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CHURCH UNION EFFECTED

PRESBYTERIAN AND CUMBERLAND CHURCHES JOIN.

DES MOINES MEETING TODAY

The Efforts Which Have Been On For Some Time to Bring About a Church Union Was Consummated in the Des Moines Assembly.

Des Moines, Ia., May 24.—The union of the Cumberland and Presbyterian churches was consummated in the meeting here today.

COMPROMISE ON BOOK OF PRAYER

Presbyterian Assembly Disposes of Issue Raised by Leaders.

Des Moines, May 24.—The famous controversy and debate over the proposed Presbyterian book of forms ended in the general assembly in a compromise, in which all words that might indicate that the book is authorized were stricken from the resolutions and the text and title pages of the book itself and in which the resolution of opposition was also incorporated, declaring specifically that the assembly made no recommendations with reference to it.

With these limitations, the report of Dr. Henry Van Dyke's committee was adopted and all bitterness between the factions avoided. The book of forms will continue to be published but nowhere on its pages will be found anything to indicate that it bears any authority from the Presbyterian general assembly, all such words and phrases having been stricken out. It will be published merely "for the purpose contemplated by the general assembly of 1905" and "for voluntary use." By its action the assembly virtually rescinded the action of the three preceding assemblies in which progressive steps were taken for an authorized book of forms. The compromise was agreed upon after numerous conferences between Dr. Van Dyke, Dr. Moffatt and Dr. William McCauley of Cincinnati, the latter leader of the opposition. The resolutions offered were in accord with the understanding reached by them and the vote thereon was unanimous.

Burton Will Not Resign.

Washington, May 24.—At the request of Senator Burton, whose case has recently been decided by the supreme court adversely, a conference was held between himself and the chairman of the committee on privileges and elections, Senator Burrows. The object of the Kansas senator was to gain some knowledge of the proposed procedure by Mr. Burrows' committee regarding the resolution introduced by Mr. Hale. Senator Burton does not contemplate resigning. The fact that a stay has been granted by the supreme court, granting him sixty days in which to file an application for a rehearing leaves his status, he contends, just as it was previous to the decision of the court and that no action is necessary by the senate that would not have been necessary before the recent opinion was rendered.

Cumberland Presbyterians Split.

Decatur, Ill., May 24.—The Cumberland Presbyterian general assembly practically completed its business, but postponed adjournment to await the action of the Presbyterian assembly on the question of union. A delegation was appointed to visit the assembly at Des Moines immediately after the adjournment of the Cumberland body to bear the greetings of the latter. The anti-unionists declare their purpose to organize and appoint a duplicate set of church boards and committees. It is said that these boards may institute suits against the existing boards.

TELEGRAMS TENSELY TOLD

There is a good prospect, according to a prominent coal operator, that the strike in Illinois will be settled soon.

Rev. Dr. Samuel A. Elliot was re-elected president of the Unitarian association. Rev. Charles E. St. John of Brookline was chosen secretary.

Frank Gotch defeated Tom Jenkins at Kansas City for the championship of America at catch-as-catch-can wrestling.

In a wreck of a worktrain on the Kanawha and West Virginia railroad, Fireman Elmer James was scalded to death and Engineer B. L. Bickie fatally injured.

Deputy United States Marshal James Bourland and Fred Hudson, who was recently acquitted on a murder charge, engaged in a pistol duel at Anadarko, Okla., and both were fatally wounded.

The corpse of Rev. Frank W. Hoover, a Congregational minister of Sherrard, Ill., was found floating in a pond near his home. It is supposed that he was drowned while bathing, but the coroner is investigating.

On charges of having defrauded merchants out of hundreds of thousands of dollars, L. A. Belmont, representing the Yellow Trading Stamp company, and H. E. Winslow, representative of the Sperry & Hutchinson Trading Stamp company, were arrested at Philadelphia and held under bail for hearing.

EDWARDS TO SUCCEED TAYLOR

President Accepts Resignation of Assistant Secretary of Treasury.

Washington, May 24.—The president has formally accepted the resignation of Horace A. Taylor, as assistant secretary of the treasury, to take effect June 30. He will soon leave for a tour of the world, which will occupy two years or more. Mr. Taylor will be succeeded by J. H. Edwards, now secretary to Secretary Shaw. Mr. Edwards will be succeeded as secretary to Secretary Shaw by Arthur F. Statter, who was originally a Iowa man. Mr. Statter has had ten years' experience as a newspaper man at Sioux Falls and at Walla Walla, Wash., where he was for a time editor of the Walla Walla Union. Since 1903 he has been private secretary to Senator Ankeny.

MONOWI SALOON BURNED

HENRY J. KREMEIER PLACE WAS DESTROYED THERE.

ORIGIN OF THE FIRE UNKNOWN

The Damage Done Will Amount to Between \$1,500 and \$2,000—Both the Building and the Stock Were Consumed by the Flames.

Monowi, Neb., May 24.—Fire destroyed the Henry J. Kremer saloon building and stock here yesterday. Cause of the fire is unknown. The damage is estimated between \$1,500 and \$2,000.

McCartney Wants Investigation.

Lincoln, May 24.—Postmaster McCartney of Nebraska City wrote a letter to Land Commissioner Eaton asking for an investigation of the death of W. S. McCartney, his brother. The latter was killed at the Lincoln asylum in the fall of 1904. The incident was kept secret for almost two months.

State Saves \$1,500.

Lincoln, May 24.—The state has saved \$1,500 on the contract for printing the supreme court reports. The Omaha Printing company was given the contract at 54 cents a page. The lowest previous bid was 87 cents by the State Journal company of Lincoln. This offer was rejected.

Voted as by One Voice for Lacey.

Oskaloosa, Ia., May 24.—Congressman John F. Lacey was renominated by acclamation for a tenth term by the Republican convention of the Sixth Iowa congressional district here. The convention endorsed L. M. Shaw for the presidency in 1908.

Woman Hangs Herself.

Falls City, Neb., May 24.—Mrs. James Gilmore disappeared from her home west of Strauseville and her body was found hanging in a cave near her house.

Cousins Is Renominated.

Cedar Rapids, Ia., May 24.—Congressman Robert G. Cousins was renominated by acclamation by the Fifth Iowa Republican convention.

MAD AT KEY; TIES UP ROAD

Former Operator, Sunstruck, Seizes Office; Sends Wild Orders.

Huntington, Ind., May 24.—With an insane operator at the key at Andrews, Ind., station agents all along this section of the Wabash railroad had the hottest half hour they ever experienced striving to prevent a series of wrecks and collisions.

That none occurred was not the fault of Everett Kellam, a worker in the shops, who suffered a sunstroke. While he was waiting transfer to an asylum Kellam remembered that he once had been an operator, and a fast one. He thought it would do him good to send some train orders again.

Waiting until he saw Henry Beauchamp, the Wabash operator at Andrews, leave his office at noon, he slipped in and took possession of the key. In half an hour he had the Indiana section of the line tangled up so completely that traffic was not regulated for hours, and the station agents are still suffering from the shock.

Iowa Prohibits Name Ticket.

Des Moines, May 24.—L. S. Coffey of Fort Dodge was nominated for governor by the Prohibitionists of Iowa in convention here. Other nominations were: Lieutenant, K. W. Brown of Ames; secretary of state, J. S. Ward of Des Moines; treasurer of state, George W. White of Fairfield; attorney general, J. L. Watson of Hawarden.

Three Killed by Lightning.

Hammond, Ind., May 24.—Three people were killed and one fatally injured by lightning during a storm. The dead: John Michow, West Hammond; Lewis Steinbach, Hammond; Mrs. Ludke, Whiting. Roy Litter is paralyzed. Farmers report great damage to the crops by the heavy rain.

Russian Soldiers in Mutiny.

Kursk, Russia, May 24.—The soldiers of the Obayr regiment here, who were to be dispatched into the country district in anticipation of agrarian troubles, have refused to take ball cartridges with them.

BULLETS FLY AT MINERS

WAR IS ON IN EASTER OHIO COAL FIELDS NOW.

STRIKE BREAKERS ASSAULTED

A Squad of Non-Union Miners Started to Work in the Plum Run Pits, and Were Greeted by a Fusillade of Bullets from the Bushes.

Smitland, Ohio, May 24.—War in the eastern Ohio coal fields on the Plum Run mine opened this morning. Non-union miners, 125 strong, marched toward the pits under a heavy guard and were greeted with a fusillade from the bushes. Bullets whizzed among the trees and embedded themselves in the coal cars. The strike breakers hurried to cover.

CHARGES AGAINST OIL TRUST

Standard Gets Copies of Telegrams Sent or Received by Competitors.

Cleveland, May 24.—The Leader says: That the Standard Oil company is furnished copies of telegrams sent or received by its competitors is one of the startling charges slated for investigation during the interstate commerce commission's hearings in this city. While officials and witnesses were gathering in Cleveland preparing for the inquiry, which opens today, dispatches came from Lima telling of accusations by independent men against employees of the telegraph department of the Buckeye Pipe Line company, one of the Standard's subsidiary concerns.

In brief, the charges which the commission is asked to investigate are: That ownership, leasing or contractual right in 196,000 miles of track enables the company's employees to transmit to 26 Broadway, the headquarters of the Standard Oil company, all messages going or coming from independent men in the territory involved; that daily reports of the oil run of the independents are sent to 26 Broadway for consideration at the daily meetings of the Standard officials; that the pilfered telegrams are not only of a business nature, but in many instances secret political information of the highest importance has been transmitted to headquarters.

Anglo-Cuban Treaty Reported.

Havana, May 24.—The senate committee on foreign relations reported on the treaty between Great Britain and Cuba, which was signed twelve months ago, recommending its ratification with certain amendments. It is expected that these amendments will be distasteful to Great Britain and it is considered doubtful if the government of that country will accept the treaty as amended.

Verdict of Suicide in Spier Case.

New York, May 24.—A verdict of suicide was rendered by the jury in the inquest into the death by a pistol shot wound of Charles L. Spier at his home at St. George, S. I., on the morning of May 7. Little doubt was entertained at the time that he had met death at the hands of a burglar. The police, however, after examining the premises, inclined to the theory that Spier had committed suicide and later it was reported that he had lost much money in Wall street and that he had temporarily deposited as collateral with his bankers securities entrusted to him by Mr. Rogers.

Dennis Hearing Set for May 31.

Broken Bow, Neb., May 24.—The preliminary hearing of the Dennis family, alleged to have been implicated in the killing of George Morrison last week, will take place May 31. Last night the father, mother and two little boys went before County Judge Humphreys and were put under \$5,000 bond to appear on the above date.

TWENTY-FIVE OF MOB INDICTED

Grand Jury Reports on Lynching Bee at Springfield, Mo.

Springfield, Mo., May 24.—The special grand jury investigating the mob of April 14, which hanged and burned three negroes, made their final report. The points of importance in the report was that the jury found that no assault had been committed on Mrs. Mina Edwards, as alleged; that it was impossible for the two negroes, Duncan and Coker, to have been at the scene of the alleged assault at the time that it was committed; that the sheriff and the police department were negligent in the performance of their duty. The indictments found by the grand jury will number about twenty-five. Of this number, four are said to be for murder in the first degree.

Killed for Smoking Stogie.

Oskaloosa, Ia., May 24.—Because he insisted on smoking a Pittsburg stogie, Leonard Roberts was shot and fatally injured by Tom Filmore at Buxton. Filmore had offered Roberts a good brand of cigar, the latter refusing it and lighting a foul-smelling domestic. Both men are colored and have been friends for years. Roberts will die. Filmore was placed in jail here. This is the latest of a long line of murders and serious crimes at Buxton.

DUNCAN PLEDGES SUPPORT TO ROURKE

Sloux City, May 24.—President Duncan of the local Western League club expressed himself as being in sympathy with the proposed shake-up in the league advocated by Manager Rourke of Omaha and Manager Holmes of Lincoln. "I will make haste to attend any meeting that may be called to get rid of Cantillon, or of O'Neill, if he is at fault, and I believe the sooner the meeting is held, the better," was the declaration of Mr. Duncan.

Crushed in Mine Cage.

Fort Dodge, Ia., May 24.—Frank Dunning, an employe of the United States Gypsum company, in attempting to run beneath a descending cage in the Mineral City mine at this place, was caught and fearfully crushed. His back and both arms were broken. He will die.

REBATE CASES ON TRIAL

CROSBY, THOMAS AND TAGGART FACE FEDERAL COURT.

WITNESSES TELL OF REBATING

Testimony Shows That Kansas City Firms Received Large Sums of Money From Mysterious Sources After Freight Bills Had Been Paid.

Kansas City, May 24.—Testimony of unusual interest was brought out in the United States court in the trial of George H. Crosby, traffic manager of the Burlington railway; George L. Thomas of New York, a freight broker, and L. B. Taggart, his clerk, on a charge of conspiracy in rebating railroad rates.

The principal witnesses were George A. Barton of the Barton Bros. Shoe company, George W. Taylor of the Robert Keith Furniture and Carpet company, E. W. Freyschlag of the Freyschlag Mercantile company, all of this city, and Walter B. Kelly of New York, clerk for Thomas.

The testimony shows that the firm mentioned received large sums of money from mysterious sources after freight bills had been paid; sometimes in express packages, always from New York, but none knew who sent it. On the stand Freyschlag frankly referred to an agreement with Thomas whereby his firm was to receive 25 per cent rebates on freight bills, and told how the money was deposited in New York to the firm's credit by one "Jackson," a person whom he did not know. He said that the name was used to hide "this business," a term all witnesses employed.

"Thomas was to look after our freight business and take care of our claims," said Mr. Freyschlag, in his testimony, "and we were to receive rebates on all freight destined to points west of the Mississippi river. This was 25 per cent."

"Did you receive those rebates?"

"Yes. The total amount in three years of our contracts with Thomas was about \$7,500."

Freyschlag said that the rebates for 1905 shipments were still due. He did not know who owed it to him. Taggart had told him, he said, that the railroads had not paid up. Freyschlag said his freight bills amounted to about \$30,000 a year.

The cross-examination by the government of Mr. Freyschlag was somewhat startling. Counsel kept at the witness until he made him admit that he had agreed to use the name "Jackson" because he "thought there might be something criminal in this business."

"All the shippers here are in the same box with me," Freyschlag exclaimed, defiantly. "Instead of four years, this thing has been going on for twenty-five years—not at 25 per cent rebates, but at 40 per cent."

EIGHTY VETERANS INJURED

Collision of Two Electric Cars at Indiana G. A. R. Encampment.

Lafayette, Ind., May 24.—One dead and eighty injured is the result of a collision on the battleground Inter-urban line, near this city. With the exception of Rev. Peter H. Owens of Medaryville, Ind., all are expected to recover. The victims nearly all are veterans attending the state G. A. R. encampment here. Charles Rouben, motorman of one of the wrecked cars, was killed and the officials say his disobedience of orders regarding running upon a switch is what caused the accident.

Child Kills His Sister.

Pittsburg, May 24.—Catherine Clutter, aged four years, was shot and killed at Homestead by her six-year-old brother, who used an old revolver which they found and which was not known to be loaded.

More Strike Breakers Desert.

Steubenville, O., May 24.—More strike breakers were brought into the plant of the United States Coal company for the purpose of operating the Plum Run mine as a nonunion mine, but as fast as the new arrivals come they are won over by the mine workers' organizers. It was stated that the mines will not be started this week, as not enough men could be obtained. There are fewer nonunion men here than on Monday.

ONE NEW BATTLESHIP

THAT IS THE NAVAL PROGRAM OF SENATOR HALE.

NAVY KEPT AT PRESENT SIZE

Rapid Fire Pension Legislation—Antipass Amendment May Be Lost After All—When Lawyers Disagree—Senators Who Get Left.

Washington, May 24.—Special.—The "naval programme" is a term used by those handling affairs connected with the navy by the building of new ships. "One good ship each year has become our settled policy as to the naval programme," said Senator Hale, chairman of the committee. "We have a navy large enough, but by building one ship every year we will replace those which are becoming obsolete or useless from other causes." If it was not for Senator Hale the impression prevails that there would be an enlarged "naval programme" as both officers of the navy and the administration favor larger increases. This view is also shared by the men in the house who handle the appropriation bill. Many senators have the same view as Senator Hale, and so an understanding is reached as to what ought to be done in the way of new ships, and it is always adopted.

Great Mortality.

A group of members of the house were showing a disposition to joke Representative Capron of Rhode Island because of his rapid method of putting through pension bills. Capron has broken all past records, and as he gains experience he breaks his own records. He accepted the rallying of his friends with his usual good nature and then spoke seriously for a moment:

"I am glad to be an instrument in the passage of these bills. You gentlemen may not be aware of it, but the records show that 72 per cent of the beneficiaries of these pensions die within a year. The bills are mostly for men who have reached the last milestone and are nearly all helpless."

May Be Lost in Conference.

It is freely predicted by those who claim to know that the antipass amendment, which was inserted in the railroad rate bill after much trial and tribulation and at a great expense of time, will be lost in conference. The general impression among those who watched the adoption of the amendment was that it was really not anxiously desired by a majority of the senators. In fact, it was pretty well loaded down with exceptions and made to look ridiculous. Just how serious the "pass evil" is was not developed, although the intimations were that passes granted to federal officials was what seemed to be most objectionable.

Opinions About Lawyers.

Senator Perkins was talking about the personnel of the interstate commerce commission and about lawyers as members of it. He was interrupted by Senator Hale, who asked:

"Is not the present commission made up of all lawyers?"

"Well," replied Perkins, "I know some lawyers who are very excellent gentlemen and very able men and very honest men."

"So do I," said Hale.

"And," continued Perkins, "I would be willing to leave my case to them— for instance, to the senator from Maine."

"I am not on the commission," responded Hale.

"No," said Perkins, "the senator would not accept the appointment."

"There has been some talk about lawyers," went on Hale, "and I want to bring out from the senator the fact, as I understand it to be, that the present commission is made up of all lawyers."

"Judging from our experience in the senate," Perkins evasively but blandly remarked, "it is difficult for lawyers to agree, for I do not think any half dozen of them have agreed on any proposition we have had pending before us here."

Does it pay?

The question naturally arises whether it is advantageous for a man to leave Washington when congress is in session and go home to run a political campaign. The fate of two senators who recently spent a great deal of time at home and both returned after a defeat would indicate that it would be better to leave politics to their constituents. Possibly the result would not have been different if the senators had remained in the national capital, but it is a fact, generally speaking, that more senators are successful who remain here and leave the situation to take care of itself.

Representative or Individual.

In his persistent manner to find out all there is in a subject William Alden Smith of Michigan was closely questioning Chairman Overstreet about the postoffice bill.

"If the gentleman will keep quiet," said Overstreet, "and remember that he is an individual, just as an individual."

"No; I am a representative," broke in Smith.

"Yes," asserted Overstreet, "but it is also true that he is an individual."

"I am a representative in this matter," insisted Smith.

"Well, I believe I can still prove that the gentleman is an individual," retorted Overstreet.

"I hope I haven't lost my individuality," remarked Smith.

THE CONDITION OF THE WEATHER

Temperature for Twenty-four Hours Forecast for Nebraska.

Conditions of the weather as recorded for the twenty-four hours ending at 8 a. m. today:

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| Maximum | 80 |
| Minimum | 70 |
| Average | 76 |
| Rainfall | .15 |

Chicago, May 24.—The bulletin issued by the Chicago station of the United States weather bureau this morning gives the forecast for Nebraska as follows:

Showers and thunderstorms tonight and Friday.

It is remarked Smith.

The idea of William Alden Smith losing his individuality caused a roar of laughter, because individuality stands out all over him.

OFFICIALS ADMIT GRAFT

MEN WHO MANAGE PENNSYLVANIA RAILROAD TESTIFY.

HOLD STOCK AS PRESENTS

William A. Patton, Assistant to President Cassatt, Squirreling Away Acquiring \$307,000 Worth Without Cost to Himself—Rea Explains.

Philadelphia, May 24.—Further revelations concerning stockholdings in soft coal mining companies by officials of the Pennsylvania railroad were made when the interstate commerce commission resumed its investigation into the alleged discrimination by railroads in the distribution of cars. Three high officials of the railroad, First Vice President John P. Green, Third Vice President Samuel Rea and William A. Patton, assistant to the president at Philadelphia, were the important witnesses of the day. Mr. Patton was under examination the greater part of the morning and was an unwilling witness. The persistent questioning of Attorney Glasgow for the commission, however, brought out the fact that Mr. Patton had acquired stock, the par value of which is \$307,000, in various coal companies without cost to himself. He explained that he had signed notes obligating himself for his share of the losses, and declared his belief that it was proper for him to accept the stock under those conditions.

Vice President Rea read a statement in which he explained all his stock transactions, in which he expressed the opinion that he was not debarred from such ownership because of his connection with the railroad company. Mr. Rea said most of his stock was acquired through land syndicates, which took up the coal properties for development.

Vice President Green said twenty or thirty years ago it was not considered improper for an officer of a railroad to own coal company stock, but conditions had changed and such holdings might not now be regarded in the same light as formerly. He informed the commission that the board of directors of the Pennsylvania railroad, acting on the information that had been brought out at the hearings had appointed a committee of five directors to make an investigation into the connection of its officials with coal companies. Mr. Green said he did not own a dollar's worth of coal company stock.

Other witnesses testified to stock ownership and to discrimination in the distribution of cars. Chairman Knapp, former Senator Cockerill and Judson C. Clements conducted the hearing. Mr. Clements left for Cleveland, where he will join Commissioner Prouty to conduct the hearings in the oil investigation.

Senate Passes Immigration Bill.

Washington, May 24.—In addition to the passage of half a dozen bills, to which no objection was made, the senate devoted its entire session to the immigration bill, which was passed just before the hour of adjournment. The major portion of the discussion was devoted to the provision for supplying information concerning the different sections of the country to newly arrived immigrants. The bill consists of a series of amendments to the existing law, all of them intended to permit stricter regulations for keeping out the defective classes of aliens. The head tax is increased from \$2 to \$5. The senate adjourned at 5:20 p. m.

Alcohol Bill is Reported.

Washington, May 24.—The denatured alcohol bill was ordered reported favorably by the senate committee on finance. There were numerous amendments made to the bill, largely intended to prevent a reduction of the internal revenues by reason of the act. Provision was made that it shall go into effect Jan. 1, 1907, instead of within three months after the passage of the measure. No limitation was placed upon the size or capacity of the stills at which the denatured alcohol is to be manufactured.

Oldfield Sets New Mark.

Lexington, Ky., May 24.—Barney Oldfield broke the American automobile record for fifty miles here. Time, 1:13.2.