

# AMERICAN LEAGUE OF MUNICIPALITIES

Mayors, Councilmen and Other Officials of Leading Cities Gathered in Grand Rapids, for Objects of Municipal Reform.

Grand Rapids, Mich., Aug. 27.—Attracted by their mutual interest in the subject of better municipal government, the mayors, councilmen and other officials of leading cities of the United States and Canada are assembled in Grand Rapids, and during the three days, beginning today, they will engage in discussions of ways and means to bring about the improvements and changes they desire. The occasion is the sixth annual meeting of the American League of Municipalities, an organization which was formed in Columbus, O., in 1897. The rapid growth of its membership and influence during the five years of its existence is shown by the large and representative attendance at the present gathering. Leading cities in all sections of the United States and several of the chief Canadian municipalities are represented. Such cities as Cleveland, Denver, Balti-



MAYOR ASHLEY of New Bedford, President of the American League of Municipalities.

more, Nashville, Des Moines, Winnipeg, Charleston, S. C., Hartford and Syracuse have sent their mayors and heads of departments, while numerous cities of the third and fourth classes are also well represented in the convention.

The gathering was formally opened this afternoon in the large furniture exposition building. Mayor Palmer of Grand Rapids made the address of welcome and Mayor Charles S. Ashley of New Bedford, president of the league, responded for the visiting delegates. President Ashley then proceeded to deliver his annual address, which was a paper of considerable length, reviewing the origin and growth of the league, the splendid work it has already accomplished in the way of municipal reform and touching briefly upon the many important municipal problems remaining unsolved. Secretary John MacVicar of Des Moines reported that the league now has on its membership rolls cities representing nearly one-fourth of the population of the United States. The remainder of the opening session was given over largely to routine business connected with the affairs of the league. Tomorrow morning the regular program of papers, addresses and discussions will be taken up and continue until the close of the meeting Friday evening.

There are several points that promise to make the present meeting of more than ordinary interest, chief among them being the fact that the league purposes to take up the discussion of several subjects heretofore left off the agenda. One of these questions deals with the relations of organized labor to municipal affairs, and its discussion promises to be full of interest. The Greenburg system of handling the liquor traffic will also receive attention for the first time. Among other subjects to be discussed are: Transportation and taxation, contract system, criminals, parks and park commissions, street and road construction, street paving and cleaning, municipal ownership, and uniform municipal accounting.

Several cities, among them Columbus, Colorado Springs, Baltimore, Put-in-Bay, Buffalo and Cleveland, are making efforts to secure next year's convention of the league.

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Just Received "Union Made" Shoes.

Spring Heel Children's, 5 to 11, \$1. Spring Heel Misses', 11-2 to 2, \$1.50. Low Heel Woman's, 2-1-2 to 6, \$1.75. Regular Heel Woman's, 2-1-2 to 6, \$2. Youth's Shoes, 9-1-2 to 13-1-2, \$1.25. Youth's Shoes, 1 to 2, \$1.50. Boys' Shoes, 2-1-2 to 6, \$2.

These plain cold figures may or may not mean much to the reader, but we know they represent the best values we ever saw. Excellent school shoes.

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The Corner Shoe Store Court Square.

# METHODISTS WILL RAISE TRUST FUND

Of \$5,000,000 for Help in Support of Superannuated Ministers and Preachers' Wives and Orphans.

Nashville, Aug. 27.—The board of trust of the Methodist Episcopal church, south, met here this morning for the purpose of choosing an agent to raise a trust fund of \$5,000,000 for the help and support of superannuated preachers, and the widows and orphans of deceased preachers of the denomination.

The last general conference authorized the creation of this fund, and it was provided that none of the interest should be used until the principal reaches \$100,000, when 75 per cent. becomes payable to the beneficiaries, and the remaining 25 per cent. is to be added to the principal until the fund reaches \$5,000,000. All of the interest then becomes payable to the beneficiaries. All loans will be made upon improved realty and the committee is not allowed to loan more than 40 per cent. of the value of the property. The funds will be loaned from and the interest will be paid in Nashville.

Rev. A. F. Watkins of Brookhaven, Miss., was elected agent to collect the fund. Rev. Mr. Watkins was one of the secretaries at the last general conference in Dallas, Tex.

# WILL BEAT WILLIE

And Smashed up Her Best Sunday Hat.

Will Jackson, colored, was arrested for fighting Willie Jackson last night on South Main street. Will also smashed up two hats belonging to Willie and threw them out of the window. Willie's Will's wife, but Willie could not see why she should be pounded for that reason, and when it came to the hat-smashing stage and she saw her best Sunday bonnet, with its pink roses and green ribbons, flying out of the window she decided it was time to call for outside aid.

When the message came to the police station the patrol wagon was absent, so, as the matter seemed urgent, the hose wagon was pressed into service, and this morning Will will pay for a ride in addition to the hats which he wrecked.

# CUBA WOULD DECORATE CONGRESSMAN MOODY

"It has been decided by the new republic of Cuba, says a Havana correspondent of the Charlotte Observer, to decorate Congressman J. M. Moody of the Tenth North Carolina district, and other Americans who rendered notable services to the Cuban republic.

"Resolutions are now pending in congress to prepare a list of Cubans and foreigners who rendered special service in the interest of Cuban independence and the establishment of self-government.

"The following are among the names which will appear in this list: Senators Morgan of Alabama; Money of Mississippi; Gallinger of New Hampshire; Thurston of Nebraska; Representative Moody of North Carolina; William R. Hurst and James Gordon Bennett of New York and others.

"General Gomez formerly commander in chief of the Cuban army, favors the payment of pensions to these men, but President Palma says many of them are too distinguished to receive money for their services and will be more honored by the decoration and the presentation of a certificate recounting their deeds and expressing the gratitude of the Cuban republic for the work done to secure for them self-government. This plan will be adopted."

# NATIONAL LEAGUE GAMES

At	R	H	E
Pittsburg	7	14	1
Boston	2	5	1
Batteries: Leever and Smith; Eason and Moran.			
At Cincinnati	R	H	E
Cincinnati	6	7	3
New York	4	8	6
Batteries: Poole and Bergen; Miller and Bowerman.			
Second game	R	H	E
St. Louis	4	5	3
Philadelphia	3	15	2
Batteries: Pearson and Ryan; Duglesby and Douglass.			

First St. Louis-Philadelphia game postponed on account of rain.

# FIRST READING BY REV. DR. STEARNS

Was Given at First Baptist Church Last Evening, and Was Well Attended—His Subject, "To Know God."

The first of a series of Bible readings to be given by Rev. Dr. D. M. Stearns of Germantown, Pa., was well attended last evening, the lecture room of the First Baptist church being filled by a most attentive and deeply interested congregation.

Dr. Stearns is a man of fine bearing and interesting personality, an impressive speaker, taking his hearers into the heart of his subject with a vivacity and earnestness of style that wins and holds attention from first to last.

His subject last night was introduced by the three words "to know God," about these he gathered many impressive texts, and commented upon them. The latter portion of his theme was on the text "God is Love," around which he clustered many passages to be studied at home, and which he said would be more fully expounded in the series of studies to follow.

The audience manifested deepest attention and interest throughout the services and judging by expressions of approval heard on every hand, this experimental chapel service will soon grow into a church congregation.

Dr. Stearns announced a morning service at 11 o'clock, to be occupied with four thoughts suggested by the two passages Deut. 23:3 and Jer. 33:3, and an evening service to begin promptly at 8 o'clock.

The meetings are non-denominational and a hearty invitation was extended to strangers and all interested in Bible study. Business men can be assured that the morning meetings will close promptly at 12 o'clock.

These services will be held twice a day for about a week. The morning session will be at 11 o'clock and the evening session will begin promptly at 8 o'clock. Dr. Stearns has regular weekly Bible classes in Philadelphia, New York, Brooklyn, Washington and Baltimore. He is one of the most noted Bible teachers in the United States.

# INJURED BY FALLING LIMB

Serious Accident to Thomas Ownbey Yesterday.

Thomas Ownbey, aged about 45 years, of Silver street was very seriously, perhaps fatally, injured by an accident which occurred at the new county court house yesterday afternoon about 5:30. A limb of one of the oak trees in front of the building, which had just been sawed off, fell upon him, crushing him against some stone slabs and wounding him in a number of places.

Mr. Ownbey, with two other men, was holding a rope fastened to the bough and running through a tackle attached to a bough above. The bough was about eight inches in diameter where it joined the tree, and, as there was a lot of breakable material on the ground below, the object was to let the limb down easy. When sawed off it fell very suddenly, and its weight was too much for the men holding the rope. They let go and ran. Mr. Ownbey ran in the wrong direction. He slipped and fell upon a pile of stones, and the falling limb struck him. He was unconscious for quite awhile, and when he recovered he seemed to be suffering severely. Dr. Glenn was summoned, and, after putting the wounded man under an anesthetic, proceeded to examine his wounds. He found a fracture of the frontal bone in the region of the forehead and indications of internal injuries in the region of his chest. He was also hurt in the back and one arm was much bruised. His condition is serious, but cannot be accurately determined for a day or two, the physician says.

Mr. Ownbey was employed by the court house contractors. He is a widower, with five children. He was taken to his sister's home, on North Main street.

# THE KINDERGARTENS

All Three Will Open Same Day as City Schools.

The same day that the city schools open all three free kindergartens will open also—the Sara Garrison kindergarten, with Misses Annie Carr and Ethel Ray as teachers; the Bailey street, with Misses Hattie Scott and Bessie Smith, and the Riverside, with Misses Alice Stockton and Amy Collier.

Until very recently it was uncertain that the kindergartens would all be opened on account of the lack of funds. Several weeks ago the financial situation changed somewhat, and now they are in fairly good shape. A number of donations have recently been made, and the day at Overlook made for them over \$50. They now have in the treasury about \$500. It will take about \$1,300 to run the kindergartens for a session.

# THIRTY-SIXTH SENATORIAL DISTRICT CONVENTION

A convention of the republicans in the 36th senatorial district is hereby called to meet in the town of Burnsville, N. C., on the 6th day of September, 1902, for the purpose of nominating a candidate for the state senate. The said district is composed of the following counties: Mitchell, Yancey, and Madison.

(Signed) J. E. BURLINSON, T. F. ROLAND, R. S. RAMSEY, Committee.

August 25, 1902.

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# WILL TEST PARTY'S STRENGTH IN SOUTH

New Orleans, Aug. 27.—It is announced from Mississippi that in deference to the recent expression of the president, republican candidates for congress will be nominated in each of the eight districts of Mississippi. There is no pretense that there is hope of success, and it is conceded these nominations, by bringing out democratic majorities, will assure larger democratic votes, but it is hoped from the vote cast to determine whether the president's recent utterances and policy as to southern nominations have increased the republican strength in the south.

# TARIFF LEAGUE CAMPAIGN

New York, Aug. 27.—The American Protective Tariff league purposes to take an active part in the fall congressional campaign, and to this end has already begun the distribution of literature. One of the league's most striking compositions is a huge poster described as "Uncle Sam's Balance Sheet." It is devoted to a comparison of democratic and republican administration of the United States from 1850 to 1902, and contains an impressive array of figures intended to show the beneficial results accruing from the Morrill, McKinley and Dingley tariffs. Other features of the poster are tables showing the wealth per capita, value of exports and imports and product of manufacture since and including James Buchanan's tenure of the presidential office.

# MOROS KILLED BY EARTHQUAKE

Washington, Aug. 27.—General Caffee cables the adjutant general from Manila that an earthquake in the Moros country did considerable damage. About twenty Moros were killed by falling walls. No Americans were hurt.

# POPULISTS IN CONFERENCE

Springfield, Ill., Aug. 27.—The members of the national executive committee of the Allied People's Party assembled at the St. Nicholas hotel in this city today in accordance with the recent call issued by Chairman J. A. Parker. The purpose of the conference is to decide future plans for the party's campaign and particularly to consider the situation in Kansas, Nebraska, and Oklahoma, and deciding whether the work of independent organization in those states shall be pushed during the present campaign.

# WEDS YOUNG MILLIONAIRE

East Liverpool, O., Aug. 27.—One of the largest and most brilliant weddings ever celebrated in this part of the state was that of Miss Alma Marshall and Mr. Harold T. Knowles, which took place here today. The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. E. D. Marshall of East Liverpool and the bridegroom the junior member of the Knowles, Taylor, Knowles company, pottery manufacturers. Mr. Knowles makes his home in New York, and though he has just turned his majority, his wealth is estimated at more than a million.

Five special cars conveyed guests from New York city to the wedding. Miss Anna Lee was the maid of honor, and the bridesmaids were Miss Sayre, Miss Morris of Chicago, Miss Nina Lee, Miss Upson of Mansfield and Miss Bailey of Pittsburg. J. O. Thompson of New York was the best man, and the ushers were Col. W. C. Brown, C. A. Rourke, Jr., J. W. Lake of New York, George Potter of East Liverpool and L. A. Munson of Wellsville. Among the wedding presents was a \$50,000 residence in this city, a gift from the bridegroom's mother, Mrs. Ida Stafford, of New York.

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One house and lot in Doubleday.  
One house and lot on Pine street.  
One vacant lot on Hill street.  
One brick warehouse and lot on South Main street.  
One lot on Haywood street.  
Two lots on Buttrick street.  
One house and lot on Depot street.  
One house and lot on East street.  
One house and lot, 416 North Main street.

# For Sale—Just outside of the corporate limits, six splendid truck farms in fine state of cultivation.

No. 1 contains 26.25 acres, No. 2 contains 18.42 acres, No. 3 contains 21.68 acres, No. 4 contains 13.23 acres, No. 5 contains 14.3 acres, No. 6 contains 21.9 acres. On the last named there is a large dwelling house, with necessary out-houses and several hundred very choice apple trees in full bearing.

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W. W. JONES,  
Receiver of the Western Carolina Bank.

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