

### PRESBYTERIANS IN CONFERENCE

**Divorce Question Will Be Considered From Every Standpoint by the Church.**

DENVER, Col., May 19.—With the meeting of the Foreign Missionary conference in an all-day session today, the 121st general conference of the Presbyterian church practically opened its annual session.

Arrangements have been made for many pleasure trips to various points of interest about Denver.

Every problem which confronts the people of the nation from the divorce question to labor and the Negro will be considered and debated by the conference. The divorce question will be considered from every standpoint some predicting a sterner attitude by the church in its treatment of divorcees.

A movement is also on foot to decrease the number of delegates attending the conference on the ground that so large a body cannot dispense with business expeditiously.

As a matter of economy it is also proposed to hold sessions or conference less frequently.

What will probably prove to be the feature of the conference will be the marching of 2000 Sunday school children of Denver, Sunday, May 23, in the Sunday school missionary parade and the labor mass meeting to be held simultaneously at the Auditorium.

It is the desire of the conference to bring the Presbyterian church and the laboring classes in as close touch as possible. To this end, leaders of all labor organizations in Denver have been invited to participate in the meeting to be held at the Auditorium.

### SCULPTOR SAYS THAT FASHION SPOILS FIGURE

Hugh H. Cain, the Boston sculptor, declares that women's figures have been ruined by devotion to fashion. "Woman's figure is getting poorer and poorer every year," declares Cain.

"The female form is degenerating because of style.

women of today are getting further and further away from the Greek figure of 2000 years ago, which they are all seeking to attain and which the whole world admires. As one instance of this, those who determine what is fashionable are trying to bring the waistline further down all the time.

"At present an effort is being made to get it down as low as the hips. This is all wrong, of course, for nature long ago decreed that it should be just below the breast, allowing a soft, graceful line from hip to armpit."

### WELL KNOWN RESIDENT OF MEDFORD PASSES AWAY

Hugh L. Orr of this city died Tuesday evening at his home on West Seventh street, following an illness which had extended over many months. He is survived by a wife and one son, W. L. Orr of this city.

Mr. Orr was born in Watkins county, New York, and was 69 years and 4 days old. He came to Medford about six years ago. Two brothers are living—A. C. Orr of Colorado and E. J. Orr of Illinois.

The remains will be taken to Illinois for interment. A brief service will be held at the residence in this city previous to the journey east. Mr. Orr was a member of Medford lodge, No. 103, A. F. & A. M.

### Prepaid Railroad Orders.

"Something which is of considerable interest to the public generally and which is perhaps not generally known is the system of prepaid orders now in effect between stations of the Southern Pacific company and all points in the United States. By means of this system tickets may be purchased at Medford from any place in the United States and mailed or telegraphed direct to the party wishing to come here. Sleeper accommodations and small amounts of cash in connection with these tickets may also be forwarded at the same time."

### JUNE 14 SELECTED FOR RAILROAD DAY

**Date Changed to Suit Southern Pacific Plans, and Not Conflict With Portland.**

KLAMATH FALLS, Or., May 19.—Once more the Klamath Chamber of Commerce has found it necessary to change the date of the "Railroad Day Celebration." At the urgent request of the officials of the Southern Pacific the time has been fixed for the 14th day of June. This is done so that the railroad company can accommodate excursionists with Pullman cars. Any earlier date will interfere with the Portland Rose Festival, or with other excursions planned by the company.

In making the request for the change of the date the officials of the Southern Pacific stated that they were very anxious to co-operate with the people of this section in making the celebration a grand success, but it would be impossible to aid in doing this if the event transpired earlier than the 14th. Extensive advertising will be done by the Southern Pacific and the rates from Sacramento, San Francisco, Portland and all intermediate points will be made attractive so that there will be a large number of excursionists.

There will be one attraction at the celebration that should especially appeal to all visitors to the Klamath country. This will be the Indian village. Already the noble red men are making preparations to come here to see the arrival of the special trains and to participate in the celebration. Many of the residents of Klamath reservation have never seen a train. It is estimated that several hundred Indians will comprise the village.

### SAYS PORTO RICAN LEPERS IMPERIL AMERICA

NEW YORK, May 19.—What is said to be alarming laxity on the part of the Porto Rican government in the care and control of lepers will be brought to the attention of the United States government by Dr. Edward Ehlers, one of a party of four European experts, who have been studying diseases prevalent in the West Indies.

Dr. Ehlers said that under present conditions in Porto Rico it is possible for many lepers to emigrate and carry the disease into the United States.

"In the city of Ponce," he said, "I find leprosy very prevalent, and saw many victims in the streets of the city. Two men in an advanced stage of the disease I observed begging in the market place."

### STATE OFFICERS SAY THE STATEHOUSE IS TOO SMALL

SALEM, Or., May 19.—Since the additional work in many departments required by the last legislature has become more pressing, it is apparent that the statehouse here is much too small, and several officers are inconvenienced, notably the office of State Engineer John H. Lewis.

The work of the water commission and the room which will be required for caring for the supplementary documents dealing with water titles, will necessitate some radical changes in the location of various state offices, and they will be asked by Governor Benson in the near future.

### JAPANESE INVENTOR IMPROVED AEROPLANE

TOKYO, May 19.—Without any flourish of trumpets, Japan has made considerable strides in the matter of airship building, and while the utmost secrecy is maintained, there is reason to believe that an inventor of some repute has recently patented improvements that are calculated to startle aerocists all over the world.

Yamada was some time ago entrusted by the commander-in-chief with the work of the investigation of airships for use of the army.

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### ROAD OPENS FROM WEED TO KLAMATH

**Branch Line of the Southern Pacific Began Its Traffic Today.**

REDDING, Cal., May 19.—A branch railroad from Weed, Siskiyou county, to Klamath Falls, Oregon, is completed, the first train running to the Falls today. The Southern Pacific announces that passenger trains will run regularly between Weed and Klamath Falls. A stage company, that for years has run coaches from Klamath Falls to the railroad has sold all its stock and retired. The Klamath Falls Chamber of Commerce announces that the advent of the railroad will be celebrated, June 14, which is to be called Railroad Day, and be the occasion for great festivities and the welcome of hundreds of visitors.

### COMMISSION SAYS THAT LUMBER RATE IS TOO HIGH

The state railroad commission has addressed a letter to William D. Fenlon, counsel for the Southern Pacific calling attention to the fact that the system of weighing lumber as practiced by that road is unjust and unreasonable and so affects the rates and charges as to make them excessive and in violation of the law. The commission asks that the rules and practices of the road be so amended that the correct weight of lumber at the initial point shall stand as the proper weight for basing rates and charges.

### INCOME TAX DRIVES CAUTIAL TO AMERICA

LONDON, May 19.—As a result of the proposed increased income tax in the budget submitted by the chancellor of the exchequer, Lloyd-George the duke of Bedford, extensive landholder and scientific farmer, is to invest \$2,500,000 in California, according to a report current here today.

The immense Thorney estates in Cambridgeshire were recently sold to the government by Duke of Bedford for a sum in excess of 500,000 pounds. The proceeds of this sale, it is said, will be invested in California farming lands. The Thorney estate was transformed by the duke from a swamp into a modern agricultural community, and is now one of the finest areas in the United Kingdom. It is said the duke may visit the United States in the near future.

### Preparation and Fellowship Meeting.

Sunday will be an epochal day at the Christian Tabernacle. It will be a day of spiritual uplift, a day of social fellowship, and a day of vision and service. Several speakers will be present. H. K. Sicafoose, Christian minister of Central Point; J. N. McConnell of Grants Pass and others will be present. It will be an all-day meeting. Services at 11 a. m., 3 and 8 p. m. Special music will be provided. Bible school will be unusually interesting. It will be a preparation school for the great meeting. Every member is urged to be at the Bible school session, as well as at all the other services. Y. P. S. C. E. will have a special program at 7 o'clock. You are all wanted at these services.

At a meeting of the fire boys held Tuesday evening the day of celebration this year was set for July 3, or Saturday before the Fourth. The committee on raising funds has some \$1200 pledged for the celebration.

### WILL RISK HIS LIFE TO TALK TO MARS

**Professor Todd of Amherst and Balloonist Are to Ascend to Ten-Mile Height.**

BOSTON, May 19.—"If there are human beings on Mars I have no doubt they have been sending us messages for years and are still wondering at our stupidity in not replying. I hope to intercept these messages and in this way solve all the mysteries of the human race."

Thus spoke Professor David Todd, the widest known astronomer of Amherst College, in outlining his daring project for establishing communication with Mars.

At the risk of their lives, the Amherst professor and his companion, the celebrated balloonist, Leo Stevens, will ascend into regions at a height of ten miles, a distance as yet undreamed of by the boldest aeronauts.

Professor Todd makes no hesitation in asserting his belief that the people of Mars if there are any, can and will solve the mysteries of the origin of consciousness, of whether the disembodied spirits reassume physical shape in another planet, of the doctrine of evolution, the manner in which they originated and the possibility of sustaining the average life of human beings for thousands of years.

### Pioneer Dies.

John Hill, who came to California in 1853, and has been a resident of Henley, near the state line, and vicinity, almost continuously since that date, died at the home of his nephew, Wilmer Hill, at Hill, Friday, aged 84 years and 6 months. The funeral was held Saturday at 2 p. m. at the M. E. church at Hornbrook, conducted by Rev. H. J. Van Fossen of the Ashland M. E. church.

The deceased was a native of Illinois, city of Orlan. Coming to California in the golden days, he engaged in mining pursuits, which he followed for much of his life, though he was also interested in milling and farming enterprises in Siskiyou county. An only son died in youth and his wife, also a pioneer, passed on a few years ago, since which time "Uncle John," as he was familiarly known, has made his home with his nephew, Wilmer Hill, and wife, at Hill.

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