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THE ENERAL ASSEMBLY.

SABBATH, MAY 27.

Our citizens were given the benefit of the presence of the members of the General Assembly in a popular way. The churches of the city were occupied by visiting ministers. Some strong sermons were preached and general expressions of favor are heard. As they were not a part of the assembly proceedings it is only necessary to refer to them incidentally. The writer heard the Moderator in the morning at the U P church in a discourse of much talent, and W J Reid, the stated clerk, in the evening. He is a popular talker. Dr McClennahan's S. S. discourse was full of learning. Dr Reid's talk to a mass meeting of Junior Endeavors of the city at 4 o'clock was one of the treats of the day. Between 300 and 400 members communed at the services at the church in the morning, the preparatory sermon for which had been delivered the evening previous by Dr Hanna. The delegates pronounced the day one of spiritual feasts.

MONDAY MORNING May 27.

Assembly met and was opened with prayer by Rev Frazier.

A memorial from the lay delegates to the Assembly asks that the list of deceased elders be published in connection with the minutes of the Assembly, was referred to the committee on bills and overtures. The committee on Sabbath schools made the following report:

"It's 'matter regret', data furnished us is not more complete. Five presbyterians; viz, Indiana, Monmouth, Ohio, Pittsburgh and Vermont representing fifty-seven schools have sent no reports. Other presbyteries send incomplete reports; in all making one hundred and seven schools from which we have no statistics. Had it not been for this omission it is believed that substantial progress would appear in almost every department of work. As compared with the report of 1893 advancement has been made in the number of elders attending Sabbath schools; the number of scholars; in the total average attendance of scholars and teachers and in some other particulars. There has been a slight decrease in the amount contributed by the schools as compared with the last report. In view of these facts we recommend

1. That in as much as we have forty less Sabbath schools than congregations not withstanding the fact that a number of congregations report more than one school we urge that in every congregation, at least one Sabbath school be organized unless circumstances render such an organization absolutely impracticable.

2. That the Presbyterial Sabbath school superintendents be directed to make strenuous efforts to secure a report from every Sabbath school in the church and report the same to the permanent committee.

3. That we express our gratitude to Almighty God for his blessing upon this department of the church's work during the past year.

4. That conferences and conventions be held in the different presbyteries under the direction of the Presbyterial Sabbath school superintendents wherever practicable.

5. That the third Sabbath of Oct be appointed as a day of special prayer for Sabbath schools in all our churches; and the last Sabbath of June 1895 as missionary day.

6. That the contributions of the Sabbath schools be appropriated as heretofore viz: First quarter (July—Sept) Foreign missions. Second quarter (Oct—Dec) Home missions. Third quarter (Jan—Mar) Church extension. Fourth quarter (Apr—June) Freedman's mission

The Assembly next proceeded to take up the unfinished business left over from Saturday. This was the consideration of the report of the committee on Bills and Overtures. To the second section of this report, relating to the opening and closing of the sessions in our Allegheny Theological Seminary, Dr A G Wallace offered the following amendment:

"That the directors in control of the seminary be allowed to exercise their descretion as to the time of opening and closing of the session, provided that the term of study be not shortened and that the directors report to the assembly their action in this matter," which after some little discussion was adopted.

In regard to the third section of this report relating to a general delegate fund and on which the committee reported that no action be taken, the assembly adopted the report of the committee.

The fourth section, relating to Sabbath school music and anthems for children, was likewise adopted as reported by the committee.

Section five of this report, relating to free church papers to our foreign missionaries, was likewise adopted.

Section six, relating to the issuing of a church Thanksgiving proclamation by the moderator, and which was recommended favorably, was adopted.

Section seven, relating to the memorial from Brookvills Pres., regarding the word "Sunday" and which was reported adversely, was adopted.

Section eight of this report or memorial from Concordia Pres., on union of Psalm singing churches, and which was reported favorably was adopted heartily.

Section nine or memorial from Presbytery from Caledonia, relating to the assembly's meeting in a more central part of the church and which was reported adversely, was passed unanimously.

The next paper on the docket, was the report of the committee on Sabbath schools, which was taken up and passed the assembly, without any alteration.

Dr Meley's paper on the Industrial condition of the country and which was laid on the table at a former session was taken from the table and referred to the "Committee on Reform." A resolution on the present condition of our country was referred by Elders R C McKinney and J W Gault and referred to the committee on reform.

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DEMOCRATIC TICKET.

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J J Whitney, Albany
N P Crume, Shedd.

Commissioner—W E Potter, Fox Valley.

Clerk—C E Stanard, of Brownsville.

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Assessor—S O Wallace, Lebanon.

School Superintendent—F M Mitchell, Albany.

Coroner—Frank Farrell, Albany.

FOUND.—Near the Jewish Cemetery, a pair of shoes. Call on J R Douglas the Santiam gardner, for leave word at Parker Bros.

Report from the committee on Freedmans missions was presented to the assembly for its consideration. At this point Rev McCullough, D D, of Knoxville College was invited to address the assembly. The Dr spoke encouraging of the work among the Freedmen. That other things being equal; the colored people are capable of receiving an education as well as the whites. The doctor emphasized the success of the Industrial department of this school and urged that it might be kept up and encouraged. Rev J B Work, of Norfolk College, was next called upon to address the assembly in behalf of the work among the Freedmen at this point. He spoke of the evil results which still follows as a result of their long period of slavery—that every noble principle in them has been trampled out and that conscience among them is wanting save where they have had the uplifting influences of christian schools.

AFTERNOON SESSION, MAY 28.

Assembly was opened with prayer and after the calling of the roll and reading of the minutes, took up the order of the day which was the consideration of the report of the committee on Home missions. The committee presented a report of which the following is a synopsis: That never before has there been such an encouraging report handed in from the board. In spite of the financial condition of the country the contributions of the year have exceeded those of any former year by $5000. It recommends a grant for next year of $79,657 to which must be added $10,768 borrowed from the reserve fund; in all $90,425. Also the adoption of the following resolutions.

1st That we express our gratitude to God from whom have come the marked blessings of the past year.

2. The adoption of the annual report of the board of the General committee. This included the adoption of some five resolutions, one of which provoked some little discussion. "That hereafter the failure of any mission to pay its full quoto to the boards of the church shall operate as a barrier to the granting of its request for aid." Dr A G Wallace offered an amendment substituting the words, "a reasonable contribution" instead of its full quota, which was adopted.

3. An expression of the high appreciation of the energy with which the board has conducted its work and seizing the strategic points of the mission field.

4 That pastors and sessions be urged to educate their people to feel obligated to meet the obligations laid upon them by the assembly and that the obligations be met quarterly.

5. That financial agents of Presbyteries send out quarterly statements to each congregation stating their obligations and urging that they be met in full.

6. That the assembly take such steps as will make the quota an assessment for which Presbyteries shall hold their congregations responsible.

7. While the General committee of missions is not in all respects satisfactory, yet it is the best that can be devised at present and recommends no change.

8. That a committe of five be appointed to report to the next assembly on the constitutions of the General committee of Home missions, with a special view to securing, if possible, some degree of continuity in the membership of the General committee.

EVENING SESSION.

The assembly took up the unfinished business, which was the consideration of the report of the committee on Freedmens mission. This report was, in substance, as follows:

1st. Resolved. That we record our gratitude to God for his continued blessing upon this work.

2. That we heartily approve the work of the board, of the missionaries and teachers in their several stations.

3. That we especially commend the effort put forth to carry on the work in the Industrial department.

4. That we urge the prosecution of the work of reaching the children of this once enslaved race and "instead of the fathers take the children and make them noble princes in the land."

This report was adopted without alteration.

Eight o'clock was the hour set for the Elders conference. According to program announced, Mr Dick, of Pittsburg, Pa., presided and we can say, he displayed much talent in this direction.

The first speaker was Mr T H Gault, of Chicago, Ill. His subject was: "The Offering—a Part of Worship." He set forth the truth that the offering, to be true, must be from the heart, and, drew an illustration from the "widows mite."

Mr W S Heide next spoke on "Tithe." He spoke from a personal experience of four years in tithing and claimed it has been binding all along—in each dispensation. Generosity begins only after the tenth which belongs to God has been given him. The reward is not only spiritual but temporal.

"The Envelope System" was presented by Mr A M Scott of Braddock, Pa. He met the common objections to this system in a forcible manner. The fact that the system is new or that there is too much work connected with it was shown to be groundless. Mr Scott exploded the method of raising funds by socials.

"The Pastor and Finance" was the subject assigned Mr J D Ferguson, Philadelphia, Pa. The speaker was in favor of the pastor taking an active part in church finances

Mr W M Brown, of Sparta, Ill., spoke on "The Elder and Finance." He spoke of the leading place which the elder should take in church finance. He should not wait to the end of the year to pay his part of the pastors salary.

The obligation to pay the quota compared with the obligation to pay congregational expenses" which was the last subject, was discussed by Robert C McKinney, of Hamilton, Ohio. These two obligations were placed on an equality and equally binding.

After the conference held last evening, the success of an elders conference was made manifest and Presbyterial Elder's conferences will doubtless be more frequent in the future. Happy are those churches which have such elders as spoke last evening and Presbyteries which have a Mr Dick to preside.

MORNING SESSION, MAY 29.

After the usual devotional exercises, the first order of business was fixing the place of meeting of the next General Assembly. Invitations were received from the 6th Church, Pittsburgh, Pa.; from Bellefountain, O., from Xenia, O. The vote of the assembly was seventy in favor of Pittsburgh, one in favor of Bellefountain, O., and fifty-one in favor of Xenia, O.

An invitation was then extended from the Chartiers congregation in Cannonsburg, Pa., to the committee of Home missions to meet there. Indiana, Pa., also extended an invitation but the assembly decided in favor of Cannonsburg, Pa.

The assembly then proceeded to the business of the hour, which was the consideration of the report of committee on Foreign missions. The report, in substance, is as follows: It has been a year of unusual loss and hardship. The death of the venerable Dr Dales, late secretary of this board and the death of the wife of a young missionary, the return of four more on account of failure in health and the feeble health of five more; supply of new workers being wholly inadequate to meet the needs of the field and three being sent out the past year makes it a year of unusual loss and hardship. On the other hand there have been many encouraging features. Each field reports marked growth and prosperity. The appointment of four new missionaries by the board, and their virtual acceptance shows that the missionary spirit in the church is not dead. The following resolutions were presented for adoption:

1st. That the assembly hereby express its high appreciatation of the very efficient, and largely gratuitous services of the late Corresponding Secretary, Rev J B Dales, D D, and also its deep sense of loss in his removal by death.

2. That the appointment of a Field secretary is asked for by the seminaries and certain Presbyteries, would give this board an undue advantage in its work and is therefore not now desirable.

3. That the salary of the treasurer of the board be increased to $500 and that such increase date from Oct 1893, when the present treasurer entered upon his office.

4. In answer to the memorial from Monongahela Presbytery, asking that a corresponding secretary be appointed who shall give his time to the work, committee recommend that it be not granted.

With reference to the plans of the board submitted to this assembly for its approval, we recommend the following:

1. We confirm the appointment to India of Rev Geo E Henderson of Glen Elder, Kas., Miss Minnie Spencer of Columbus, Neb., and Miss M Fulton, of Summerfield, Kas. We also confirm the appointment to Egypt of Miss Minnhaha Finney, of Knoxville, Tenn.

2. We authorize the board to appoint and send out as speedily as possible two male and two female missionaries to India and one male and two female missionaries to Egypt.

3. We authorize the board to send to each mission field one or more qualified persons who shall be employed, so much of their time as may be necessary, in educating the children of the missionaries, provided that the parents of these children shall compensate the board for the portion of the time of the missionaries so employed.

4. We authorize the reduction of the first term of service in a mission field to seven years; the subsequent terms of service to remain as at present, namely, ten years.

WESTMINISTER COLLEGE ALUMNI MEETING.

(R T Campbell.)

During the session of the Assembly in Albany the thought came to some one to call a meeting of all the Alumni, present, of Westminister College. This movement resulted in the discovery that away out here on the Pacific coast; at a meeting of the General Assembly thirty-nine Alumni of Westminister College could be found. The different classes represented were as follows: One from the class of '56; two from the class of '59; two from '60; two from '63; two from '64; three from '66; one from '68; three from '71; two from '72; three from '74; two from '75; one from '69; one from '79; two from '81; three from '82; two from '86; three from '87; one from '88; one from '89; and two from '91.

It was thought fitting owing to the large number present to meet some evening in a social way and invite all the Alumni to be present and their wives. Accordingly, on hearing this, Mr and Mrs Sam'l E Young, who possess that large spirit of hospitality characteristic of this North-west, sent a request that the Alumni accept their invitation to meet and spend an evening socially with them. This invitation was kindly accepted; and on Monday evening a party of forty or more led by Dr Hanna, proceeded to the home of Mr and Mrs Young; where they were given a hearty welcome and made to feel at home in their beautiful parlors. This meeting was honored by the presence of Dr Black, who was among the first professors in Westminister College; his term dating from '53 to 64.

The Doctor spoke, in his usual modest way, of the little good he had been able to accomplish in life; but expressed the joy it gave him to see those who were once under him occupying high positions in the church and in the world.

This was responded to, in a speech by Dr J A Wilson, Dr Witherspoon and others who assured the venerable Doctor that his labors had ever been appreciated and had been a moulding factor, for good, in their lives. Congratulatory speeches, expressive of the good work Westminister was doing and of her progress in recent years were made by Rev M M Gibson, D D, of San Francisco; by Pres Spencer, of Cooper Memorial College; by Dr J D Rankin and Rev T J Wilson. The following resolutions were adopted by a unanimous vote: "We the members of the Alumni Association of Westminister College, in Albany, Oregon assembled do most heartily rejoice in the evidence of prosperity that is being enjoyed by our beloved Alma Mater.

Especially are we gratified to learn that by the generosity of her friends such an important advance step could be made in her equipments as the erection of the Mary Thompson Science Hall. And we would earnestly commend the example of these friends to other persons, of means, in the belief that no more lasting monument can be erected to a man's memory than that which results from the investment of a good gift upon a worthy institution of learning. We would furthermore desire to assure the Faculty and Trustees of the college of our undiminished affection for our Alma Mater and pledge them our influence and cooperation in any efforts that may look towards the advancement of her interests, and especially would we seek to direct the young people of our respective communities toward her walls to secure an education and to encourage men of wealth among our acquaintance to bestow upon her their gifts."

AFTERNOON SESSION, TUESDAY, MAY 28.

After the usual devotional exercises, the assembly passed to the order of the day, which was the consideration of the report of the committee on education. They report the two Theological seminaries have been fully manned with four acting professors in each. One hundred and nine students have been in attendance, seventy-six at the Allegheny seminary, and thirty-three at the Xenia seminary, an increase of three over last year. The endowments of these schools has been increased by $17,784; $8000 being received by Xenia seminary, and $9,784 by the Allegheny seminary. In the five synodical colleges of our church we learn that there have been in attendance, in Westminister, 238; 119 of these being in the collegiate department. In Tarkio, 226 in attendance, 72 being in the collegiate department. In Cooper Memorial, 100 students, 17 being in collegiate department, from Muskingum, no report has been received. In the three academies there have been 161 students, 47 in Marissa, 70 in Pawnee City, and 44 in Waitsburg. Each of these academies has been aided by the board of Education. A memorial from the Synod of Iowa asking that the General Assembly appropriate $2500 towards the colleges under the control of the synods of the United Presbyterian church to be distributed under the direction of the General Assembly, by the board of Education. On this memorial the committee offered the following:

1. Resolved, That $20,000 be appropriated to the colleges of Westminister, Monmouth, Muskingum, Tarkio and Cooper Memorial and the two seminaries, Allegheny and Xenia.

2. That the work of raising the amount be entrusted to the board of Education.

3. That the board of Education be instructed to distribute this amount as follows: $500 to each of the seven institutions named. Of the balance two-thirds shall go to the college and one-third to the seminaries. The balance to be distributed in proportion to the attendance in these various institutions reported during the year 1893-4, the attendance being based upon the basis of the number of students in the collegiate department.

The next report taken up for consideration was the report of the committee on board of Publication. The committee reported congratulating the board on its financial success, that notwithstanding the stringency of the times their business has increased and they have made money. The sinking fund has increased $3,000. The board has been faithful in introducing Bible Songs into union meetings, non-sectarian schools and etc. Notwithstanding all her financial success, the committee feel that the board of Publication has not enough missionary spirit; that they are more for making money than furthering the cause of our church. Its prices are two high and it is not popular with many of its customers. The committee present the following resolutions (which have been abridged) for their adoption.

1. In order to increase the popularity and efficiency of this board of the church, do recommend the appointment of a committee of three to examine into the policy, work, business methods, complaints, and etc., and report to the next General Assembly. As would be expected this resolution provoked no little discussion, but was voted down with a large majority.

2. That the Assembly approves of the advertisements in the Christian Union, quarterlies and other periodicals to help pay expenses; but we feel great caution should be shown in the selection of them. Dr Reid offered the following amendment "Resolved that the assembly disapprove of any advertisement in the Christian Union or Bible Teacher" but the amendment was lost, and the resolution of the committee was adopted.

3. That the business manager and editor of the Christian Union be directed to make this paper wholly devoted to the interests of the young people and not aim to make it a family journal. This resolution was voted down, but afterwards a motion was made for reconsideration and carried. A second vote on the resolution, however, resulted the same as the first.

4. That the board be ordered to issue, as soon as possible, an edition of the Bible Songs without the denominational imprint; or if this be impracticable to prepare and publish without this imprint another book suitable for use in union meetings and by other churches. After some discussion the resolution was adopted.

5. That the board of Publication be relieved from further oversight of Sabbath School work and that a superintendent and a committee on Sabbath Schools be appointed. The assembly did not sustain the committee in this part of their report.

6. That the board of Publication be directed to dispense with its retail department, as at present conducted and that it do all its retail business through depositories. The vote of the assembly was against this resolution. To this report Dr A G Wallace offered the following resolution for incorporation into the report: Resolved, that the board of Publication be requested to omit, hereafter, in all future editions of the Bible Songs, the preface as found on the first leaf Rev M G Kyle also offered a resolution which was incorporated and which is: Resolved, that we request the board of Publication to strike out from the title page of the Psalter, in all future editions the words—"Of the United Presbyterian church of North American." After all these alterations the report as a whole was adopted.

EVENING SESSION.

The order of the day for the evening was a conference on Sabbath Schools. Rev Albert Wareham, of the Presbtery of Albany presided. Prof Wiley, of Monmouth, Ill., presented a paper on the "Organization and Management of Sabbath Schools." Rev Samuel J Lindsey, to whom was assigned the subject of "Presbyterial Institute" was not present and so was omitted. Rev D A McClenahan, D D, next presented a paper on "Advanced Bible Study". The author of this paper, while not condemning the International Sabbath School Lessons, yet endeavored to show that they are too fragmentary. To remedy this the author recommended a "Book Study" of the Bible and also that it be studied by subjects. Proceeance, however, was given to book study, as the prime method. Rev S J Kyle, of Argyle Presbytery, spoke on "Primary Work in the Sabbath School." The speaker emphasized the importance of children in the Sabbath School. They should be first hunted out and then instructed. Childhood is the time for lasting impressions to be made and the only time when the mind is pliable. Rev S B Smiley, of Cannonsburg, Pa., spoke on the "Primary Object of all Sabbath School Work." The primary object was set forth as being not merely the gathering together of so many pupils or presenting to them certain lessons, but rather the effort to glorify God in the salvation of souls.

MORNING SESSION WEDNESDAY, MAY 30.

The assembly was opened with prayer. The first work of the day was the consideration of the report of the committee on Bible Songs. This committee reported that the standing committee on this work has secured the introduction of Bible Songs in services connected with the Bible Institute, Chicago, under the charge of D L Moody. Owing to the prejudice among other denominations to our Bible Songs and Psalter as being denominational the committee suggested the publication of a book similar to Bible Songs, but without the imprint that would make it as denominational We therefore recommend that our Board of Publication be directed to publish at as early a date as possible a book of the general character of Bible Songs, but without the denominational imprint. Also, resolved: That the Board of Publication be directed to insert the 126th Psalm in the future editions of the Bible Songs.

Next was the report of committee on church extension. The work of this Board for the past year has been very gratifying indeed; and the committee presented the following resolutions for adoption

1. That we approve of the conduct of the Board for the past year.

2. That we commend and recommend the business method of the Board of Church Extension.

3. That we urge Presbyters to scrutinize, more fully, all applications for grants in the future, so that the church's funds be not needlessly appropriated.

4. That while we do look with favor upon grants to churches built upon leased ground, yet we would recommend an exception in the case of Sioux City.

5. That we urge upon the Board to press more fully upon congregations the duty of having their property secured to the United Presbyterian church.

6 That the Board designed a special object for the contributions of the church for the third quarter.

7. That we gratefully acknowledge the aid given to this Board by the Womans Board.

8 That we express thanks to the members of the Board for their work during the past year.

The next matter of business was the consideration of the report of the committe on reform. After a brief preface expressing gratitude to God for his blessings upon our nation. The report, after many alterations was adopted as follows:

Resolved 1st, That as the subjects of government grants for sectarian and religious purposes, especially among the Indians, are attracting widespread attention and are being used by denominations of Christians. And since there is before Congress at present a bill appropriating about $365,000 annually of the public funds to this purposes or almost three times as much as to all the other churches combined, which enable them to establish schools and gather in large tracts of land on the reservations, and to import foreign Priests and Nuns to manage these schools which is both unconstitutional and unAmerican.

2. That this General Assembly representing as large and patriotic constituency believe that the money used in the education of the Indians, should be expended, exclusively by government officials upon government schools, and we earnestly protest against that portion of the bill now before Congress which contemplates government appropriations for schools under rectarian control.

3. That we heartily sympathize with all those denominations who have declined to receive any further appropriations from the national government for the support of Indian work.

4 That a committee be appointed by the assembly whose nomination is referred to the committee on nominations, to cooperate with other protestant denominations in the use of all lawful means to bring to a termination all grants of money from the treasury of the U S for the use of religious denominations and associations of every kind.

5. That a copy of these resolutions be forwarded to congress as an expression of the sentiment of this assembly.

SABBATH. Resolved, 1st. That we view with alarm the growth of Sabbath profanation and the want of a conscientious regard for the sanctity of the Lord's day even by professing christians in the use of Sunday trains, reading of Sunday papers and books unsuitable to the sacredness of the Sabbath, receiving or depositing mail matter, or the performance of other unnecessary work. That we urge upon our people the faithful observance of the Sabbath as a day of rest.

3. That we commend all railroads and all other corporations which show respect for the scriptures and such laws for the Sabbath by ceasing their labors on the Holy Day.

3. That we urge the passage of the bill now before congress known as the "Blair's Sunday Rest Bill."

TEMPERANCE. Resolved, 1st. That we regard the liquor traffic as the overshadowing curse of this nation; an enemy to the peace, purity and prosperity of the home, the church and state. To license this traffic is a sin against God and a crime against humanity. Being morally wrong it can never be made legally right. "For the Son of God was manifested" not to regulate "but to destroy the works of the Devil." In this connection we lament the fact that one of our states enjoying the benefit of prohibition has taken a backward step and its legislation has so far forgotten the dignity of law as to bargain for the violation of its own statute. We believe that the time has fully come when christians should cease to be indifferent and should unite their efforts regardless of previous party affilliations for its complete suppression.

2. That in our judgment no christian can be held innocent of wrong-doing who, when a moral question is at issue so votes as to be counted against the side of righteousness.

CHRISTIAN AMENDMENT Resolved, 1st, That we lament that there is not more distinct and full recognition of the existence of Christ as the ruler of the nation and the supremacy of His law as revealed in the scriptures in our national constitution than it now contains. That we urge the passage of the joint resolution proposing the amendments to the constitution of the U S, now tabled by the committe of the house and senate covering this matter.

2. That the petition put into our hands be signed by the moderator and clerk for this Assembly and returned to the petitioners.

3. That we commend the national reform Assembly for the work of bringing the Christian Amendment before congress during the past year.

INDUSTRIAL REFORM. Resolved 1st. We view with sorrow the depression of the times and the distress and poverty of many of our citizens. That we sympathise with the worthy poor, those willing to work who cannot find employment; and those who have been unable to find a market for their produce. And that by our prayers and in every way possible we will show the Good Samaritan spirit for their relief.

2. That we will use our rights of citizenship in the selection of such men as will rule in the "fear of the Lord" and legislate for the welfare of our great republic.

Owing to the pressure of business the assembly were unable to take the time to march to the graves of the departed soldiers and to show their appreciation of their services and their gratitude to God for his blessing on this nation the assembly organized in a special season of prayer led by Rev J D Brownlee who himself was an old soldier.

Mrs Overman presented the largest rose of the season to Dr Reid, the first clerk of the Assembly as being the largest handsomest man in the Assembly.

MONDAY

HE WAS NOT GUILTY.—The Yaquina Post says: T C Jeffries, arrested at Yaquina City and bound over to answer the charge of capsizing a coat from the regular coach attached to the O P train, of which he had charge as car cleaner, was promptly on hand when court met to face his doom. He claimed from the start that he never committed the theft, and when called before the grand jury here he emphatically denied his guilt; and when he was informed by the jury that they knew he was not guilty, that the guilty one had made a full confession, entirely exonerating him, and only called him to know what he had to say as to the further prosecution of the matter, he only begged, if 'twere possible, to drop the matter right here, averring that he would rather plead guilty to a crime he did not commit, and suffer the full penalty of the law, than that the real criminal should suffer. Well, the grand jury did not find "a true bill" against T C Jeffries.

MEMORIAL SERVICES. — The annual memorial services began in this city yesterday by popular public exercises at the opera house. Rev Curtis, of the Congregational church delivered the sermon, a patriotic effort, sensible and appropriate. Excellent music was furnished for the occasion and the hall was tastily decorated. The attendance was large. On Wednesday the regular decoration exercises of the day will occur. The procession, consisting of many societies of the city, school children, veterans, etc, will march at 9:30 headed by the Mechanic's band, followed by F Co. firemen, secret societies, closing with the G A R and citizens. The exercises will occur around the grave of the late Mr Edward Robinson. President J M Bloss, of the State Agricultural College will deliver the address.

STATE GRANGE.—The following officers were elected for the ensuing two years: Master, J Voorhees, of Marion; overseer, A S Roberts, Wasco; chaplain, J C White, Polk; treasurer, J B Stump, Marion; lecturer, A F Miller, Multnomah; steward, J H Scott, Linn; assistant steward, G R Stephenson, Clackamas; secretary, W M Hilleary, Marion; gatekeeper, John Simpson, Lane; pomona, Mrs Emma Spores, Lane; flora, Mrs Electra J Phillips, Benton; ceres, Mrs W J Edwards, Gilliam; lady assistant, Mrs M E Tull, Clackamas; executive committee, J Voorhees, W J Edwards, S A Dawson; legislative committee, J Voorhees, W O Warren, H E Hayes.

AN OLD BOOK.—We were shown a book one day this week by Mr Albert Wendall, which for ancientness surely caps the climax. It was printed at London in 1676 and is therefore 218 years of age. The title, "The History of the Lives, Acts and Martyrdom of the Holy Scriptures of our Savior and Two Evangelists Mark and Luke," is printed on the title page in large characters that today would seem very rude. The book has been in the Wendall family for the past 100 years. —Brownsville Times. As it lacks 111 years of being as old as a book of Dr Irvine's, of this city, it certainly does not cap the climax.

THE MINES.—We learn from parties who have recently been in the Calapooia and Blue River Mines that things up that way begin to look as though times would be lively up there in the near future. Men are coming from every direction and soon there will be several mills in operation. It looks very much as if this community is to do everything in his power to bring the wagon road to this place if the mines prove half as good as anticipated.—Times.

A MEAN TRICK.—Mr Charles Curran drove to the depot last evening in his buggy to meet the excursionists from Yaquina Bay. The train arrived about 11 o'clock, when Mr Curran went after his horse to return home. The animal was gone; but its harness was in the buggy, which Mr Curran pulled home himself, declaring vengance on the pepetrator of the trick.

QUITE JOKE.—Saturday evening Mr Ed Mills was taking a sleep on the bench on the south side of the depot, when some of his friends got a rope and tied him to the bench. The marshal was notified, without particulars; on arrival he placed handcuffs on him. And still he slept. The surprise on his awakening may be imagined.

A NOTED CASE.—Geo Decker was recently tried at Edgwood, Calif., for the murder of his wife and baby. He would have been found guilty; but they were produced alive and Mr Decker was discharged. The San Francisco Examiner devoted a great deal of attention to the case, attacking Decker severely. Mr Drais, with Perry Conn, of this city, has just received a letter from Decker, an intimate friend and former neighbor of his, in which the true animus of the prosecution is given. It was spite work. Several men, including the Examiner people, will be in hot water before the case is ended.

A ROBBERY.—Last evening while away from her home at the west end of Fifth street Mrs Howard lost $13.75. The door was left unlocked and some one entered and helped himself to the money. Mrs Howard had in the forenoon advised a lady friend not to leave her money when going out.

NOTICE.—Parties having flowers to give the Fire boys for Decoration day will please have them at the hall of Linn Engine Co. No 2 by 3 o'clock Tuesday. By order of committee.

Mr D W Fenton spoke to a large audience at the opera house Saturday evening. He dealt largely of the money and tariff questions and showed by facts incontestible that the cry that the present hard times is the result of the democrats succeeding to power is without reason and made for party purposes only.

Dr Hill is to deliver a populist speech a Eugene to-morrow night.

A live pugilistic contest occurred opposite the DEMOCRAT office this afternoon.

The gradgating class of the Eugene public schools consists of fifty two members.

Hon Ben Hayden is to talk at Brownsville next Friday evening. This will be a political treat.

The Albany juniors defeated the Independence juniors Saturday 26 to 13 in a lively amateur game.

There are about twenty-five applicants for the position of principal of the Albany schools, and about seventy-five for the positions of assistants.

In Yamhill county an effort is being made to elect a man because he is a cousin of Harvey Scott, of the Oregonian. It will have the opposite effect.

There will be one assessment in the A O U W order for the month of June. This makes assessments ($8) for the first six months of the year. Cheap insurance on $2000.

E F Chapman informs us that the lightning yesterday afternoon struck a tree at his place at Cedar Flat, and another near John McMahan's residence.—Eugene Guard. Some trees were also struck in Benton county.

The graduating exercises of the public school will occur on next Friday at 2 p m and 8 p m, in the opera house, when an admission of 10 and 15 cents will be charged. The class and the topics has heretofore been published. The program will be given in full previous to Friday.

W E Ortel left this noon for his new home at McMinville.

Dr Melloy, of Chicago, delivered the memorial sermon at Salem yesterday.

The President of the Rio Grande was in Albany today on a special. Several roads want the U P ministers to return by way of their route.

Mr Van Horn, who has been conductor on the street car for several months, has accepted a position on the Oregon Pacific. Ed Mills is taking his place temporarily.

Rev W E Dunlap, of Boyden, Iowa, a member of the Assembly, went to Lebanon Saturday to spend the Sabbath with some friends from Iowa. He returned this forenoon.

Prof W B Adams, for two years principal of the Grants Pass public schools is in the city. He is an applicant for the principalship of the Albany schools.

Mr Allen Chamberlin, who has been in the DEMOCRAT office several years, will leave tonight for California to reside. He is a faithful, reliable young man who can be depended upon, wherever he locates.

Postmaster Thos Monteith and wife and G W Simpson and wife returned Saturday evening from their trip to the Midwinter fair. Mr and Mrs Simpson were gone several months. They report a pleasant experience. The trip up on the Homer occupied forty-eight hours, and was as smooth and easy a ride as could be taken on the Willamette. Capt Denny of the Homer, came over to Albany to spend Sunday.

TUESDAY

CRAWFORDSVILLE.—The Democratic candidates spoke here on 24 th inst. They came too early in the day to have a large attendance but the impression made was decidedly in favor of the ticket. I believe it is admitted to be the best ticket in the field and will carry the full vote of the party here. Today (26th) the populist candidates presented their side of the question at large and told how they proposed to serve the country. So far the canvass has not been of a bitter nature here—but has been conducted in a gentlemanly manner.

The republicans speak at this place tomorrow and I suppose will demonstrate that "in a multitude of counsellors there is safety"

Crops looking well. Fruit mostly killed. Business dull though lumber is being moved rapidly. Let all come—there is plenty. The surveyor is now straightening up road lines and I suppose they will soon be in good shape and condition.

WESLEY.

A LANE CO ACCIDENT.—It is rare for a week to pass without a gun accident in Lane county. The Guard gives another: An 8 year old son of C N Aldrich, of the upper Mohawk valley, was the victim of the careless handling of a revolver Saturday that will probably cost him his life. With a brother a few years older he was assisting in hunting squirrels when by some accidental cause the 38 caliber revolver in the hands of the older brother was discharged, the ball entering the body of the younger in the forward part of the right side, about the lower portion of the lung, ranging downward and back a few inches above the left hip. It will necessarily be fatal.

BETTER OFF.—Items like the following from the Guard are to be regretted, and yet they show as how much better off Oregon is than her neat southern neighbor. A commercial traveler representing the large paper house of Crocker & Co. San Francisco, made us a call today. He has recently been through a large portion of California, and reports that state suffering from the worst drought ever experienced. He predicts good demand for Oregon produce this fall. The hay crop especially is short, and what was cut was badly damaged by a belated rain a few days since.

A POP SPEECH.—Our Tangent correspondent writes up a speech as follows, and we hereby give notice that we will not be responsible for the comment: J Clem, populist candidate for representative made a speech here on last Tuesday evening and he made such a rotten speech that the Pops left town early in the morning. They were ashamed of the speech and wanted to get out of town as quick as possible

THE FIRST STRAWBERRIES.—For the third season in succession Mr F H Hughson brought to the DEMOCRAT office from his fine Benton county gardens a couple boxes of strawberries, fully ripe. They are the Clark's seedling, a delicious berry, rivaling the Wilson in flavor, possessing a rich color and a sturdy character, as well as the advantages of an early growth. May Mr Hughson's berry crop be a big one.

SOME ADVICE.—When an official has conscientiously carried out the duties of the office to which he has been elected, in fact has tried and found to fully and perfectly perform the duties attaching to the same, it is the part of wisdom to continue him in the place.—Herald. Therefore vote for C G Jackson for sheriff. Mr Jackson has been tried and found to be competent and faithful.

FINE PICTURES.—The photographs of the members of the general assembly taken by Crawford & Paxton are a great success. There are 224 faces in the picture, very distinctly outlined. General satisfaction is expressed with them. The pictures may be secured, or order given and the photographs sent by U S mail or express mail.

To morrow being a legal holiday the post office will be only open from 8 to 9 a m and 5 to 6 p m.

There were only thirty persons out to hear the republican candidates at Oakville including women and children.

C S Jackson, of the Pendleton E O is to be appointed receiver of the National Bank, of Pendleton, recently suspended.

It is rumored that the Hovey, Humphrey & Co bank will be reopened in a short time, after having been reorganized.—Eug ne Guard.

Mrs Daniel Best, an old resident of Albany, but who has resided in San Leandro, Calif, several years, died in that city a few days ago. She was a woman highly respected.

The Maccabees will hold a picnic in Harklemans grove at this city on June 11 Members of the lodge in Corvallis, Lebanon and Jefferson will participate in the festivities of the day.

The O P sale is to occur on next Saturday. Will it occur. It has generally been thought that the sale would be perfected on this occasion; but the matter is not by any means settled.

While the Willamette river at Portland is very high, nearly the top notch, the river at this city is at its normal condition, being about 7 feet above low water. Back water causes the raise at Portland.

An item taken from the Albany Herald and published in the News of Wednesday evening stated in effect that Willis Nash had gone to New York. This is a mistake; the gentleman is in this city attending to his law business.—Corvalis News.

The delegates to the U P assembly are invited to make themselves at home in the rooms of the Y M C A corner 2nd and Ferry streets. The reading room is supplied with the best literature both religious and secular. The game room is yours while here and you are invited to make use of the gymnasium.

The womans missionary society of the First Presbyterian church held their regular monthly meeting Saturday afternoon. One of the principal points of interest brought out was the fact that not withstanding the hard times the womans boards of the First Presbyterian church had raised during the past year for home missions the large amount of $268.007 26, for the foreign field $295,016.39 being a total of over one half a million dollars raised for missions by these noble women.

O Sullivan has been sent to the soldier's home at Roseburg, from Salem.

Dr Bruce, the retiring moderator of the assembly, received a dispatch yesterday to come home on account of the serious illness of his 21 year old son with pneumonia, and left on the overland for Andes, N Y, his home.

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WEDNESDAY

HON BEN HAYDEN.

The veteran democratic war horse of the Rickreal will speak at the opera house in this city Saturday evening June 2nd at 7:30 o'clock. Democrats, populists, republicans prohibitionists and everybody else invited.