

## THE METHODIST IN CONFERENCE

### Send Rev. A. A. Randall to Plattsmouth

Yesterday at Lincoln was the last day of the Methodist Conference which has been in session for the past week, at which Rev. J. E. Houlgate, the minister of the church at this place and Thomas W. Glenn, who was lay delegate, and at which also C. C. Westcott was called into consultation for a day last week. Like all deliberative assemblies of its kind and nature, there accumulated a great deal of work, which was not exactly ready for disposal at the time one wanted to consider it, and went over to another time, and as a consequence accumulated at the last day. Another thing which has contributed to the massing of much of the work at the latter end of the session was the trial of a minister named Ferguson, who last Friday withdrew from the conference and thus ended his trial as far as the church was concerned. Many questions which were a portion of the session had to be disposed of. So with the coming of yesterday which was supposed during the fore part of the session would be a short day, so intended in the making of the program, but which was lengthened out as long as there was light to see.

During the early days of the conference, there had been several committees appointed which were to report on resolutions. These reports were put off from time to time, and as a result all piled in on the session of yesterday for consideration. One had the dealing with the insurance of the church buildings over the district and elicited a good deal of discussion, but was finally disposed of by the adoption of the resolutions. Then came the question of what should be done for the superannuates, of those ministers who have served a large number of years in the work and were entitled to retirement on part pay. This had to be dealt with and as the conference felt that they had faithfully discharged their duties, and after they had become advanced in years to that extent that they were no longer by reason of feebleness, due to advanced age, able to longer continue in the work, should be cared for, and some time was spent in the consideration of ways and means for making this provision? All resolutions which were regularly brought, with the exception of the church trial, were considered very hastily, and disposed of by their adoption, seemingly considering that the committee in whose hands they were put, had a sufficient grasp of the subject in hand to give equal and exact justice to all concerned, and the person who thought that individual ideas should be taken up for the airing of his particular views, was sat down upon and that with a snap and vim that left no doubt that as to what the purpose of the meaning or intentions of the assembly were.

The conference took a strong stand against the saloon traffic in adopting another set of resolutions, in which they praised the progress of Oklahoma and Georgia in banishing the liquor traffic. They called on the next session of the legislature to "go and do likewise." The idea of county option as a step toward absolute prohibition was endorsed. Mention was made of the pure food law, and the energy of the commissioner was touched on eulogistically. But the committee was not willing to merely recommend that the legislature act in accordance with their wishes.

One thing which was interesting to all, and on which they were looking with somewhat of a certainty, as immediately concerning each individual, was the reading of the report of the appointments, which should designate to what portion of the field each should be assigned. Many had gone with resolutions from the congregations for which they had been the minister for the year previous, and had confidently expected that these and their private wishes would be considered, and they would be sent to their former charge. But in many cases the inexorable hand of fate said different, and all knew that it was like the lightning's flash, liable to hit anywhere and were in a manner prepared for it. The following is the appointments, as handed down by the committee having the same in charge for this conference:

### Nebraska City District Appointments.

Nebraska City district: George L. Wright, presiding elder, Nebraska City, Nebraska.  
Adams, H. W. Cope.  
Auburn, H. G. Wilcox.  
Auburn Avenue, C. L. Myers.  
Bennet, G. M. Newkirk.  
Brook, J. C. Street.  
Brownville, G. W. Hawley.  
Cook, E. S. Burr.  
Douglas, C. C. Culmer.  
Eagle, C. C. Gorst.  
Elk Creek (supply), T. F. Ashby.  
Elmwood, D. B. Lake.  
Epworth (supply), O. B. D. Wood.  
Falls City, C. A. Mastin.  
Humboldt, A. V. Price.  
Johnson (supply) Samuel Keiser.  
Louisville, J. K. Maxfield.  
Murdock and South Bend to be supplied.  
Mynard (supply), A. E. Wachtel.

Nebraska City, J. E. Houlgate.  
Nehawka (supply), J. W. Davis.  
Nemaha, G. W. Ayers.  
Palmyra, E. B. Maxcy.  
Peru, W. A. Tyler.  
Plattsmouth, A. A. Randall.  
Rulo and Salem, W. B. Maze.  
Smartville to be supplied.  
Stella and Shubert, E. H. Gould.  
Sterling to be supplied.  
Syracuse, M. E. Gilbert.  
Table Rock, C. E. Ruch.  
Tecumseh, Richard Pearson.  
Unadilla, A. A. Kerber.  
Union, W. T. Taylor.  
Vesta (supply), W. O. Harrell.  
Wabash (supply), H. M. Scott.  
Weeping Water, I. C. Lemon.

Rev. A. A. Randall, who has been appointed to this charge as the successor of Rev. Houlgate who goes to Nebraska City, comes to us well recommended as a very clever minister in all points, being a genial gentleman, a good speaker, a fervent christian and an earnest worker. We pause right here to say that in the gentleman who is to succeed the Rev. J. E. Houlgate, all these requirements are necessary, for in the person of Rev. Houlgate the people of Plattsmouth, and not alone the congregation of which he was appointed the pastor, see in him a minister of more than ordinary merit, both as a church worker and citizen in general. Rev. Houlgate came here some time after this charge had been without a minister for some time and with the congregation somewhat scattered by reason of the irregular services and lack of interest manifested thereby. Coming under these circumstances he had an uphill proposition at the beginning, but commencing with the work on the first day he was ever at his post with a ready and willing hand, for whatever came to his way soon had the organization well perfected and in good working order. With the exception of a day or two when he was confined at home, on account of sickness, and a short vacation, during the last summer, he has always been at his post and working for the Master's Cause. In the leaving of the Rev. Houlgate the church at this place is losing a good, earnest, zealous, enthusiastic worker, and the city an upright, excellent, gentlemanly citizen. Nebraska City is to be congratulated on the appointment of our former minister to their charge. We trust he and his excellent family will like the new field of labor, and that their efforts there will result in a great work being accomplished.

### Was a Good Samaritan

Last evening late, when Judge A. J. Beeson was going home and it was as dark as in the times of Pharoah, he heard a strange noise by the side of the walk which caused one after another of the hairs on the top of his head to assume an erect position. After the creepy sensation which ran up and down his spinal column a few times had disappeared and he had swallowed the lump in his throat, he investigated and found an old man with only one leg who had fallen into the ditch just ahead of him, trying to get up. Jake helped the old man up and inquired where he was going and on being told he was trying to get to the Missouri Pacific depot, the judge took him in charge, and piloted him through the dense darkness and the rain and mud, arriving at the end of the trip after an hour of laborious work.

The judge is now in favor of having street lights, and especially to the Missouri Pacific station.

### Judge Waters Dies Suddenly

A special from Lincoln, under date of October 1, says: "Judge Frank R. Waters, a prominent republican politician died early this morning from stomach trouble after passing a night of suffering. Since the recent primary election at which he was defeated for the nomination as district judge, he has seemed broken hearted and his friends believe the defeat hastened his death. Judge Waters, who has been county judge of Lancaster county for three terms, and who previously served several terms as police judge of Lincoln, sought nomination as district judge as a culmination of his political career. He was defeated by an organized effort on the part of his political enemies. The judge had perhaps the largest acquaintance of any man in Lincoln, throughout Lancaster county. He was 40 years of age."

### Returned From the West.

Louis Rotter, who has been in the west for some time past, visited in Denver while he was away, and while there was a guest at the home of Frank Otto, a former citizen of this place. Mr. Rotter says that our former townsman is in the employ of the Burlington in the mountain city, and is doing nicely. His daughters are both young women now, they will be remembered as Flora and Edna, young girls when they left here some few years ago.

### A Criminal Attack

On an inoffensive citizen is frequently made in that apparently useless little tube called the "appendix." It's generally the result of protracted constipation, following liver torpor. Dr. King's New Life Pills regulate the liver, prevent appendicitis, and establish regular habits of the bowels. 25c. at F. G. Fricke and Co., drug store.

## THE FATE OF THE STEAMER SUSAN

### Sunk in the Missouri River and Buried in the Sand

Fears are entertained that the steamer Susan, which was in the excursion business in Omaha this season, and which sank in ten feet of water a week ago, cannot be raised because her hull has filled with white sand and she is partially buried in the Missouri, says the Omaha News.

The steamer was on her way to Sioux City to go in dry dock for the winter and when thirty miles north of Omaha had a hole stove in her hull by running into a snag.

Saturday night, Elmer Rosengren and Jake Motz made a trip to the relic in their launch, taking J. M. Reddy, an expert diver from St. Louis, with them.

The diver made a careful examination of the wreck and notified Captain Silvey that he feared it would be impossible to save the steamer.

Captain Silvey stated that he would probably remove all the machinery from the vessel and then destroy her with dynamite.

### Lecture Last Night

B. H. Barton, a traveling lecturer, having headquarters at Alleghany, Penn., delivered a lecture at the Grand Army hall last evening to a small but appreciative audience. The weather being such that a very small crowd was in attendance. The main point which he endeavored to make was that by the death of Christ, all should have an opportunity to participate in the salvation which his death made possible. And that where there had no chance been given on this earth, they would be given one hereafter, and that this would include those who had never heard or understood the gospel, such as those who are insane and those to whom the message never came. But to those who have heard and have understood, and not heeded there will be no more opportunity given. He says that where only half an opportunity has been given it will be completed beyond the grave.

### Got the Accounts Mixed Somewhat

Out in the county, we do not say where, or who, a certain man sold another some oats, some time since, for which he did not pay at the time. Afterwards as they were driving along the road in different directions they met, and thinking that he had not paid for the oats he said as his neighbor drew up, "I had just as well pay for those oats. How much are they?" Upon being told how much the account was he made the check out and having the check absentmindedly signed his name to it too, passing it to the man who had sold the oats and he placed it in his pocket, and when he was in the city cashed the check after he had indosed it, and knew nothing more about it until he found a discrepancy in his bank account, as also did the other man. These discrepancies led to the finding out of the mistake and the untangling of the riddle.

### Like Nebraska the Better

Clem Whitehead and family, who were former residents of this place, but who moved to California, Missouri, two years ago, to make their home, having purchased a farm, have recently sold out there and returned to Nebraska. They have gone to near Ravenna, where they have gotten them a farm and will make their home there. In conversation with a reporter this morning, Mrs. Whitehead who stopped for a few days visit with friends here and at Mynard, said that they liked Missouri very well, but that Nebraska was ever so much better.

### Lived Here Forty Years Ago

J. J. Lewis, a brother of Jeff Lewis, who is here visiting with his brother, formerly lived in this place, and was a neighbor of F. M. Young south of town. In early times Mr. Lewis was well acquainted here but has not lived here for thirty-nine years, it being that length of time since Mr. Young has seen his old neighbor. They are all attending the celebration at Omaha today, a party being made up of Messrs and Mesdames F. M. Young, J. J. Lewis and Jeff Lewis.

### Some One Answer

Here is a question propounded by the Kearney Democrat that we will leave to some other person to answer: "If Judge Harrison could not be reelected to the supreme bench because he killed himself by appointing his step-daughter to supreme court stenographer, how does Judge Reese hope to escape when he appointed both his son and his wife?"

### May Purchase Building

J. J. English and wife, of Stanton, came in yesterday and have been visiting in the city, looking after some business matters, with a view of trading for some property here. They were thinking of making a trade for the two Wetenkamp buildings, the one where M. Fanger has his store and the one occupied by the News and the shooting gallery. They think very favorably of Plattsmouth.

## Nebraska Loans Money

The following is taken from the Sunday issue of the St. Louis Republic, which fully denotes the financial condition of Nebraska at the present time. The special from Omaha that appeared in the Republic is as follows: The east has made an other call on Nebraska for money, this time sending its agents to place the paper direct with the Nebraska bankers, who have just concluded their annual convention in this city.

About 500 bankers attended the convention, at which were discussed matters of importance to the financial world. President Hill, of Lincoln, in his annual report, showed that Nebraska is furnishing more money to the Eastern marts than any other state with an equal rating of wealth. Between \$7,000,000 and \$9,000,000 in short loans have been placed weekly in New York, Boston, Philadelphia, Chicago and other cities during the last year by the Nebraska banks, the larger financial institutions of Omaha and Lincoln acting as a clearing house for this business.

President Hill said that there was present at the convention a number of representatives of eastern money brokers and investment concerns who were eager to place their paper with the Nebraska bankers. This was an extraordinary condition, and one which never before existed in the history of Nebraska banking. It is not considered to be the result of so much of a money stringency as to the fact that much of the ready cash which heretofore has been in the habit of piling up in the eastern banks is now being held by the western institutions, seeking legitimate investment.

### Loans Paid Off

The hundreds of millions of eastern money loaned ten or twelve years ago on western farm property has been paid off so fast during the last three or four years that nearly every farmer in consequence in Nebraska, Kansas and Iowa is on easy street with a bank balance seeking investment. The greater interest payments which formerly flowed from these farmers into the pockets of eastern capitalists no longer are available for remittance to New York banks.

Many bankers who are considering this phase of the financial condition believe that it now remains for the west to relieve any temporary stringency which might occur in the eastern market, and that this will mean a turn in the tide which heretofore has sent the western accumulation of money to eastern banks to pay debts. Notwithstanding interest rates in the east have increased during the last few months, loans still are made in the west, especially in Nebraska, at rates which prevailed a year ago.

Since the conclusion of the recent insurance investigation in New York several of the large insurance companies have found it profitable to keep large balances in the banks in cities where they have general agencies. Nearly every "old line" company has such an office at Omaha, and one company whose affairs were the subject of investigation now maintains a balance in local banks to exceed \$20,000. This money formerly was sent to New York directly; premium and invest payments were made at the office of the general agent. What is true of Omaha in this respect is also true of many other large western cities.

### Crops Will Sell

An extraordinary succession of large crops which have brought fancy prices and the development of the live-stock industry accounts largely for the development of financial resources in Nebraska. With the growth of these industries has also come a phenomenal increase in dairy productions, the value of which runs annually into millions. Ten years ago the dairy products of Nebraska were almost nil, comparatively speaking, while at this time the state ships to eastern markets or exports cheese and butter to the value of which exceeds \$500,000 monthly.

Bankers consider these conditions largely responsible for the temporary shortage of ready cash in the east. They say that the west will not call for any considerable amount of money to move its crops, as has been the case in the past, as the western banks will be able to supply sufficient funds for the purpose, and relieve the eastern money centers from meeting western loans, which heretofore have been called in order to provide for this annual demand for money to move the western crops.

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### Depart for the South.

Louis Fredrick and wife, F. J. and F. L. Hild, departed this afternoon for Pocatello, Oklahoma, where they will visit for awhile with friends and relatives and also look at the country with a view of purchasing land there should they find some that particularly strikes their fancy. They expect to be gone for about three weeks and will visit at other points in the south while away.

## MISS FOSTER FINDS PROPERTY

### Finds Part of Her Stolen Property on a Female Who Emerged From an M. P. Train Yesterday.

It will be remembered that some time since, that it was recorded in this paper that Miss Mary E. Foster, the democratic candidate for the position of county superintendent, while enroute from Union to Louisville, had her suitcase, containing clothes, a watch and a bracelet stolen. Nothing was heard of the matter until yesterday, when Miss Foster was about to take the train for Omaha at the Missouri Pacific station at this place. When the train pulled in she awaited for the passengers to alight and was attracted by a lady who stepped off the train with a traveling bag in her hand and wearing a coat looking like the one that had been in the suitcase when lost. Miss Foster did not get on the train, but followed the lady, who was Mrs. Green, into the waiting room and asked her where she acquired the coat she was wearing, Miss Foster saying at the same time that it was her coat and she wanted it. Quicker than it takes to tell it off came the coat, which was handed over to its rightful owner, while Mrs. Green said that it was all she had that belonged to her, but on removing the coat, a waist, which Mrs. Green was wearing, was discovered and when it came to light, Miss Foster knew it instantly, and said that it was her waist and demanded Mrs. Green to take it off, too, and off came the waist. Things were getting interesting by this time, and they adjourned to the baggage room, where they could be screened from the eyes of eager crowd, and made further investigation, to find a number of other articles of wearing apparel in the possession of Mrs. Green belonging to Miss Foster. These were handed over willingly, although very reluctantly, and her stock of clothes were very rapidly being reduced to minority. The watch which was being worn, was handed over, but the suit case which had been left at Eagle, where the Greens live, also contained a few other articles, and the bracelet was in the possession of her daughter. In place of these things eight dollars were deposited and Mrs. Green was allowed to go on her way rejoicing. She had some clothes in her traveling bag and hastily making a toilet, would have vied with some of the footlight favorites, and donning a top coat vanished in the direction of the city.

### To See the Sights.

The Ak-Sar-Ben at Omaha claimed a large portion of our citizens who are seeing the sights and viewing the parades in the city today. Among the number to go in the morning were: Miss Sophia Hartwick, John Reuland, and son Roy, Mrs. John Hall and parents, C. S. Ammogost and wife, Emil Walters, C. P. Richards, D. M. McDonald, Mrs. A. H. Weckbach, Miss Helen Spies, Thos. Woodson, Westley Bennett, L. F. Fitch, Bert Tulene and wife, L. D. Bates, Warren Tulene and wife, Peter Mumm jr., Anna Hild, Lena Hirtz, Ira Green and family, Mrs. John Lutz and daughters Helen and Katherine, Miss Carrie Oliver, Kathryn Schraak, Chas. Kirschenblatt, A. P. Barnes, Frank Roberts and son Harlan, E. G. Fangburn and wife, Henry Trout, Joseph Parr, John Lewis and wife, Frank Steppet, Fred Baumgart, Eva Warren, Thos. South wife and daughter Gertrude, Jacob Leuck and son Arthur, Mrs. A. J. Kanka, Maggie Jess, Wm. Brantner, Fayette Clark, John Westley Barker, Mrs. H. L. Franks, and Mrs. Wm. Barker and children.

### Watch for Monster Engine

A monster locomotive, so long that it cannot be handled on the turntables of the ordinary roundhouses, weighing 250 tons and said to be the largest locomotives in the world, is soon to be placed in commission on the Burlington lines for hauling fast and heavy freight between Chicago and Denver. The big locomotive is now in the service of the Great Northern, but President Hill has ordered it transferred to the Burlington lines. The engine is a Mallet compound and, working as a compound, it has a tractive effort of 71,000 pounds and can exert a pull at the drawbar, of 71,600 pounds. As a simple engine the effort is 86,000 pounds and the pull is 87,200 pound. The weight of mogul is distributed over the drivers, a pony truck in front and a trailer truck behind the cab. This relieves the drivers of about 18,600 pounds of weight usually placed upon them, although the big locomotive is heavier than any ordinary engine.

This engine will have to be handled on a "Y" because of its great length and so enormous is its pull that it has been known to pull the draw bars out of freight cars.

No home is so pleasant, regardless of the comforts that money will buy, as when the entire family is in perfect health. A bottle of Orino Laxative Fruit Syrup costs 50 cents. It will cure ever member of the family of constipation, sick headache or stomach trouble. F. G. Fricke & Co.

## FERGUSON WILL NOT DOWN

### The Former Minister Brings Civil Suit Against His Accusers.

The Lincoln Journal states that Wilbert P. Ferguson yesterday filed a suit in the district court against eight of his accusers who before the Nebraska conference succeeded in forcing him to withdraw from the church on charges. The civil proceedings charge both slander and libel against the eight defendants in a lengthy review of the case covering six causes of action. Mr. Ferguson asks damages in the sum of \$25,000 for his injured name and the deprivation of his profession for the time.

This civil suit, Mr. Ferguson says, would have been brought anyway even if he had been successful in the conference investigation. But the results of that hearing cause him to add three other names to the proposed suit which was begun yesterday. The defendants named in the petition are Arthur E. and Edith Cross, Rev. George W. Isham, Rev. Allan A. Randall, Rev. Francis A. Campbell, Rev. A. C. Crosthwaite, William R. Jackson and D. W. C. Huntington. The names that lately have been added to the petition are those of W. R. Jackson, Francis Campbell and A. A. Randall.

The relations of the various defendants to the suit was pointed out by the plaintiff yesterday in an interview. Arthur E. Cross, as husband of the woman in the case, has been active in giving testimony and in pushing the charge against the plaintiff. Mrs. Cross is the principal character in the proceedings. Rev. George W. Isham was one of the three men who signed the resolution that declared before the conference that the withdrawal of the accused was "tantamount to a confession of guilt," which resolution presumably was given to the press with their sanction.

Rev. F. A. Campbell is a holiness evangelist who was formerly pastor of a church at Elmwood, where Mrs. Cross was a member for several years. The plaintiff alleges that he will show that the Rev. Campbell made four consecutive calls on Mrs. Cross and succeeded in getting her to tell the story that led to the preferring of charges. This story he is said to have told to others, among them Rev. A. C. Crosthwaite. Prof. William R. Jackson, ex-state superintendent, presented the motion before the church board in regard to Mr. Ferguson using the words "evident immoral conduct" which motion was expunged after it had been published and acted on. Dr. Huntington signed the resolution that was presented to the conference declaring Ferguson guilty. The plaintiff charges that Dr. Huntington also argued the matter through the columns of The Journal, making charges there against the plaintiff in the present suit. Rev. A. C. Crosthwaite brought the charge against the minister after he had been asked by both Mr. and Mrs. Cross to allow the scandal to die down without any publicity. He was said to feel that the honor of the church was at stake. Rev. A. A. Randall was the third signer of the conference resolution.

### In Honor of Mrs. Spader.

Mrs. C. L. Herger, who is a friend of Mrs. Matt Spader, who is shortly to move to Omaha, gave a reception in her honor yesterday afternoon at which a number of that lady's friends were present. A general good time was had and with lunch and light refreshments, the only shade of sadness was the fact that they were to lose their friend from the immediate circle of acquaintances by her moving away. Those present and to help in the merry making were: Mesdames W. S. Scott, Maurice O'Rourke, of McCook, J. V. Egenberg, Fred Lehnhoff, Henry Martins, Wm. Hassler, George Weidman, Joseph Droege, Matt Spader and C. L. Herger.

### Missouri Pacific Wreck.

A wreck on the Missouri Pacific last evening prevented the last passenger south, from coming this way, it having to go by the way of Louisville, in order to get to its destination. A number of our citizens who had gone to Omaha to see the parade last evening, were compelled to remain over night and return on the Burlington this morning. Among those who were thus inconvenienced, were Wm. Porter and family, of Mynard, Ora Whitehead, C. W. Carr, Andrew Kuhn, Ralph White, Mrs. Clem Whitehead and little daughter, who were going to Mynard; High Gruber and Will Coon.

### Returns From the East.

Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Newell, who have been in the east for the past two weeks, returned home this afternoon on the fast mail. While away they visited at a number of different places, making stops at Chicago, Cincinnati, Portsmouth and St. Louis. At Portsmouth the Judge met with his old regiment, also visited all the old places where he lived when a boy. The Judge says he had a fine time while away.

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