

METHODISTS MAY CHANGE VIEWPOINT

Recreation and Amusement Programme Gets Support.

DANCING LOBBY PRESENT

Fraternal Delegate From Japan to General Conference Tells of Decline of Militarism.

BY R. H. HUGHES. METHODIST GENERAL CONFERENCE, Des Moines, Ia., May 9.—(Special)—Moscow, Idaho, presented a resolution to the general conference Saturday on community houses and a construction programme of recreation and amusement for the young people which emphasized that simply a negative attitude toward these matters will not suffice. It was an indirect way of touching the much controverted amusement paragraph in Methodist discipline and ready support was forthcoming.

The presence at Des Moines, however, of a representative of the dancing masters, is prejudicing many delegates who were in favor of eliminating the paragraph on amusements, but they will not accept dictation from such sources. Another resolution condemning the Walker prize fight bill was adopted with enthusiasm.

Japanese Menace Denied. Dr. F. Herron Smith, fraternal delegate from the Japanese Methodist church, said that 90 per cent of the Christian Japanese and students believe that Japan will keep her oft-repeated promise to get out of Siberia. The same is true of Siberia, said the speaker. Referring to the oft-repeated statement that Japan is a military menace the speaker said: "My answer is that I would judge that matter on the attitude of her youth. Eight years ago the military academy had over 3000 candidates, of whom only 120 could be accepted. In 1912 the naval academy had the pick and choice of the fine young men of Japan, but last year they wanted 200 men and the candidates were so few that they could not get on and on the second examination had to accept inferior men to fill the quota."

Japan is establishing new colleges and 10 universities with her war profits, having appropriated 30 million yen for the purpose. She has established 400 scholarships in her own universities. The attitude of Japan toward Christianity was never more favorable. Ten years ago men said: "Yes, Christianity is fine; teach it to our wives," but today they are saying it is the salvation of their country and say: "Teach it to our wives." Democracy is so popular in Japan that it has permeated the church even farther than that in America, according to Dr. Smith. They have laymen in the actual conference, elect their bishops for four years with a possible re-election; have laymen in the cabinet, and it works. The membership of the church is 31,323 and the contribution \$190,000 per year. The speaker said that the people of Japan are of labor bolshevism and socialism, as strikes and sabotage are common.

Suffrage Up Monday.

The question of universal suffrage will be decided by the conference next Monday. Impressive memorial services were conducted this afternoon at the general conference for the bishops, editors and secretaries who have died since the general conference of 1916 and for the delegates who have died since election to the body. In the list are the names of the two men from Oregon, Bishop M. S. Hughes and Dr. T. B. Ford, superintendent of the Salem district and for many years a leading minister in Oregon and Washington. Dr. Ralph Ward of Fossil read the memorial of one Chinese, Hu Cai Hang, who was born in a Chinese Christian home and it shows the worldwide character of Methodism.

The tribute to Bishop M. S. Hughes of the Portland district died in Cleveland, April 4, was read by Bishop W. F. Anderson of Cincinnati. Present at the memorial were his aged mother and his distinguished brother, Bishop E. H. Hughes of Malden, Mass. Bishop Hughes' death has profoundly impressed the whole church. He was referred to as an eloquent preacher, a wise administrator, a man of remarkable gifts of mind and heart, all of which he had consecrated to the cause of Christianity. Sympathetic reference was made to the bereaved family who are in Portland and could not come to the services today.

Dr. Youngson Reads Memorial. The memorial for Dr. Ford was read by Dr. Youngson, who substituted for Dr. Avison of Salem. Dr. Youngson filled the vacancy admirably and called Dr. Ford a man, preacher, leader and administrator. The memorial to Bishop William Perry Everland of the Philippine Islands and Malaysia was read by Dr. M. A. Raderof, Manila; that of Bishop Frank Hamilton of Pittsburgh, Pa. by Dr. George P. Eckman; Bishop James M. Bashford of China and Liberia, by Bishop Joseph C. Hart; that of Dr. Levi Gilbert, one-time pastor in Seattle, by his successor, Dr. E. C. Waring; that of Dr. James M. Buckley, for 30 years editor of the Christian Advocate and probably its most able editor, and who was in 12 general conferences, by Dr. J. R. Joy, present editor of that paper; that of Dr. E. C. E. Dirion, formerly editor of Zion's Herald, Boston, by Dr. Edgar Blake; that of W. B. Sheridan, for many years secretary of the Epworth league, was read by Dr. Charles Guthrie of Chicago; Dr. F. D. Broad by Dr. John Stevens of California; Dr. C. E. Lake by Dr. Kieve; Bishop Frank M. Bristol presided at the service and Dr. George Elliott of Detroit made the opening prayer.

DELEGATES STOP ON WAY

Party of 80 or 90 En Route to San Francisco Visit Portland.

A deputation of between 80 and 90 delegates to the convention of the national foreign trade council reached Portland yesterday from eastern states and departed for San Francisco, the convention city, after spending three hours here. The delegates arrived via the Great Northern at 7:10 last night and departed over the Southern Pacific at 11:15. Frank A. Arnold of New York headed the delegation of visiting business men, who hailed from cities in every state from Chicago eastward. There were several women in the party, which occupied five Pullmans. Many of the visitors are old friends here and there were numerous informal reunions.

NEW BILLS AT THE THEATERS

Orpheum. Baker. BY LEONE CASS BAER. FLORENCE TEMPEST, remembered as the tiny one of the duo, Tempest and Sunshine, returns on the Orpheum bill with a new sparkling act and she herself is just as dainty as ever. She is assisted this year by three young men, Alton and Allen, sprightly dancers and singers, too, and George Harris, who, by the way, was piano accompanist for Dorothy Jordan in her first Orpheum tour. Miss Tempest is beautiful to behold, whether in skirts or trousers and her new act is so constructed that she makes several changes of costume. In the finale she is a dashing young man in full dress. The act is exceptionally well staged with novel lighting effects and opportunity is given Mr. Harris to show his ability at the piano. Miss Tempest responded to six curtain calls.

Sylvester Schaffer is a versatile chap who rolls a dozen tricks of the trade into one interesting act. He first appears as a Persian doing the sleight-of-hand tricks, then he juggles a little better than some of the best with sticks and spheres. Next he paints a picture of well-balanced proportions, excellent perspective and artistic composition. So many of the pictures painted hurriedly on the stage are all chronoscopy "winter scenes" or "moonlight on a river" or "sunsets" mercifully softened by a dimming of the lights. Then Schaffer gives a bit of stone d'ya on which two picturesque peasants in colorful attire herded a flock of geese while a "red-topped" birdie and a homelike touch among the distant trees, created genuine appreciation. A sharpshooter who shoots fair and true. He dashes in astride a sorrel horse and puts the snaffle through a series of steps and finishes with a Romanesque juggling adventure in which he juggles two balls and supports a chariot with two horses have dragged in. A "leaping young lady assisting" Schaffer. Madame Claire Forbes is a distinguished pianist and of headline consequence. She is the piano soloist of the Boston Symphony orchestra, and presents a delightful series of three numbers. She plays Albeniz' "Spanish Dance" the "Love Dream" from Liszt and an excerpt from the Tschalkowsky concerto in B flat minor, which was arranged by Madame Forbes for vaudeville. Conceded to be the most difficult classic written for piano, it is seldom played by a woman. Madame Forbes' playing of the excerpt, which took about five minutes, was remarkable for its brilliance and electrifying in effect.

To dreamy waits music two splendidly arranged by Madame Forbes for a beautiful demonstration in physical strength and athletic development. The act is worked by a quiet simplicity, a total absence of the spectacular or "give-me-your-kind applause" and a beautiful and lovely beauty was constantly applauded.

Another very popular act in the opening show yesterday afternoon was that of Demarest and Doll with songs and dances and tomfoolery at the piano by the masculine member of the live couple. The act was well proved himself to be a piano virtuoso with the left hand. The girl of this act is presumably, has a melodious singing voice and shines, too, as a dancer.

The Rosalires open the show with a wire act that teems with novelty. A hammock and a wall conceal the tight wires. In a brilliant, the couple disappears and the couple goes through stunts that are all worth while and very entertaining. Mill Collins, "speaker of the house," has some apt observations to make in his monologue, about the burning political questions of the hour, the cost of high living and women. He occasions much hilarity.

Lyric.

SONG hits and comedy with a laughable plot running through it all make the musical comedy "The Prince of Pilsner," which opened at the Lyric yesterday, one of the most popular bills which that theater has put on this season. There is a riot of fun going from the beginning to the final curtain and love affairs get tangled up and are finally untangled to the satisfaction of everybody, even the audience.

There is a prince and a princess and an American girl who, of course, starts some lively scenes. When Ben Dillon as the king of Bolero and Al Prank as his secretary add a comically humorous punch to the scenes. Some of the song hits include: "The Crocodile" by the melodious Matthew "I'll Be Your Baby Vamp" by Billie Bingham; "Cuddle Up" by Carleton Chase; "Laughing Irish Eyes" sung by Dot Raymond and "Lonesome Lad," sung by Clarence Wurdig. In one of the scenes a dummy suddenly comes to life and adds a little excitement to the comedy.

The leading part, that of the prince, is played by the handsome young man, Billie Bingham appears as the princess and Dot Raymond as the American girl.

Man in Fleeing Auto Killed.

ABERDEEN, Wash., May 9.—Charles Watson of Doty, Wash., was shot and fatally wounded this afternoon by police officers who claim that he refused to obey an order to halt an automobile in which he was riding with a companion, George A. Oakland of this city. He died in the general hospital here this afternoon. Oakland is being held on a liquor charge, officers claiming to have found 10 gallons of moonshine whiskey in the car.

"Hang Me," Man Tells Police.

"I want you to hang me," calmly announced Jacob Hall, 45, to officers as he walked into the police station late last night. Shortly after Hall's entrance his wife and son arrived to inquire his whereabouts. They said Hall for some time has imagined that he is an object of contempt to everyone. Hall was held for examination by alienists.

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State Chamber of Commerce Vote Delayed.

NO OPPOSITION FOUND

College Millage Advocates Now Report They Have Secured 370 Pledges of Support.

A favorable vote on the 1.25 mill measure for higher education in Oregon has been received by the state chamber of commerce from commercial clubs in 19 counties, which would have given the bill the official endorsement of the state chamber but for the fact that Medford, Eugene and Gold Beach were a few days late in sending in their vote. The requirement of the state chamber for an official endorsement called for representation from not fewer than 18 counties prior to closing day.

Not a commercial club in the statewide referendum conducted by the state chamber voted against the higher educational measure, which ranked even with the good roads amendment, upon which 19 counties also responded favorably. The commercial clubs sending in the formal representation of the higher educational tax act, were those of Salem, Oregon City, Medford, The Dalles, Molalla, Umatilla, Warrenton, Roseburg, Pendleton, Corvallis, Astoria, Bend, Brownsville, Boardman, Dallas, Grants Pass, Hopper, Lapine, La Grande, Marshfield, Myrtle Point and Gold Beach.

Referendum Not Necessary. A considerable number of other commercial clubs have formally endorsed the measure without having sent in a referendum vote. Among these are Wapinitia, Enterprise, Mapleton, Albany, Redmond, Tillamook, Ashland, Hood River, Cottage Grove and Pilot Rock and the federated community clubs of Marion county.

In addition, so many endorsements have been received from non-official business men's clubs, such as Kiwanis clubs, civic clubs, rotary boards, clubs and ad clubs and so on, that the business men of the state are believed to stand substantially behind the measure. Indorsements of all kinds now total 370 for the "college millage act."

Garage Has \$400 Fire.

Fire which broke out in the automobile repair establishment of Kepley & Powell, 433 Alder street, yesterday afternoon, did about \$400 worth of damage to equipment and the building before it was extinguished. The fire, believed to be of spontaneous combustion origin, started between a chest of tools and a wall. Besides the fire damage there was considerable smoke damage. The building is the property of the Elks lodge. Engines 2, 21 and 1 and chemical 1 and truck 3 responded to the fire alarm.

It is a highly entertaining one-act musical and dramatic playlet that Homer and Adah Lind present at the Hippodrome theater, appearing in "The Singing Teacher." Mr. Lind, late of H. W. Savage's Parasol Opera company and the Metropolitan Opera House of New York, scintillates as the gray-haired old-time vocal teacher. Miss Lind is the demure and winsome student, who had gone to the big city to sing and ad libitum makes a big bit not alone for its comedy and appeal of plot but through its delightful vocal and violin selections.

The photo-play feature provides plenty of stirring scenes, with J. Warren Kerrigan starring in "The White Man's Chance," the plot of which is largely laid in Mexico. It took the dashing young "Mexican" exactly two seconds to stir things in the sleepy town and his actions also stir the nerves and feelings of those who view the screen action.

Noble has an entertaining act, performing a number of stunts under water in a glass tank. She acts, sings and does any number of seemingly impossible things under water.

The Twentieth Century Four are pretty girls with melodious voices who give a varied programme of rag-time and grand opera. One of their number provides loads of fun for her drooleries.

Sheppard and Dunn are two dapper youths who sing and dance entertainingly. Stryker, a contortionist, who gets badly twisted up, and Sylvester, who is also quite a mixer and clever with his hands, complete the bill.

SEARCH OF WELL FUTILE

Body of Alleged Companion of Bluebeard Not Found. LOS ANGELES, Cal., May 9.—A search in an abandoned well without result for the body of the woman alleged to have been seen in the vicinity with James P. Watson, who is to be sentenced tomorrow on the plea of guilty to the murder of one of the "wives" he is said to have confessed slaying, was the principal development in the case tonight. Two civil war veterans at the national soldiers' home at Sawtelle, near Los Angeles, identified Watson as a man they saw go into the Santa Monica hills with a woman last January. They said they saw the man leave the hills alone near the well. Officers who examined the well reported there was no trace of a body there.

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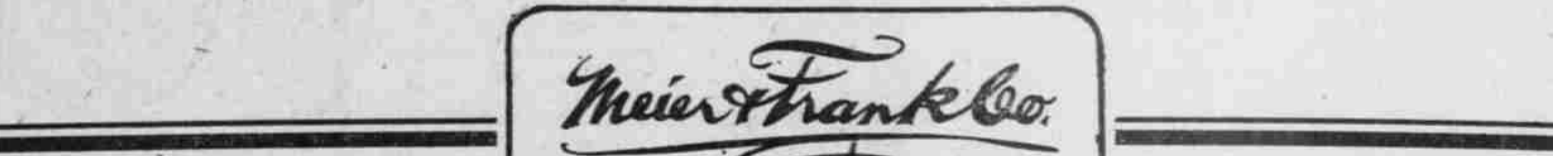
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