

CAPITOL BUILDING

Conference Delegates Hospitably Greeted at the Nebraska Capital.

HOW THE VISITORS WERE ENTERTAINED

Reception Tendered by Lincoln Citizens at the Lanning Opera House—Bad Weather Could Not Interfere with the Exercises.

LINCOLN, Neb., May 14.—(Special to THE BEE.)—The distinguished members of the Methodist general conference have enjoyed the hospitality of Lincoln today under circumstances that have evoked the admiration of a less enthusiastic body of men. It rained up to within a few moments before the arrival of their train, but the downpour ceased long enough to permit them to walk from the depot to the Lanning theater, where the indoor program was given.

The auditorium was packed from footlights to dome with the visitors and the members who had assembled to honor them. On the stage sat Governor James E. Boyd, Mayor Weir, the bishops of the Methodist Episcopal church and many other distinguished guests, among them being Hon. Elliott F. Shepard, editor of the New York Mail and Express.

Chancellor Creighton of the Wesleyan Methodist university presented the visitors to Mayor Weir, who delivered a formal address of welcome on behalf of the city of Lincoln. The mayor stated that the citizens of Lincoln could offer neither explanations nor apologies for the rain that had been coming down so generously, as the elements were about the only thing which they made no effort to control.

Rev. J. W. Hamilton, D.D., of Boston responded in behalf of the ministerial delegates, while the response in behalf of the lay members was made by Rev. J. C. Lawrence of Ohio. The latter stated that while a member of congress in 1907 it had been his privilege to see the first general session of the state of Nebraska, once to pass the bill, and again to pass it over President Johnson's veto.

Gov. Boyd's Welcome. Governor James E. Boyd welcomed the visitors on behalf of the city of Nebraska. He laid special stress upon the educational advantages of the capital city and the many opportunities for advancement in the city.

One of the largest, most respectable and thoroughly happy excursion parties that ever went out of Omaha was the Methodist conference excursion that left for Lincoln yesterday morning at 9 o'clock over the Burlington. It required several coaches and a prominent car conductor was in charge.

Another Convention. America's Ancient Order of Hibernians is coming to Omaha in 1924. Omaha has again got to the front and captured another national convention. This time it is the Ancient Order of Hibernians that has decided to hold forth in this city.

Work in the South. A mass meeting of interests of the southern educational work was held at Exposition hall last evening. The work accomplished in this department of Methodist home missionary work was illustrated by a number of specimens of the mechanical handwork of the boys who are taught a variety of accomplishments.

FUNERAL OF MRS. MAGGIE SPERRY BURIED AT LINCOLN.

Remains of Mrs. Maggie Sperry Buried at Lincoln.

SOME NEW FEATURES OF THE CASE

Matrimonial Ventures of the Murdered Woman—Wedded to a Burlington Engineer Recently—Her Slayer Bound Over After a Brief Examination.

LINCOLN, Neb., May 14.—(Special Telegram to THE BEE.)—The funeral of Mrs. Maggie Sperry, the woman murdered last Wednesday evening, took place from her late residence this forenoon, a sermon being preached by Rev. Dr. Newman of the Christian church. It was discovered today that Mrs. Sperry had been married three times, her last husband being John B. Lewis, an engineer on the Burlington. Judge Brown of this city performed the solemn May 11, 1919, a year to date before she was murdered. After living with Lewis at Aurora, Neb., two months she discovered that he already had a wife and two children in Ohio, whereupon she left him.

Very Early to Learn. Rev. J. S. Hill, principal of the Norris-town, Neb., academy, related a number of interesting incidents which he observed at Lincoln, and girls to participate in the school's activities.

Children's Day at the Conference. On Saturday, May 21, all the Sunday school children of Omaha and Lincoln will be presented to the general conference of the Methodist Episcopal church.

Grand Columbian Spectacle to Be Exhibited. "Columbus and the Discovery of America" is the title of the great spectacular production, which takes the place of "Nero" with the Barnum & Bailey show this season.

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CO-OPERATIVE HOME BUILDING

Legal Regulation of Building and Loan Associations in Nebraska.

SAFEGUARDS AND DEFECTS OF THE LAW

Restrictions Placed on Speculative Societies, Both Home and Foreign—The Locals and Nationals Contrasted.

APRAPHOS REPUBLICAN CLUB. ARAPOHO, Neb., May 14.—(Special Telegram to THE BEE.)—The regular meeting of the Arapahoe Republican club this evening and organized a republican club with sixty-four chartered members.

Decorative Art in Omaha. A superb piece of fresco work that cannot be excelled anywhere in America. Up to a comparatively recent period decorative art, and especially frescoes of artistic design and finish, were regarded as beyond the ken of our people.

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COUNTY MATTERS DISCUSSED

Commissioners Meet and Transact Some Important Business.

TO INVESTIGATE THE HOSPITAL COLLAPSE

Experts Will Make an Investigation of the Damaged Building—Suits to Be Commenced—The Special Elections Postponed—Other Business.

Although 2 o'clock was the time set, it was a few minutes after 3 when Chairman Timmo called the Board of County Commissioners to order yesterday afternoon. Messrs. Timmo and Stenberg had waited long for a third member to appear to make a quorum, and it was not until several messages had been sent to Mayor Weir, Camp and Herlin that the former was finally induced to put in an appearance in the rooms occupied by the board.

Reasons for Regulation. Recklessness and mismanagement as well as bad decision demanded strict regulation of foreign associations soliciting business in the state. Corporations boasting of gigantic profits, magnificently appointed offices, a large staff of high salaried officers, with the names of reputable business men flaunted as promoters, they spread over the country like wildfire.

Some two years ago a flourishing national in Chicago had been broken for Nebraska. Under his leadership a large number of people in Omaha and Lincoln were induced to take stock in a national association in Minneapolis. After making regular payments for a year or more, the Omaha investors learned that the concern was a private snap shot for the sole benefit of the managers. One by one they stopped payment, and in the course of a few months the managers declared the stock forfeited and confiscated the funds.

Robbed the Indians. Lawyers Get a Big Share of Arapahoe and Cheyenne Indemnity Money. OMAHA, Neb., May 14.—Colonel Lee, one of General Miles' inspectors, has just left Fort Reno, after having conducted an investigation into complaints made by the Indians of Cheyenne and Arapahoe counties that they were robbed by a number of attorneys in the recent sale of their lands to the government.

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