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## THE CONFERENCE.

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 23d.

Opened at 8 o'clock, Bishop Walden in the chair. After devotional services the Bishop spoke on Hymnology and the reading and use of hymns. Many ministers do not read their hymns before the congregation, and many more have not so learned the art of reading hymns as to make them impressive, or to bring out the full meaning of the meter. The most impressive hymn reading "ye reporter" ever heard in the pulpit was by a black man, formerly a slave, but who was set free and educated by Henry Clay of Kentucky. Forty years have passed since we heard that black man read,

"Of Him who did salvation bring  
I could forever think and sing,"  
and the music of both hymn and reading has rung in our ears ever since.

The minutes of the previous session were read and approved. C. C. Cissell and D. D. Forsyth who were absent at roll call, now being present, made their reports. The calling of the list of effective elders was continued, and the following reported: J. T. Roberts, of Curtis; R. S. Moore, of Elsie; E. J. Robinson, of Grant; W. J. Crago, of Imperial; J. M. Eads, of Maywood; W. E. Hardaway, of North Platte; J. P. Badgely, of Ogallala; T. H. Thurbur, of Paxton; James Leonard, of Sidney. E. L. Hutchins has been absent and R. A. Figgins has been transferred to Illinois.

The report of the committee on periodicals was presented, and Dr. Shank, editor of the Omaha Christian Advocate, which was made the official organ of this Conference, made an address.

The following named ministers, who have been for two years on trial in the Conference, made their reports, and were elected to full membership in the Conference; and to ordination as deacons: Burton C. Peck, of Overton, Harvey M. Pinkney, (already ordained) of Sumner; Douglas Streeter, of Stratton; Cyrus A. Webster, of Hayes Centre; John A. Ellis, of Broken Bow.

The reception of candidates into full membership in the Conference is always made an impressive service. The candidates are called before the Conference and are publicly and personally questioned by the Bishop concerning their religious experiences, and their purposes and habits of life. The Bishop also made a thrilling address on "The Work of the Ministry, and the Requirements put Upon these Servants of God." Not only the candidates, but the whole Conference, and the congregation, was moved by this address.

An executive session was then held in the interest of the Nebraska Wesleyan University, addresses being made by Chancellor Crook, Prof. Ellinwood, and Rev. O. R. Beebe.

The stewards made a preliminary report and the name of M. W. Smith was transferred to the list of superannuated preachers and he was recognized as a Conference claimant.

Afternoon Session. — Devotional services were conducted by Rev. A. G. Forman. Dr. Shank presented to the Conference a certificate of stock in the Omaha Methodist Publishing Company, and A. J. Clifton was elected a director to hold the same.

Rev. J. O. Peck, D. D., one of the secretaries of the Missionary Society, was introduced and made an address. The doctor is a "down-easter," but he soon showed that he is "onto" western ways and methods in good shape. The Conference will gladly hear him again.

George H. Bradford was admitted to Conference membership and elected to deacon's orders, under the missionary rule. Alfred Gilson was also elected to deacon's orders under the same rule.

Bishop Walden then spoke on the "Order of Senic in the Methodist Churches." After this Dr. Peck spoke on "The Geary Anti-Chinese Law," the enforcement of which is almost certain to endanger, if not destroy, all the American missions in China. In a recent interview, Mr. Geary said: "China has a right to drive Americans out of China, to drive out the missions, as we claim the right to drive out anarchists." Christian people of the United States will observe the animus of the man who classes missionaries with anarchists.

On Saturday night was held the anniversary of the Conference Missionary Society. James Leonard presided. The address was made by Dr. Peck. Among the interesting facts stated by him, we note the following: "As the contributions to the missionary cause of the Methodist church are collected by pastors and transmitted without expense to the church, the expense of the administration of our missionary work is reduced so low as to be practically insignificant, only a small fraction above two per cent. For many years the missionary board, instead of going to the banks to buy bills of exchange for the transmission of funds to its foreign fields, has issued its own  
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REPUBLICAN CITY.

Stock extra from Almena, Sunday.  
Art Lyman goes to McCook on account of Jack Curran's return.

Mrs. Talcott has gone from Wilsonville to Orleans, as her husband is up there now.

Len Harding worked a few days, last week, while Talcott was getting in house-keeping shape.

"Shorty" Null shows up at the McDonald depot occasionally and talks railroading with the boys.

Jack Curran and family returned from the White City on last Saturday and report a most enjoyable time.

Brakemrn Wright is seriously sick with typhoid fever. We hope to note an improvement soon, however.

Mr. Milt Peniger and family of Atwood, Kansas, while en route to the world's fair, stopped to visit with their cousins, Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Green.

The order of the day is to make a round trip and transfer your combination car. No. 171 was delayed 45 minutes, Wednesday, a. m. while engaged in this operation.

Agent Guy of Beaver City has a very sick baby. His wife is convalescing, however, and is now able to be up some. We sincerely trust that she may soon fully recover her wonted health, for she has suffered several months now.

Engineer Snyder is resting ten days.

A baby put in an appearance, last Saturday, at the home of W. H. Battreal.

Mrs. J. F. Forbes has been entertaining her mother, Mrs. Tomblin of Arapahoe.

Mrs. J. F. Kenyon and Mrs. Frank Kenden left on 6, Wednesday, to see the world's fair.

Miss Holliday, who has been the guest of her brother for a few weeks, left on 6 for home, Monday.

Mrs. Frank S. Reid was up from Red Cloud, Monday, on business and to briefly visit her many friends.

Roadmaster Web. Josselyn of Orleans was at headquarters on business of his office on Wednesday afternoon.

The Eaton Bros. retired from the restaurant business, first of the week, and Will has returned to his old job of firing.

Mrs. G. E. Leming, Mrs. Rolison and Master Luzerne spent Tuesday in Indianola, the guests of C. S. Quick and family.

No. 6—in addition to time and tide—waits for no man, consequently some of the members of the conference failed to get away, Monday.

The Burlington people have the right idea of handling train robbers, and the more that are handled that way the better for the public.

Business is looking up in the freight department. There is a loud demand for coal cars, since the recent decided change in the weather.

The wife of Engineer Wm. Woods of McCook arrived in the city, Wednesday, and is visiting with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. O. Lindley.—Red Cloud Belt.

Maurice Christianson resigned his place with the B. & M. at this place and left for Minden. . . . A. Riddell, extra agent for the B. & M., is here during Mr. Morrissey's absence.—Holbrook News.

Our people will learn with genuine pleasure of the intention of H. F. Harman to remove his family back to Oxford within a few weeks. They have been indulging in rural life near McCook since last spring.—Oxford Standard.

Among the passengers on No. 6, the other afternoon, was a well-to-do family of natives of the Sandwich Islands, from Honolulu. The family consisted of parents, two daughters and a young son. They were rather pretty and attracted considerable attention as they paraded the depot platform during 6's stay here.

Travel over the B. & M. system has increased so it has been necessary to borrow cars from other roads, and it is stated as a fact that the company has as much traffic as it can conveniently handle. This condition of affairs is thought to be responsible for the high rates to the world's fair. After all, this may be the primary cause of the discontinuance of so many branch trains lately, because it is evident that the roads are doing a profitable business, notwithstanding their claim that they are not making expenses.—Oxford Standard.

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