

THE CONFERENCE SEASON OPENED

Great Patriotism Displayed at Philadelphia.

BISHOP WALDEN'S STIRRING ADDRESS

Teeming with Patriotic Sentiment. The M. E. Conference Held at Danville -- Bishop Andrews Presides. Report of Increase in Church Membership.

Chester, Pa., March 17.—Today's session of the Philadelphia Methodist Episcopal conference was notable for a ringing declaration of patriotism by Bishop John M. Walden, of Cincinnati, and the outburst of applause with which his remarks were greeted.

He said the country is at a critical period, but he had an abiding faith in the sober judgment of the American people and the president of the United States. "The influence of the church," he said, "should be on the side of peace. There is enough indignation on the other side. The calm of our country will not suffer by the delay, and somehow I have come to the belief that we shall preserve the peace and obtain the freedom of Cuba. I am glad to see the interest of our brethren in the flag which ornaments his church. It is right and proper that the church should be so decorated, and I, for one, would be glad to see the flag stand alongside of the pulpit in every church in the country. It means to us the guardianship of our civil and religious liberty. Finally, brethren, while I deprecate war, as most of you do, still I will venture to say that if war should come there will be as many Methodists answer the call as there were in the last time."

BISHOP GOODSELL

Bishop Goodsell, of Chattanooga, who presided, endorsed all that Bishop Walden had said, and said: "The spectacle of a great nation conscious of its strength, waiting patiently day after day before it strikes, is a most edifying one. I have seen war, and when I say it is to be deprecated I know whereof I speak, and trust that none of the brethren will join the ranks of those who are crying for war. We are men of peace, and we cannot afford to see this glorious country of ours descend to the level of those European nations who grab each other by the throat for the sake of gaining a little more territory. Our cause must be declared a righteous one before we resort to the sword."

Apart from this feature of the meeting, most of the time was taken up by the reading of district reports, all of which showed an encouraging condition. The question of lay representation was made a special order for Monday. A resolution was also introduced providing that graduates from the Methodist Episcopal colleges be admitted to the ministry without a second examination by the conference.

AT DANVILLE

Danville, Va., March 17.—Today's session of the Methodist Episcopal conference was opened by Bishop Andrews. Devotional exercises were conducted by Rev. George Letley, of Sunbury.

Statistical Secretary E. M. Allen read the names of those who handed in imperfect reports and the bishop advised each person to consult with Mr. Allen, Assistant Treasurer M. G. Piper read the names of those who handed in incorrect financial reports. After the character of Dr. W. W. Evans had been examined and approved, he read the report from Harrisburg district. In substance it is as follows:

Membership of churches increased 1,600; 2,000 converts, 1,600 of whom joined the church; \$850 increase in collections; aggregate \$10,500; three new churches built and one parsonage; several hundred dollars received for the church extension society. The bishop then passed upon the characters of all preachers in Dr. Evans' district.

The bishop then introduced to the conference Rev. Dr. Mains, who represents the Eaton & Mains book room of New York. He said the book room is flourishing. It was founded one hundred and nine years ago, when the managers borrowed \$600. Now it has a capital of \$3,400,000. The first catalogue listed thirty volumes, which has grown to 3,000 volumes.

Dr. A. B. Leonard presented the missionary society's work.

Dr. J. W. Buckley presented the work accomplished by the New York Christian Advocate, of which he is editor. At the afternoon session the anniversary of the Sunday school union and tract society in St. Paul's Methodist Episcopal church was celebrated. Rev. William Moses presided, and an address was made by Rev. J. M. Freeman, D. D.

KENTUCKY POPULISTS.

Decide to Cut Loose from the Democrats and Run Their Own Ticket.

Louisville, Ky., March 17.—A state convention of sixty counties, was held here today for the purpose of advancing party prospects. Committees were appointed to work in each district and county of the state and a strong middle-of-the-road policy was adopted. Silver was practically ignored in the resolutions.

The Gobel force bill just passed by the Democratic legislature was denounced bitterly. It was decided to put out a full Populist ticket next year from governor down and to make no alliances with the Democrats. A great deal of enthusiasm prevailed.

AUBREY BEARDSLEY DEAD.

The Well-Known English Draughtsman and Writer Dies at Montone.

New York, March 17.—A special cable despatch to the Sun says that Aubrey Beardsley, the well-known draughtsman and writer, died in Montone from hemorrhage of the lungs.

Mr. Beardsley was born in 1874. He began working for the Pall Mall Magazine and Pall Mall Budget in 1892. He was elected a member of the New English Art club in 1893, and subsequently

THE POPULATION OF SCRANTON

Scranton is about 110,000, and we would say at least one-half are troubled with some affection of the Throat and Lungs, as those complaints are, according to statistics, more numerous than others. We would advise all to neglect the opportunity to call on their druggist and get a bottle of Kemp's Balsam for the Throat and Lungs. Price 25c and 50c. Sold by all druggists.

he worked for various publishers. He designed a number of posters that attracted considerable attention owing to the eccentricity displayed in them. He was the author of several illustrated publications, including "La Morte d'Arthur," "Salome," "Rape of the Lock" and "Under the Hill." He contributed a large number of drawings to the "Yellow Book" and Le Courrier Francais.

EDUCATORS IN SESSION.

City and Borough Superintendents of Public Schools Elect Officers.

Pittsburg, March 17.—The annual convention of city and borough superintendents of public schools close this afternoon after electing the following officers: President, C. L. Wayland, vice president, W. W. Rupert, Pottstown; secretary, C. V. Hotchkiss, Meadville; treasurer, E. E. Kauffman, Tyrone; executive committee, L. O. Foote, Harrisburg; J. M. Berkey, Johnstown, and A. D. Colver, Corry.

At the morning session papers were read by Superintendent R. K. Buchler, of Lancaster; Superintendent W. Rupert, of Pottstown; Superintendent John A. Gibson, of Butler. Superintendent Buchler offered a resolution asking for the appointment of a committee of three to hasten the simplifying of the spelling of words in the English language. The resolution was lost by a close vote.

The morning session was concluded by Superintendent Lacker who read a paper on the "Advisability of Establishing Kindergarten Schools in Accordance with Recent Legislation."

At the afternoon session papers were read by Superintendent C. A. Babcock, of All City, and addresses were delivered by Dr. W. J. Holland and Dr. J. D. Moffat, president of Washington and Jefferson college.

DIVORCES IN NEIGHBORLY LOVE.

Hutchinson Is Now Free, as Is Also Mrs. Grant.

Trenton, N. J., March 17.—An interesting divorce case was heard by Vice Chancellor Reed today. It was the application of Mrs. Harriet Hutchinson for separation from her husband, Marshall Hutchinson, who keeps a saloon at the corner of Ninth and Chestnut streets, Camden. Mrs. Hutchinson is a resident of Washington, this state. Her husband lived there until a few months ago. They had a neighbor by the name of Grant, and it is charged Hutchinson was too attentive to Mrs. Grant. When the denouement came, and Grant protested, his wife applied for a divorce, which she secured without opposition.

When free it is charged Mrs. Grant became closely attached to Hutchinson, and the two went to Camden, where Hutchinson established himself in business, permitting his wife to look out for herself. In the case today Hutchinson was represented by Lawyer Frederick A. Rex, of Camden, who stated that the defendant would not offer any defense, whereupon Vice Chancellor Reed granted the divorce and allowed the complainant's counsel a fee of \$500.

COURT OFFICIALS SENTENCED.

Eugene Lindsay and Richard Merrick Will Go to Prison.

Philadelphia, March 17.—Eugene Lindsay, formerly a clerk in the prothonotary's office, this city; Richard W. Merrick, formerly assistant clerk in the United States Circuit court, and Henry Caspar, an excise-man, were today sentenced by Judge Butler for conspiracy in issuing fraudulent naturalization papers.

Lindsay was given two years' imprisonment and fined \$2,000 and costs of prosecution. Merrick, who pleaded guilty, was sentenced to one year and six months and fined \$1,000, and Caspar, who also pleaded guilty, was given one year and one month and fined \$500.

OLEO MEN SENTENCED.

Wilkins and Butler Removed to Government Stumps.

Philadelphia, March 17.—Judge Butler today in the United States district court imposed sentences upon two men recently convicted of violating the laws governing the sale of oleomargarine. The men were Joseph Wilkins, of the firm of Wilkins & Co., oleomargarine dealers, of Washington, and Howard Butler, an employe of the firm. The former was fined \$1,500 and costs of prosecution, and sentenced to six months, while Butler was fined \$500 and given four months.

It was shown at the trial that the men removed government stamps and labels from oleomargarine packages.

CALLS HIS WIFE A BIGAMIST.

A Husband Arrested for Cruelty, Turns the Tables.

Richmond, Va., March 17.—John P. Grose, whose wife had him arrested a few days ago for alleged cruel treatment, turned the tables this evening by securing out a warrant for her arrest for alleged bigamy. He has a letter from William Sparrow, of Harrisburg, saying he was married to the woman and had never been divorced.

When Grose married the Pennsylvania woman last December she represented herself to be a widow, the widow of Dr. Bowers, formerly of Richmond, who sold medicine in Philadelphia.

DEATH IN DISEASED PORK.

The Entire Family of Joseph Demco Perished.

Huntingdon, Pa., March 17.—The recent prostration of the entire family of Joseph Demco, in Cromwell township, resulting in two deaths, and which was attributed to an irritant poison, has been found by the authorities to have been caused by diseased pork. An analytical examination showed no trace of poison in the organs of the deceased persons.

Last fall, Demco killed a sick pig, which he cut up and put in pickle and on the family partially subsisted during the winter.

KILLS HIS PLAYMATE.

Perry Gardiner, of Pataski, Ill., Uses a Club on Willie Rogers.

Pataski, Ill., March 17.—Perry Gardiner, of Pataski, Ill., used a club on Willie Rogers, an unemployed building here and beat out his brains with a club. He then escaped, and officers are searching for him. Gardiner and Rogers were playmates, aged 16 years. The former had a grudge against his fellow and took this means of avenging it.

Brush - erts - ouse.

Columbia, Pa., March 17.—Sheriff Myers today closed the works of the Columbia Brush company on 150 executions aggregating \$14,000. The company was one of the largest in the United States and employed over 20 hands.

ECHOES FROM THE KLONDIKE REGION

Accumulations of Mail at Dyea and Skaguay to Be Handled.

STORIES OF RICH GOLD FINDS

J. P. Crum, Special Commissioner of the Postoffice Department, Arrives at Spokane--Orders for the Government Exploring Expedition--A Rich Strike Reported on the Stickeen River.

Spokane, Wash., March 17.—John P. Crum, special commissioner of the postoffice department, is here en-route to Alaska. C. L. Wayland, postoffice inspector, whose district includes Alaska, will accompany him north. The authority vested in Mr. Crum, as far as postoffice matters are concerned is almost unlimited. He may establish offices, appoint postmasters and clerks, fix their salaries and approve bonds. He announces that it is the department's intention to give Alaska adequate postal service. Offices are to be established at all the settlements which are likely to be permanent. His first official act is to be the appointment of clerks to handle the accumulated mail at Dyea and Skaguay. Aided by the reindeer expedition he is to try to establish an American postal route from Tideswater to Dawson.

Portland, Ore., March 17.—Orders have been received at Vancouver Barracks from the war department for one of the exploring expeditions to start for the interior of Alaska for the purpose of establishing a route to the gold fields of Alaska through American territory. The expedition is to be commanded by Captain Bogardus Eldredge of the Fourteenth infantry, Second Lieutenant Elmer Clark and Robert Field, and to consist of twenty enlisted men of the Fourteenth infantry.

The command is to proceed from Skaguay in time to meet the reindeer train at Pyramid harbor not later than March 24, and is to go via Dalton trail to Dawson. Two hundred reindeer under charge of Mr. Kjellman are to be selected for transportation of the expedition.

Seattle, Wash., March 17.—Major J. R. Hayden, a well known banker of this city, is in receipt of a letter from his son, who writes of a rich quartz and placer discovery on the Stickeen river about ten miles from Telegraph creek. The quartz ledge is from 800 to 1,000 feet wide, and assays as high as \$32 in gold.

Victoria, B. C., March 17.—Dr. Wagner of Seattle, from the Beaver water mine, has returned from the banks of that stream. He says that a large crowd of prospectors is hurrying to the new diggings, and already twenty-two claims are being worked with success, the first, it is said, returning an average of \$8 to \$10 a pan.

BEN ATWATER'S BURDEN.

Skaguay, Alaska, March 12, via Seattle, Wash., March 17.—Ben Atwater arrived here last night from Circle City and Dawson, N. W. T., bringing 100 pounds of mail from the above places. Atwater's former home was in Morrison, Ill. He went to the Yukon country in 1886, and has resided there ever since. Atwater says that there is food enough in the Klondike country to last the present population two years. As a consequence of the food scare the output of the mines is likely to be curtailed. He estimates it at about \$5,000,000.

Atwater says that many claims which were considered to be only wild-cat properties on various creeks are turning out well. Dominion is paying finely, and is to have a big clean-up next spring. Sulphur and silver are also good, and so is Indian. Quartz ledges have been found on the latter creek which look well. There is quite a settlement at the mouth of the Stewart, but no reports have as yet been received from the prospectors who went up the river early in the winter.

On Walsh Creek, five miles below the Big Salmon, dirt has been found which yields 75 cents to the pan. A stampede from Circle City to American Creek took place about Jan. 10, about 200 men leaving. Atwater met 200 or 400 men from Dawson making their way to the creek, which is fifty miles from Forty-Mile and about twenty-five miles below the international boundary on the Alaskan side.

A courier from Skaguay arrived at Circle City just before Atwater left that place, with about fifty pounds of mail. That Atwater brought out. The courier had a quantity of gold from Minook and he said that the prospectors had struck it rich there.

Atwater says there are but few cases of scurvy at Dawson. The general health of the people is good.

IRON TRADE IS LIVELY.

No Material Change in the Steel Market.

Pittsburg, March 17.—The American Manufacturer in its weekly trade review will say tomorrow: "Our reports this week indicate no material change in the iron and steel market, as the trade is going on in about the same way. War talk is having some effect in holding back business and some mills are watching common developments. The eastern market is rather unsatisfactory. At New York business is about as it was, with considerable doing, but prices remain quite low. At Philadelphia the pig iron market is rather dull and there is little doing in Bessemer steel. The demand for bar iron is irregular, but the sheet mills have good orders, and the plate mills are fairly well employed. At Chicago some departments of the trade are active, while others are dull. The movement in pig iron is less pronounced than it was, but stocks are scarce. Bar iron is weak, although the demand is good. The sheet trade is hardly what it was, but structural material is active. Cincinnati reports the market as somewhat steadier, with prices a trifle firmer. Considerable pig iron that was bought for speculative purposes is now being put on the market. At Cleveland, Bessemer pig iron is firmer, but bar quotations are shaded. The demand for sheet iron at this point is good. It is thought that there will be an increase in trade in iron ore during the coming season. At Wheeling the trade shows little or no change but demand for finished iron is fair.

Killed by a Stone.

Lancaster, Pa., March 17.—John H. Schroll, of Mount Joy, while at a party at Mount Joy on Saturday night was struck on the head by a stone, inflicting injuries from which he died today. Joseph Cramer and Samuel Garber, companions, have been arrested.

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A very handsome Spring Top Coat, tailored in the most approved fashion, with that fullness in the back that you see in high priced custom tailored coats, the latest shades of material are here, including sheared, unshaired, worsteds and covert cloths, made and trimmed with the best Mohair Victoria twill, a coat that should sell for \$18.

\$12

We cannot help praising that "Pool Spring Special," a coat taken from the great English tailor's fashion plate, made in very handsome rosemound browns and unshaired worsteds, made and tailored throughout in the most approved fashion, lined to the edge with the best imported silk, a very handsome coat and worth, with Pool's name on, three times the money.

\$15

Spring Suits.

Some correct styles for Spring Suits can be seen in the Penn avenue window.

Fine three and four button Cutaway Sack in the new brown and blue mixtures, Cassimeres, Cheviots and Overlaid Worsteds, with deep French facings, wide satin piping, and made with that perfect style and finish that only good tailors can accomplish. These suits are here now. The patterns are beautiful. You certainly will not find them later on in the season.

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Perfectly built and tailored the always correct, three and four button Cutaway Sack Coat, made of such dependable material as the Hoosic Cheviot, the Island Mills and Gilbert Cassimeres. The coat fronts are with wide facings. These suits are unquestionably worth \$12 to \$15.

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\$12 to 15

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TOM WATSON UP AGAIN.

Populist of Georgia Nominates Him for Governor Despite His Protest.

Atlanta, Ga., March 17.—Amid a whirlwind of enthusiasm and in spite of the numerous protests which he has made, Thomas E. Watson was nominated for governor of Georgia today by the Populist state convention in session here. On Monday of this week Mr. Watson made a declaration to the effect that he would not attend the convention and would decline the nomination if given. But the 25 delegates from all over the state paid no attention to this assertion and the only discord in their deliberations was in the selection of running mates for Watson. The ticket stands as follows: Governor, T. L. Watson; comptroller, General Benjamin Milliken; secretary of state, L. M. Jackson; treasurer, J. H. Taylor; commissioner of agriculture, W. L. Peck; attorney-general, Cary Thornton; supreme court, Walter B. Hill, Prohibitionist; W. H. Leakin, Republican, and Hal Lewis, the present Democratic incumbent.

The coyness of Watson is a characteristic which he has displayed in every political contest which he has entered, and the delegates tonight think he will eventually abide by the voice of the convention as his duty. The tone of the convention was Middle-of-the-Road and of such tenor was the platform.

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