

THE 102D ANNUAL SESSION.

PHILADELPHIA CONFERENCE OF THE METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH.

The one hundred and second session of the Philadelphia conference of the Methodist Episcopal church convened in the city hall at 10 o'clock this morning, with Bishop R. M. Merrill, of Chicago, presiding.

Bishop Merrill opened the conference by reading as scripture, Irenaeus, the 1st chapter of the prophecy of Isaiah and the 9th chapter of Second Corinthians; the conference sang the 77th hymn, "Awake, Jerusalem Awake," and Bishop Merrill offered a fervent prayer for the guidance of the members of the conference.

Rev. J. H. Taylor, of New York, was unanimously elected secretary of the conference and was given the authority to announce his assistants.

He named as his secretaries, Rev. S. G. Grove, Coatesville, and Rev. E. W. Gehret, Pottsville.

Rev. Henry Baker, transferred from the New York conference, and Rev. W. B. Wheeler, transferred from the West Nebraska conference, were received into the conference.

The roll call showed 161 members present. On motion of Rev. Neely a committee on rules shall be appointed, and until this committee reports the rules of the last conference shall govern the session.

Rev. W. L. McDowell, of Philadelphia, was elected statistical secretary, and Rev. Marie Graves, of Strasburg, was appointed his assistant.

Rev. Thos. Kirkpatrick was elected conference treasurer, and he was given the privilege of naming his assistants. He named Rev. Wm. M. Ridgway.

Rev. J. E. Durrell, Lebanon, was elected financial secretary, and Rev. W. H. Mays, Philadelphia, railroad secretary.

THE SYNDICATE MUST GO.

A NEW SYSTEM FOR THE SUPPORT OF SOLDIERS' ORPHANS.

Senator Gobin introduces a bill to place the control of district officers in a commission. Mr. Stehman Amends a Bill to Regulate the Collection of Tax.

HARRISBURG, March 13.—In the Senate to-day bills were introduced as follows: McLean, Washington, reducing the amount of capital stock required by real estate companies from \$250,000 to \$100,000.

Beas, Clearfield, authorizing the clearing out of streams within twenty miles of their head.

Blain, Indiana, providing for election of probate judges, recorders, registers and clerks of courts in counties where the offices are consolidated.

The bill authorizing assessments and reimbursements for cost for local improvements already made or in process of completion was defeated. Cooper and Waters changed their vote to move for a consideration.

Hines' factory inspection bill was passed finally by a vote of 25 to 12. The bill to create and define duties of recorders of cities of the third class passed finally.

Bills were also passed finally: Scribner's equalization act to a month and a half; the act of district officers in case of division of counties; applying insurance act of 1887 to live stock companies.

Stehman had a bill to regulate the collection of taxes in cities of the third class amended so as not to apply to cities having 100 or less inhabitants.

On the 27th day of November, 1877, the Rev. O. F. Knight, then of Boston, Mass., accepted a call from the wardens and vestry of the Episcopal church of St. James, Lancaster, Pa., to become its pastor.

DR. KNIGHT RESIGNS.

A COMMITTEE OF ST. JAMES' CHURCH TO ACCEPT HIM TO BISHOP.

The vestry of St. James' Episcopal church met on Monday evening, and the following letter was read and unanimously adopted: The Rev. O. F. Knight, having resigned the pastorate of St. James' Episcopal church, Lancaster, Pa., the church has been organized to accept him to bishop.

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A POSITION FOR WALKER.

CLARENCE BOON TO HOLD DOWN A DEER IN THE STATE DEPARTMENT.

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In secular matters pertaining to the parish Dr. Knight has always evinced deep interest, and it is to his solicitude that the church owes its present position for the enlargement of our beautiful house of worship.

NEW HAMPSHIRE GOES WEST.

THE PROHIBITION AMENDMENT DEFEATED IN THE SENATE.

There was a revolution on Tuesday in New Hampshire on the liquor question and the Prohibitionists were disgraced. It was only the constitutional prohibition amendment that got the two-thirds majority, but the total receipts received show that it has been beaten by over 5,000 majority.

Everywhere the fight was one of the green banners and the white crosses for the intense interest taken in the result by women who worked for the cause. Simultaneous with the opening of the polls in Concord, the voters of the State voted on the ballot on all the orthodox and Congregational churches began to ring for divine service and the faithful flocked to the sacred edifice and held prayer meetings for the success of the cause.

After invoking divine aid the legislative portion of the congregation, by previous arrangement, proceeded to the various polling places and solicited votes. This was repeated in many suburban towns and in other places religious services were carried by over 600, which is almost all the comfort the temperance people have, and over it they rejoice. Of course the 500 is not near the two-thirds vote of the State.

Ballivan county, the banner county of Prohibition, has voted against the amendment, to the surprise of the entire state, but Grant gives a warm welcome to the amendment, although far from the required two-thirds, a mountainous backwood region, gives a majority of two-thirds for the amendment, but this and Grant counties are almost all that vicariously the cold water people can claim.

The Prohibitionists are accusing the Republican leaders of selling them out, but they are not. The real cause was the solid French Canadian foreign born element voting with the Democratic party.

THE EDITOR NUMBERED. The Leading Journalist of South Carolina shot by a Physician.

Captain F. W. Dawson, editor of the News and Courier, and agent of the Associated Press in Charleston, S. C., was murdered on Tuesday afternoon by T. B. McDow, a physician of that city. It seems that McDow, who was married, had the father of a family, had been acquainted with a Swiss maid in Captain Dawson's family, and that Captain Dawson had visited McDow at his home in Charleston, S. C., and had been drinking with him. Words and blows followed, and the encounter ended in McDow shooting Captain Dawson through the heart.

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STILL DELIBERATING.

THE DELAWARE JURY HAVE NOT YET REACHED A CONCLUSION.

A Request Made to Have the Charge Read. It is Not Granted—What the Court is Doing as to License—The Law and Order Society's Objections.

District Attorney Weaver concluded his argument in the Delainger murder trial at 5 minutes of six o'clock on Tuesday evening. Judge Johnson at once instructed the jury as to their duties and it took an hour to read his charge. The jury retired at six and had not agreed upon a verdict when he went to press this afternoon.

This afternoon the jurors sent a communication to the court requesting parts of his charge to be re-read. This request was refused. The court said that the jury had agreed that the whole charge should be read to them, with no portions passed but the attorneys. Their action was reconsidered and the charge will not be again read to the jury.

There is a great deal of interest manifested in the verdict of the jury and on every side can be heard the inquiry, "Have the jury agreed?" Under the law the jury cannot be discharged before an agreement is reached, unless a sudden necessity, such as the illness of a juror, without the consent of the prisoner and it is said that Delainger will not consent that the jury shall be discharged.

Predictions are made now that the verdict will be a compromise—that of guilty of murder in the second degree.

THE LITIGATION COURT. John A. Sawyer Sent the License For Home Copland.

Court met this morning to consider the applications for license for 1899. The list was called over and in some cases where a party was on more than one hand the court required that counsel should appear. The benchmen were worth \$2,000 for each person for whom they become security.

All the old stands in the city against which remonstrances had not been filed were granted except that of Samuel Brady, who keeps the Girard house, in the Third ward. Luther S. Kaufman, for the Low Market ward, and George W. H. Smith, for the Fourth ward, were not residents of the ward. The court being satisfied that such was the case refused the license.

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THE GOVERNOR'S MESSAGE.

His Gracefulness Remits some Words Which He Made in His Speech.

HARRISBURG, Pa., March 13.—The governor's private secretary, George Pearson, has a brand new graphophone in his office. The graphophone is used by the governor to receive messages and letters to be transcribed by the typewriter later on. This saves a good deal of bother when either the governor or secretary is absent, and it is a success as a help in the executive department.

Private Secretary Pearson had a curious accident while sitting at his typewriter the graphophone a few days ago. He began to turn the crank by means of which the transmitted messages are run on the machine. They were the smiling face of the man who was in the room and with the same intention as they were talked into his funnel. The private secretary's supposition was that the machine was giving to the young lady typewriter a message which the governor had talked into it the evening previous.

The report of the committee being read, it was, on motion of Mr. Morton, resolved that the minute be adopted, and that a copy, signed by all the members, be sent to Dr. Knight, and that the minute be published in the daily papers of this city.

On the 26th inst., he accepted that the resignation of Dr. Knight, to take effect on the 28th inst., be accepted.

On motion of Mr. Reynolds, it was resolved that a committee, consisting of the wardens and three vestrymen, be appointed to accompany Dr. Knight and his family to Milwaukee and be present at his consecration.

CONFERENCE HISTORICAL SOCIETY. The Twenty-Second Anniversary Observed at the Duke Street Church.

The first of the anniversary in connection with the Methodist Episcopal conference was held on Tuesday evening in the Duke street church. It was that of the Historical Society of the Philadelphia conference, and the anniversary observed was the twenty-second anniversary of the conference.

Archbishop Ryan's Views—The Right License Laws Suggested.

Archbishop Ryan, of Philadelphia, has been quoted in the Catholic Register as follows: "In reply to your question I beg to state that I believe constitutional amendments to be extreme measures which should be resorted to only in cases of emergency. I believe, as far as I am capable of forming a judgment on the subject, that high license and other laws enacted to prevent the sale of intoxicating liquors are not only unwise, but also unjust. It would be quite sufficient to attain the desired end—that is, as far as mere legislation is concerned, to prevent the sale of liquor in cases of emergency, without touching the constitution itself."

THE MONEY MADE NO TAKER. For about a week past Abraham Nolan had \$100 posted at the INDEPENDENT HOTEL.

THE ODD FELLOWS BARBER. The bar of Canton Lancaster was well attended last evening and much interest was manifested.

A SURPRISE PARTY. Little Binkley, daughter of John L. Binkley, of Shippen street, was in Reading visiting for a month and returned home last evening.

DEATH OF A FETTER. A polio leg belonging to Annie Miller of Withers, daughter of John Miller, which she brought from Florida last winter, died several days ago.

OFFICERS ELECTED. Washington Knecmentum No. 11, of I. O. O. F., elected the following officers last evening: C. P. Thomas, Heiden; H. P. Thomas, Wright; S. W. Harry, Dorward; J. W. Wm. McMill; secretary, F. D. Miley; treasurer, W. F. Hambridge; trustees, Dr. John Leversgood, W. H. Smith and W. Y. Hasty.

CHARGED WITH LARCENY. Before Alderman Barr Albert Green, a colored man, had brought a suit against a colored man, also colored. He alleges that she took wearing apparel belonging to him. She has been held for a hearing.