

W. C. T. U. CONVENTION.

Annual Session of Temperance Women Began Today.

ORGANIZATION STRONG AS EVER

The Society of White-Ribboners is still an Agency for Good—Representatives Present From All Over the United States.

Cincinnati, O., Nov. 13.—The spirit of enthusiasm which marked the opening of day of the annual national W. C. T. U. convention reminded the veteran workers of the time when Miss Frances Willard controlled the destinies of the famous organization and was wont to attract thousands to the annual meetings by her eloquence and her sincere devotion to the cause. On the death of Miss Willard, who was rightly regarded as the head of the organization in the broad sense of the term, it was predicted by many that the famous society of white-ribboners would inevitably go to pieces. But time has failed to verify these predictions. Today, according to the facts and figures, the organization is numerically as strong as ever and as an agency for good it is constantly widening the scope of its activities.

To all the officers and workers must be given the credit for this flourishing condition of affairs. If any individual, however, is to be singled out for praise she is Mrs. L. M. N. Stevens, the Maine woman who succeeded to the presidency on the death of Miss Willard. At the opening of the convention this morning it was quite evident that Mrs. Stevens enjoyed the highest regard of the cultured women before her, as she was required to stand for some time, bowing her acknowledgments, before the warm applause subsided and allowed her to call the gathering to order.

The convention met in the Ninth Street Baptist church, the interior of which was tastefully decorated for the occasion. A program of music and prayer occupied the first half hour. The roll call showed an attendance of upwards of 500 delegates, while the number of other visitors present is twice as large. The states largely represented at the convention include Michigan, New York, Nebraska, Kansas, California, Illinois, Indiana, Minnesota, Pennsylvania, Iowa and the Dakotas.

The annual address of the president was the leading feature of the opening session. In the course of her remarks Mrs. Stevens touched upon a large variety of subjects, directly and indirectly relating to the great problem of the drink evil. As to the progress of the temperance movement she spoke in the most confident language. Of particular significance, she said, was the constantly increasing participation of women in the affairs of the world. Mother and child are rapidly taking their rightful place as the central figures of the great world problem. The president had a good word to say for athletics as a promoter of temperance and good morals.

Reassembling after luncheon the delegates listened to the reports of the national corresponding secretary, Miss Susanna M. D. Fry, and the national treasurer, Miss Helen M. Barker, also the reports of the young women's branch by Mrs. Clara Parish Wright, general secretary, one of the Loyal Temperance Legion branch by Mrs. Helen G. Rice, and reports by the national superintendents of departments. These reports for the most part are of a very encouraging nature and show the past year to have been one of extraordinary activity in all departments of the organization's work. A feature of the session was the reading of messages of congratulation from Lady Henry Somerset and Mrs. Ormiston Chant of England.

Arrangements have been completed for holding a big welcoming demonstration this evening. The visiting white-ribboners will be greeted on behalf of the city and the churches and temperance societies of Cincinnati and vicinity. The responses will be by Mrs. Emma Bourne, president of the New Jersey W. C. T. U., Mrs. C. H. Howe, national organizer, and other prominent visitors.

The completed program arranged for the succeeding sessions of the convention is as follows:

Saturday—Department reports, introduction of fraternal and visiting delegates and distinguished guests; addresses by Mrs. Maria Wood, representing the interdenominational council of women, on "The Menace of Modern Mormonism," and Mrs. C. C. Faxon, W. C. T. U. commissioner of the Philippines, on her work in Manila.

Sunday—Annual W. C. T. U. sermon. Monday—Reports of national superintendents.

Tuesday—Election of officers. Addresses on "Polygamy in the United States," Deaconess Sarah J. Elliott, representing both the W. C. T. U. and the interdenominational council of women and Mrs. Mary L. Orr, W. C. T. U. missionary at Ellis Island, on the needs of the immigration station at New York.

Wednesday—Reports of the twenty-

eight national organizers and standing committees. Following the final close of the convention the delegates propose to make a pilgrimage in a body to Hillsboro to pay their respects to "Mother Stewart," who was one of the pioneers of the temperance movement in the United States.

Anniversary of the Moravians.

Raleigh, N. C., Nov. 13.—With the present week just one hundred and fifty years have elapsed since the first Moravian settlement was made in Wachovia, this state, November 17, 1753. In commemoration of the sesquicentennial a three days' celebration was begun today at the old town of Bethabara near this city, where the first settlement was made. Memorial exercises were held and the program included the dedication of a number of monuments marking sites of famous incidents in the early history of the colony. One of the monuments consists of a huge boulder on which are chiseled the names of first colonists, while on another monument in the ancient church yard is recounted briefly the experiences of the colonists during the stirring times of the French and Indian war.

RAILROAD COMMISSIONERS.

Those of Fourteen Southern States Are Meeting This Week at New Orleans.

New Orleans, La., Nov. 13.—The annual convention of the Association of Southern Railroad Commissioners will be held in this city during the coming week and elaborate arrangements are being made for the reception and entertainment of the visitors. The association represents the railroad commissioners of fourteen southern states all of which will have delegates at the convention. In addition to the railroad commissioners who are members of the association, representatives of various commercial organizations and prominent traffic officials are expected to be present.

N. W. Baptist of Tennessee is president of the association and will preside over the meeting. During the three days the convention will be in session there will be papers and discussions on a wide range of subjects, including safety appliances, rates and rate-making, uniform classification, taxation and valuation of railroad property, grade crossings, classification of expenses of construction and operation of railways, legislation, and delays in enforcing orders of railroad commissions.

Williams-Wesleyan Debate.

Middletown, Ct., Nov. 13.—The debate between representatives of Williams College and Wesleyan University takes place here this evening and promises to be the event of the college year. Wesleyan has the affirmative and Williams the negative side of the question, "Resolved, That the boycott, without violence, overt or threatened, is a proper policy for organized labor."

Racing to Begin on the Coast.

Oakland, Cal., Nov. 13.—The winter meeting of the New California Jockey club will open tomorrow. Indications point to a successful season, and the officials at the track are pleased at the prospects. Several carloads of horses have arrived this week from various parts of the country, and the officials declare there will be no lack of material with which to fill the races. The city already is beginning to fill with horse men and turf followers.

Carpets to be Higher.

New York, Nov. 13.—Because of the high price of wool and its scarcity, both in this country and abroad, the carpet manufacturers declare a general advance in prices is absolutely necessary. The advance is likely to affect chiefly the higher grades of carpets, amounting probably to ten cents on Wiltons and high grade velvets, and five cents on Brussels.

Baptists of Arkansas.

Little Rock, Ark., Nov. 13.—Little Rock is entertaining the Baptist state convention, which will be in session for three days. The formal opening took place today with Ex-Governor J. P. Eagle, president of the Southern Baptist convention, in the chair. Reports of the various officers show that much work was accomplished during the year just closed. The missionary work was particularly noticeable. The two colleges and four academies maintained by the Baptists of the state are reported in excellent shape.

Execution at Michigan City.

Indianapolis, Ind., Nov. 13.—The supreme court having refused to grant a new trial Edward Hoover will be executed today at the northern penitentiary at Michigan City. Hoover's crime was the murder of Frank Sutton, his father-in-law, in this city last May.

Opposition.

A certain amount of opposition is a great help to a man. It is what he wants and must have to be good for anything. Hardships and opposition are the native soil of manhood and self reliance.—John Neal.

Our duty is to be useful not according to our desires, but according to our powers.—Amiel.

A NEW WOOD FOR PULP.

Balsam as a Substitute for Spruce in Paper Making.

BEST TREE OF NORTH WOODS.

Suggestions for a Separate Treatment of Spruce and Balsam Fibres—How the Removal of Balsam from the Woods Benefits Spruce.

Washington, Nov. 13.—The importance of finding a satisfactory substitute for spruce for the manufacture of paper pulp led to a commercial study of the balsam fir, which Mr. Raphael G. Zon, of the bureau of forestry, has just concluded.

The rapid disappearance of spruce, the best tree in the north woods for the manufacture of pulp, has forced pulp makers to use more and more balsam, and has brought that tree, once despised and neglected, into a very important place. Four years ago practically no balsam was used by pulp manufacturers, many of whom are now using from 25 to 50 per cent of it. The amount of balsam used depends entirely upon the spruce supply near where the different mills are located. The smaller the amount of spruce available the greater the amount of balsam used.

Pulp manufacturers find balsam the best substitute for spruce which can be found in the north woods. Other trees there are which might serve well for water pulp, but they are not native to the country where the mills are located. Pulp mills are enormously heavy and expensive, and the wood must be brought to them—they cannot be taken to the wood. The pulp man, therefore, in his choice of a substitute for his diminishing supply of spruce, is confined to the very few species that grow in association with spruce, and of these species balsam is at once the most abundant and the most promising.

The present method of making pulp out of balsam is to grind it or treat it with chemicals along with spruce. The results are not satisfactory. Balsam mixed with spruce produces an inferior grade of pulp. Mr. Zon suggests that it would be much better if balsam were handled independently of spruce. The balsam fibers are not nearly so tough and strong as those of spruce, and the pressure of the grinders, which are adjusted for spruce fibers, is too powerful for the fibers of balsam and they are torn and weakened. For the same reason the chemicals used in the treatment of spruce fibers weaken and dissolve the fibers of balsam used in the same strength. Examples of what can be done with balsam in the manufacture of paper are found in France, where the tree is made to produce good book papers. There not only the main trunk but even the top of the tree is used.

The silvicultural features of the balsam are related by Mr. Zon, who has studied the tree carefully throughout its range, but particularly in Maine and the Adirondacks. Spruce has been cut for many years, while balsam has scarcely been cut at all; hence balsam is taking the place of and is crowding out the spruce. This change in species in the north woods is hastened by the great superiority of balsam as a seed tree, for balsam bears seeds every year, while the spruce seeds only in seven years. These conditions make it apparent how very desirable it is that pulp manufacturers should use balsam wherever possible, for in doing so they give the tree a chance to grow and reproduce itself. This point Mr. Zon brings out forcefully.

The results of Mr. Zon's work will appear this winter in the form of a bulletin published by the bureau of forestry.

How Work Kills Music.

Did you ever hear of a telegrapher who could play the piano? If so, how many? Not how many pianos, of course, but how many telegraphers. Telegraph operators find that after they have worked at a key for several years their forearms and their fingers lose that flexibility that is essential to musicianly work on the piano. As many of the men are fond of music and have pianos of their own they find it hard to be cut off from the enjoyment of the music they could make for themselves if it were not for the strained conditions of the muscles.

There are few other lines of work that incapacitate a man for picking out the sharps and flats, but the telegraphers say that they know few men in their ranks who can use a piano with any effect.

When they sit down before one, their first move is the old impulse that operating the key gives them. They want to use that finger that they use in sending messages, and they find it difficult even after they struggle for a long time to make themselves players of more than ordinary attainments.—Chicago Tribune.

Why, Indeed?

She—Why does woman take a man's name when she marries him?
He—Why does she take everything else he's got?

At the Sulphur Spring.

Visitor—This water tastes just like bad eggs, doesn't it?
Servitor—Don't know. I'm not an actor.

The man who pauses in his honesty wants little of being a villain.—Martyn.

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East. Arrive. Depart
*Omaha Passenger 6:03 a.m. 6:03 a.m.
*Verdigris Way Ft. 7:10 p.m.
Bonesteel Freight. 9:00 p.m.
North
*Verdigris Way Ft. 8:10 a.m. 8:15 a.m.
Bonesteel Passenger 12:50 p.m. 12:50 p.m.

NORFOLK JUNCTION STATION.

East. Arrive. Depart
*Omaha Passenger 6:05 a.m.
*Omaha Passenger, Bonesteel line 6:10 a.m. 6:30 a.m.
*Way Freight main line 6:45 p.m.
Stock Freight main line 9:30 p.m.
*Way Freight, Bonesteel line 7:20 p.m.
Bonesteel Freight main line 9:15 p.m.

West
*Way Freight main line 7:00 a.m.
*Verdigris Freight 8:00 a.m.
Bonesteel Passenger 11:55 a.m. 12:40 p.m.
*Long Pine Passenger 12:20 p.m.
*Way Freight main line 5:50 p.m.
Black Hills Passenger 7:30 p.m. 7:50 p.m.
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*Sioux City Passenger 10:50 a.m.
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