# SYNOD CELEBRATES

## NORWEGIAN LUTHERANS IN SESSION IN DECORAH.

### Evangelicals Holding Their National Gathering in Iowa—Meets at the Official Educational and Literary Headquarters of the Church.

Decorah, Iowa, June 18.—The staid little college town is filled with visitors as never before in its history, hundreds having arrived from all points of the compass during the last 24 hours. The occasion is the celebration of the semi-centennial jubilee of the synod for the Norwegian Evangelical Church of America, commonly known as "The Norwegian Synod." The celebration began this morning with divine services held on the Lutheran college campus, and it will be the middle of next week before the anniversary exercises are finished. The program is an interesting one and will be participated in by eminent members of the church from Minnesota, Illinois, Wisconsin, Kansas, Nebraska, the Dakotas and numerous other states. An attractive musical program has been arranged and several evenings will be given up to sacred concerts. A large male choir and a mixed chorus will sing, while instrumental music will be furnished by the Luther college band, which numbers upwards of 75 members and is noted as one of the foremost organizations of its kind in the Middle West.

**Reached the Half Century Mark.**

The Norwegian Synod, which has now reached the half-century mark of its existence, was organized at Koshkonong, Wis., in February, 1853; and until 1890, when several smaller church bodies united to form "The United Lutheran Church," it was the largest church organization among the Norwegians of America. The present celebration is the result of a decision reached at the meeting of the synod in Minneapolis last year, at which it was resolved to raise a large thank offering and to hold an appropriate celebration of the jubilee year. Very naturally Decorah was chosen as the place of meeting, for Decorah has been for more than 40 years the chief center of the church's activities. Here are located its college and publishing house, and the president, treasurer and other leading officers of the synod all reside in the vicinity.

## CLOSED BY THE SHERIFF.

### Senator Stewart's Daughter Fails in Business.

Newport, R. I., June 18.—The story of Miss Bessie Sewart's storekeeping was brought to a close today when the store formerly conducted by her was put up for sale by the sheriff to satisfy a judgment.

"Miss Stewart," as she is known, is the only daughter of United States Senator Sewart of Nevada, who was at one time a millionaire, who who lost a considerable portion of his fortune through the low price of silver. She was married when quite young to Lieutenant Hooker of the navy, but secured a divorce. She received permission to resume her maiden name.

For several seasons she has conducted a woman's furnishing store in the Berkeley near the Casino. Society, appreciating her efforts to make a living, was a liberal patron, but not sufficiently so to enable her to make more than the actual expenses of the establishment. The business went from bad to worse, and, although not pressed for rent, Miss Stewart abandoned the store.

Mrs. Stewart is now living in Washington with a married daughter. She has a son in the navy and another is a student at Yale.

## SHEEPSHEAD BAY RACES.

### The American Derby Opens With Famous Entries.

New York, June 18.—From all indications this year's race for the Suburban, which takes place at Sheepshead Bay this afternoon, will be a grand struggle and the most inspiring spectacle the metropolitan racegoer has yet beheld. An attendance of 50,000 persons is expected.

This morning the candidates took their practice spins about the track, while the rails were lined with turf followers, stablemen and owners anxious to form a final judgmen. on the prospects for the winner of the great race. The horses named to start embrace the pick of the great handicap horses of the East, though some of those that have figured as phenomenal racers have been eliminated from the contest. The field left is rather an even one and the size is sufficiently limited to give every starter a chance for the glory of a great turf victory and the thousands of dollars which fall to the winner. Goldsmith, W. C. Whitney's favorite candidate, continues to have the call and doubtless will go to the post heavily backed as the favorite in the race.

At Troy a linen shirt is made in six and a half minutes; the working of the buttonholes occupy one-quarter of a minute.





# DIVORCED LEPERS

## NATIVES OF MOLOKAI LEARN AMERICAN WAYS.

### Reasons for Permitting Divorces on the Fateful Island is That They May Marry Again and Become More Contented.

Honolulu, June 15.—(via San Francisco, June 18.)—As a result of recommendations by the United States senate commission, which visited here last fall, and local agitation, the board of health is trying to arrange for about 60 divorces at the leper settlement on Molokai, and the assistance of the attorney general has been invoked.

The legislature had before it a law to provide for divorces free of cost for lepers, but it failed to pass, and the board will undertake to act, and ask the court to remit the costs.

The reason for securing the divorces is to permit the parties in the settlement to marry again. In all cases under consideration the husband or wife is at the settlement, while the other party is away. The separations have resulted in conditions at the settlement which the senate commission strongly condemned, and it is the opinion of many that the moral situation would be greatly improved if the lepers were free to intermarry at Molokai.

The plan has aroused some local opposition, chiefly of a religious nature.

About $3000 in silver coins, of the Hawaiian monarchy have been taken up at the leper settlement and exchanged for American money. The coin was all fumigated before leaving the settlement. It goes to San Francisco to be re-coined as American money.

### Michigan Trapshooters.

Jackson, Mich., June 18.—The Michigan State League of Trapshooters opened its first annual tournament today under favorable auspices. Crack shots from many parts of the state are on hand to compete in the various contests that make up the two days' program.







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