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METHODISM.

Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church.

(By Telegraph to the Pittsburgh Gazette.)

CHICAGO, May 9.—The Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church assembled at the usual hour. After the opening exercises the order of business was taken up.

Rev. Dr. Carrow, of Philadelphia, offered a resolution in favor of amending the discipline that the quarterly conference shall be the organ of communication with the Bishops in regard to the appointment of preachers.

Rev. Dr. Cunningham, of Philadelphia, presented a memorial from Elkton, Maryland, praying for the rescinding from the journals of the General Conference the resolutions adopted in 1858, ensuring two of its members for making abolition speeches.

Referred to the Committee on the State of the Church.

Rev. Mr. Hester, of Indiana, offered a resolution instructing the Committee on Revivals to cause the Discipline to be amended so as to incorporate into the law of the Church the stringency and spiritual rule in regard to divorce.

Rev. Dr. Holliday, of Indiana, submitted a resolution asking the Committee on Revivals to incorporate into the Discipline a rule defining with authority shall appoint choristers, employ choirs, and regulate the music of the Church.

A member of the Conference proposed a resolution to amend the Discipline in the invitation to the Lord's table the words "and have been baptized" to be inserted.

Rev. A. J. Layday, of West Virginia, presented a resolution in favor of biennial sessions of the General Conference; also, one in favor of increasing the number of Bishops.

Referred.

A number of petitions in favor of lay representation were presented. Referred.

The subject of admission of Southern Mission Conferences was then taken up.

Rev. Mr. Hester, of Indiana, offered an amendment to Dr. Reddy's substitute for the report of the Special Committee. The amendment proposed that the claims of mission conferences of the second class, namely, those in Southern States, leaving those of the third class (colored) to be considered and acted upon afterwards.

Dr. H. Wheeler, of North Ohio, then addressed the conference on the substitute and in favor of the claimants. He showed that the erection of territories into States and the admission of the same into the Union by Congress was by a process similar to that pursued in this case, and argued in favor of the perfect regularity of the action proposed by the committee on the subject.

Rev. Dr. Porter, of Providence, occupied fifteen minutes with an argument to show that representation to the South and the inferiority of the South are not the grounds upon which the General Conference should refuse to receive the claims of mission conferences of the second class, and that this was done by the General Conference of 1854-5.

ST. LOUIS.

Gen. Sheridan—Presentation to an Editor.

(Special Dispatch to the Pittsburgh Gazette.)

ST. LOUIS, May 9.—Gen. Sheridan arrived today en route for Washington.

Governor Crawford of Kansas also arrived to-day and will leave for Chicago to-morrow.

A number of prominent merchants, especially those interested in the through grain trade and transportation, to-day presented Myron Colney, commanding general of the Missouri, with a valuable watch and chain, as a testimonial of their appreciation of his efforts in advancing the material interests of the city, and particularly for his advocacy of and action in the inauguration of shipments of grain in bulk to New York and Liverpool.

The presentation was made at the Democrat office, where a large number of merchants congregated. Several leading business men of the city made speeches, and much satisfaction was expressed at the successful result of the new movement. James Cameron of the firm of Gilliat & Co., of the New Orleans route for the shipment of Western produce to European ports.

SOUTHERN STATE ELECTIONS.

Constitution, Radicals, and Republican States' Election—Florida—Official from Georgia.

(By Telegraph to the Pittsburgh Gazette.)

ATLANTA, May 9.—The Georgia State Convention assembled at 10 o'clock to-day.

Colored delegates were present, and the convention was opened by the reading of a message from the Governor.

Official returns have been received in this State (Georgia) from all but one county, showing that the Constitution is ratified by an overwhelming majority.

The Senate stands twenty-seven Republicans, sixteen Democrats, and six doubtful.

NEW ORLEANS.

Suit Dismissed—Alleged Ineligibility of "Newly-Elected Officers."

(By Telegraph to the Pittsburgh Gazette.)

NEW ORLEANS, May 9.—Commissioner Shannon to-day dismissed the suit against Governor Baker on a charge of perjury in taking the oath of office. He decided the evidence produced by the prosecution as being insufficient to sustain the charge.

An affidavit has been filed by one of the Registrars before United States Commissioner Wells, to the effect that the newly-elected Registrar of the First District was not naturalized until after his nomination, and that Conway, Republican, was a resident of Louisiana, although appearing on the ticket from the Parish of Orleans.

The same objection was made by the Commissioner Shannon, who performed his duty according to the law.

NEW HAMPSHIRE.

Postmaster in New Hampshire.

(By Telegraph to the Pittsburgh Gazette.)

POSTHOURS, May 9.—Mrs. Brown, one of the proprietors of the New Hampshire Hotel at Hampton Falls, died last night.

Mrs. Brown survives, with little hope of recovery. She is over seventy years old. The evidence against Pike as the murderer is conclusive.

Letter from Dr. Livingstone.

Early in April a letter was received in Edinburgh from Dr. Livingstone, by a friend of the celebrated traveler. The following are extracts:

COUNTRY OF THE ZIMBAWE, Nov. 10, 1858.—It has been quite impossible to send a letter coastwise ever since we left the Bay of Delagoa. The Arab slave-traders take their boats as soon as they hear that the English are on the road. I am a perfect bugbear to them. Eight parties thus skeddaddled, and last of all my Johanna men, frightened out of their wits by stories told by a member of a ninth party who had been plundered of his slaves, walked off and left me to face the terrible Mazitu with nine Nasseck boys. The fear which the English name has struck into the souls of the slave-traders has thus been an inconvenience. I could not go around the north end of the lake for fear that my Johanna men, at sight of the boats, would desert, and the owners of two dhows now on the lake kept them out of sight, lest I should burn them as slaves, and I could not cross in the middle.

Surrounding the Southern end of the lake, the range, and among Manganja, not yet made slave-sellers. This was a great treat, for like all who have not been contaminated by that blight, they were very kind and having been worried enough by unwilling Sepoys and cowardly Johanna men, I followed my bent by easy marches among friendly, generous people, to whom I tried impart some new ideas in return for their hospitality.

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The Dead-broke Brigade.

The first thing that a stranger observes on arriving in Washington is not the White House or the Treasury Building, but the fact that nearly everybody whom he meets is "dead-broke." They ain't to blame for it, many of them. They came here long ago to get some claim through the War Department, or lured by the promises of the "members from our district," made by election, to receive an expected appointment, or to look after the interests of some far-away mining company, or to secure a deputyship under a friend, and no appointments made, and no claim through the Senate. The wheels of business at the capital roll slow enough at best, but now the impeachment question has wholly clogged them. No "claims" can get gotten through, and no appointments made or confirmed. There the poor fellows, waiting and waiting, and getting "broke and broke" every day. There is a small army of them. They sleep in cheap lodgings, where it is convenient, and drink every time they are asked.

They sit around at Willard's, or at the Metropolitan, or promenade along the Avenue, which they rarely leave. They usually one of them formerly strolls down to the Treasury Building to see about "his claim," or to the Post Office, in the desperate hope that some one has sent a draft, and having been worried enough by unwilling Sepoys and cowardly Johanna men, I followed my bent by easy marches among friendly, generous people, to whom I tried impart some new ideas in return for their hospitality.

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