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CHURCH FAILS TO REACH POOR

Secretary Shaw Addresses Conference of Lay Methodists at Washington.

METHOD OF CATHOLICS IS COMMENDED

They Neither Abuse the Poor Nor Patronize the Rich—Contest for Lay Representation.

ASHINGTON, March 31.—The lay members of the Baltimore conference of the Methodist Episcopal church today held an independent meeting for the discussion of a resolution providing for equal representation for themselves in annual conferences. The laymen who spoke on the subject announced their purpose of waging active warfare throughout the country for the change prior to the general conference in 1908.

At the afternoon meeting Secretary Shaw delivered an address on the manner of dealing with the poor in churches. He said in part:

Not long ago a Methodist minister asked me, "Why is it that the Catholic church is more successful in reaching the poor than we?" I replied, "That is easy. They never talk about it. They draw no distinctions. They never abuse the one nor patronize the other." The Methodist church was designed for the people; rich people and poor people; educated people and uneducated people; cultured and uncultured. And I do not believe it was ever the design of God that it should be the church of one to the exclusion of the others. In my judgment, the only way to keep it the church of all is to stop drawing distinctions between the sons of men. I believe there is more prejudice on the part of those whom the world calls poor against those whom the world calls rich then vice versa. But I believe this prejudice is heightened by continually talking about it, and if this were a popular audience as distinguished from a gathering of church workers I would not refer to the subject.

START ON COUNTY ASSESSMENT

Harry Reed's Deputies Will Take the Field on Saturday to List Personalty.

Look out for the deputy assessor Saturday and be good to him, is the message of County Assessor Reed to all citizens. Mr. Reed's men, who are to make the personal tax assessment and correct the real estate list will begin their duties April 1 under the law. It will be wrong to think they are playing a first of April prank, for they are on serious business bent.

Mr. Reed says his men will have all they can handle to get their returns in on time, because he has fifteen less men on his staff this year than he had in 1904. Some of the districts are much larger because of this fact. The largest district of all is just five square miles in extent. It is bounded by Twenty-fourth street on the east, Pratt street on the south and by the city limits on the west and north. E. M. Robinson is the assessor in this district, which takes in Miller and Fontanelle parks, Fort Omaha and all territory out that way.

The smallest district is in the business center. It is bounded by Dodge, Harney, Fifteenth and Twentieth, and comprises fifteen blocks. W. J. Mount is the assessor, and it is figured he will be quite busy in getting everything properly listed in his little book.

SOMEBODY DID SHOOT THERE

Police Investigation Locates Bullet Holes to Support Woman's Story.

Additional facts learned by the police seem to indicate that the shooting that took place near the Tenth street viaduct was of a more serious character than at first believed. The repeated assertion of the woman in the case, Clara Bly, that John Danielson fired a revolver at her, narrowly missing her head, is in some degree confirmed by the discovery of a bullet hole in the wall opposite the door and in direct line with the point where the woman says Danielson was standing. She was taken to the house by the police that she might procure her clothing, and she then circumstantially described the shooting.

It was also disclosed that at the time the shots were fired there was a man in the room with the woman, and as nearly as can be determined his name is William A. O'Conners, occupation and residence unknown. The woman now asserts that two shots were fired into the room, one after she ran down the stairway to the cellar. The third shot which she says was fired was on the outside of the house. At the time this shot was fired someone was heard to shout: "I want you to get out of this."

Several reports, that cannot be verified, are that a man was seen running west along Tenth street after the third shot was fired, holding his hand and apparently in pain. He evidently was the man who was told to get out of the Bly woman's house. This man, if he was O'Conners, will be brought forward today, when the Bly woman and Danielson will be given a hearing. Officer Baldwin says he knows where the man can be found.

Elks Elect Officers.

At the annual election of officers of the Omaha lodge, Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, held last evening in its hall, corner of Fifteenth and Farnam streets, the following were elected: Exalted ruler, James R. Dewar; esteemed leading knight, William T. Canada; esteemed loyal knight, Dan J. Riley; esteemed lecturing knight, John A. Rine; secretary, Frank A. Furay; treasurer, Charles L. Saunders; tyler, Frank L. Brown; trustee, Andrew W. Riley; representative to grand lodge, Ernest C. Page; alternate to grand lodge, Frank S. Flanigan.

Collision on the Boulevard.

Mrs. Annie Wilson, who lives at 3626 Chicago street, while driving with a friend on the Boulevard, met two men driving in a buggy at Nineteenth and Burdette streets, and before she could direct her horse to one side her vehicle was struck by the other buggy and upset, throwing both women to the street. Mrs. Wilson was painfully bruised about the face and one of her hands was injured. The other woman was not hurt. The identity of the men was not determined.

EMPLOYES ROAST SPEAKER

Pass Some Sarcastic Resolutions Regarding Voting Him a Chair.

NOT IN LINE WITH STRICT ECONOMY

Outgrowth of Speaker's Action in Refusing to Sanction Extra Time Pay and Other Customary Perquisites to Employes.

(From a Staff Correspondent.)

LINCOLN, March 31.—(Special Telegram.)—At a meeting of employes of the house tonight resolutions were adopted condemning the action of the house in presenting to Speaker Rouse the speaker's chair, which he has occupied this winter. An effort will be made tomorrow to have resolutions introduced in order to make them a part of the house records. The resolutions follow:

Whereas, The Hon. George L. Rouse, speaker of the house of representatives, has earnestly and consistently adhered to the policy of economy throughout the present session, and,

Whereas, The house employes have been taught the great principle of economy upon so many occasions this winter, that it has become second nature to said employes to conserve the interests and guard the properties of this commonwealth, especially on paydays, when their stipends were reduced below the amounts allowed by the house, and for reasons which the speaker alone seems capable of understanding, and,

Whereas, The members of the house of representatives have so far forgotten the speaker's teachings as to present him with the chair which he has so often occupied while meditating upon some intricate plan to deprive the employes of their just compensation, and,

Whereas, We would relieve the speaker's tender conscience of the awful thought that he has taken advantage of the error of the house in presenting him with state property in defiance of the constitution and in defiance also of the wishes and interests of the taxpayers of Nebraska, all of whom are special wards of the speaker, and who would be horror-stricken should any article of state property attach itself to the speaker's person when he departs for home; therefore be it,

Resolved, by the house employes and other true, loyal and consistent reformers, That we will most strenuously uphold the action of the speaker, who indignantly declines to accept this unwarranted and illegal gift; and be it further

Resolved, That we hereby assert our condemnation of the action of the house in its bare-faced attempt to lead the speaker away from the path of virtue which he has so often pointed out to others; and be it further

Resolved, That Hon. A. Galusha, secretary of the state and legal guardian of state properties, is hereby earnestly requested to keep a vigilant eye upon this particular piece of furniture upon all occasions when a train is about to depart for Grand Island, for fear some evil disposed person might seek to compromise the speaker by shipping said chair to his home address, where it is possible that it might be overlooked and be introduced into his household, to the everlasting disgrace of the head thereof; and be it further

Resolved, That copies of these resolutions be mailed to the speaker and the secretary of the state, and that they be printed in at least one daily newspaper, in order that the people of Nebraska may know that we are loyally supporting the speaker in the economy program mapped out by him at the commencement of this session; and be it further

Resolved, That should the speaker in a fit of mental aberration accept such chair, and should the proper and lawful custodian negligently allow it to depart from the state house and perhaps journey into the interior of Hall county, the secretary of this meeting is hereby instructed to inaugurate such legal procedure as will insure its prompt return, the expense of which proceedings he is authorized to defray out of the fund this night created for that purpose.

JUDGE LOBINGIER'S NEW COURT

Festivities Attend the Opening of the Court House and Installation of Judge.

The Manila American (Manila, P. I.) of February 21, publishes a two-column account of the opening of the new provincial court room at Tacloban, on February 1, at which function Judge C. S. Lobingier, formerly of Omaha, presided. The hall had been tastefully decorated under the supervision of a committee consisting of the Abogados Romauldez and Kelly, and the walls were adorned with portraits of Washington, Rizal, John Marshall and Arellano, all executed by a Tacloban artist. A banquet and numerous toasts and responses were the features of the event, being both in American and Spanish, a number of prominent Filipinos participating. Judge Lobingier, as toastmaster, then introduced General Allen as the inaugurator of civil government in the province of Leyte, of which Tacloban is the capital.

Almost the entire week was devoted to festivities of varied character and were brought to a close on the evening of February 4 with a reception given to Judge Lobingier by the bar of Leyte in honor of his appointment as judge of the Twelfth district. The reception was held at the rooms of the Club Cosmopolita, which had been handsomely decorated for the occasion.

It was at this reception that Judge Lobingier made his first public speech in the Spanish language. The report of his address indicates that the genial judge has already become proficient in the Spanish tongue, and also that he has at the same time won upon the esteem and regard of the bar of that far away land.

FLAVOR OF THE BIG SALMON

Royal Chinook is Not Appreciated in Missouri Valley as on the Coast.

Frank H. Sanborn, representing the Sanborn-Cutting company of Astoria, Ore., salmon packers, is at the Iler Grand. He says that the outlook for the salmon industry on the Columbia river the coming season, which opens April 15, is considered excellent. In speaking of the salmon trade, he said it is a fact peculiar to the trade, that there is not much demand in this middle country along the Missouri river and further south, for those brands of salmon which contain the genuine royal chinook fish and which have the peculiar flavor that so many desire and which has made that kind of salmon so famous. Other kinds of salmon cost about the same price, but the flesh is of a different color, being red, while that of the royal chinook is of a pink color.

"Those who are familiar with the different qualities of the salmon," said Mr. Sanborn, "can distinguish the difference in a moment and on the cost where, of course, very little canned fish is sold to the local trade, as the consumer wants the fresh fish, they insist on the royal chinook; and these same people when they are in the eastern country and are served with salmon other than their favorite, note the difference.

"The leading event on the northwest coast," continued Mr. Sanborn, "is the exposition to be held at Portland. A beautiful site has been selected and the buildings are nearing completion. It will be a much more pretentious exhibition than many may think, and will not be a mere imitation of the great expositions held elsewhere, but will have many unique and exceedingly attractive features."

Boosters Have Good Time.

The Boosters' club of Omaha lodge No. 2, Independent Order of Odd Fellows, turned itself into a good time last night. It also turned a good dinner into itself. The idea was to have an annual party and to get as much fun out of it as possible. There was a trumpet call at 9 o'clock which announced the arrival of the Hon. Doodle Van Kull of Honolulu. He was escorted by a fine uniformed bodyguard representing no period or era and wearing beautiful artificial whiskers which looked as if they might crock if soaked in warm water. There was a medley of tongues to add to the enjoyment, and the tongues were furnished by W. H. Larkin, J. W. Dodd, A. L. English, G. Striffler, C. G. Kastman, C. M. Rackley, P. A. Edquist, Louis Helmrod, Charles Sanders, John Barnett and P. M. Back. There was some music by piano and graphophone and addresses by President S. R. Greenleaf, H. C. Harty, F. B. Bryant, Herbert A. Whipple and Past Grand Master Charles A. Patterson. The Boosters had a high time.

STANLEY FRANCIS GOES TO JAIL

Director of the Storey Cotton Company is Remanded for Trial.

PHILADELPHIA, March 31.—On the testimony of two former employes of the defunct Storey Cotton company Stanley Francis, accused of being one of the promoters and directors of the concern, was today remanded for trial by United States Commissioner Craig, with bail fixed at $50,000.

The original charge against Francis was using the mails for fraudulent purposes and he was arrested at the instigation of the postal authorities. The two important witnesses against the accused man were Miss Margaret Hope, stenographer, and Miss Gertrude Sundheim, a bookkeeper, who gave testimony which the commissioner held to be sufficient to convince him that the defendant was party to a conspiracy to defraud.

James R. Clark, an expert accountant employed by counsel for Senator Bradley of Camden, receiver of the Storey company, also testified concerning his examination of the company's books. He based his testimony on his examination of the cash book, which, he said, contained an entry of $200,301 as receipts from cotton investments which was the only indication in the book of any investments by the company. A statement of the concern's business showing assets of $700,000 was produced by United States District Attorney Thompson and after examining it the witness said there was nothing on the cash book to show such assets. The book did show, however, that the company had lost $1,178,417, but there was no indication that this sum was lost in cotton transactions.

Miss Hope testified that Francis attended many of the meetings of the directors of the company. Others who attended the meetings, she said, were Messrs. Storey, Quinlan and Harper. The last named is Frank C. Marrien, also known as "Judge" Franklin Stone. Miss Hope said that Francis wrote many of the circulars sent out by the company. Cross examined, Miss Hope said other members of the company had told her that Francis was the advertising manager, though Francis himself had never so informed her. She said also that she once received instructions from Francis as to what disposition to make of a check that came through the mails.

Miss Sundheim said that the defendant was present at nearly all the directors' meetings.

Luther League Meeting.

VERMILLION, S. D., March 31.—(Special.)—Rev. C. K. Solberg of this city, president of the State Luther league, today issued the official call for the eighth annual convention of the society, which will be held in Howard on May 24, 25 and 26. All delegates and others who plan to attend the session are urged to notify Miss Carrie Hegdahl, Howard, S. D., in order that proper arrangements can be made for taking care of the city's guests. President Solberg also requests that every Lutheran young people's society in the state send its full quota of delegates, that the 1905 convention may prove the most enthusiastic and best ever held in South Dakota.

Hard Fall of Omaha Man.

FAIRFAX, S. D., March 31.—(Special Telegram.)—J. B. Johnson, a carpenter from Omaha, working on an elevator here, dropped forty feet to the ground, piercing two scaffolds in his fall and driving his limbs into the earth. No bones were broken, but it is thought internal injuries were sustained.

Dies from Overexertion.

PIERRE, S. D., March 31.—(Special.)—Herman Anding, engineer on the railroad ferryboat here, dropped dead, after lifting on a heavy stove, while moving into a new house, which he had just completed. The remains will be taken to his old home, Winona, Minn., for burial.

Seventh Ward Caucus Fails.

Only about half a dozen voters gathered in the assembly room of the Normandie apartment building last night to select from the list of candidates one for endorsement for councilman from the Seventh ward. Park Commissioner Gondon was the only aspirant present. It was announced that another attempt to have a meeting for the purpose would be made next Friday night at Forty-eighth and Leavenworth streets, in connection with the meeting of the West Leavenworth Improvement club.

W. A. Page Visiting Here.

W. A. Page, formerly of Omaha is spending a few days in the city. Mr. Page is manager of the Buenaventura and Redencion orange plantations at Bahia Hona, Cuba. He left the island about a week ago and says that there have been more Americans there this winter than ever before. They are engaging in all lines of business and the general understanding is that the majority of them are meeting with good success.

Andersen's Birthday in Schools.

All of the public grade schools yesterday observed the 100th anniversary of Hans Christian Andersen. Every school building has the flag hoisted over it in honor of the great Danish fairy story teller. In the rooms from thirty minutes to an hour was given up during the afternoon to programs centered on the author. Essays by the pupils were given and selected readings from Andersen's books.

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PUBLIC LIBRARY AFFAIRS

Bill for Librettos and Note Given by Directors for Purchase of Lot Settled.

The fact that grand opera has just been pulled off in Omaha was echoed in the meeting of the Public Library board last night, where one of the items in the incidental account audited covered the purchase of extra copies of the libretto of "Lucia" to supply the musical demand.

The meeting of the board was attended by President Reed and Directors Rosewater, Rush, Deuel, Haller and Kennedy. President Reed turned in the note for $1,500 which had been signed last year by the directors individually for use as part payment in the purchase of the lot adjoining the library on the south, the note having been paid by warrant drawn on the city treasury.

The librarian reported progress with the training class and secured leave to continue the instruction for three months more. A number of matters with reference to improving the building and yard were referred to the executive committee with power to act, and the question of rearranging the reference room and its enlargement by the resetting of partitions was given over to a special committee consisting of the executive officers. The bills audited aggregated $1,803.

Big Sale of Mexican Cattle.

KANSAS CITY, March 31.—Five thousand head of halfbreed Hereford and Mexican steers, 2 and 3 years old, were sold today by John H. Pinnell, agent of the T. O. (Riverside) ranch, state of Chihuahua, Mexico, to the Empire State Cattle company, W. M. Sheafe and J. D. Carr of South Dakota, at $14 a head, one of the largest sales of the year. The cattle will be shipped to Evarts, S. D.

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