

THE PRESBYTERIANS.

Adjournment of a Session of Unusual Importance.

CHAIRMAN REVISION COMMITTEE.

The Selection of Moderator Minton to Succeed Rev. D. Dickey in That Position Disturbs the Equanimity of the Commissioners.

Philadelphia, May 28.—The 113th Presbyterian general assembly was dissolved at 6:15 o'clock last night by Moderator Minton after having been in session for nearly two weeks, during which time many matters of the utmost importance to the church were considered. Chief among these was the question regarding the revision of the confession of faith. After a discussion continuing nearly four days this momentous subject was referred to a special committee of 21 members, who will make recommendations as to the manner in which the creed should be revised and present them to the next general assembly, which meets in New York.

Yesterday, for the first time since the assembly convened, the equanimity of the commissioners was disturbed by the introduction of personalities. The trouble occurred during the discussion on the chairmanship of the revision committee. Rev. Dr. J. D. Moffat suggested a change in the minutes of Monday's session, so the records would show that a new committee had been appointed to revise the creed, regardless of the old committee, of which Rev. Dr. Charles A. Dickey, of this city, was chairman. His suggestion was adopted and Rev. Dr. James E. Moffat, of Cumberland, Md., moved that Moderator Minton be elected chairman of the committee.

This incensed the friends of Dr. Dickey, and although Dr. Moffat's motion prevailed the subject was revived later in the session by Rev. Dr. S. J. Nicolls, of St. Louis. Dr. Nicolls moved to reconsider the motion, but as he had not been present during the earlier debate he was declared out of order. The motion to reconsider was then renewed by Rev. W. D. Crockett, of Canton, Pa., and many of the commissioners participated in the debate that followed. Realizing the delicacy of his position Moderator Minton relinquished the chair to Vice Moderator Pitcairn. The matter was finally adjusted by Dr. Dickey, who advised the assembly against reconsidering the motion, saying he was confident that there had been no attempt to cast any reflection upon him, but that the commissioners merely desired to honor his successor.

Dr. Dickey's friends wanted the election of the chairman to be made by the committee, in which event it is conceded Dr. Dickey would have been re-elected. The motion, however, was lost.

Confederate Leader Died in Poverty.
Milford, O., May 29.—Col. James G. Miner, an assistant secretary of the Confederate navy during the civil war, died in poverty here yesterday, aged 82 years. Col. Miner was a graduate of Edinburgh university, a native of New England, but a resident of Texas, and a friend of Gen. Samuel Houston. He served under Taylor in the Mexican war. The civil war swept away his fortune, and since then he had battled unsuccessfully in the effort to build up a new fortune. Three weeks ago his wife, who bravely shared his ill fortune with him, died, aged 80 years.

Three Killed by Exploding Dynamite.
Wilkesbarre, Pa., May 29.—Three Italians, employed on the new electric railroad being constructed between Scranton and Wilkesbarre, were instantly killed by a terrific explosion of dynamite yesterday. They were employed in the blacksmith shop, and without any warning a big box of the dynamite exploded. The frame shanty was blown to pieces and the three men hurled high in the air. When picked up they were found to be horribly mangled. The names of the victims are Anthony Coruzzi, P. Mazzi and C. Zucchi.

French Capture a Chinese Town.
Paris, May 29.—A dispatch received here from Gen. Voyron, at Tien Tsin, says that a reconnoitering party came upon a walled town 15 kilometers northeast of Ting-Chau. The town authorities refused to open the gates, whereupon the French artillery opened fire, the wall breached and the town taken. One French infantryman was wounded. Gen. Baillood is scouring the country with a column of French troops and is supporting the Chinese regulars.

Fairbanks' Presidential Boom.
Chicago, May 29.—Senator Fairbanks, of Indiana, was formally announced yesterday as a candidate for president before the Republican national convention of 1904. Harry S. New, Republican national committee man from Indiana, who arrived in Chicago yesterday, is authority for the statement that Indiana will stand solidly behind Mr. Fairbanks in his race for the honor.

Cubans Accept the Platt Amendment.
Havana, May 29.—The Platt amendment was accepted by the Cuban constitutional convention yesterday by a vote of 15 to 14. The actual vote was on accepting the majority report of the committee on relations, which embodied the amendment with explanations certain clauses.

A WEEK'S NEWS CONDENSED.

Thursday, May 23.

Iowa's prohibition state convention nominated A. U. Coates for governor and endorsed Mrs. Carrie Nation.

Collections of internal revenue for April, 1901, were \$26,941,579, an increase over April, 1900, of \$3,689,926.

John R. Tanner, ex-governor of Illinois, died suddenly at Springfield, Ill., of rheumatism of the heart, aged 53.

Milt. Calvert, a negro, charged with attempting an assault on Tiny Gates, 10 years old, was hanged by a mob at Griffiths, Miss.

Mrs. Elizabeth Noramore, who murdered her six children at Coldbrook Springs, Mass., has been sent to an insane asylum for life.

Friday, May 24.

The loss of life in the Tennessee floods is now reported at 14.

An oil well struck yesterday at Marion, Ind., flows 2,000 barrels a day.

Senator Hanna was mustered into a Cleveland Grand Army post last night.

An explosion in a mine at Senghenydd, Wales, resulted in the death of 80 miners.

John Alexander Dowle, the Chicago faith curist, H. W. Judd and two women were arrested for allowing Judd's wife to die of neglect.

Gaetano Bresci, the anarchist who killed King Humbert of Italy, committed suicide by strangulation in his cell in the Santo Stefano prison.

Saturday, May 25.

The consumption of wine in France has increased 50 per cent in four months, displacing absinthe.

President O'Connell, of the machinists' union, will urge a strike for a nine hour day involving 100,000 railroad workers.

The steamer Baltimore broke in two in a storm off Ausable, Mich., and 12 were drowned, including Captain Place and his wife.

W. F. Solly, of Norristown, Pa., has been appointed by Governor Stone judge of the orphans' court of Montgomery county.

Admiral Remy exonerates Captain Hall, of the United States marine corps, from charges of cowardice at Pekin made by Minister Conger.

Monday, May 27.

Confederate Memorial day was observed in many Southern states Saturday.

Explosion of mine dust in a colliery at Dayton, Tenn., killed 21 men and injured nine, some perhaps fatally.

Robert Hislop, 13 years old, was murdered by burglars who entered his father's home in San Francisco.

Lieutenant Governor Allen and Hon. J. W. Ketchum, of Vermont, were arrested for alleged complicity in looting a bank.

An American legion guard fired on a German in Pekin, slightly wounding another German. The German ignored the guard's challenge.

Tuesday, May 28.

W. P. Hazen, secret service agent at New York, has resigned.

The new census returns give the population of Australasia at 4,550,651, an increase of 740,756 since the last enumeration.

Pennsylvania's supreme court decided the "ripper" law, relating to Pittsburgh, Allegheny and Scranton, constitutional.

Herman Luetgerth, a Norwegian butcher, has been arrested in connection with the murder of 13-year-old Robert Hislop on Saturday night in San Francisco.

At Tilsonburg, Ont., two boys named Harley Mann and J. B. Adams were playing in a barn loft when the hay became ignited and both were burned to death.

Wednesday, May 29.

Miss Melissa Van Vlack, a handsome 19-year-old girl, was killed by a train at Fishkill Landing, N. Y.

Forty-five students of the Columbus (Ind.) high school, who engaged in a class fight, were arrested for rioting.

Miss Aggie Long, who went to a church in Sycamore, Ind., for organ practice, wrote a letter arranging her funeral and then shot herself.

The death sentence of C. W. Nordstrom, convicted of murder in Washington state nine years ago, has been affirmed by the United States supreme court.

GENERAL MARKETS.

Philadelphia, May 28.—Flour steady; winter superfine, \$2.10; Pennsylvania roller, clear, \$3.25; city mills, extra, \$2.40; \$2.65. Rye flour quiet and steady at \$2.50; 2 1/2 red, wheat firm; No. 2 red, spot, 77 1/2; No. 2 yellow, for local trade, 50c. Oats steady; No. 2 white, clipped, 34 1/2; low grades, 30 1/2. Hay in light demand; choice timothy, \$7 for large bales; beef quiet; beef hams, \$19.50; pork steady; family, \$17.50. Lard firm; western steamed, \$4.40. Live poultry quoted at 19 1/2; for hens, 5c; for old roosters and 24 1/2; for spring chickens. Dressed poultry quoted at 10c; for hens, 6 1/2; for old roosters, 25 1/2; for nearby broilers, 11 1/2; for chickens and 10 1/2; for frozen turkeys. Butter firm; creamery, 15 1/2; factory, 11 1/2; imitation creamery, 13 1/2; New York dairy, 15 1/2; fancy Pennsylvania prints; jobbing at 22 1/2; do. extra, 2c. Cheese firm; fancy large, colored, 9 1/2; do. do. white, 8 1/2; fancy small, colored, 9 1/2; do. do. white, 8 1/2. Eggs steady; New York and Pennsylvania, 13 1/2; western ungraded, 11 1/2; Jersey, 12 1/2; 13 1/2. Potatoes quiet; Jersey, 5 1/2; 5 1/2; New York, \$1.50; Havanna, 2 1/2; Jersey sweets, \$1.50; Cabbages steady; New York, \$1.25 per ton.

East Liberty, Pa., May 28.—Cattle market steady; extra, \$5.50; prime, \$5.00; 1 1/2; good, \$4.50; 2 1/2; Hogs steady; prime heavy, \$5.50; assorted mediums, \$5.00; 5 1/2; best Yorkers, \$5.00; 5 1/2; light do., \$4.50; 5 1/2; skips, \$4.00; 2 1/2; roughs, \$3.50; 1 1/2. Sheep steady; best wethers, \$4.50; 4 1/2; choice lambs, \$3.50; common to good, \$2.50; vocal values, \$5.00.

HARRISBURG LETTER.

Measures That Occupy the Attention of the Lawmakers.

TO ADJOURN IN ANOTHER MONTH

Both Houses Agree to a Resolution Naming June 27 as the Date—Proposed Constitutional Convention. Oleomargarine Bill Passed.

Harrisburg, May 25.—In the senate yesterday Mr. Rice, of Bucks, offered a resolution providing for a recess of the senate from today until the first Tuesday in October. The resolution was defeated.

The Snyder-Harris oleomargarine bill, which has passed the house, was passed by a vote of 40 to 1, Mr. Magee, of Allegheny, voting against it. Mr. Muehlbronner, of Allegheny, who is a manufacturer of oleomargarine, did not vote. The bill prohibits the manufacture and sale of oleomargarine, butterine and other similar products when colored in imitation of butter, and provides for the payment of a license fee for the sale of the uncolored product.

The bill increasing the number of anthracite mine inspectors from eight to 16 and providing for their election by the people of anthracite counties was amended by Mr. Vaughn, of Lackawanna, and laid over for printing. The amendments reduce the terms of the inspectors from five to three years and in several other respects place the bill in its original state.

Among bills passed finally in the house yesterday were: Imposing a tax of 2 per cent upon the gross receipts of stock brokers, bill brokers, exchange brokers and private bankers; requiring peddlers and hawkers to pay an annual license of \$10, when they travel on foot, and \$25 when they use a horse and carriage (the bill does not apply to peddlers' licenses issued to soldiers); providing for the submission to the vote of the people at the next general election the proposed amendment to the constitution to permit the use of voting machines at elections.

Harrisburg, May 24.—The McNalls bill making it unlawful for first cousins to marry, which was defeated on Wednesday in the senate, was reconsidered at yesterday's session and laid aside for the present. Ten bills, among others the Willard bill to prevent idocy, were read the first time.

The general appropriation bill, carrying an appropriation of \$15,945,761.10, for the payment of the ordinary expenses of the state government the next two years, passed second reading in the house yesterday in the form in which it was reported from committee. The bill contains an item appropriating \$11,000,000 for the support of the public schools. Mr. Coray, of Luzerne, made an unsuccessful effort to increase this amount to \$12,000,000 to cover Governor Stone's reduction in the appropriation in 1899.

Harrisburg, May 28.—Twenty-six bills for private charities, aggregating \$543,700, were reported to the house last night from the appropriations committee.

Mr. Paul, of Philadelphia, offered a resolution which was adopted, to recommit to the committee on banks the senate bill creating a bureau of building and loan associations in the department of banking.

Mr. Paul, of Philadelphia, introduced a resolution calling for final adjournment of the legislature on June 21. The resolution went over under the rules.

Mr. Shutt, of York, introduced a bill providing for the calling of a convention to amend the constitution. The bill provides for 150 members of the convention, which shall meet in Harrisburg on the second Tuesday in January, 1902.

Seven senators met at 4 o'clock yesterday afternoon and cleaned up the calendar of first and second reading bills and then adjourned until tonight.

Harrisburg, May 29.—The senate last night amended the house resolution calling for final adjournment on April 25, so as to adjourn June 27. The resolution went back to the house, and was promptly concurred in.

The Fox capital bill was taken up by the house on a special order yesterday morning for second reading and postponed for the present. The motion was offered by Mr. McClain, of Lancaster, after an explanation that he believed the members should have more time to consider the measure. The bill appropriates \$5,000,000 to complete the building within four years by a commission to be appointed by the governor. The anthracite members are determined to oppose the bill as long as the miners' bills are held up, while a number of rural members have decided to cut the appropriation to \$4,500,000.

Among senate bills passed finally were: Authorizing councils of third class cities by ordinance to sell or lease at the best price obtainable the coal under any public park or common owned by the city, and to apply the proceeds to improving, policing and lighting the park or common; providing for the registration and licensing of plumbers in second class cities; to protect employes of corporations in their right to belong to labor unions; to prohibit the manufacture and sale of fire crackers made of dynamite; amending the Brooks high license act so as to prohibit the sale of liquor by saloonkeepers to women, to be taken from the premises.

The Chew bill making voting compulsory failed on final passage by 41 yeas to 91 nays.

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