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VIEWS AND REVIEWS.

General Kaufman, who made that nice speech to the Amerc, will meet the Car at St. Petersburg in December. Is this significant?

Russia has ninety-six torpedo steamboats in the Baltic and fourteen in the Euxine. Each of these steamers has a crew of eight men.

The Princess Marie, of Hesse, whose death was recently announced, was the fifth of Queen Victoria's twenty-six grandchildren to die.

A Vermontier has invented "a bottle that will always turn right side up, thus falling to spill the contents, no matter how drunk the owner is."

The Khyber Pass is not as quiet as the graveyard after a. The Afghans seem inclined to make raids to the rear, and do a general bushwhacking business.

The importance of a single vote is illustrated by the result in the Eleventh Assembly District of Wisconsin. There is a tie, and a special election has been ordered for Dec. 10.

Mgr. Giuseppe Pecci, the Pope's brother, and recently appointed Deputy Librarian of the Vatican, is expected by the Clerical organs to figure in the impending batch of new Cardinals.

Father Dominic Young, a well-known Catholic priest who was for a long time engaged in mission services in the West, died in Washington Thanksgiving day in the eighty-sixth year of his age.

The King of Bavaria has ordered that a certain percentage of the net profits of every performance of 'Fidelio' at the Royal Theatre shall be accorded to Caroline von Beethoven, a niece of the great composer.

D. G. Croly, late of the New York Graphic, believes that in the event of better times Secretary Sherman will be the man for President. He believes, also, that there will be a strong Ben Butler party in 1880.

It is said that Mrs. Wade, nee Wingate, of South Carolina, has been married four times, and has borne the names of Wingate, Wood, Walker, Womble and Wade, and that she is now engaged to marry another W—probably Wiggins.

The effect of the long commercial depression upon the German people is best seen from some recently published statistics. In the kingdom of Prussia marriages have decreased since 1872 by about one-sixth, births remaining at a figure much more closely approaching that of six years ago.

A man in Denver believes that the world will come to an end on next Christmas. He has prepared white robes for the occasion, and will stay on his house-top on that day, ready to be caught up to heaven. He has made no ascension robe for his wife, however, thinking that she is to remain and be destroyed.

Fanny Louise Buckingham, the actress, was drunk while playing Maceppa in Indianapolis. Morgan McCarthy annoyed her by talking loudly behind the scenes, just as she was about to mount the "fiery untamed steed." She seized a revolver, said to have been loaded with powder and balls, and fired twice in the direction of McCarthy.

A Michigan gentleman whose education was considered fair, wrote to a bookseller as follows: 'Dere sur; if new hev got a book called Babel Webster ten a brigs please send me a copy by Pysers Express c. o. d.—I want to git it terner if I kin, caus my spellin teacher says I oughter hev it.'

There are mysterious stories in New York detective circles of the speedy breaking up of an establishment in that city in which have been committed crimes as dark as those that gave their famous Rastell House its ill name. If what is hinted at is proved, fresh horror is to be served up for the prurient.

Maggie Mitchell has adopted the two orphan children of her only brother, who fell a victim to the yellow fever at Memphis. Misfortune has been showered upon the waifs, a boy and a girl of 7 and 9 years, for, after their father's death, they lost their mother and two of their brothers, and were left entirely destitute about the same time by the burning of their father's valuable mill and other property.

An original document relating to the American War of Independence has been discovered in an antiquarian bookstore in Baireuth, Germany. It is the manuscript diary of one of the officers of the Hessian troops who served in the British army, and embraces the period from January, 1878, to March, 1879. The author kept a daily record, not only of events, but also of the news and rumors of the day.

VOTE OF SOUTH CAROLINA.

The official canvass in the South Carolina Senate shows the vote for Hampton for Governor was 118,359, and for all others 213. Total 119,763. For W. D. Simpson, Lieutenant Governor, the vote was 119,054—all others, 10; total 119,104. Referring to the previous gubernatorial elections, we find the total vote in 1876 set down at 169,575, and in 1874 it was 149,297. In the present year the Radicals declined to run a State ticket against Hampton. Taking the highest figures, it will be seen that, compared with the largest vote cast since the war, the falling off was 49,812 and the Radicals polled the whole for a candidate of their own, they would have been beaten 69,738 votes.

A MONSTER RAILWAY COMPANY.

The press reports that steps are now in progress to consolidate the Union Pacific Railway Company and Central Pacific into one Company. The capital of the first is reported at \$160,000,000 and of the second at \$180,000,000 and the combined force will probably be fixed at \$400,000,000 to be placed under the Presidency of Sidney Dillon. The opinion is expressed that, in combination, they will be able to do a good deal in managing legislation, State and National. Those ancient Jacksonian Democrats, says the Macon Telegraph, who used to stand aghast at that great moneyed monster, the United States Bank, with a capital of \$25,000,000, will be breathless over such a combination as this.

THE CIPHER DISPATCHES.

A San telegram from Washington says there is good authority for the statement that at the first opportunity after the opening of the session W. M. Springer will offer a resolution directing the special committee charged with investigating the fraudulent practices of the last Presidential election, commonly known as the Potter Committee, to examine into the cipher dispatches which it is alleged were sent and received by certain Democrats in New York, Columbia, and Tallahassee. The resolution will probably instruct the committee to ascertain the authenticity of the despatches in the first place, and to proceed with such additional inquiry as the facts warrant. It is understood that Mr. Springer takes this action after consultation with prominent Democrats and other members of the committee.

CURTIN WILL CONTEST.

And so Gov. Curtin, of the Clearfield district in Pennsylvania, will contest the seat awarded by the returning board of his district to his Greenback opponent, Gov. Curtin has been dangerously ill for some time and until Wednesday last he did not even know that there had been an election. Now that he is better he is in possession of facts which, he considers, make it his duty to himself and his party to contest the election of Yocum, greenbacker, who was reported as his successful opponent. It is claimed that frauds enough have been discovered in a single county to give Curtin a majority of over two hundred and that this will be quadrupled by a revision of the returns from other counties. The Democrats confidently expected Curtin's election by about 3,000, and this would not have been large. They allege that the district was debauched by the Camerons.

WOMANLY PRESENCE OF MIND AND DEVOTION TO DUTY.

At an alarm of fire in a public school No. 39 in 125 C street, New York, on last Wednesday morning, but for the cool self-possession of the lady teacher in charge and her fearless performance of duty, a fearful panic might have ensued and a terrible catastrophe resulting in the death of many of the children followed as a natural consequence. The janitor of the building discovering that the feeling around the steam pipe in the cellar of the building, was on fire, notified the principal, Miss Kate M. Falvey, who with great presence of mind rang the signal to close the exercises and dismiss the classes. Although the hour was quite early—about half-past ten o'clock—the children supposed that their release from school at that unusual time was in consequence of the Thanksgiving holiday, and joyously hurried from the building in which death was lurking. The principal stood calmly at her post watching the happy little ones flock by, but while about one-third of the six hundred scholars were still in the building the terrible cry of fire was raised. Instantly Miss Falvey closed the doors, quitted the affrighted children by her words and by her self-possession, and passed them out gradually without a crush, until all had reached the sidewalk in safety.

This is one of the ladies whose scanty salaries have been pared down by the Board of Education in order to leave more money for the pay of political employees of the Board and for liberal expenditures on leaky supplies and repairs. But for this lady teacher's presence of mind and devotion to her duty the day of Thanksgiving might have been a sad

one in many families, and at this moment a hundred bereaved mothers might have been weeping over the bodies of their dead children.

Charlotte Observer.

METHODISTS IN COUNCIL.

MEETING OF THE NORTH CAROLINA ANNUAL CONFERENCE.

FOURTH DAY.

Dr Craven stated that he was gratified to inform the conference that seventy-five subscriptions to the proposed Quarterly Review had been obtained in the conference. He also said that the present periodical by that name, published by Dr Bledsoe, would cease to exist under its present management at the opening of the year, and that the obligations of conference to the publication would accordingly also cease then. The management of the new publication had not definitely settled upon the name; it would probably be "The Review of the Methodist Episcopal Church South."

A resolution commending the book entitled "Centennial Methodism in North Carolina," being addresses delivered at the Centennial in Raleigh, with an account of the proceedings on that occasion, was introduced and adopted.

The committee on church property, Rev D J Bobbitt, chairman, made a report showing that there had been an increase in the number of churches and parsonages and the value of the same. Number of churches last year, 745; this year, 767; number of parsonages last year, 65, number this year, 75; with a proportionate increase in the value of the same.

Resolutions were introduced deprecating the use of churches for other than religious purposes.

Rev R S Webb, chairman of the Sunday school committee, reported an increase in this department of the church work, and introduced resolutions disavowing any attempt to depart from the rules and regulations of the Church Discipline on the subject of Sunday schools, endorsing the combination lessons and the church literature, recommending the election of Rev J J Reen, at present of the Salisbury circuit, corresponding secretary to the editor of the Sunday school lessons, urging the organization of missionary societies, and recommending active co-operation with the international association.

The report was received and adopted unanimously.

Rev J A Cunningham, of the board of finance, reported that he had received from the estate of Miss Brown, a Kentucky lady who died a few years ago and left a legacy to the bishops of the Church and to the Church itself, the sum of \$500, and that he had been informed by the executor of the estate that this conference would also probably receive as much more within the next year.

Rev E A Yeates reported the following, signed by himself, H T Hudson and Mr E J Lilly:

The committee upon the observance of the Sabbath, to which was referred an overture from the North Carolina Synod of the Presbyterian Church, and certain other papers, touching the running of trains and unloading of freight cars on the Sabbath day, ask leave to report the following:

The institution of the Holy Sabbath was intended by God as a merciful provision, not only for giving rest to man's physical nature, but also to furnish him directly with the means, for that reflection upon eternal things and worship of the everliving God which the interests that hang about his everlasting destiny demand. And no man, nor organization of men, can infringe upon the inalienable right of man to the privileges and blessings of the Sabbath which God has given, or impinge upon this beneficent arrangement of Heaven, without damaging public morals and incurring the maledictions of God's violated law. In this connection it ought to be remembered, and it must be stated with emphasis, that no man can sink his personal responsibility in the acts of agents, or conceal himself from the searching eye of Heaven's law behind the distributed authority of a corporation; since it is certain that the grave will engulf without hope of resurrection every subterfuge and pretext of corporate responsibility that may have been wrapped about the individual.

Your committee are not blind to the fact that there are other sins of the day, such as horse-racing and gambling at agricultural fairs, that have a tendency to popularize vice and corrupt the young. Nor do they forget that railroads, when properly managed, are public blessings, contributing to both the material interests of society and the spread of Christianity. But when we consider the transcendent interests that depend for their preservation upon the due observance of the Christian Sabbath, its general violation and desecration in any way, and especially by corporations having under their control thousands of employes—risers far above all others in its destructive effects upon human hopes for time and eternity.

Your committee submit further, in view of the happy effects of the Sabbath upon the physical, social and religious condition of society, such as rest, the proper direction given to public and private morals by Sabbath school instruction and the study of the Holy Scriptures, the impulse imparted to religious life and the motives and incentives urged for the development of Christian character that go out on that holy day from thousands of pulpits all over this land, and that constitute not only spiritual forces that lift the soul nearer to God, but also the conservative power that furnishes the best safeguard to human life as well as public and private property, the dictates of reason and enlightened conscience imperatively de-

mand a united effort upon the part of all Christian people to secure as far as possible a general obedience to the Divine command, 'Remember the Sabbath day, to keep it holy.'

Your committee have been put in possession of information which goes to establish the fact that many of the railroads in the State, and others having their termini within its borders, run excursion and other trains for profit and pleasure on the Sabbath; and that owing to prohibitory laws of other States, North Carolina railroad centres have been made depots for large quantities of freight which is unloaded from cars and distributed to its several carriers on the Sabbath, thereby wounding the religious sensibilities of a Christian people, and depriving thousands of employes of that rest to body and soul which is demanded alike by the weariness of the laborer and the word of God.

In view of the foregoing, your committee submit the following:

Resolved, That the representatives of North Carolina in their next General Assembly be, and they are hereby, most respectfully requested to enact such laws as in their judgment will best promote the proper observance of the holy Sabbath within the bounds of our State.

Resolved, That Rev W S Black, R T Gray, Esq., Rev W J Crowder and D W Blain, Esq., of the city of Raleigh be, and they are hereby requested, to act as a committee to present this action of the conference to the ensuing Legislature. Report adopted unanimously.

The question of the Publishing House then came up, and Rev Dr Fitzgerald, representing Rev Dr McFerrin, the Courier book agent, addressed the conference at considerable length. The chief point of the address was to submit to the conference a proposition from the board of publication in relation to bonding the debt of the institution as a means of liquidating it. The debt now amounted to the sum of \$300,000. The board proposed, in brief, to issue bonds, bearing four per cent. interest, to the amount of the debt, and in fact had determined to do so, as the only means of saving the publishing house from sale under the hammer. The difficulty which met them at the beginning of this undertaking was the sale of these bonds. The agent was directed to explain the proposition and submit it to the different conferences, asking the members to purchase the bonds. This had been done in several instances already, and subscriptions to the bonds, to the amount of \$30,000 or \$70,000 had already been made. One of the conditions of such subscriptions was that the money should not be paid until all the bonds had been taken. The notes and debts of the concern were all bearing a heavy interest—some 8 and others 10 per cent—and the projectors of the plan now proposed to pay these debts and bonds which were drawing an interest that the institution could not stand. The unsecured creditors would avail themselves of this plan to a large extent and in this way it was proposed to dispose of a considerable proportion of the bonds.

Of the present condition of the institution, Dr Fitzgerald also spoke, saying that the new management was making it yield a first rate profit, but this of course could not pay the debt. Something must be done by the Church. The board which had adopted the plan he was advocating was composed of the best financiers in the Church, and had devoted much time and study to the subject. They believed and he believed that the plan would be successful. The honor and pledges of the church must be preserved, and he argued that this was the most feasible plan that could be successfully operated.

The address drew out a discussion in which several of the ministers participated.

Dr Fitzgerald then called for subscriptions to the four per cent. bonds, and papers showing the conditions under which the subscriptions were to be made were placed in the hands of several of the members and on the secretary's desk.

The remainder of the session was consumed in taking the subscriptions, and when the hour for adjournment arrived, it was announced that this conference had taken \$3,000 worth of the bonds.

At night a general mass meeting was held on the subject of foreign missions. The church was crowded to its utmost capacity. After the reading of the report of the secretary of the board of missions, showing that the churches in the State had contributed about \$5,000, less than 10 cents per member, the meeting was addressed by J W Reid, Esq., of Rockingham county, who gave a full history of foreign mission work, from the time that Christ gave command to His followers, "Go ye into all the world," &c, to the present day, and made an able argument to show the absolute necessity of greater activity in this branch of the work.

He was followed by the Rev Dr A W Wilson, missionary secretary, at considerable length.

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