

A GENERAL ASSEMBLY Of Presbyterians in New York— Creeds to be Revised.

NEW YORK, May 12.—Arrangements have been completed for the meeting of the one hundred and fourteenth Presbyterian General Assembly, which will begin here on Thursday morning. It will be the largest gathering of representatives of this great denomination that has been held in the century of its existence. Nearly 1000 delegates have received credentials, and these will represent 225 presbyteries and nearly 30 synods. It will be, moreover, a cosmopolitan assemblage, for full blooded Indians will sit side by side with missionaries from China, India, Japan, Africa, Siam, Korea and other remote parts of the world, and the blackest of the colored race from the South will fraternize with the leaders of religious thought in the North. About one-third of the delegates are guests of hospitable residents of New York, while the remainder are quartered in the leading hotels of the city.

The choice of a moderator is still a matter of speculation, but it is certain to fall upon a cleric, sentiment in favor of bestowing this signal honor upon a layman not being sufficiently advanced. Among the eminent divines whose names are mentioned in connection with the honor are the Rev. Drs. Duffield and Henry Van Dyke, President Moffat, of Washington and Jefferson College, the Rev. Richard Holmes, of Pittsburgh, and the Rev. David Stuart Dodge, D. D., president of the Board of Home Missions. The reports of a score or more of committees are to be presented to the assembly, and the members of these are hard at work today completing their labors. The most important is the report of the special committee appointed to consider the question of revising the faith. Those members of the church who have demanded a radical revision will be disappointed at the result. The revision which the committee has decided to recommend is very mild, and does not touch the text of the sections of the Westminster Confession over which there has been most controversy. It is true that the report makes certain statements in explanation of those mooted sections, making it plain that the church does not hold to the narrow interpretation many have insisted upon as being alone consistent with the text. Certain obviously antiquated paragraphs are to be omitted and two entirely new sections are to be added. A statement has also been prepared to cover the main points of belief held by the church. Over the re-

commendations of this committee there is likely to be one of the most stirring debates ever altering the creed to which the denomination has adhered since it was adopted by the convention at Westminster some 250 years ago. In addition to the consideration of the revision of the Confession of Faith, the General Assembly this year will pay considerable attention to the problem of evangelization. A committee, in which the Rev. Dr. J. Wilbur Chapman and John H. Coover, of Philadelphia, are leading spirits, is to submit a report. Another very interesting report will be by the committee on buildings. This committee is in charge of the Twentieth Century Fund, designed to free the churches of the denomination from debt, will also make a report in which there will be much of interest.

Among Presbyterians throughout the country there has been some alarm lest the large boards of the church should come into the assembly reporting enormous debts. Inquiry among the board members on the field develops a condition of affairs quite the opposite. The board of church academies, the board of aid for colleges and academies, the board of Freedman and the board of foreign missions and several of the other boards will report balances on hand.

The assembly will be called to order in the Fifth Avenue Presbyterian Church by the retiring moderator, Rev. Henry C. Minton, who will preach the annual sermon. A new moderator will then be chosen, and the assembly will organize for business. In the course of the day there will be a communion service. Saturday afternoon the assembly commissioners will pay a visit to the New York University. The following day, Sunday, all the Presbyterian pulpits in the city will be occupied by preachers who will address themselves especially to the work of the Presbyterian board of home missions, given over entirely to this celebration and in the evening there will be a popular meeting at Carnegie Hall, which President Roosevelt has promised to attend.

On Thursday night, May 22, there will be a great reception in honor of the visitors at the Waldorf-Astoria Hotel. Some two thousand guests will be present. On the following Saturday afternoon the commissioners will go to Princeton to visit the university and theological seminary at that place. The body will adjourn some day in the following week.

SUNDAY SCHOOL MASS MEETING

A mass meeting of the various Sunday schools of the city held at the First Presbyterian Church Sunday afternoon was addressed by Mrs. Foster Bryner of Peoria, Ill., who is a representative of the International Sunday School Committee.

The lecture was attended by about 100 teachers and workers, and all listened with the greatest interest to the speaker, who is so imbued with enthusiasm in her work that she aroused the same interest in her auditors and caused them to feel the truth and earnestness of the subject she presented.

Her theme was "The Successful Teacher," at the ground she covered gave ideas enough to conduct a whole school successfully. She made a chart on the blackboard, by which she presented the points most necessary to the success of a teacher. The chart was first a frame formed by letters S. These she filled out with the following topics: Suitable surroundings, securing scholars, selecting songs, seed sowing, scripture study, saving souls, strong soldiers, sword of the spirit, system of supplemental work, symbols and stories, sufficient support and service as a shepherd, all of which led to the large central figure of success.

Mrs. Bryner will assist in the State convention here this week, and is now in Eugene and Albany, lecturing to Sunday school conventions.

WILL NOT MERGE

Canadian Roads Have no Fear of Jim Hill.

(Journal Special Service.)
CHICAGO, May 12.—Canadian railroad magnates see no reason to fear the activities of J. J. Hill and J. P. Morgan in the Northwest or the operations of the Northern Securities Company. Incidentally they have decided that none of the Canadian lines shall be merged with Mr. Hill. Assurance to this effect was given by Hugh Mann, present owner of the Canadian Northern and a member of the firm of McKenize & Mann, railroad builders in the Dominion.

Mr. Mann is at the Auditorium Annex. "The officials of the Canadian Northern and heads of the other representative railways are amply able to protect themselves against any plans of J. J. Hill and the Northern Securities Company," said Mr. Mann last night.

Mr. Hill and Mr. Morgan have done a good many things in merging railroads and seem to be largely in control of railway matters in the Northwest—that is, the northwest part of the United States—but I can say, not only from my own observations, but from the stand of all of the representative railroad men of Canada, that none of the Canadian railroads will be merged with Mr. Hill's lines.

AIDED WILKES BOOTH'S FLIGHT

(Journal Special Service.)
NEW YORK, May 12.—Mortimer Balbridge Ruggles of Virginia, who, while an aide to his father, General Dan F. Ruggles of the Confederate army, assisted John Wilkes Booth, the assassin of Abraham Lincoln, to effect his escape to Virginia, is dead in this city from dropsy. He was 58 years old and had been a resident of that city for more than thirty years.

Sentence of death had been passed upon Ruggles for giving aid and comfort to the assassin, but he was released as a result of the general amnesty order.

His gratitude for being spared the humiliating death of an associate of Booth was supreme. He took an oath of allegiance to the constitution of the United States and came North immediately.

FROM JEST TO EARNEST

Serious Outcome of Frolic at New York Ball.

(Journal Special Service.)
YONKERS, N. Y., May 12.—There is consternation in Jewish circles over the serious outcome of the mock marriages of fully 100 couples that attended the recent Purim ball at McCann's hall.

In the course of the ball somebody suggested that each man select a partner and go through a mock marriage. Fully 200, some of them already married, went through the ceremony, including the placing of a ring on the finger of the bride.

Several days later a New York rabbi informed several of the young persons that according to the Hebrew law every one of the marriages was valid. It is said that fully three-fourths of the young persons concerned will apply to the courts to have the marriages annulled. Some will abide by the result.

BUILDING PERMITS.

J. M. Johnson 1 1/2-story cottage, East Eleventh and Mason, \$600.
J. B. Harris, repairs, Third and Mill, \$250.
C. Buck, 2-story dwelling, Fourth and Montgomery, \$2000.
H. K. B. Barnes, repairs, Thirteenth and Clinton, \$250.
George L. Reed, 1 1/2-story house, Eleventh and Tacoma, \$250.
George W. Bates, 2-story dwelling, Twenty-first and Davis, \$1000.

CHAMBERLAIN AHEAD BY RE- PUBLICAN POLL

Secret Leaks Out From Matthews' Headquarters—Some Comments.

It leaked out today that the Republican State Central Committee has made a careful poll of Multnomah County and has found that the voters stand at this time as follows:

Eight thousand voters were seen.
Democrats, 2900.
Chamberlain Republicans, 2000.
Republicans, 2000.

It is reported from an accurate authority that the poll has caused consternation among the managing committee. And it is therefore known why the committee gave out such padded figures yesterday.

IN UNION COUNTY.
An estimate has been given out by the Republican State Central Committee on the probable vote on June 2. It professes to give the elections to the Republicans by a majority well up to the usual size. People who have figured over the polls that have come in from the various counties know that the estimate is inaccurate—so inaccurate that it causes merely amusement everywhere.

As an instance of the inaccuracies that are manifest in the statement, take Union County. The assertion is made in the estimate that Union County will go for Furnish, on the ground that the "Panhandle," a portion of the county that was cut off from that county and added to Baker County, had 100 Democratic majority. The exact poll of the Panhandle shows that there are precisely 26 more Democratic votes than Republican. If the same inaccuracy holds good for the entire estimate, then it falls by its own weight of untruth.

In Union County in the last Presidential election there were 133 middle-of-the-road Populist voters, and of these two-thirds will go to Chamberlain. Besides this, there are from 100 to 200 Republicans, estimated conservatively, who will vote for Chamberlain. Prominent Republicans in Union County openly work for and speak for Chamberlain, and they themselves place the number of disaffected Republicans at from 300 to 400. Furthermore, there are no Democrats who will not vote for Chamberlain. There is absolutely no Democratic disaffection. And these figures are from reliable sources.

IN UMATILLA COUNTY.
In Umatilla County, as another instance, there are already 300 Republicans enrolled against Furnish, and those who have the movement in charge assert that they will have lined up 600 by the time election arrives. Those who make this assertion are themselves Republicans, and they are working openly to forward the movement.

There are practically no Democrats who will support Furnish. The Democrats are not disaffected. There are no reasons why they should be disaffected. Democrats are not feeling kindly toward Furnish in Umatilla County, for the reason that they regard his desertion of the party as dictated by considerations of policy rather than changes of opinion upon the issues of the day. This has served to hold the Umatilla County Democrats in line, and there will be no losses from the Democratic ranks.

CONFESSION OF WEAKNESS.

The proposition of betting upon the election has assumed peculiar shape during the past day or two. The natural betting situation would call for heavy odds from the Republican backers, inasmuch as the state is normally from 10,000 to 12,000 Republican. When considered from the standpoint of the sporting man, this warrants odds in any election, and heavy odds.

In the columns of another paper appeared a proposition for bets even up on the two gubernatorial candidates. And this is the proposition that has induced so much comment among those who are disposed to place their money on elections. A prominent sporting man was asked to give his version to The Journal and replied:

"As I view the matter, the fact that the Republican backers are asking for even bets on Furnish is proof that his managers are not confident of his election. The normal majority in Oregon is upwards of 10,000, and this makes it a betting proposition only when odds are given. If, then, the Republican candidate's backers are willing to bet only upon an even basis, it is conclusive proof that Furnish will be defeated.

"Therefore I look upon the offers from them as a confession that the figures printed on Monday morning are not of any significance. They are merely election claims that are put out for effect. They mean nothing excepting that the Republican managers are desirous of bolstering up their cause. If they are confident of election, then, in a state that is normally 10,000 or more Republican, they will offer such odds as are usually given by sporting men."

Registration Is Increasing.

There seems to be an awakening interest on the part of voters in the matter of registration, so it is possible that when the ballots shall have been counted the vote may not be as light, after all, as was first feared. Nearly 200 additional names found their way into the lists of Multnomah County Saturday. The period of registration will expire, under the law, at 5 P. M. Thursday.

In Crook County many voters will be registered by notaries and many more will obtain the right to vote on the affidavits of six freeholders as provided by law.

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FARMERS' EXCHANGE.

R. C. Judson, industrial agent for the Harriman lines, and Traveling Freight Agent Lounsbury, of the Southern Pacific, will go to Gaston May 20 to effect the permanent organization of a Farmers' Exchange. This will meet regularly once a month. At these gatherings the farmers dispose of surplus products to each other. For instance, one farmer may desire to acquire and may want sheep which another farmer has to sell. At these monthly exchanges the buyer and seller are thus easily brought together. The experiment is not a new one. It has worked so successfully elsewhere that it is believed that much good will result by instituting the practice here. It is probable that the organization of other exchanges will follow.

FIENDISH REVENGE

New York Woman Com- mits Terrible Crime.

(Journal Special Service.)
NEW YORK, May 12.—Mary Gibbons, 30 years old, met a tragic death on the roof of 140 West Twenty-eighth street. Believing that she had been wronged by a man, she Friday night bought one bottle of carbolic acid at a drug store in Eighth avenue. Then she started on her errand of death. She hid in the shadow of an electric light at Forty-ninth street and Eighth avenue, and as a man came out of an adjoining saloon she threw some of the acid in his face. He screamed with pain and ran from her.

Next she went to the house of the man she had meant to harm and was met at the door by his daughter, a girl of 15. She told the girl what she had done to her father and then threw the remaining contents of the bottle at the girl, who slammed the door just in time to save herself from the burning fluid.

After throwing the acid, she went to her room. Katie Rouse, a little girl living next door went on the roof to hang out some washing and saw what she took to be a bundle of wet clothes near the cornice. She found that the bundle was the body of a woman. The woman was Mary Gibbons. She had evidently taken acid and then jumped from the adjoining roof and attempted to jump to the ground when overcom.

MAY CAUSE A REBELLION

Brewers Threaten to Raise the Price of Beer.

(Journal Special Service.)
MILWAUKEE, May 12.—An increase of 40 cents a barrel in the price of beer is said to be contemplated by the leading brewers of the country.

The matter will be discussed at the convention of the National Association of Brewers, which will be held soon. Fredrick Fabst, Jr., president of the Milwaukee Brewers' Association, said that that organization has appointed two delegates to the national gathering, but refused to confirm or deny the reported purpose of increased prices.

It is known that a large number of shipping brewers held a meeting in Chicago a few weeks ago before the repeal of the war revenue and voted in favor of raising the price of \$1 a barrel. With the war revenue of 60 cents a barrel removed, the movement will be to keep the advance down to 40 cents.

HERE'S A TIP FOR MIXERS

Mary MacLane Chris- tens a New Drink.

(Journal Special Service.)
BUTTE, Mont., May 12.—Mary MacLane has set the ladies of the aristocratic circle to guessing again. Now the whole city is in a turmoil of speculation. Ladies call on one another and discuss the latest thing out and they tell it to their neighbors, who take up the thread of discussion, and the men are talking about it and the boys and girls are wondering if they will be the first to solve the latest MacLane mystery.

The other day Miss Mac Lane was the honored guest at a society lady's home, where a number of the leading club and society ladies of the west side had gathered to meet the much talked of young literary wonder.

When the time for refreshments came, the hostess asked her guests what they would drink with their confections. Without further ado, Miss Mac Lane politely said:

"You may give me a high ball or a slanting Annie."

That was one on the hostess, who had never heard of a "slanting Annie." She gave the girl a high ball and the merry conversation progressed.

Today the city is full of "slanting Annie" discussions. All of the bartenders have been appealed to solve the mystery of the new-fangled drink, but no one has been found to define the strange thing. All of the fashionable bars in the city intend to hang out signs announcing that "slanting Annies" are served inside.

A Shrewd Candidate.

It is a good plan to give a fellow a good drink on the way him to vote for you. But be careful and have the cigars good. Remember the formula: Good plan, good drink, good fellow—and don't forget to buy the cigars at Sig Sichel & Co.'s, 27 Third street. He has only good ones.

CANADA DON'T WANT MUCH

Now Hopes to Lay Claim to Wealth at the North Pole.

(Journal Special Service.)
OTTAWA, May 12.—In the House of Commons Mr. John Charlton supported the application for a grant to Captain Bernier's North Pole expedition. He regarded the project as one which would bring to Canada a large meed of reputation and bring Canada before the notice of the world. Aside from the reputation which Canada would win from the solution of a geographical problem which all nations have sought to attain, the expedition, if successful, would establish our rights to all territories, islands, land and seas that lie between the present northern boundary of Canada and the North Pole. These territories might contain enormous mineral wealth.

DENIES THAT HE IS DEAD

W. Waterson's Strenu- ous Objection to His Legal Status.

(Journal Special Service.)
SAN FRANCISCO, May 12.—"If your honor please, my client desires to resign his trust as administrator of the estate of William Waterson, deceased. He takes this action by reason of the fact that the decedent is alive."

That was the unusual request made by an attorney in Judge Murasky's court yesterday. It was granted.

In November last the Public Administrator obtained letter upon the \$700 estate of William Waterson, said to be deceased. Waterson disappeared on October 18, 1901. Three weeks later a body was found floating in the bay and was positively identified as that of William Waterson.

Wednesday last William Waterson left the City and County Hospital, where he had lain for months with an attack of brain fever. He said he was drugged on the night he left home and was unable to communicate with any of his friends. He was surprised to learn that he was legally dead, and denies the allegation. No one knows whose body rests in Waterson's grave.

CONGREGATIONALISTS.

(Journal Special Cable.)
MANSFIELD, O., May 12.—Several hundred prominent ministers and laymen have arrived to take part in the semi-centennial meeting and celebration of the Congregational Association of Ohio. The sessions begin tonight with the Rev. E. I. Bosworth, the retiring moderator, presiding. "A Half Century of Religious Life and Work," is the theme of the con-

NEWS OF RIVER AND OCEAN

The British ship Riverside has been chartered to load general cargo at Hamburg for Portland.

The British ship Angerone has been chartered for September loading in Portland at 30 shillings.

It probably will be June 10 before the repairs are completed on the city dredge, now being overhauled at the O. R. & N. Company's boneyard.

Through joint passenger tariffs for the season have been issued by the Alaska Steamship Association and the White Pass & Yukon route. Material reductions in transportation charges of last season have been made.

The Formosa, carrying a cargo of flour shipped by the Portland Flouring Mills Company, has arrived at Queenstown after a passage of 108 days, which is the best time made so far during the season. The French ships Dugesell and Fautril have also arrived, the former in 120 days and the latter in 121 days.

A transportation cut-rate war to Alaskan ports was inaugurated at Seattle yesterday. First and second class tickets to Lynn Canal points were selling at \$7.50 and \$5, respectively, the former rates being \$30 and \$20. The fight was precipitated by the entry of the Pacific Clipper Line's steamer Santa Ana on the Lynn Canal run.

Captain Perry of the steamship Ventnor 1 is being criticised by the bar pilots for the remark he made, stating that he was delayed at the bar on account of not being able to secure a pilot. The pilot schooner, it is said, was unable to reach the steamer until early the next morning when Pilot Matthews brought her in.

The Chinese Eastern Steamship Company, operating a large fleet between the Orient, Asiatic and Siberian ports, is planning to extend its lines to the North Pacific Coast, according to reports made to the United States Bureau of Commerce by Commercial Agent R. T. Greener.

It is stated by nautical men that the United States revenue cutter Bear is the strongest vessel in North Pacific waters. This inference is reached from the fact that the Bear was but slightly injured by running on the rocks in Seymour narrows. A similar accident happening to almost any other vessel plying those waters would have ended its career, so it is said.

In anticipation of the opening of navigation on the Yukon and the lakes, the White Pass & Yukon has sent five steamboat captains to White Horse. Late advice received by the traffic manager of the company contained the information

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vention and among the prominent speakers to be heard are President Barrow of Oberlin College, President Tawing of Western Reserve University, Rev. Washington Gladden, of Columbia, and Rev. J. P. Jones, of India.

COURT NOTES.

The damage suit of Charles Adams vs. the City & Suburban Railway Company was given a new trial before Judge Cleland in the State Circuit Court today. At the former trial Adams secured a judgment for \$700. The new trial was granted on the grounds that it appeared that there might have been contributory negligence on the part of the plaintiff, who collided with an electric car on Washington street while driving a butcher wagon.

MILITARY SMOKER.

Company "G," Third Regiment, O. N. G., gave a smoker at A. O. U. W. Hall Saturday night. The attendance was about 250. A programme consisting of solos by Sam Jordan, J. L. McKinnon and Davis was rendered, two boxing bouts were pulled off, and all enjoyed bounteous refreshments.

THROWS TWO TONS NINETY MILES

Wonderful Power of New Electro-Mag- netic Gun.

(Journal Special Service.)
BERLIN, May 12.—Professor K. Brierland, the Norwegian physicist, has been in Berlin recently for the purpose of demonstrating the powers of electromagnetic cannon before a number of experts in electrical artillery. The results of the demonstration have been so convincing that a firm of artillery manufacturers has offered to buy the invention for immediate exploitation, provided Professor Brierland will increase the length of the piece used in the trials so that it will throw a projectile weighing two tons a distance of twelve miles.

Theoretically the device can throw a projectile weighing two tons a distance of 90 miles, or even farther, by sufficiently prolonging the tube. The principle upon which the new gun acts has not been made public, but it is known that the projectile is expelled from an ordinary cast iron tube, thickly wrapped with copper wire. This tube combination, of course, could be made more cheaply than the cannon now in use. No explosive gases result from the discharge of the new gun.

Professor Brierland's invention has stirred up great interest among technical observers, some of whom are of the opinion that it signifies a greater revolution in fighting material than was brought about by the discovery of gunpowder.

PAT HAS A KICK.

To The Journal: Can you tell me why it is that inmates at the county poor

OUR INDUSTRIES.

The work of the extension of the machine shops of the Willamette Iron & Steel Works is being rapidly carried on, and it will be only a short time before it will be ready for occupancy. The company has expended many thousands of dollars in the last few months in the extension of its shops, the volume of work increasing to such an extent that it was no longer able to fill the orders which have been coming in so rapidly of late.

The Willamette Company has just shipped to China a light-draft, stern-wheel steamer, similar to those in use on the Willamette river, and today another will be shipped to the Northern Commercial Company of Alaska, for use in that country. They also have an order from Captain Stanton for a steamer for the Cowlitz river trade, to be delivered about July 1.

The Blue Mountain Ice Company is inaugurating some changes in its plant at the foot of Pettygrove street. An extension, 4x125 feet, is being added on the south, and will be completed within a few days. This is to be occupied by the ice tanks, which are at present on the opposite side of the building. The cold-storage facilities will be extended and will occupy the space now taken up by the ice tanks. As soon as the annex on the south is completed, the work of constructing a 200-foot dock will be commenced, and probably will be ready for use about June 1.

The company has received \$15,000 worth of machinery, etc., from Chicago, for use in the new establishment. The present outlook of the plant is so bright that, with the installation of the new machinery, this capacity will no doubt be increased.