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METHODISTS IN COUNCIL.

Southwestern Conference of the Methodist Church South at Independence. KANSAS CITY, Mo., Sept. 22.—Bishop Charles B. Galloway called the Twenty-second annual meeting of the Southwestern conference of the Methodist Episcopal church, South, to order this morning at 9 o'clock at the Maple avenue church at Independence. The venerable Dr. Prottman, the Nestor of the church in Missouri, led in an eloquent prayer.

By unanimous vote C. C. Woods was re-elected secretary of the conference and C. M. Hawkins and Dr. Tigert assistant secretaries. The Rev. C. H. Briggs, agent for the central college at Independence, read an extensive report of his work for the year. In his work for the college he has traveled 15,000 miles, visited 101 churches and preached 173 sermons, collected \$7,500, besides securing a bequest of real estate valued at \$10,000. There are 900 churches in his district.

The presiding elders reported the following committee: Bible cause—C. M. Bishop, T. C. Pucket, E. W. McElhany, J. A. Sink, J. D. Wood. District conference records—R. G. Flemmer, W. T. Eastwood, A. G. Moore, W. M. McAllister, J. F. Garner. Books and periodicals—J. J. Tigert, Witten McDonald, B. V. Alton, R. T. Russell, J. H. Scroggs, C. M. Hawkins, H. C. Meredith, D. P. Wims, C. H. Briggs, Lon V. Stephens, J. F. Robb, A. B. Davis, J. C. Givens, Ben Porter, L. H. Davis and J. T. Noland.

Conference relation—J. Y. Busley, J. J. Keller, W. T. Gill, B. H. Gragg, J. S. Rummel and E. G. Ginn. Two hundred ministers are expected to be present during the conference, which will adjourn next Monday.

An African King. NASHVILLE, Tenn., Sept. 22.—A young negro who has spent four years at the Central Tennessee college in this city has been called to a throne in Africa. His name is Momulu Mas saqual, and he came from the Vey country, a region of Interior Africa adjoining Liberia. He was converted some years since to Christianity by Mrs. Mary Brierly, an English missionary, and through her influence, and that of Bishop Henick of Louisville, was brought to this country and put at school. He received the news yesterday that his father, King Balah, had been killed in war and he is called to reign in his stead.

Kansas City Journal Unionized. KANSAS CITY, Mo., Sept. 22.—The long-standing differences between the Kansas City Journal and local Typographical Union No. 80 have at last been satisfactorily adjusted. In consideration of the union taking into membership the foreman and certain other of its employes the Journal management has entered into a ten-year contract to employ only union men hereafter and be governed by the rules and regulations of the union. The boycott on the Journal is now off.

Fatal Collision in Pennsylvania. LANCASTER, Pa., Sept. 22.—The second section of the Philadelphia express eastbound and the second section of the Pacific express westbound on the Pennsylvania road collided fifteen miles west of here shortly after 3 o'clock this morning and both were badly wrecked. One engineer was killed, the other fatally injured and the firemen of both trains fatally hurt. One of the passengers was hurt. One of the engineers disregarded orders and ran past the switch.

South Carolina Democrats. COLUMBIA, S. C., Sept. 22.—The South Carolina state Democratic convention met at noon. The primary election, already held, having settled the question of nominations for state officers, except as to attorney general in which there is only a local interest, the greatest interest hinged upon whether the state Democracy would align itself with the national Democracy.

A Wife Beater Shot. POPLAR BLUFFS, Mo., Sept. 22.—Jewett Shroust was shot and instantly killed by Drew Kemp, his brother-in-law, at his home near Harville, eight miles south of this city. Shroust was continually abusing his wife, who is Kemp's sister. Shroust was a bully and was known as "the Bull of the Woods" in his neighborhood. Kemp gave himself up.

A Missouri Farmer's Crime. ST. JOSEPH, Mo., Sept. 22.—Last night H. L. Long, a farmer living near Bethany, split open the head of another farmer, William Rice, with an axe, and then called his wife and daughter to carry the body of the dead man to the public road, where it was left, after which he attempted to commit suicide. He is under arrest.

Street Car Wrecked by a Train. CLEVELAND, O., Sept. 22.—A motor and trail car on Cedar avenue were broken to pieces by a passenger train on the Cleveland and Pittsburg railway about 8 o'clock this morning. One passenger on the street car, a man, sustained a broken leg and a lady was badly bruised about the head.

Determined to End His Life. ATCHISON, Kan., Sept. 22.—John Steinmetz, the painter of Clifton, who took Paris green Monday, died last night. A few minutes before he breathed his last he told the doctors that he wanted to die, and if they succeeded in saving him he would shoot every one of them and then kill himself.

Two Hundred Telegraphers Strike. GRAND RAPIDS, Ia., Sept. 22.—Very promptly at 10 o'clock this morning every operator and dispatcher on the Burlington, Cedar Rapids and Northern railway, with one exception, about 200 men went on a strike for higher wages and to secure the adjustment of other grievances.

Labor Commissioner Peck Indicted. ALBANY, N. Y., Sept. 22.—The grand jury has returned a true bill against Labor Commissioner Peck, charged with destroying public documents. There are 400 bison at the Yellowstone park, in Wyoming.

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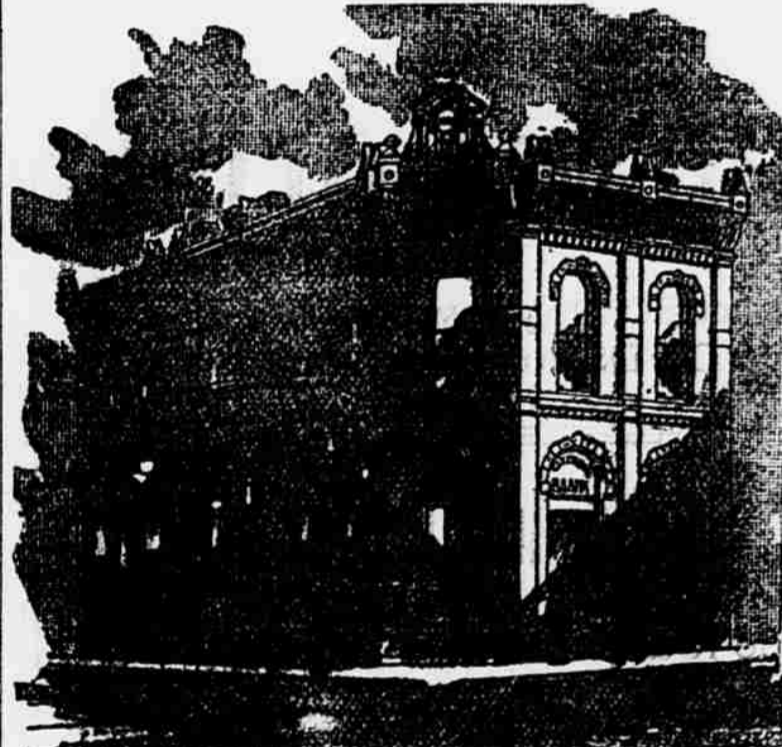
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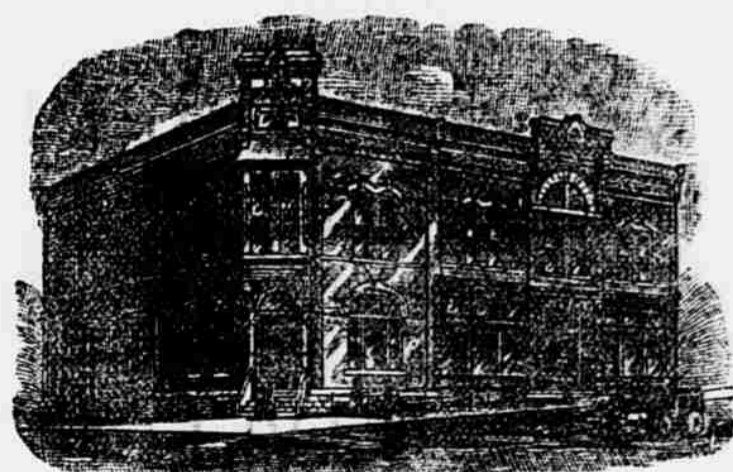
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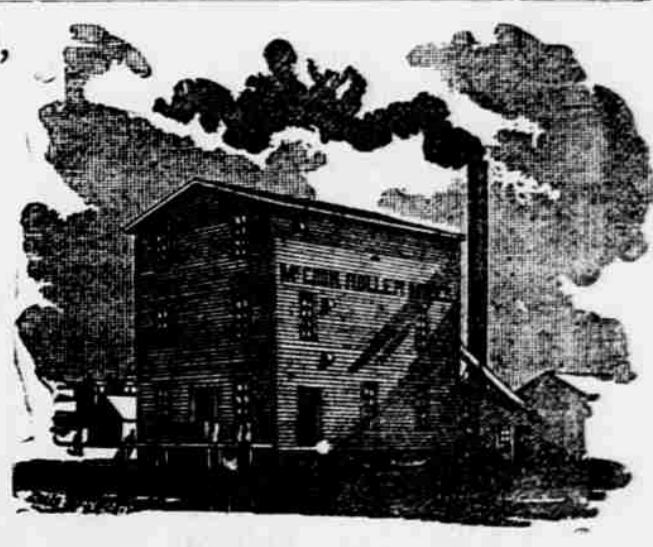
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