

A Missionary Among Them in the South Tells of Their Peculiarities.

Boston, June 10.—Rev. Dr. Hess editor of the Nashville Christian Advocate, the official organ of the Methodist Episcopal church South, addressed the Methodist ministers' meeting here today on "The Negro Problem as a Southerner Sees It." He denied that the negro race is increasing at such a rate as liable to dominate the South for years.

"One thing," he said, "we must make up our minds to, first as last, and that is that the colored race is absolutely sure to continue as the colored race. I occasionally address colored meetings. I have just four points. I tell them to get religion, get married, get education, get a home. I'm sorry to say that in many communities there's the densest barbarism.

"The negro is often the victim of mob law when it is not merited, but often the outrages have been such as to make the blood of any man boil. It seems to me that the leaders at the North lay greater emphasis on the penalties inflicted than on the outrages."

Welcome Rain.

LEAVENWORTH, June 11.—The Leavenworth Times is in receipt of a special report from 67 counties in the state of Kansas. The reports show that an average of four inches of rain has fallen over the state in the last 12 days; that the wheat will make half a crop; that corn is in splendid condition and promises the largest crop on record, and that the fruit will make a two-thirds crop.

OMAHA, June 11.—Two inches of rain has covered the entire state in the past 48 hours. Fields of grain which had been abandoned as ruined, which had been so parched that a match would have kindled a serious conflagration, have revived and will, in most cases, make a full crop. The growth has been something remarkable and most of the fields might be harvested if matured to-morrow.—Statesman.

Held Captive by Tramps.

Sioux City, Ia., June 9.—Charles Spentlove, a 14-year-old boy, was enticed from his home at Topeka, Kan., by a party of tramps in June, 1894. Spentlove had frequently tried to escape but has always been recaptured and compelled to return on pain of death. He has been forced to beg for his captors and has been frightfully maltreated by them. Yesterday a part of the gang was arrested here for vagrancy and in the excitement Spentlove made his escape from the rest and appealed to Sheriff Davenport for protection. His family has been communicated with and he will be sent home.—Sun.

Burned His Wool.

PENDLETON, Or., June 11.—Last night incendiaries set fire to Charles Cunningham's warehouse containing 240,000 pounds of wool. The entire lot will be a total loss. On Monday morning there was an incendiary fire at the same place

While Cunningham and his employees were guarding the warehouse last night, firebugs crept through the lines and set fire to the house. Cunningham's loss is \$50,000 and his whole ranch is devastated. Insurance \$6000.—Statesman.

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