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WITHOUT CONVENTION HALL

Christian Church Committee in Quandary Over Meeting Place.

WILL REQUIRE TEN THOUSAND DOLLARS

Special Committee Appointed to Confer with Auditorium Directors About Their Failure to Make Promises Good.

The meeting of the general committee of the Christian church convention held at the First Christian church last night seemed to be principally interested in the question of where the convention is to be held, so much so in fact that in his closing remarks Elder H. G. Hill, the new pastor of the church, gently chided those present for devoting more time to the question of the Auditorium than to the real work of preparing for the convention.

The matter was first mentioned by Chairman Paine, who, in calling the meeting to order, read a number of recommendations, among which was one calling for the appointment of a committee to meet the Auditorium directors today and ascertain exactly what they would do toward providing a hall for the convention. In explanation of this recommendation the chairman said that he was very much surprised to hear from President Sargent that the Auditorium would not be ready for the convention, but that he had immediately notified all parties concerned that the convention would be held in this city anyway and a suitable hall provided.

He further said that the president of the Auditorium company had promised that the company would expend \$2,000 to provide a temporary structure in which the convention could be held, but that that amount would be insufficient, and inasmuch as the convention had been secured upon the representations of prominent citizens of Omaha, he believed that those people should consider themselves in honor bound to provide a meeting place.

After listening to reports from committees the matter was taken up on a resolution offered by J. L. Osterma, which stated the position taken by the church, but said in addition that the general committee believed that it was through no fault of the Auditorium directors that the building would not be ready on time. It provided that the matter should be presented to the board of directors of the Christian church, of which W. A. DeFord is chairman. Being a member of the Auditorium board, Mr. DeFord objected to presenting the resolution. It was discussed at length and finally tabled by a unanimous vote, and a committee consisting of W. A. Baunders, W. W. Silbaugh and J. K. Taylor was appointed to take the matter up with the Auditorium board. It was stated in the discussion that the sum of \$10,000 would have to be expended to provide a suitable meeting place for the convention.

Advertising the Convention.

The question of change in the size and day of publication of "The Omaha Christian," a bi-weekly newspaper published in the interest of the convention, was referred to the executive committee after a long discussion. The advertising committee was authorized to secure 100,000 stickers to advertise the fact that the convention will be held in Omaha in October. Other

PHI RHO SIGMA INITIATION

Candidates Have Their Feet Dipped Into Boiling Hot Water.

OTHER UNIQUE AND EXCITING DEGREES

Six Young Doctors Crawl Up Farnam Street Hill Backwards and on Their Hands and Knees.

More than 100 medical men, real and embryo, young and old, held high carnival for about seven consecutive hours last night. The occasion was the initiation of Phi Rho Sigma, one of the foremost medical fraternities in the United States. Besides the immediate active membership of the two chapters, Eta and Iota, which collaborated in the function, there were present many of the old alumni of each chapter, besides Phi Rho Sigma alumni from other chapters over the country.

From Kansas, from Illinois and from Iowa the doctors flock in to the ceremonies, besides scores from Nebraska. Thus it happened that in the two cities sent men to swell the annual gathering, and six of the twelve chapters that comprise the fraternity were represented.

As guest of honor was Dr. Frank G. Lyndon of Chicago, an alumnus of Beta chapter, at the School of Physicians and Surgeons in the Windy City, and now a prominent lecturer before classes at that school. In the afternoon Dr. Lyndon lectured before an audience of medical men and medical students at Creighton university. His was an evolutionary theme at that time, dealing at arm's length with theories Darwinian and Spencerian, by which men are said to have become men. Last night Dr. Lyndon participated actively in a far more tangible and extremely lively demonstration of how men become Greeks. He is said to have enjoyed the concrete exposition far better than the abstract elucidation which preceded it.

Eta and Iota Chapters.

Eta and Iota chapters divided the annual honors last night. The former is located at Creighton Medical university, where it was installed two years ago this spring. Iota is a year younger, having been planted at the Omaha Medical college early in 1901. There were six undergraduates who underwent the ordeals of initiation last night and each chapter proudly claims three.

There were twice as many prominent physicians and surgeons of Omaha and Nebraska who were admitted into honorary membership at the same time. These men were allowed to forego the thrills of torture and abuse to which the embryo Greeks and medics were submitted.

Headquarters for the affair was in the Atrium hall in the Bee building. From this center as a distributing point the medicine was administered and none of it was by absent treatment. Many stunts and cruel were perpetrated, and even the commonest corollaries of the Bee building proved too limited a space for all the operations necessary, and the luckless initiates found themselves dragged over a chilly pavement in divers attitudes playing the fool as per command for the amusement of the general public.

All the old game, so familiar to college Greeks, were gone through. The candidates stepped up into manholes and stepped down into stone walls. They stooped low in a vain attempt to get under buildings and reared madly at the rear of street cars on the back platform, where their tormentors holding the ropes that led them by the neck, giving them the choice between a sprint or suffocation.

Last Night Degree.

But probably the cleverest of all, and the one that struck most terror into the hearts of the six initiates, came off in Atrium hall itself. It was left till the last, after the candidates had swept sixteenth street clear for a block, crawled up the whole street hill backward on all fours and had proposed in melting accents to the pretty girl behind the rig and in the drug store on the corner.

After that, gone through to utter insignificance, the men were allowed again to see the light of electricity. Their handgrips were removed at the hall. Then one was ushered into an ante room. Here in the center of the floor stood a pan of water, a little oil stove, apparently boiling in great bubbles. The man's arms and stockings were removed and he was carried fighting toward the water. Then his foot was shoved into it, while he went into paroxysms of fear and anticipatory pain.

And although he found the water cold, the suggestion had been strong that he generally thought his foot was boiled to a pulp, even after he got it out. The cold water had just been poured in and a spoonful of chemical added, which made it flame, but the flames being blown out, and at one time, six men were put through the ordeal, and it never failed to elicit the wildest sight of the night.

These affairs began at 7 o'clock and lasted until 10. Then came the banquet, which was a wonderful affair. It came off at the Henshaw, where the medics had the whole cafe to themselves. D. W. M. Poynter, a senator at Iowa chapter, and a son of ex-Governor Poynter, was toastmaster, and his prelude and subsequent introductions were extremely good. The most amusing were: "Friendship," by Herbert Taylor, Harris of Eta; "Sigma," by Bert Lamb, Cristie of Iota; "Learned Professions," by W. O. Henry of Eta; "Femininities," by W. Foster of Eta; "Fraternity," by R. B. Davis; "The Young Medics of the United States," by Dr. Frank G. Lyndon.

Names of the Initiates.

The undergraduate initiates for Eta were: Chester Imper, Fred Meyer and Raymond Mullen; for Iota, William H. Anderson, Charles Root and Henry Lane. The latter chapter took into honorary membership Dr. George F. Hoffman, Dr. A. C. Stokes and Dr. Harry M. McClelland, all of Omaha. Eta admitted as honorary members Dr. R. F. Cramer, Dr. H. P. Hamilton, Dr. Burrell and Dr. J. P. Lord, of Omaha; Dr. T. R. Lacey and Dr. Siebert of Council Bluffs; Dr. F. R. Harris of Des Moines. Other visiting alumni guests and their chapters were: Dr. F. Bellinger of Council Bluffs, Eta; Dr. L. E. Rex of Wichita, Kan., Eta; Dr. W. T. Green of Council Bluffs, Eta; Dr. M. H. Everett of Lincoln, Kan., Eta; Dr. Winnet of Council Bluffs, Eta; Dr. F. Miller of Red Oak, Ia., Beta; at the Physicians and Surgeons', Chicago; Dr. Harry Everett, Lincoln, Alpha at Northwestern; Dr. W. F. Hayner of Omaha, Gamma at Rush.

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M. R. French's Lecture.

The next number of the Young Men's Christian association entertainment course, to be given at 8 o'clock Friday night, is a lecture by M. R. French, director of the A. B. Institute of Chicago, on "The Will and Wisdom of the Christ," and will be illustrated by drawings made on the stage. It consists of a series of 12 talks, and a scientific and artistic presentation to be entertaining as well as instructive.

JOSEPH SMITH AND HIS WORK

Rider of Church Defends Prophet from Criticisms of Unitarian Minister.

OMAHA, March 5.—To the Editor of The Bee: With your permission I would like to answer what seems to be a report of a lecture delivered by Rev. Newton Mann at Unitarian church last Sunday.

It seems a little surprising that an intelligent minister in these days of learning and research would be willing to present for the consideration of an intelligent audience a rebuke of the old, worn-out and exploded theories of the origin and contents of the book of Mormon. The fact that the original manuscript written by Solomon Spaulding is now at Oberlin college, Ohio, and as stated by Prof. James H. Fairchild, and L. L. Rice themselves, that it bears no resemblance whatever to the book of Mormon taken in consideration with the further fact that no evidence has been advanced that Solomon Spaulding ever wrote a second manuscript should forever settle this question in the minds of a reading public. In this poor, weak, worn-out and untrue theory the best thing that these reverend gentlemen can produce and present against the claim made that the book of Mormon is of divine origin.

It can be shown by good and reliable evidence that Joseph Smith and Sidney Rigdon were so located and engaged in work and the discharge of their duties that it was not possible that they could have been in the city of Omaha at the time the book of Mormon was published. To say that Sidney Rigdon contrived with Joseph Smith and was the real author of the book of Mormon while he was acting as a pastor in a Baptist church or while he was a student at the University of Ohio, and a highly respected minister of the Christian church, is to lay a grievous charge at the door of those churches as well as to cast opprobrium at the Latter Day Saints. Is it not a little strange that Rev. Newton Mann should make through 188 pages of the book of Mormon to prepare himself for his lecture and then never read or quote a single passage to show that the book is corrupt or untrue in its teaching? At least the reporter has failed to mention it if he did.

Was he afraid of such passages as the following: "Wherefore, my brethren, hear me, and hearken to the word of the Lord. For there shall not any man among you have save it be one wife; and concubines shall have none. For I, the Lord God, delight in my saints, the men of my will, and three nights in the most bitter pain and anguish of soul; and never, until I did cry unto the Lord Jesus Christ for mercy, did I receive a remission of my sins."

If the book of Mormon is not the stick of Joseph in the hands of Ephraim (Ezek. 37:23-24) and the sealed book of Isaiah, the twenty-ninth chapter, will Rev. Mann please show us how these prophecies were fulfilled? History tells us that there was no certain between Joseph Smith and his scribe while the work of translating was going on, but that they sat side by side. More than that, after other duties had engaged Joseph Smith for days and even weeks, he would pass the book to the scribe where he had left off, a thing which no man could do unless assisted by the light and power of the spirit.

Why object to the Book of Mormon, when it is a second witness testifying in the most plain terms that Jesus Christ is the son of God and the gospel of the power of God unto salvation? The morals taught in the Book of Mormon are both high and pure and its religious teaching is perfect harmony with the Bible. It is a book of revelation, and its statements are borne out by the facts recorded by antiquarians and archaeologists as the best works on those subjects will show. The fact that the leading men of the church and many others were mobbed, driven from their homes and some killed by the free land of America only shows that history has repeated itself and that as the people of many years ago misrepresented and persecuted Jesus Christ and His disciples, crucifying the Lord of Glory and putting many of His saintly ministers to death, so do men tyrannized by the same power persecute and persecute His followers in our own day and age of the world.

The Bible calls for just such a book as the Book of Mormon and a work like unto that which Joseph Smith was instrumental in the hands of God of establishing in these last days. This being true, as we view it, we are ever widening that our work, of religion, should be thoroughly tested from a biblical, scientific, religious, spiritual and moral standpoint, holding that neither Joseph Smith nor the Book of Mormon are the revelations submitted to the church during his lifetime are responsible for polygamy or his kindred evils, as taught and practiced by Brigham Young and his followers in the west.

CHARLES BUTTERWORTH.

President of the Reorganized Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints.

A Former Greatly Surprised.

"I never was so much surprised in my life as I was with the results of using Chamberlain's Pain Balm," says Henry T. Crook, pressman of the Athlete (N. C.) Gazette. "I contracted a severe case of rheumatism early last winter by getting my feet wet and tried several things without benefit. One day while looking over the Gazette I noticed that Pain Balm was positively guaranteed to cure rheumatism, so I bought a bottle of it and before using two-thirds of it my rheumatism had taken its flight and I have not had a rheumatic pain since."

PROFESSOR PARSONS TO TALK

Appears at Library Hall Tonight Under the Auspices of Omaha Economic League.

Prof. Frank Parsons will deliver an address on "Government Ownership" at Library hall tonight. Prof. Parsons has devoted many years to the study of economic questions and for the past few years has made special research in the line of public utilities and natural monopolies. He is the author of "The City and the People," one of the most thorough works ever published on the subject of public ownership. His lecture tonight will be under the auspices of the Economic league of this city.

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FLOOD ALONG THE PLATTE

Force of Water Damages Missouri Pacific Bridge Over Runway.

ALSO INUNDATES ROCK ISLAND TRACK

See Gorge Opposite Cedar Creek

Bridges on Trouble for Surrounding Country—Town of Meadow is Affected.

Ice which broke loose in the Platte river on last Sunday and has been running down since then formed a gorge about opposite Cedar Creek in Sarpy county early Tuesday and as a consequence a flood formed which took out three tents of a Missouri Pacific bridge near the river, deeply inundated a quarter of a mile of the Rock Island main line and flooded a section of country along the flat river bottoms about ten miles by two.

Nine of the damage to railroad lines has been great, nor the consequences extremely serious. Through the water rose to an alarming point at one time during the night, the gorge gave way just in time and the water is now receding constantly, though the section is still overflowed. The town of Meadow, on the Rock Island, has been almost since Tuesday night.

The Missouri Pacific bridge is being rebuilt by a force of men who were brought from Atchison. Meanwhile the Missouri Pacific is using its main line to Auburn, which runs down the river from Omaha to further east along the Missouri river through Gilmore, Plattsmouth, Union and Nebraska City. The traffic on the other branch is cared for by running over from Union to Weeping Water, where everything south of the river is run down from Louisville on stub trains, and by going from Gilmore over to Portia north of the river, where all on that side can be picked up from similar stubs.

Rock Island Submerged.

The Rock Island is experiencing no great trouble. As soon as its tracks became impassable Tuesday night it began running all passenger trains and through freight between Omaha and Lincoln over the Burlington and will do so till Thursday, when it expects to have its track again ready for use. Local traffic each side of the Rock, meanwhile, is cared for by stub trains run down from Council Bluffs to Meadow and up from Lincoln to Louisville. At one time the Rock Island was eight feet under water and is now four feet submerged.

A network of three railroad tracks exists about the point where the trouble exists. The Missouri Pacific runs almost directly north and south, making Louisville on the south side of the Platte and Springfield on the north side. The Rock Island runs southeast from Lincoln up toward Omaha. It crosses the Platte near South Bend, five miles west of the Missouri Pacific, crossing at Louisville, and then follows the river up over the Missouri Pacific to Meadow, a small station. The Burlington is on the south side of the river, skirting its banks to Plattsmouth, and so on out of harm's way, as the flooding occurred mostly to the north.

Four miles northeast of the Missouri Pacific bridge the gorge formed, and backed up gradually as the ice accumulated. Meanwhile the water rose rapidly and at 4 o'clock Tuesday afternoon it was past high water mark. It rose higher and began reaching out over the flats north and west. The town of Meadow was quickly surrounded by the water two to four feet deep and was still so situated yesterday.

Water Taken to Runway.

The Missouri Pacific had lost another channel in the event of just such a blockade and the water began going that way. This was a narrow runway 500 feet north of the river and parallel to it, with a dump bridge and the second channel was laid solid on this dump. Then came the short bridge, 125 feet, over this safety outlet, which carried the stream along parallel to the main river to a point where it joined again several miles below.

As soon as the water had risen so high that it swept over and found this smaller outlet there was a rapid at once. Water rushed down the new route forty miles an hour and fifteen feet deep, and its force was irresistible. The began at 7 o'clock Tuesday night. The small bridge held for a while and then began going piece by piece. By morning three tents were gone. They were sixteen feet long each. All the pilings were not ripped up, however.

Additional notices should be done to repair this bridge till the rapid ceased. The gorge below had broken about midnight, but enough ice had backed up ahead of the big Missouri Pacific bridge to keep the water back for some time. When it began to recede work was resumed. The damage to the bridge did not exceed \$500 and will be easily repaired.

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