

THE GENERAL CONFERENCE.

Laymen Win in Their Fight for Equal Representation With the Ministers.

DETERMINED OPPOSITION OF THE CLERGY

Particular Position of the Conference on Temperance and Party Politics—Doubtful as to the Outcome of the Amusement—The Day's Work.

The most important item of business considered in the general conference at the forenoon session was the report of the committee on lay representation. An advisory statement by Bishop Walden recommended that the laymen should be given equal representation with the ministers in the general conference of the future.

A determined effort was made by the ministers to defeat the adoption of the report, but it was carried by a vote of 143 laymen for to 11 laymen, against, and 193 ministers for to 11 ministers, against.

A dispute arose over a law point in which some of the ministers held that when the order voted separately it required a two-thirds majority of both orders to adopt. Bishop Walden ruled that two-thirds of the aggregate and a majority of both orders was sufficient.

The action of the conference on the temperance question was a unique affair, said a prominent member of the Methodist conference today. "You see the wording of the report which the conference adopted contains a hard blow at both the old political parties because the report declares that no political party that favors the prohibition of the liquor traffic should have the support of Christian men, and then the resolution passed by the conference immediately afterwards declares that the church should not commit itself to the support of any political party."

The Michigan delegates and the delegates from the Pacific coast are going to make a motion to determine the question of the location upon the matter of locating episcopal residences. They want a bishop residence in Detroit and one in the state of Washington, and they also want the location of the episcopal residence made obligatory on the part of the bishops.

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HE DEFENDED THE PRESIDENT'S POLICY

Treatment of the Negro in the South Vehemently Condemned—Sunday Closing of the World's Fair—Proceedings of the Senate.

WASHINGTON, D. C., May 25.—There was surprise in the house today when Representative Henderson of Iowa arraigned President Harrison and the governors of states for failure to represent colored people in connection with the World's fair. He was followed by Mr. Johnson of Indiana, in a speech eulogistic of President Harrison, denunciations of the democratic party in its treatment of the negro in the south and strongly in favor of the force bill.

There was great excitement and confusion during the delivery of Mr. Johnson's speech. The chairman was at times unable to preserve order. Members crowded into the aisles, raising their voices and gesticulating wildly and the house became a perfect bedlam.

After some routine business the house went into committee of the whole (Lester of Georgia in the chair) on the Sunday closing bill. The first subject considered was the appropriation for the government exhibit at the World's Columbian exposition.

Mr. Hooker of Mississippi offered an amendment to the bill providing that no money appropriated by this bill is paid the managers of the Columbian exposition shall be in agreement to close the exposition on Sunday.

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THEY PLEADED EXPEDIENCY

Kentucky Democrats Want a Winning Candidate Nominated at Chicago.

CLEVELAND'S FORCES ARE DEFEATED

Bourbon Democrats Rally Around the Banner of Mr. Watterston—Colorado Anxious for Silver Coinage and Hill-Powell. Sifted News and Points.

LOUISVILLE, Ky., May 25.—The idol of the national democracy was shattered against the iron will of Henry Watterston in the Bourbon state today. The prestige of these two great men in contest, like living individuals, in the democratic state convention.

While in Kentucky the great wave of Cleveland sentiment that has swept like a resistless billow over so many states finds its first barrier, this result must be almost entirely attributed to the influence of Henry Watterston for even he will concede that but for the great problem of expediency Grover Cleveland is the choice of three-fourths of the democratic voters of the Bourbon state.

The platform endorses the principles of the democratic national platform of 1888; condemns the tariff in its present form; and party as exemplified in its iniquitous tariff legislation, its advocacy of the force bill and its protection of the public lands, which it desires tariff reform and an economical administration of the government; demands sound and stable currency composed of gold and silver coinage; and it declares it to be the mission of the democratic party to preserve the party in value of gold and silver coinage, to protect the interests of the laboring classes, for the free coinage of silver without detriment to any business interest and to the credit of the country.

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IN THE SENATE

Senator Hill Again Dodge the Silver Question.

WASHINGTON, D. C., May 25.—The resolution offered by Mr. Morgan, directing the committee on the currency and coinage, and as to the effect of the act of July, 1890, on the price of silver bullion, was taken up.

Mr. Morgan called for the yeas and nays on the adoption of the resolution.

Mr. Morrill moved that the resolution be referred to the committee on the currency and coinage.

Mr. Morgan demanded the yeas and nays on the motion to refer. The motion was defeated. Yeas, 17; nays, 28.

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Lincoln, Neb., May 25.—[Special Telegram to The Bee.]—The silver anniversary celebration of Nebraska's admission into the union was inaugurated here tonight. The city is crowded with people and the streets are gaily decorated. Exercises this evening are purely of an oratorical and literary nature. The Lansing theater was crowded at an early hour this evening. The main floor of the auditorium was reserved for the men and women who have resided in Nebraska for a quarter of a century or more. The old settlers were out in full force and the entire auditorium was filled with men and women whose frosty brows bore the touch of time.

Upon the stage were ex-Governor Robert W. Furnas, ex-Governor James W. Dawes, Judge M. L. Hayward of Nebraska City, Hon. T. M. Marquette of Lincoln, Hon. W. F. Norris of Norfolk, Mr. Tom M. Patterson of Omaha, the latter being the oldest living pioneer of the state, and Mayor Weir.

Back of the speakers were massed the Lincoln festival chorus of 100 voices. The exercises of the evening opened with a magnificent rendition of "The Heavens Are Telling," from Haydn's "Messiah." Mayor Weir then presented to the audience an address in which he reviewed the past and pointed to the future.

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