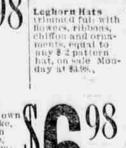
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NOTABLE GROUP OF INTELLECTUAL GIANTS

Personality of the Delegates and Their Occupations-Pen Pictures of the Bishops... Too Much Light on the Subject.

CLEVELAND, O., May 7 .- (Special Correspondence of The Bee.)--Upon only one occasion in sixteen years, which is as far back as my personal knowledge will carry me, has the general conference been so impressively housed as it is in its present session. Balconies skirt the entire room, that leading up from the platform and the one in the rear being very deep and having a convenient incline. These are almost constantly filled with interested spectatore, while the two side galleries, divided by a railing into boxes, are rented for substantial sums to rich laymen or to a syndicate embracing a number of well-to-do families. In these the wives and daughters of bishops and leading delegates hobnob with other influential visitors, and thither in the brief periods of recess is there a stampede of men from the floor, for the interchange of ecclosiastical gossip and social civilities. In the pit are the performers. But It isn't a bear pit, though there is plenty of wrangling in it. Rather let us call it a gladiatorial arena, in which the struggle of intellectual giants is the chief feature, while the music of wind instruments affords the principal diversion.

In spite, however, of their roomy situation and brilliant surroundings, the members of the conference were never less comfortable. question of privilege, having reference to the comfort of this body—is it in order?" has become a proverbial appeal to the chair, and it has become now a joke which scarcely provokes a smile for the chair to reply, "Yes, if it shall only be effectual." For once these intense debaters have too much light on the proceedings. The conference tan't exactly in a glass house, though it faults both individual and collective, but it has a glass roof over its head. and there's the rub; literally so, for light and heat blaze down so forcibly upon the devoted heads of the brethren that they are kept busy rubbing off the resultant beads of perspiration.

There are something I ke fifty good, honest bald-heads in the body, and as many more who are prominent candidates for that dis-Those are the greatest sufferers finction. These are the greatest sufferers, and it affords the visitor a unique spectacle to see the various head coverings brought into use. Many keep their hats on, and others balance copies of the Daily Advocate on their afflicted pates, while not a few use their handkerchiefs in such a way as to suggest the sort of nightcaps our grand-mather used to war. Still these are only mothers used to wear. Still, there are only a few old grannles in the body, and meet of the delegates endure with telerable good what a facetious brother called "the affliction of the heat and the

OCCUPATIONS OF THE DELEGATES. This conference, which will occupy public attention with increasing interest as the mouth of May hastens toward the June roses, is composed as follows: The total number of ministerial delegates is 337. Of these 176 are presiding elders, 30 are pastors, 32 are college presidents and professors, 22 are church of-ficials elected by the general conference, and

relations. The total number of laymen is 200, and their occupations are: Merchants, 29; relations. lawyere, 23; teachers, 22; bankers, 13; physictans, 10; manufacturers, 10; insurance, 5 farmers, 5; real estate, 4; missionaries, 4 judges, 3; treasurers, 3; editors, 3; printers, 3; clerks, 2; superintendents of public schools, 2; managers, 2; local preschers, 2; jewelers, United States mail service, 2; depository agents, 2; government employes, 2; retired,
 architects, 2, and one each of the follow-

ng: Bank teller, tailor, broker, music dealer dvertising agent, engineer, cashier, furniture dealer, barber, consul, mining engineer, lumber dealer, druggist, sea captain, rallroad employe, fruit grower, miller, undertaker, licutenant governor, book business and taner.
This list is so liberally inclusive that it

shows the conference to be a world within itself, capable of self-support for an almost indefinite length of time, and such a thought, while the seemingly interminable wrangle ever woman drags its weary course, is not without its comfort. The fact that there are only two delegates whose occupation is strokes of conference humort. President Harris of Maine introduced his speech by saying that if any had looked to the general conference as a place "where the wicked cease from troubling and the weary are at they had better go home. This was bring to their feet about a third of the members, whose rival yells for recognition great American university he is building from the chair would put to shame the shall rest upon as good a foundation as that members, whose tree from the chair would put to shame the from the chair would put to shame the competing back drivers at a western rail- pyram'd, and have an apex as pericular way terminus. The other touch of humor trimmed, it will be a great monument in deed. Bishop Ninde is the saint of the board, at which the conference roared was when at which the conference and rested, and soon after he made woman, since which time neither God nor man has rested.' At last, however, a brief rest has come in the four cays' debate on this queetion, for as I write the question itself has followed the action of the four elect women; that is, it has gone cut from the body, to return, it is hoped, only when it has been satisfactorily revised and repaired. For the smallest favors let us be thankful.

THE BISHOPS. In the personnel of this great body the most conspicuous figures are the bishops. They are peerless as presiding officers. With large and so lively a body to hold in ck, they need to have their wits about hem and to keep the same constantly on p. Fortunately these men have had large perience. In the quadrennium just closed me of the bishops have presided over more than 200 sessions of annual conferences. It so happens, too, that those who have met the largest number of these in the last four years are the bishops who were elected nearly a quarter of a century ago. That these men should still be expable of so much hard work is a fact which fits in most hap-pily with that tenacity of life which, since the death of Bishop Harris nine years ago, has kept the existing board without a break This is an astonishing record, in which, or ourse, the whole church rejoices, although aspirants for Friedop.1 vacancies find somewhat inconvictent.

somewhat incorrelect.

The bishops preside in the order of seniority. To the left of the one in charge soft the prelate who will take his place on the day following, and to the right is the one whose turn will next come. In this way, by a sort of preliminary center, they get warmed are and gradually broken in for the great up and gradually broken in for the great etruggle in which they must figure presently as star performers. And in truth it is a atruggle to guide the affairs of such a body, and especially to satisfy the would-be orators How a bishop can tell when fifty men are yelling "Mr. Chrirman," simultaneously, which voice he heard first, is a great Episcopal mystery. But they do it right along without healtancy, if not with unerring im-

14 are persons in unofficial or semi-official partiality. By some this great gift is reafter all may be in the apostolic succession. A NOBLE GROUP.

But venerable and noble mon they are, as

even those must admit who have tried vainly fifty times since the conference began to secure at their hands the privilege of the Bishop Bowman ranks as senior. He could pose easily as a model for our great American statue of John Wesley, being of short, frail build, and very benigmant, in tellectual features. Bishop Foster, on the contrary, is large and solid; as thorough and strong in his venerable manhood as are the weighty volumes he is still turning out on systematic theology. Bishop Merrill is the great church jurist, and has a cast of head not unlike that of Ohio's candidate for the presidency. He is substantial looking, and carries himself with a gravity which smacks of wisdom. Bishop Andrews is the suave, polished gentieman, affable and unctuous. Bishop Warren is a masterly rheterician and has a manner in the chair given as "retired" may account for the irre-pressible activity of the brethren in trying to get the floor. It also suggests two fine strokes of conference humor. President of his predecessor, Bishop Simpson and though he lacks the moving eloquence of the latter, he is quite his equal in a gentus for

administration B shop Hurst is stately and dignified, as we might naturally expect in one whose during the great woman debate, when on residence is at the capital of the nation. If the expiration of each ten-minute address his face were turned upside down the the chairman's gavel, as it fell, seemed to printed chin beard would form the spex of there is no trace of weakness in it—a se-raphic man, somewhat abstracted in look as a saint might well be, but always ready or business and a model preacher.

While Bishop Foss succeeds to the resi-

While Bishop Foss succeeds to the residence and to a measure of the gentleness of Simpson, the personal appearance of that great bishop is increasingly reflected as the years pass in Bishop Walden, who, by the way, is fulfilling the prediction of Bishop Wiley, that he would prove to be one of the most practical and useful men. on the board. Bishop Mailal eu represents admirably the stalwart principles of New England. He was the first ever elected to Epicopacy with an unshaven upper Ep and until that time it was an article of Methodist faith that a mustache was a sort of bar over which it would be impossible for any man to leap into this high office and since then two others have done the

STRIKING PERSONALITIES If the X rays were turned upon the top Sishop Fowler's head they would meet with ittle obstruction from any hirsute adernment, but would discover an abundance of gray matter on the inside, for it is common to speak of him as the bra niest man on the board. Bishop Joyce has a stalwart frame and a head to match, with that straightforward brotherliness in administration, and erver in sacred address, which mark him as a stalwart man throughout. Bishop Vincent is a captivating speaker, with a large imitative capacity, a fine intellectual grain and a big pull of the very best kind with religous people outside the pale of his own church. Bishop Fitzgerald is closely elbowing Bishop Merrili as a great constitutional lawyer. He is one of two bishops wearing a full beard—all the others try to improve on nature, with more or less success. Bishop Newman has a Websterian face and head, with marked intellectual development, very bushy eyebrows and the bearing of a man of high distinction; while the good 300 over so ample a frame and topped off with in a bakery."

such a genial and expressive countenance garded as a special inspiration, and if so it that his material weight serves admirably surely suggests that the Methodist bishops to advertise an altogether weighty personadvertise an altogether weighty person-

yard.

The two missionary bishops are a little ower in dignity, some think; certainly they are more restricted in their powers than the others. But they are in the mission work by the predetermination of great mis-sionary adaptability and achievement. sionary adaptability and achievement. Bishop Taylor, a rugged old hero, who seems to fight the fever of equatorial jungles no less successfully than the forces of the Wicked One, has served twelve years as bishop of Africa, and Bishop Thoburn, an indomitable, statesmanlike character, less rugged than Taylor, but equally the man for his place and hour, has led the forces these eight years in India. That country asks now for still another bishop, and missionary bishops are also demanded in China and mands, or a part of them, will be acceded to Very likely, also, there will be four bishops added to the force at home. But to be certain as to these things we must wait until next week, when the committee on Ep-sco-pacy will report. Then, the first day of the week following, viz., May 18, the elections will begin. By that time the woman question will be quite out of sight, buried completely by the new excitement of battle of ballots. HENRY TUCKLEY.

A SERIO-COMIC INVITATION.

The Picturesque Boom Which a Mon-tana Editor Has Sent Forth. Any one at all familiar with the land herein described will tell you that the edi-

tor of the Townsend (Mont.) Messenger, from which paper the article is taken, has blended truth and poetry most felicitously in every one of the eloquent lines which follow, says writer in the Northwest Magazine. Hear him a moment:

"If you are old, with the fire of life dying out of you and the buoyancy leaving your limbs; if you are looking at the gray clouds verhead and longing for a land where your faded life may pass away in peace, come to Montana. Here the sky is as blue as the sky of Italy; the air is full of fragrance and the land echoes with the volces of thousands who as a collector of feed. A few days ago, ac-work beneath the pale glittering of the cording to the Chicago Chronicle, Attorney

"If you are a young man; tolling as your father toiled in worn-out and barron deserts of the east; if you would like to live where the soil rewards the toiler—where the golden to the wrong ticket for the successful furtherance of such derives, was trying a case of great import before Justice Bonnefol. Rumor has it that as much as grain waves and sparkies in the morning \$7.50 in money was involved on both sides, dew, where the banners of prosperity wave and the court was duly impressed. Attack the gaunt specter starvation crosses into torney Leinen had lots of fun with a lady another country, come to Mentaus. another country, come to Montana.

"There never was such a country for the

best brand of husbands. They run loose on the streete and you meet them everywhere. If you are a young woman full of golden visions and would like to pick up a husband on every mountain side, come to Montana. Before many years every quarter-section will have a house upon it; the pine-clad mountain; will be dotted with holsts, stamp mills and thousands of men delving into them for their hidden treasures, and the foothills, that now only know the spangled cow and un trained bronchos, will echo to the heavy tread of the better grade of cattle and horses as the years sweep enward. The face of the carth seems to glow with beauty and health and the people who live in this marvelous country go around congratulating each other and trying to analyze their goodness. Our cities are growing and the railroads change their time tables each week to accommodate new cities that were not on the last one is-There is not a man idle who wante Farmers do their plowing g upon spring seats, with a sitting box of cigars on one side. In the east they walk behind their plow until they have no distinct idea whether they are shoving the machine or the horses are

pulling it. The man who can't thrive, pros-

per and grow rich in Montana would starve

TOLD OUT OF COURT.

While Tom Fitch, the orator and politician, was practicing law in Tombstone, Ariz., he had occasion to visit Phoenix, relates the San Francisco Post. On the way there the stage was held up by a lone highwayman, who not only robbed the mail and express box, but searched all of the passengers. The fellow found about \$2,000 in the express box and Fitch lost \$100, besides a gold watch and chain. While still in Phoenix the robber was captured, and hearing that Fitch was in town sent for him. Fitch's face appeared familiar, but the highwayman had forgotten where he had seen it, and Fitch said nothing about the matter. "What will you defend me for?" he asked.
"Well, I'll tell you what I'll do," said
Fitch. "I'll defend you for \$500, but I'll
agree to get you out and free on a writ of

habeas corpus for \$200.' "All right, it's a go."
The fellow told Fitch where his money was concealed, and the attorney found it. As soon as be had it safely stowed agay in his gripsack he started home for Tombstone and left the tobber to take care of himself A couple of months later Fitch was nearly frightened out of his wits to see the robbe

walk into his office. "I see you recognize me," said he, "but ou needn't feel alarmed. You robbed me—" "Yes, but you robbed me first," exclaimed Fitch. "I was on that stage." "Well, I didn't come to reproach you or anything of the scrt. I have escaped from

jail and all I want is money enough to get back to my old home in Pennsylvania, where will lead an honest life." "Why, certainly, my boy," declared Fitch. "Wait right here till I can go to the bank Fitch returned a moment later with the

Henry Bonnefol of Chicago jumped from a reporter's desk to the office of justice of the peace. What he does not know about law is overshadowed by his marvelous versality Leinen, who once wanted to be judge, but

sheriff and saved \$100.

witness, but he enjoyed it much more than she did, and when she desconded from the s'and she seized two large handfuls of Leinen's hair, which she then proceeded to yank with much force and vim. Attorney Leinen arese in his wrath and just then a six-foot gentleman came in from the hall and sided with the lady, by taking a crack at Lexen.

Justice Bornefol was so astounded that he

could hardly speak. His judicial dignity was being outraged, and when he recovered his voice, he yelled: "stop! stop, you big man, I fine you for contempt. And I fine the witness, too; and I ine the attorney for contempt."

By this time a mild snicker among the spectators had swelled to a laugh, as stretching out both arms the court cried: and 'I fue you all for contempt. You are all Some of the fines, it is said, have not yet been collected. While he was still new at the judge busi-

ness he was called upon to marry a couple. Being fresh from a newspaper office, he was

how much it would set him back, the court

maid "Oh, I guess it is about \$2, ain't it?" The groom guessed it was and Bonnefoi the chair on which tucked away the two. Next day be met a when it was killed.

friend sed told him how easy he was mak But his friend laughed long and loud

and said:
"You are a good thing to take \$2. Why. every justice in town gets \$5 for a wedding."
"Is that so?" said Bonnefol; "then I lose 'Well, I should say you do," said his

friend; "you ain't cute for a minute." The court went home, thinking deeply. And the next day he made out a bill for \$3 balance, which he carefully mailed to the happy groom. But as the latter was safely married at reduced rates he failed to respond to the message of the court,

"I can teach you law, sir, but I cannot teach you manners." said an exasperated counsel to a small, meek witness. The latter replied quietly: "That is so, sir," and people laughed consumedly.

OUT OF THE ORDINARY.

A living skeieton, born at Hockett, Nev. s 22 years old, six feet tall and weighs but In England it is thought to be an unlucky men to meet a red-headed girl on January before 9 o'clock.

There is said to be a "Hell's Half Acre" in southern California, forty miles square, in which every rod has a boiling spring or a mouting geyser. The Pennsylvania railroad has taken the novel step of offering the prize of an annual pass to the farmer along the line who will

do the most in a given time to beautify his grounds adjoining the railroad. This is a prize to an excellent purpose. Two bold highwaymen held up what appeared to be a timid citizen of Grinnell, Ia., the other night, and after relieving him of all hip valuables tried to intimidate him with an empty beer bottle. This made the little man hot, and after he had smatched the bottle and smashed it over the heals of both the robbers, disabling them until an officer came along, they discovered that they had tackled a college professor of belies

During the past eight or ten years the medical colleges of the Atlantic coast bave often had a remarkable being before their classes. The person in question is a negro, who calls himself "Reverend" or "Professor" William King, and his peculiarity lies in the fact that he has two perfect hearts. He has wonderful power over these blood-pumping organs, being able to stop their besting alto gether or to run the number of pulsations up to twice the normal.

A remarkable accident occurred to the Santa Fe train running from Santa Monica to Los Angeles, the other day. The locomo ive struck a cow and the animal was thrown with great force against a telegraph pole a dition, while not alarming, is regarded as few feet from the track, breaking it. The serious, and there are doubts that he will few feet from the track, breaking it. The broken pole fell toward the train, striking a car and crashing through the windows. some of the passengers had a narrow escape from being out by flying glass. hit a brakeman, just missing his head. He escaped with ugly bruizes.

A drove muskrats, large, sleek fellows, almost the size of cats, rin things for a time in one of the rooms at the Central High school of Duluth, and succeeded in causing a dismissal of the pupils till a war of extermination had been carried on. A recimade their appearance from a desk, where they had evidently been placed by some fun-loving scholars, and in a second the room was in an uproar. The young women jumped upon the desks, and from this safe of course modest, and when the groom asked position watched the boys chase the rats, some of which showed fight. The teacher, Miss Mussop, was chased across the room one of the animals, which began to climb the chair on which she had taken refuge,

GOSSIP ABOUT NOTED PEOPLE,

Joseph Chamberlain is one of the most industrious men in public life. He rises early, is closely occupied at the colonial office all day and continues his work well into the night. He is one of the best informed men in England and is, perhaps, the best equipped debater in the House of Commons, with the widest range of accurate, well digested knowledge. He is remarkable, too, for the little exercise he takes; he never indulges in athletic sports and even rides in a carriage to and from his office.

Julian Hawthorne is the son of Nathaniel Hawthorne. He was born in 1846, but he does not show his 50 years. When he was a boy of 7 some lady's remark on the fact that ho was "weak chested" stung him and he determined to make that comment impos sible in the future. How well he succeeded is evidenced by the fact that while he was in college his chest measure was forty-eight inches, and it is well known that the late John C. Heenan, the pugilist, advised the young man to enter the prize ring.

F. Hopkinson Smith is one of the most versatile and best-paid men in the country. He is at the head of the firm of Francis H. Smith & Co., which does a large business in architectural and engineering work, and he is a frequent contributor of stories and sketches to the magazines. He has just finished a lecturing tour of two months, for which he received \$10,000, and during his annual four months' vacation abroad—from July to November—he always paints about forty pictures, for which he receives from \$350 to \$590 each. He appears to be about 5, but he was born fifty-seven years ago and has a grown son and daughter living i New York.

Mrs. Custer, the widow of the general, ex-Mrs. Custer, the winds of at Onteors, in pects to spend the summer at Onteors, in the Catskills. Mrs. Custer resents living in the Catskills. Mrs. duster routever hear of a conventional way, and if you ever hear of her being anywhere for the summer it has always been on some original plan. Her plan for the coming summer is to live in a stable—a very nice little stable, too—belonging to Mrs. Mary Mapes Dodge, and just across the mountain road from her cottage. Mrs. Custer has a "hut," as she calls it, where she occasionally retires, somewhere near the Delaware gap, but she thought she would like a change of base next summer, and as she has so many friends at Onteora she has given that place the preference. Last year and year before she spent the summer

Rear Admiral Worden, now on the retired list of the navy, has been confined to his room in Washington for several months and during the greater portion of this time-has been unable to leave his bed. His conever recover sufficiently to be about again. In the early part of the winter Admiral Worden was able to take his customary walk in the vicin ty of his residence, but he grad-ually grew weaker so that, as the spring advanced, he was forced to remain in bed. Admiral Worden figured in the greatest naval battle of the rebellion when, as a lieutenant, he commanded the Monitor, which defeated the Mertimac. The battle gave the lieutenant great fame, which he modestly enjoyed. In the course of the modestly enjoyed. In the course of the fight Admiral Worden received a charge of powder in the side of his face and eye which disfigurement has steadly increased of late years. He has also been a constant sufferer from it, though he has never been heard to make a single complaint.

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