removed from the infested sections.

## A PLUNGE IN ICY WATER.

One Who Has Had the Experience Says It Is Not as Unpleasant as Many Suppose.

It is the common impression that one suffers keenly from cold if suddenly immersed in a lake or stream covered with thin ice. Such, says a Philadelphia exchange, does not appear to be the case of the experience of a Philadelphian who got such a wetting the other day when skating. He said: "I was skating on ice that kept cracking, and then—smash!—all of a sudden I was overboard. I was in the water, holding on to the jagged edges of the ice. My first thought was feeling of surprise at the water's warmth. I had gone clean under, head and all, and now I was immersed save for my head, arms and shoulders; yet I wasn't cold; the water actually felt a little warmer than the air. I guess that I was in for six or seven minutes. A plank had to be brought before I could get out. During those minutes the only part of me that suffered was my poor wet hands that clutched the ice. After a minute or two they began to ache with the cold. My body in the water gave me no discomfort and perhaps if I had kept my wet hands in the water they wouldn't have troubled me either. But I couldn't do that or I'd have been carried under the ice."

## SAVED BY STRATEGY.

Pioneer Drummer Had a Way of Disposing of a Western "Bad Man."

"I traveled through the west in pioneer days," said a Philadelphia drummer, according to an exchange, "and though things were pretty rough I never had but one close call. I had an argument with a Dakota cowboy and he set out to wipe me off the earth."

"But you shot first?" queried a listener.

"No, I was not armed. I simply resorted to strategy. He looked like a man who'd oblige, and just as his finger was pressing the trigger I told him that I much preferred to be killed with a knife. When he got his knife out I changed to a club and from a club to a stone in a stocking, and I finally got him all mixed up and bought his whole outfit for eight dollars and sent him off to get drunk. There is really no need of being killed if you keep your wits about you."

## AMERICAN ABSINTHE.

"The Green Terror of France" Produced in Considerable Quantities in Wisconsin.

"Absinthe, 'the green terror of France,'" said a botanist of the agricultural department, reports the Washington Evening Star, "is now being produced in considerable quantities in this country and is being used to an alarming extent. In some sections of Wisconsin wormwood is being cultivated, and it is from this plant that oil is distilled for making absinthe. There are several wormwood farms in that state.

"The Wisconsin growers of wormwood and distillers of the oil at first shipped nearly all their output to Europe, but now they find a good market for it in this country, and at almost fabulous prices. Of course the drug houses of America furnish a ready home market. The oil is employed in many ways, but its chief uses are in the making of absinthe and liniments."

## THE GENERAL MARKETS.

Kansas City, May 26.	
CATTLE—Beef steers	3 75 @ 5 00
Native stockers	3 25 @ 4 50
Western steers	3 25 @ 4 40
HOGS	5 45 @ 6 25
SHEEP	4 25 @ 4 75
WHEAT—No. 2 hard	70 @ 72
No. 2 red	71 1/2 @ 73 1/2
CORN—No. 2 mixed	41 1/2 @ 44
OATS—No. 2 mixed	34 @ 36
RYE—No. 2	46 @ 48
FLOUR—Hard winter pat.	3 20 @ 3 50
Soft winter patents	3 20 @ 3 30
HAY—Timothy	7 50 @ 13 00
Prarie	4 00 @ 10 90
BRAN	70 @ 71
BUTTER—Fancy to extra	16 @ 19
EGGS	12 @ 12 1/2
CHEESE—Full cream	12 @ 12 1/2
POTATOES—Home grown	40 @ 45

## ST. LOUIS.

CATTLE—Beef steers	4 00 @ 5 25
Texas steers	3 35 @ 4 40
HOGS—Butchers	5 95 @ 6 25
SHEEP—Natives	4 00 @ 5 00
FLOUR—Red winter pat.	3 50 @ 3 80
WHEAT—No. 2 red	76 @ 76 1/2
CORN—No. 2	45 1/2 @ 46
OATS—No. 2	35 @ 35 1/2
RYE	40 @ 42
BUTTER—Creamery	16 @ 22
CORN MEAL	2 50
BACON	10 3/4 @ 10 50

## CHICAGO.

CATTLE—Steers	4 00 @ 5 40
HOGS—Mixed and butchers	5 50 @ 6 10
SHEEP—Western	4 50 @ 5 60
FLOUR—Winter patents	3 50 @ 4 60
WHEAT—No. 2 red	75 1/2 @ 76 1/2
CORN—No. 2	45 @ 46
OATS—No. 2	33 @ 33
RYE—May	50 @ 50
LARD—May	8 80 @ 8 3/4
PORK—May	18 62 1/2 @ 18 62 1/2

## NEW YORK.

CATTLE—Steers	4 60 @ 5 30
HOGS	6 15 @ 6 30
SHEEP	2 50 @ 4 60
WHEAT—No. 2	82 1/2 @ 82 1/2
CORN—No. 2	54 1/2 @ 57 1/2
OATS—No. 2	38 @ 38

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