

PLEA FOR NEGRO

Methodists Asked to Give Them Bishop.

DETROIT MAN SPEAKS

New York Delegate Would Keep Race Question Out.

BISHOPS' ADDRESS IS READ

They Warn Against Current Evils and Recommend That a Chapter on Popular Amusements Be Added to Discipline.

LOS ANGELES, May 5.—The Methodist General Conference held two sessions today, the morning session being devoted to the reading of the quadrennial address of the board of bishops of the Methodist Episcopal Church to the General Conference, and the afternoon to the receipt and reference of memorials from the various annual conferences.

The morning session was presided over by Bishop Henry W. Warren and the afternoon session by Bishop J. W. Walden. The various committees got together during the early morning hours, and elected their respective chairmen and secretaries, but as there was no business before them, adjournments were taken until tomorrow.

Beginning tomorrow the General Conference will hold sessions only in the morning, thus allowing the delegates to give their attention during the afternoons to committee work.

Dr. George Elliott, of Detroit, presented a memorial to the effect that the committee on episcopacy consider the advisability of the election of a colored bishop. He said he believed the Methodist Episcopal Church had reached a crisis in its relations with the colored race.

Plea for Negroes in a Nutshell.

"If we are to hold the 300,000 colored membership we now have," he said, "we ought to give them some sort of leadership which they understand and trust and which understands them."

Charles P. McClelland, of New York, lay delegate, spoke in opposition to Dr. Elliott's resolution. Dr. McClelland said he was very sorry this resolution was offered at this time; that if the church had reached a crisis in its relations with the colored people, it was brought about by just such resolutions as this. He believed that the race question had been brought before the conference entirely too much, and said he hoped the present conference would see an end to this agitation. He was willing, he said, to see a memorial elevated to episcopal honors, regardless of color, when that man should attain such worth and distinction as would warrant this high recognition.

A resolution was offered by Rev. Horace Jacobs, of Central Pennsylvania Conference, to request the publishers of the Daily Christian Advocate, the official organ of the conference, to withdraw from its advertising columns all references to Sunday newspapers. One of the publishers of the Advocate gave assurance to the conference that if the resolution should be withdrawn, there would be no further cause for complaint on that score.

Address of Bishops.

The reading of the quadrennial address of the bishops of the Methodist Episcopal Church to the General Conference was the feature of the day's session. Bishop Cyrus D. Fosdick, of Philadelphia, read the address. It elaborately reviewed the statistical records of the past four years, and set before the conference many of the current problems which the church is facing.

The present membership of the church was reported as 3,061,918, an increase of 138,025 during the four years. The Sunday schools include an aggregate of 4,124,444. The world-wide scope of the work of the church was indicated by the brief review of the administration of bishops in foreign lands. Three features of the last quadrennium were emphasized by standing out prominently—the twentieth century thank offering movement, which brought \$20,000,000 into the treasury of the church for the work of education, philanthropy and debt paying; the up-to-date emergency missionary revival, which has inspired the church with new generosity, and the bi-centennial observances, which all over the English-speaking world commemorated the 20th anniversary of John Wesley's birth.

Relations With Southern Methodists

The American University at Washington was strongly commended, as well as the Woman's College of Baltimore, which indirectly suffered severe losses during the recent fire in that city. The relations between the Methodist Episcopal Church and the Methodist Episcopal Church South were declared to be growing more fraternal and intimate. A common hymnal, a common catechism and a uniform order of service are almost ready for publication, and these will draw the bodies still more closely together. The suggestion was made that some mutual arrangement should be made whereby transfer of ministers and members from one of these denominations to the other should be expedited and made easy.

The question of supervising foreign missions fields, whether by occasional visits of general superintendents from this country, by the residence of one of them in a mission field for a period of four years at a time, or by the permanent supervision of a missionary bishop, whose episcopal services shall be confined to that particular field, was urged upon the conference as one of the most important questions to be considered. The time limit in the pastorate was referred to as one of the matters which would claim attention.

Warnings Against Evils.

Warnings were given against the current evils of the time, political corruption, the liquor traffic, the tyranny of trades-unions, the greed of unscrupulous employers, lynching, the negro question and Mormonism. A recommendation was made that a new chapter on popular amusements be added to the discipline, admonishing Methodists to guard their spiritual life and to avoid such amusements as have a dangerous or demoralizing tendency.

The chapter is intended to take the place of the present paragraph, No. 245, which occasioned much discussion at the General Conference at Chicago, four years ago. The address, as a whole, made a deep impression, and was received at the end with hearty applause.

A local railroad manager estimated that a total of 20,000 delegates and visitors have arrived in the city.

Rev. Thomas B. Ford, a presiding elder from Oregon, is confined to his room with a serious illness.

The following officers of the various standing committees of the conference were chosen this afternoon: Committee on bank concerns—J. W.



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STORM IS SEVERE.

(Continued from First Page.) passed three miles west of that place this afternoon, proceeding northward. It is also reported there that Cordell was visited by a tornado and that considerable property was destroyed, but wires are down west of Bridgeport, and rumors cannot be verified. No loss of life has been reported. Efforts are being made to secure communication with the sections visited by the storm, all of which are in the western portion of the territory.

Swept Path Forty Rods Wide.

OMAHA, May 5.—The tornado that struck Meriden swept a path 40 rods wide and a mile long. No lives were lost and nobody was seriously injured. Following the wind storm a small cloudburst struck north of Cherokee, doing considerable damage. Illinois Central tracks on the Sioux Falls branch were badly washed out, completely blocking traffic. Telegraph and telephone wires were badly damaged. The tornado that struck Meriden passed east, taking a few buildings in its path. No one has been reported injured or killed. The storm at 4 o'clock was approaching Sioux City and people were alarmed.

Buildings Are Blown Down.

CHEROKEE, Ia., May 5.—A tornado which passed through this county today destroyed several houses and barns in the vicinity of Meriden. The buildings were totally demolished, but no lives were lost. A severe wind blew here during the progress of the storm that did the damage at Meriden, which is six miles north of here, but no damage was done in this immediate vicinity.

Crops Are Destroyed.

WICHITA, Kan., May 5.—A telephone message to the Eagle from Camden, Okla., states that a tornado started at Helena and passed through Timberlake, extending to Alva. It cut a swath six miles long and one and a half miles wide, destroying crops and some buildings. Timberlake, Okla., was hit in that section, but no lives were lost.

Telegraph Service Paralyzed.

DES MOINES, Ia., May 5.—A tornado has paralyzed telegraph service between Cherokee, Ia., and Marcus, Ia. It is feared there has been loss of life.

Grocers to Meet at Cincinnati.

SAN FRANCISCO, May 5.—The National Association of Retail Grocers today decided upon Cincinnati as the place of meeting for its next convention. The morning was taken up by reports from various committees and by the listening to short addresses by editors of grocery papers. The papers were discussed and suggestions offered as to the best way in which to advertise grocery firms.

Admits It Sold Japan Ships.

BERLIN, May 5.—The North German Lloyd Steamship Company, replying to inquiries about the published statements that the company had sold eight steamers to Japan, admits having sold three old coasters to a Japanese firm.

Your Liver

Will be roused to its natural duties and your biliousness, headache and constipation be cured if you take

Hood's Pills

Sold by all druggists. 25 cents.

Tutt's Pills

Cure All Liver Ills. Perfect Health.

Keep the system in perfect order by the occasional use of Tutt's Liver Pills. They regulate the bowels and produce

A Vigorous Body.

For sick headache, malaria, biliousness, constipation and kindred diseases, an absolute cure TUTT'S LIVER PILLS

Agency for Dr. Deimel's Linen Mesh Underwear. "If it isn't Dr. Deimel's, it isn't Linen Mesh." The Differ'nt Store. Ochs, Wortman & King. Home of Quality and Fashion.

53d--GRAND FRIDAY ECONOMY SALE--53d

Items From 4th Floor That Represent a Neat Saving. WHITE CURTAIN SWISS—Dotted and figured—value 12 1/2c, special, yard... 9c ALL FEATHER-FILLED PILLOWS—Fancy striped satin ticking—value \$2.75, special, pair... \$1.85

Items From the RIBBON, 'KERCHIEF, GLOVE AND NECKWEAR DEPTS. Specially reduced for today's selling.

A big assortment of fancy-striped and plain Taffeta Ribbons, 3 and 3 1/2 inches wide, on sale Friday and Saturday, at yard... 10c Ladies' fine pure linen hemstitched Handkerchiefs; come in box of six, for Friday only, box... 65c Black or White Moline Pompons for the neck, each... 13c A lot of Ladies' Stock Collars. They are odd pieces, assorted colors, and the last of their line; all belong to a high-class family and are put in at a very small fraction of their value—50c, 60c, 75c to \$1.75 values, while they last at... 25c

Friday Special in Colored Dress Goods

No need to tell you that this is one of the best dress goods bargains of the season; price tells the story; but to do the great offering justice we feel that we ought to add the following details— 36-inch all-wool, hairline striped sacking, excellent for children's wear and ladies' house gowns; come in large assortment of good wanted colors, such as grays, rose, reseda, green, pink, Oxford, cardinal and black—regular price 50c per yard, special Friday only... 33c

A FRIDAY SPECIAL OF GREAT IMPORTANCE IN Women's Footwear

Few women expect to find style, comfort and low price in one pair of shoes, but that is exactly what the following items represent. Shoes like these can be recommended for the comfort they afford the feet—the style that is put into them and the exceptionally low prices at which they are offered. Women's \$3.00 patent colt or vicid kid, street or dress shoes, flexible soles, round toes, dull or bright kid tops—special... \$1.82 Broad toe house Juliettes, in dull kid, \$1.50 grades—special for Friday... 98c

Walking Skirts at Half Price

A fortunate purchase brought into our hands a choice lot of this season's Walking Skirts, 500 in number, or about enough for four days' selling. These we own at about half price, and will pass them on to our patrons at the same big reduction at which we purchased them. Materials are fancy mixtures, chevots, kerseys, homespuns, all made in the latest styles, all choice colorings. Prices range from \$7.50 to \$20.00, which brings them to you at from \$3.75 to \$10.00. These skirts are especially adapted for traveling, also mountain and Coast wear to come a few weeks later.

TODAY AND TOMORROW

Child Crosses Continent Alone. SAN FRANCISCO, May 5.—Among the passengers alighting from the steps of the Southern Pacific's Atlantic Express at the local depot yesterday was Frederick E. Cogswell, a little 5-year-old boy who has completed a journey believed to be unique in the history of transcontinental railroads. Entirely unaccompanied, tagged that he might be properly directed and forwarded, the child made the trip from Philadelphia, in the care of conductors, who gave every attention to his comfort and safety. Expelled by Stock Exchange. NEW YORK, May 5.—T. H. Leary, exchange member for the firm of T. H. Leary & Co., and J. Frank Hale exchange member for Lon Ley, Hale & Co., of Boston and New York, were expelled from membership from the consolidated exchange today on the charge of irregularities in transactions. Empress Will Sit for Photograph. LONDON, May 6.—The Standard's Tien-tsin correspondent says it is reported that the Dowager Empress of China has consented to sit for her photograph in order that the people may be able to worship the imperial image, as is done in Japan. Gorman to Meet Murphy Today. NEW YORK, May 6.—Senator A. P.

We have just passed the first mile post in our organized FRIDAY ECONOMY MOVEMENT, and Today begin a new chapter of wonderful bargain-giving. These sales, which began as a mere infant a year ago, have grown in importance from week to week until today they are recognized and looked forward to as the most important money-saving opportunity of the entire week. But we shall not rest here; we shall press on toward still greater achievements. As evidence of our intention to make this sale grow in importance, we have commenced this second year of great bargain-giving by offering for this Friday sale a list of values never before attempted by any store in the West. Never was the word Economy so definitely defined as in these Friday Specials. Every item given represents a neat saving in itself, and points the way to true Economy.



Women's High-Grade Tailored Suits HALF PRICE

Friday and Saturday

We place on sale for Friday and Saturday another choice lot of ladies' finely tailored garments at exactly half price. These come in all the latest styles and materials; all are beautifully made and trimmed. The materials are estamines, voiles, chevots, broadcloths, Venetians and fancy mixtures—the very best and most-wanted cloths. Prices range

From \$35 to \$85

For these two days we offer any of these beautiful garments at exactly one-half former price.

Friday Specials at Notion Counter

There's an old saying, "Save the pennies and the dollars will take care of themselves." Here's a chance to save pennies on every item and on many even nickels and dimes, for instance, large spool white basting cotton, No. 40 or 50, special, spool... 2c Fancy metal-top pressed glass Puff Jars—value 35c, special, each... 25c Handy needle and pin books, with sewing needle, darning needle, black and white pins, etc.—value 10c, special, each... 7c Square shape fancy metal end stand mirror, easel back—value 25c, special, each... 15c Lavender Camphor, a sure preventive against moths, large size box—value 15c, special... 10c Large-size Chamois Skins—value 50c each, special... 35c 11-inch Cloth Boston Bags, leather handles and trimmings—value \$1.25, special, each... 75c Turnover Wellesley Back Combs, shell color—value 22c, special, each... 15c

Special Values in Kid Gloves

Those who want good gloves for little money will do well to see these Friday specials. A fine lot of Ladies' Kid Gloves for Spring, 3-clasp, Paris point, embroidered back, all new colors; also white and black, soft, pliable, perfect fitting, only 75c pair; value \$1.25.

Friday Special at the Linen Counter

Fancy drawn work squares and shams made of heavy linen finish cloth—90c value, special for Friday only, each... 50c

Men's Underwear

We place on sale today a line of Spring and Summer-weight blue mesh Underwear, which usually sells at 50c. To insure a big selling we price them today at, each... 35c

Friday Pricings on Dainty Lingerie

Few women who have lived in Portland any length of time think of going anywhere but to this great store when in need of fine undermuslins. The fact that they are able to find here at all times just what they are looking for and at a price lower than they had expected to pay makes coming here like second nature. A glance over the pricings which follow will show what great saving opportunities are presented here today. In this sale are included French hand-made lingenies, French hand-made and embroidered lingenies—laundered or unlaundried—embroidered in the simplest also the most elaborate fashion.

Table with 2 columns: Item and Price. CORSET COVERS: Regular \$2.25, 3.25, 4.25, 6.25, 8.50, 10.50; Special \$1.50, 2.17, 2.84, 4.17, 5.50, 7.00. CHEMISE: Regular \$1.75, 3.50, 6.50, 8.00, 10.50; Special \$1.17, 2.33, 4.33, 5.34, 7.00. DRAWERS: Regular \$2.00, 4.25, 6.00, 9.00; Special \$1.34, 2.84, 4.00, 6.00. GOWNS: Regular \$3.00, 6.00, 9.50, 11.00, 13.50, 16.50; Special \$2.00, 4.00, 6.34, 7.34, 9.00, 11.00.

Window Screens

Third Floor. Steal a march on the flies by putting up screens early. Here's an opportunity to save money: Hardwood frame, best extension enameled wire— 18x33 inches, special for Friday... 18c 24x37 inches, special for Friday... 25c 30x37 inches, special for Friday... 29c 36x42 inches, special for Friday... 32c

Exceptional Values in the Silk Dep't

for Friday's Selling AT THE SILK COUNTER.



FIRST FLOOR ANNEX.

The usual reductions we're continually offering, the beauty of the fabrics, the superiority of the styles and qualities are the characteristics that have made this store the great silk center of the Northwest. The high qualities and low prices in the following offerings are seldom equaled—

19-inch all Silk Taffeta, very durable and beautiful finish, our regular 75c a yard grade, Friday only... 59c 36-inch all Silk Black Taffeta, splendid wearing quality, rich finish, the rustling kind; our regular \$1.25 grade for Friday only... 98c 24-INCH ALL PURE SILK CREPE DE CHENE.

Very sheer and high, rich silky finish; colors are black, white, ivory, cream, pink, turquoise, navy, reseda, brown, tans, champagne and black; regular \$1.00 a yard quality; special for Friday only 59c

Hosiery and Underwear at

SPECIALLY LOW PRICES.

Women would do well to buy their Summer's supply of Hosiery and Underwear at the specially low prices quoted for today. The wear is part of an extremely fortunate purchase that we are able to sell far below its worth.

Ladies' imported black lisle hose, with lace boots, assorted styles, high spliced heels, double sole—regular 50c quality, special, pair... 28c Ladies' white lisle Union Suits, lace ribbed, elastic, low neck, no sleeves, lace trimmed at knee—a splendid 75c quality, special, suit... 45c Children's high-neck, long-sleeve, white cotton vests, shaped waist, neatly trimmed, sizes 24 to 34—regular 25c quality, special, each... 16c

Friday's Unusual Millinery Offering



The following items from our second floor millinery department demonstrate most forcefully how far a little money will go at this establishment in the purchase of fine millinery. Another big lot of trimmed and ready-to-wear hats at... 98c White and burnt turban shapes, trimmed with flowers and foliage or silk ribbon and quills, very suitable for middle-aged ladies; also a big lot of ready-to-wear hats, ladies' and misses', and another big lot of those fine child's sailors, with velvet ribbon band; your unreserved choice 98c

Continuation of the 'Child Crosses Continent Alone' article, mentioning the boy's journey from Philadelphia to San Francisco.