

METHODISTS WOULD SHUT FAIR SUNDAYS

Conference Introduces Resolution Asking Secretary of Treasury to So Interpret Act Making Appropriation--Liquor and Divorce Evil.

By Rev. C. E. Glisa. (Special Correspondence of The Journal.) Los Angeles, Cal., May 8.—A resolution was introduced and ordered printed to be over one day asking the secretary of the treasury to so interpret the act making an appropriation to close the gates of the exposition to visitors on Sunday. The resolution will surely be adopted.

The conference replied this morning to the attack made by Vicar Harnett of the local Catholic church. Father Harnett attacked the bishop's address to the conference last Thursday. The attack referred to that section of the address declaring the Roman Catholic church detrimental to the public school system, the reading of Bible and the supervision of political affairs. This morning the conference passed a resolution reiterating this particular section of the address and referred it to the committee on the state of the church.

Chancellor James R. Day of Syracuse university, New York, introduced a resolution on behalf of Methodist educators concerning an American university at Washington. The resolution contained a request that the university be not opened until \$5,000,000 endowment had been secured. The resolution was referred to the committee on education. It will be fought by Bishop C. C. McCabe, present chancellor of the university, who demands that the college be opened at once.

The first gun for the election of a colored bishop was fired on the second day of the session, when Rev. Dr. Elliott of Detroit, Mich., presented a resolution asking that the committee on the Episcopacy be instructed to inquire into the expediency of electing a bishop of African descent. He sharply criticized former general conferences for their attitude in the matter, and insisted that a white bishop can never understand the colored man as would one of their own race.

Rev. Charles F. McClellan, an eminent lawyer from Dodds Ferry, New York, replied in an able manner, declaring that no man should be elected to the high office of electing a bishop of African descent because he belongs to any particular class or color, but on his own personal ability and merit without regard to race.

Something of a rustic was produced in the vast audience by the first woman in the history of the church, a Mrs. Roberts, of Nebraska, getting the floor. Her purpose was the introduction of some minor resolution of no special importance. But she was the first woman.

The reading of the Episcopal address, however, was the great event of the day's session. The message of these venerable heads of the church is always fraught with great interest, and for more than two hours the conference listened to the message read by Bishop Fos of Philadelphia. Social and political questions were discussed with great breadth.

Concerning the questions of revelation and inspiration of the scriptures, they hold fast in the address to old-time orthodoxy.

Old Fashioned Revival. The absence of the old-fashioned revival in Methodism was frankly admitted, with a regret that the average present day preaching, and the services of the church generally, are not sufficiently adapted to interest active business and professional men, commercial men and the wage earner; that the time has come that the pulpit should sound a more modern note, seeking out live topics closer to present day needs.

"The services of our churches," it was declared, "should somehow be made more attractive to busy men, crowded by severe competition and assailed by seductive temptations."

Bribery and Vote Buying. Political corruption came in early for a full share of consideration. "Under a despotic form of government public affairs may be carried on without much practical interest among the people generally, but in a republic political intelligence and virtue in every one are indispensable in order to secure the stability of the government itself. Bribery, vote buying, the granting of enormous franchises in total defiance of the common people's interests, the brazen dictation of party bosses, are so common that thousands of the best citizens are well nigh dismayed.

"It is encouraging, however, to observe that these evils are not without rebuke in numerous instances. Civic clubs, municipal leagues for good government and the courts, are doing much to counteract these evils."

Employers and Employees. "One of the burning questions of the day is the relation of employer and employee. It is a matter that may smolder here or there for a time, but somehow it breaks forth every month, shaking the whole social fabric like an earthquake.

"Labor saving machinery and the aggregation of capital naturally tend to work hardship to the laboring man, and sharp collisions are alarmingly frequent and disastrous. Thus the struggle goes on. Great labor organizations have been formed, and the struggle is being waged by vast trusts wielding many millions of capital. Frequent strikes causing the loss of millions, attended by lockouts, boycotts, intimidation, arson, riot and assassination, resulting in great suffering to the public, with the police frequently overpowered and the military called forth, inaugurating a virtual state of war, until one side or the other, weary and exhausted, suddenly submits and some sort of a patched up compromise is agreed upon. Under such conditions the church cannot fail to be deeply interested, and should come between these vast contending forces, holding aloft the sermon on the mount and the golden rule."

"In all this contention it need hardly be said that the church must be with the common people.

"In spite of the blunders made by labor leaders, and the indefensible acts of their followers, the church must by lawful efforts endeavor by every means to better their condition. But the laboring men must learn from their friends that acts of violence hurts their own cause, and that law and order must at all hazards be maintained. We heartily approve the settling of all disputes between capital and labor by arbitration."

Liquor Traffic. The liquor traffic came under review as "a constant evil which stupefies the public heart and conscience and supports no plan of progress there can be. Two things have long been settled by American Methodists, namely: Total abstinence, and legal prohibition; for, unless it can be shown that total abstinence is a Christian duty, there can be no plan of progress."

THE DIVORCE EVIL. "We are convinced that the multiplication of divorces and the facility with which they are secured is an affront to decency. The solemn rebuke of the church and the sharp administration of the discipline to its members involved, is vital to the purity of the family and the well being of society."

The following is their recommendation on the subject of amusements: "Improper amusements, such as excessive indulgence therein, are a serious hindrance to the religious life, and furnish the first easy steps to the total loss of character.

"We therefore look with deep concern on the great increase of harmful amusements, particularly those going, promiscuous dancing and such games of chance as frequently lead to gambling. We affectionately admonish our people to make thoughtful and whether or not it will dull the spiritual life, and furnish an unwise example to others."

Thus it will be seen that mandatory law, as it is now in the book of discipline, will not likely give place to an appeal to an intelligent conscience; and this will no doubt be the action of the conference.

Mormanism, likewise, came in for a bit of surgical operation, being designated as "a raging cancer" vigorously pushing its propaganda in many parts of the country adjacent to the Rocky mountains, the remedy for which is an amendment to the constitution of the United States prohibiting, absolutely, polygamy on every acre of the national domain.

The address of which the above is in most respects a fair outline will probably be the action of the conference on the subject of the Russian war. Methodists from all parts of the country are convened.

CRUISER IS DESTROYED (Continued from Page One.) attack on Chemulpo, for the reason that interrupted cables between Vladivostok and Port Arthur, in possession of the Japanese, show that the Russians were preparing to attack Sasebo with the Port Arthur fleet on February 13, without any preliminary declaration of war.

Campaign Outlook. Japanese Minister Hayashi today said that General Kuroki probably would clash with General Kurapatkin's forces at Lailang, driving them back. The event of a Japanese occupation of Niu-chang a civil administration would be immediately appointed and the port opened to all nations.

Admiral Togo will dock a part of his fleet and give his men a rest from their vigil within a few days, as his force is now proportionately much larger than necessary.

BRITAIN'S FIRE MARL. Establishes an Asiatic Department to Deal with Business of the Far East. (Journal Special Service.) Birmingham, Eng., May 9.—The Post today says the British government has officially notified the United States that it has resolved to create an Asiatic department to deal with its business in the far east.

RUSSIAN CROSS YALU. Accompanied by Manchurian Bandits Occupy Cooruy. (Journal Special Service.) Seoul, May 8.—A Russian force of unknown strength crossed the Yalu between Wiju, and occupied Chang Jin, May 5. Manchurian bandits, mounted, accompanied the Russians.

SILENCE IS UNBROKEN (Continued from Page One.) Either they do not care to answer The Journal because it is a journal, or they are in favor of a change and do not care to say so.

Or they do not know where they stand. The Journal has no quarrel with any one over his opinions, but if it is because of the first reason, we might suggest that but four years ago, the only way some of the same candidates now nominated could get their views before the people was by means of doggers distributed on the streets or through the mails, and they did not then object to stating where they stood on the very question. However, the columns of the Oregonian are doubtless open to them now, and we assure them the place or method chosen for expressing their views are of far less importance than the statement of them. If it is because of the second reason, then they fail in their duty to the voters who have the right to know their views, and if it is the third reason, they themselves question their own qualifications for the office.

START FAKE FIGHT AND STEAL WHISKY A fake fight was pulled off in the rear of the Alcazar saloon yesterday morning between Fred Love and Bob Lucas, two men who have been arrested numerous times on serious charges, and while it was in progress someone stole a barrel of whisky, placed it in express wagon and sent it to the Wigwam saloon, where an attempt was made to sell it. It was returned to the Alcazar late yesterday afternoon.

MOSES JACOBS IS BURIED TODAY Moses Jacobs, 82 years of age and one of the pioneers of the state, died Saturday at his home in Corvallis, where he has resided for the past few years. Funeral services were held in this city this morning at 10 o'clock at Holman's funeral parlors and the interment took place in Beth Israel cemetery.

Mr. Jacobs was a retired merchant, highly respected by all who knew him. For 50 years he has been a prominent member of the order of Odd Fellows. He is survived by a wife and four daughters. The services this morning were conducted by Rev. David Lavin and the following acted as pall-bearers: Ben Selling, Morris Ball, Sol Harris, Sol Baum, James Meyer and E. Sichel.

SEEK TO OUST DR. R. L. LINCOLN The Oregon State Dental association has appealed to the circuit court to prevent Dr. R. L. Lincoln retaining office as a member of the state board of dental examiners. Proceedings in quo warranto were instituted this morning by District Attorney Manning on the relation and complaint of Mark Hayter and E. G. Clark, president and secretary respectively of the association.

Dr. Lincoln was appointed a member of the board of dental examiners early in March by Governor Chamberlain, along with another dentist recommended by the association. Dr. Lincoln, who interpreted the action of the governor as an affront. The stand taken by the governor was that eastern Oregon had been ignored by the association in making recommendations for appointees. Dr. Lincoln is a resident of La Grande.

CHIEF HUNT WILL PROBE BOX EPISODE Why no report was made to Chief of Police Hunt regarding scandalous behavior in a box at the Girard Cafe, corner of Sixth and Stark streets one night a week ago, as published in The Journal yesterday, will be ascertained when the first night relief lines up before the rail at headquarters tonight. Sergeant of Police Hogeboom, now an acting detective, and Patrolman E. F. Smith will have to answer to Chief Hunt and Captain Moore, as they are the two officers who went into the box.

Today Sergeant Hogeboom denied seeing anything wrong, although he did admit that "things looked queer." But Patrolman Smith, who went further in than his superior officer, declares emphatically that he saw enough to constitute a first-class case against the place.

"I told Smith not to report the matter," said Sergeant Hogeboom, "because I had good reasons at that time. I was looking for a man, and had there been any trouble made over the episode in the box I could not have received the co-operation of the cafe management."

"I should have made a report of the matter, but upon the advice of Sergeant Hogeboom I did not," said Patrolman Smith. "I shall institute a rigid investigation of this case," said Chief Hunt. "I cannot understand why no report was made to me. If the officers saw a breach of the law there or in any other place, I should have been notified immediately."

W. M. BRAY SUES FOR A FORTUNE **GIVE LIBERALLY TO CARNIVAL FUND** **FELONY CLAIM IN CIRCUIT COURT AGAINST M. J. KINNEY FOR \$75,000 FOR DAMAGES INCURRED THROUGH LATTER'S ALLEGED BREACH OF CONTRACT.**

Asserting that by the failure of Marshall J. Kinney, the wealthy salmon packer and timber lands agent, to carry out the terms of an agreement to purchase the capital stock and property of the Southern Oregon company, he has been damaged in the amount of \$75,000, William M. Bray filed suit to recover that amount this morning in the circuit court.

Bray alleges in the complaint that March 15, 1902, Kinney entered into an agreement with William Crapo and Prosper W. Smith, authorized agents of the Southern Oregon company, owning lands and improvements now valued at \$800,000, to purchase its capital stock and property for \$600,000. Of this amount \$50,000 was paid down, thereby securing a three months' option. Before this option expired Kinney announced his intention to purchase the property.

Bray and Kinney formed a partnership, the latter putting under control of the property in the meantime, according to the complaint, and Bray paid his partner one third the amount he had given the agents of the company to secure the option, with the understanding that he was to pay one third the remainder of the amount due. Both paid down \$60,000 August 1, 1902, leaving a remainder of \$335,000 due under the terms of the purchase agreement December 15 of that year.

It is the contention of Bray that December 15, 1902, Kinney secured an extension of time to January 15. Bray says he turned over his third, \$182,048.61 to Crapo and Smith, with the understanding that it was to be regarded as his share of the remainder of the purchase price, one third in case Bray should pay his part.

Other extensions of time were secured by Bray, according to the complaint, and finally the representatives of the Southern Oregon company concluded Kinney was either not acting in good faith or was unable to secure the money and May 11, 1903, declared the agreement of purchase null and void.

SEMBRICH HAS FAMOUS PIANIST Mme. Sembrich will be accompanied by Rudolph Ganz when she appears here in concert Friday, May 13. Mr. Ganz is a famous pianist, who has also won reputation as a composer, especially of successful songs. Among the artists who have considered Mr. Ganz' works of sufficient importance to be presented on their programs are Mme. Sembrich, to whom he dedicated his latest song cycle; Anton Van Rook, Giuseppe Campanella, Robert Schumann and many others.

RUSSIAN CITIZEN ASSASSINATED. (Journal Special Service.) Tiflis, May 9.—Superintendent Frankel of the Russo-Persian printing establishment at Meshed has been assassinated. He was being escorted to the demand of the Russian consular agent.

HOTELMAN HOWELL DIES. (Journal Special Service.) London, May 8.—Professor E. York Howell, of the chair of modern history in Oxford, is dead.

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