

THE MARINE CONFERENCE.

GOODRICH, OF AMERICA, AND HALL, OF ENGLAND, TALK.

The Discussions Yesterday Were Upon Rules for the Prevention of Collisions at Sea Issued by Our Treasury Department.

WASHINGTON, D. C., October 17.—The members of the International Marine Conference upon assembling for business to-day were found to have discarded their gold lace epaulettes and decorations, and were clad in the more sombre garb of the civilian.

LEXINGTON RACES.

An Interesting Letter From Col. James M. Ray.

LEXINGTON, Ky., October 14, 1889. Editor Citizen.—I reached Lexington yesterday morning. Had a run of about forty miles through the "Blue Grass region," it is a grand country; with their massive stone fences, the almost limitless blue grass sward, dotted here, there and everywhere with immense flocks and herds, it presents a picture well worth the trip to see.

The city is thronged with people, never so many here before, and the late arrivals cannot find where to lay their heads. Many have to go out to adjacent towns to spend the night. They are here from all parts of the world, and all attracted by the "horse." "Horse" here is what "climate" is with us in Asheville.

HENDERSONVILLE LETTER.

Excitement Over Supposed Earthquake Shocks, Etc.

HENDERSONVILLE, N. C., Oct. 16, '89. Editor Citizen.—Great excitement was occasioned at this place and Flat Rock and vicinity on yesterday morning between the hours of 12 and 1 o'clock, and again at 10 o'clock last night, by a succession of very severe earthquake shocks.

The first shocks, Tuesday morning, were slight, and of short duration, though quite perceptible at Flat Rock and other points in that section of the country. Those occurring at 10 o'clock last night were exceedingly severe and startling, especially at points in the vicinity of Glassy mountain, about four miles southwest of here, a chimney of the residence of Mr. Hill, a former resident of Charleston, S. C., located near that mountain, being thrown down, and other buildings considerably shaken up.

The marriage of Rev. S. H. Hilliard to Miss Annie Justice by Rev. A. M. Atkins, Jr., of Asheville, at the residence of the bride's brother-in-law, Dr. C. Few, at this place, at 4 o'clock p. m., yesterday, was an occasion of rejoicing among the respective friends of the popular contracting parties, both of whom are well and favorably known to all our citizens.

The present session of Judson College, under its new management, with Dr. Richard H. Lewis as President, opened with a much larger number of students than for several previous years, and the prospects for a still greater increase are very favorable—many more students having signified their intention of entering at an early date.

It is probable that a new venture in journalism will be made here soon, as it is rumored that a joint stock company has been formed, and about sufficient capital subscribed to purchase a first-class outfit. The paper will be Democratic.

Almost daily, for the past six weeks, thousands of pounds of cabbages have been shipped from this point South. The past season was an unusually favorable one for the growth of this vegetable, the average weight of heads being not less than ten pounds, and the aggregate production is larger than ever before.

The various business interests of Hendersonville are just now quite flourishing, and the prospects for her future progressiveness were never brighter or more promising.

EPISCOPAL CONVENTION.

THE REVISION OF THE PRAYER BOOK COMPLETED.

The Committee on Canons Recommends the Appointment of Deacons—The Work of the Convention Moves Rapidly.

New York, October 17.—Shortly after the Protestant Episcopal convention this morning, Rev. Dr. Huntington, of New York, spoke in favor of his resolution, placed on the calendar last week, for the joint committee to prepare a standard prayer book of 1892. The resolution was adopted.

Rev. Daniel Goodwin, of Pennsylvania, presented a report of the committee on canons, recommending the creation of deaconesses, and giving details of their management. Only women over twenty-five, of devout character and fitness, should be appointed, these characteristics to be testified to by twelve persons, six males and six females. The resolution was placed on the calendar.

Dr. Goodwin then recommended the adoption of the reports numbers 6, 7 and 8, 9, 10 and 11, providing for minor changes in the phraseology and canons. The reports were adopted.

At 11.15, the house went into a committee of the whole on liturgical revision, with Chancellor Woolworth, of Nebraska, in the chair.

A number of delegates discussed the changes proposed in the thanksgiving service by the house of bishops. Considerable opposition was developed against the proposed change to restrict the repetition of the prayer to the minister alone.

At 12.58, Dr. Hunt moved that the committee be allowed to report progress and sit again. A recess was then taken.

When the house of deputies assembled for the afternoon session, they went into a committee of the whole with Chancellor Woolworth, of Nebraska, in the chair.

On motion of Dr. Hunt, it was agreed to postpone the prayer section of the gospel on page 18, of the book on liturgical revision for any church where the holy communion may be celebrated.

A. M. E. ZION CHURCH.

Second Day's Session of the Tennessee Annual Conference.

At 10.20 a. m. the conference convened. Rt. Rev. T. H. Lomax D. D., opened devotional services by reading the 14th chapter of Job, as first section and 1st chapter of Hebrews.

Rev. W. A. Ferguson read the hymn, "Jesus Shall Reign Where'er the Sun," etc. The hymn was sung with spirit. Rev. J. L. H. Swears invoked the Divine aid and blessing.

After singing the hymn, "Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah," etc., the Rt. Rev. T. H. Lomax D. D., assumed the chair, the roll was called and the meeting prepared for business.

The minutes of the preceding day were read and after judicious criticisms adopted. The report of R. E. Toomey was called for and rendered.

The Bishop then introduced Dr. J. C. Price, president of Livingston College, who, in speaking, referred to the condition of the conference as it was when he last met it some years ago and bespoke fields which open themselves to the rising generations of our people.

The substantial progress of the people these were necessary among other things: the attainment of property, the acquirement of trades, such trades for instance, as are taught in Livingston College. He then invited the members of the conference to rally in support of the college, since it was their work and their special enterprise among the many institutions of learning. The audience was greatly delighted with the doctor's address.

Rev. Dr. Rankin, of Asheville, was introduced. In his remarks he emphasized his whole-souled Methodistism, bespoke his interest in all species of Methodism, both white and colored. He spoke of Methodism as a vehicle for carrying abroad virtue, Christianity and personal elevation. He spoke of the fraternal feeling existing between the racial divisions of the Methodist churches.

The Doctor wished to make an excellent and broad-minded address, reciting the past and present, and portraying the future condition of the race.

THE CRONIN CASE.

GUARDIAN JOHN F. BEGGS HAS WEAKEED.

The Grand Jury in Session Yesterday Examined a Number of Witnesses and it was Rumored Brought in Indictments.

CHICAGO, October 17.—The Tribune this morning says: Ex-Senator Guardian John F. Beggs has weakened. He has threatened that unless certain conditions are complied with, a full and complete statement of his knowledge of the plot, which ended in the Cronin killing will be placed in the hands of the State's attorney.

There was plenty of excitement about the criminal court building to-day; more of it, in fact, than at any time since the jury bribery plot was first laid bare in all its miserable details. Early in the morning it came evident that the arrest of Henry L. Stallenberg, Alexander Sullivan's private secretary, was to be followed by a full grand jury investigation into the matter.

One of the first witnesses summoned was Stallenberg. He told to the grand jury the story he gave State's attorney Longenecker last night, and what caused so great a sensation in the circles of the prosecution. When he came out, he was seen by a reporter, and asked if it were true that he had gone before the grand jury willingly to tell all he knew.

"Not by a long shot," he replied. "I refused to say anything about what he had done in the jury room. After Stallenberg had been examined, Henry J. McCordie, also, Clerk in Winkles & Sullivan's office was taken before the grand jury. His examination was brief, and when he came out of the grand jury room, he said that he had made no revelations to the jury, because he had nothing to reveal.

The other witnesses before the grand jury, who were supposed to know something about the Cronin case were Otto Ericson, clerk for the grocery firm of Jenve & Co., Jeremiah O'Donnell, who is now under indictment in connection with the jury bribery, and a young man named Kelly Winkles, who was also in the room for a few minutes, but whether or not he gave any testimony it is not known. It is understood that Winkles is preparing to move for a writ of habeas corpus to secure the release of Stallenberg.

The Daily News says that the grand jury returned twelve indictments, only one of which related to the Cronin case; and that one is believed to be another true bill against John Graham.

Confidence Relations—Presiding Elders, Auditing—E. J. Winkler, D. M. Matheson, A. H. Peoples, N. M. Cooper. Temperance—T. W. Matney, C. W. Smith, R. N. Smith, A. J. Johnson. Education and Freedman's Aid—J. F. Matney, D. N. Franklin, A. H. Peoples, Wiley Perry.

Sunday Schools and Tracts—L. A. Rominger, J. S. Burnett, E. P. York, J. J. Rhyne. Bible Cause—J. R. Cannon, W. A. Ballew, A. J. Johnson. Church Literature—H. Verner, William Franklin, N. M. Cooper. Missions—The Presiding Elders. Church Extension—D. M. Clayton, William Evans, C. P. Castevenis, J. J. Rhyne.

CRUELTY TO ANIMALS.

Practices of Inhumanity Which Should be Stopped.

Cruelty to animals, among whom lives and moves all creatures appertaining to the domestic uses and services of man, is one of those sins to which man, dressed in his brief, but toward the animal, very absolute authority, is unfortunately prone.

It is in mine own; and he beats and goads and overloads his horses and teams, and starves and abuses his cattle, and ill treats his dogs, and harshly treats every dumb, helpless creature around him until the heart of humanity grows sick, and weeps at the abuse of power with no check on it but interest, or—the Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals. Alas! and alas! Remote hope for the poor beast, who must endure present misery without the human solace of future recompense.

But there is one form of cruelty to animals for the suppression of which some other appeal than to the dulled temper of humanity may be made. It is the appeal to interest, to appetite or to epicurism. Everyone who buys fowls buys them with the expectation that they are sound and healthy, and with a sort of sentimental hope that they have been well and kindly treated, which of course assures the conditions of soundness and health. Now, we are informed by a gentleman who, besides being a very good liver, choice in what he buys and eats, has a humane and tender heart, and would grieve to know that what he buys to kill had been subjected to needless preliminary suffering. He tells us he has been witness to the barbarous treatment of the thousands of fowls brought here on the trains, crammed in coops. They are tumbled out of the cars like dead matter, piled up like empty boxes, pitched about neck and crop as insensate things, denied food and water, and, until called for, are piled away in dark unventilated rooms. This being the case the ultimate consumer has had prepared for him no dainty morsel.

But this matter ought to be looked after and corrected. Thoughtless, not to say brutal, handling should not be permitted even to the poor fowls who to-day are, and to-morrow are not, but who are entitled, like all God's creatures, to some of that kind treatment to which man made himself responsible when all living creatures were put under subjection to him.

The first ripple of the coming golden stream of Florida oranges soon to flood the whole land broke upon us very gently yesterday when Mr. Barker in his richly yielded fruit stand received the first instalment. The new comers are small, as are always the barbers of the crop; but they are sweet as the typical Florida oranges always are; and their big brothers will soon be elbowing their way into use and popularity.

Mr. T. C. Starnes and wife, who have been visiting relatives in the country since Monday, returned to the city yesterday.

CHICAGO REVIEW.

Business in the Grain Center During Yesterday's Session.

CHICAGO, October 17.—Early trading was rather light in wheat to-day, and the market ruled quiet and steady for awhile, then became weak with prices declining 3/8c, then rallied rather sharply, prices gaining 3/8c, ruled easy and closed about the same as yesterday.

An Old German Assassinated.

CHARLESTON, S. C., October 17.—Otto Foshing, an old German shop keeper in John's Island, was assassinated on Wednesday by a negro named John Simmons. The motive, it is suspected, was robbery. The assassin is now in jail.

Sunset Cox's Successor.

NEW YORK, October 16.—Amos J. Cummings was nominated to-night by the Tammany Democrats of the Ninth Congressional District to fill the vacancy in the next Congress caused by the death of Sunset Cox.

Hippolyte Elected President.

NEW YORK, October 17.—A cable to the Maritime Exchange to-day announces that Hippolyte has been unanimously elected President of Hayti. In all ninety-one votes were cast at the election.

A Steamer Breaking Up.

NORFOLK, Va., October 17.—The steamer Amy Dora, ashore at Watchaugue inlet, is breaking up. Her cargo of cotton is being saved as rapidly as possible.

Death of Ex-Governor Bartraw.

PHILADELPHIA, October 17.—General John F. Bartraw, ex-Governor of Pennsylvania, died at his residence at Norris-ton, Ohio to-day.

The Weather To-Day.

WASHINGTON, October 17.—Indications for North Carolina—Fair till Saturday night; slightly warmer; westerly winds.

Honors to Gov. Hill and Party.

ATLANTA, Ga., October 17.—This was a day of feasting and reception to Governor Hill and his party. The Governor rose early and was entertained by Governor Gordon at breakfast. At noon he and the members of his party were driven to the capital where a special session of the legislature had been convened, this being a special thanksgiving day and legal holiday. Governor Hill was introduced by Governor Gordon. Governor Hill spoke briefly about the good feeling between the Northern and Southern States.

On Trial for Murder.

DUBLIN, October 17.—The trial of Father McFarther, a priest, who is charged with having participated in the murder of police inspector Martin at Gwadorra, in February last, began at Maryborough to-day. The counsel for the Crown and for the prisoners alternately objected to certain of the men called as jurors. There was much excitement in the court-room. Several of the panel protested in an excited manner against the objections advanced by the counsel for the Crown, whereupon the court adjourned for the day.

Wreck on the Texas and Pacific.

EL PASO, TEXAS, October 17.—A wreck occurred on the Texas and Pacific road at Madden, about sixty miles east of this place yesterday. A washout threw the freight engine and several cars down an embankment. Engineer R. J. Bible, resident of St. Louis, and fireman Charles Jones were caught under the side of the engine and literally roasted to death. Brakeman G. W. Mansfield was also killed.

Boundary Commissioners.

ANNAPOLIS, Md., October 17.—The Governor to-day appointed Joseph B. Seth, commissioner to represent Maryland and Virginia, near Hog Island in the lower Potomac river; also the Hon. Jos. F. Morgan, as being well acquainted with the locality as local commissioner.

The Survey to Begin Both Ways From Asheville on Monday.

A delegation from Transylvania composed of Messrs. W. A. Gish, attorney for the county, Capt. Lem. Brooks, chairman of the board of county commissioners, Mr. Bell, clerk of the Superior court, visited our city yesterday, with a view of investigating the affairs and probabilities of the A. A. and B. railroad commencing work on their line. The whole matter was thoroughly looked into by these gentlemen, and they found the situation and condition of the same entirely satisfactory. They carried away with them a copy of the contract entered into by the railroad company and the construction company in order that they might inform correctly their people in regard to the provisions and requirements of the same.

Ex-Confederate Soldier Killed.

We regret to learn that Mr. Timothy Chandler, of Flat Creek township, was killed on Wednesday by the premature fall upon him of a tree which he was cutting down. We have no farther particulars. He was a brave soldier during the war. Fate, or rather a good Providence, guarded him through the dangers of battle, to perish long after in the time of peace by an accident incident to farm life.

Bishop Lyman's Health.

The Rev. C. L. Hoffman showed us a letter yesterday received from the above named gentleman in which he said that his health had so much improved that he hoped soon to resume his seat in the house of bishops, now in general convention assembled. This relieves the anxieties of many friends.

Round Knob Hotel.

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