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JOSIAH PATTERSON AND SOUND MONEY.

Those were wise words spoken by Hon. Josiah Patterson at the opening of his speech last week before the Young Men's Sound Money Club of Atlanta:

"The first words that I desire to utter to this great audience are that I come before you with no venom on my tongue for any fellow Democrat. I come before you with no treachery in my heart for the party to which I belong. Descended from a soldier of the revolution who belonged to South Carolina, born and bred on a farm in the South, having devoted four years of my young manhood to the Confederate cause, I have never had either kith nor kin to reside north of Mason and Dixon's line, I have been trained and educated and inspired to love the Democratic party. It has been to me like a great rock in a weary land, and under its shadow for all these years I have hoped and prayed for a perfect restoration of the Union of these States, a Union not resulting from force of arms, but resulting from respect, from patriotism, and without loss of honor to our beloved people. Yes, I am wedded to the Democratic party for better or for worse, in weal or in woe, in honor or in shame I am now and forever a Democrat!"

Going on to say that he did not mean that he would yield his convictions to the mere whim of a majority; that he did not mean that Mr. Tillman, of South Carolina, or Mr. Altgeld, of Illinios, should control his political views, he says that he meant that he was a Democrat as he was a soldier. He would not desert his country's cause, because he thought his fellow officers were making a mistake in planning the campaign or the battle. "A soldier," he says, "who would not fight because he could not have the army to fight according to his counsel ought to be shot as a traitor and a deserter." It was this spirit that animated many great men of the South at the outbreak of the war. It led Lee and Jackson, who, though they believed in the integrity of the Union, to resign their commissions in the Union army and take up arms for the South. It led Vance and Ransom, both strenuously opposed to secession, to cast their abilities and their services at the feet of their beloved State. It is the same feeling that must animate every true Democrat. Unless the Democrats stick together, they can only wage in the next campaign a desultory, guerrilla warfare. If there is any bolting the party will degenerate into a band of aimless, cane-burning Cuban insurgents, with no hope of winning any victories.

The able Tennesseean hit it off about right when he said:

"Fellow-citizens, bitterness of speech, bitterness of spirit, venom and sedition are always the accompaniments of ignorance or passion. When a man is incapable of fair, deliberate and honest discussion he always gets mad; he always uses opprobrious words; he always denounces those who differ with him."

When he sets the earnest, calmly-spoken sentences of Carlisle or Patterson by the side of the passionate and vindictive outbursts of Tillman and Altgeld, the thoughtful man instinctively feels that the Tillmans and the Altgelds are dangerous and that the Carlisles and the Pattersons are at least the safest men to trust.

DR. ALEXANDER'S COLONIAL LOVE STORY.

There wasn't anything the matter with Dr. J. B. Alexander's Mecklenburg Declaration of Independence edition of a love story in Sunday's OBSERVER. If you haven't read it, turn back to it and read it now. The way the hero (who was hid up a tree about where the rear of Baruch's store is), picked off a low-down British colonel, as the heroine lured him to the front door of what is now the Central Hotel to buy eggs, is great. The hero put a ball in him just as the egg-girl stepped to one side, in the very nick of time. It was a happy idea in the author to have the wedding take place at the house of Hon. John McKnitt Alexander at a time when Hon. William R. Davie, Hon. Ephraim Brevard and other men of prominence of that time were visiting him. The only improvement that we could have suggested upon this very readable story would have been to have had McKnitt Alexander wind up the impressive ceremony by taking the Declaration from the cedar chest (where it was afterwards burned with the house) and reading it aloud to the assembled guests, all of whom had played so active a part in the stirring events which immediately preceded and followed its adoption.

Major E. P. McKissick, as the lessee of the Battery Park, at Asheville, has the OBSERVER's best wishes. A good newspaper man is good in any trade you put him at. McKissick always was a good newspaper man and is yet, and that's one reason that makes him such an ideal hotel man, such a genial host and such an all-round good fellow. Here's horse-shoe luck to you, major, and may your path ever lead through fields of the four-leaf clover.

Referring to the interview by Col. Olds with Maj. H. L. Grant, at Raleigh, in which the major said that Mott refused to shake hands with a man who congratulated him on Marshall Mott's election as chairman of the Republican convention, the Statesville Landmark hears that it was Grant's hand that Mott declined to shake, and that the doctor also told Grant that he had lied to Senator Stewart. Dr. Mott doesn't give the glad hand every time, it seems.

Isn't the Rev. George Washington Gue in a fix? He went to the General Conference at Cleveland, got on the losing side, compared women delegates to Conference to bicycle bloomer girls, and is now trying to get elected as bishop to Africa to get out of going back home to Portland to face the women of his congregation. He is playing in hard luck, however. He only got 13 votes on the first round. He may have to run the gauntlet yet.

The Wilmington Star quotes from the Philadelphia Times an editorial which favors a bolt by the gold men if free silver carries the day at the Chicago convention. But Chairman Harrity says that no delegations which will not pledge themselves beforehand to abide by the convention's action in any and all cases must be admitted. Let that pledge be taken by all, without fear or favor, and there will be no bolting.

A PRISONER PUT TO THE RACK.

THE CAPTURE OF THE COMPETITOR.

While She Was Discharging Her Cargo the Spanish Launch Opened Fire—A Futile Effort to Hoist the Stars and Stripes—Americans On Board the Vessel—Timidity of the Spaniards—Captain Pozo Decorated for Capturing Two Defenceless Men—Torturing the Prisoners — Some "Horrors of the Inquisition."

KEY WEST, Fla., May 22.—The correspondent of the Southern Associated Press has received the following graphic account of the capture of the schooner Competitor by the steamer Mascotte, which arrived here from Havana Saturday night:

My informant writes that the Competitor reached the coast of Cuba about midday of April 25 and came to anchor about a mile from Berracos, a small village on the west coast of Cuba between Muriel and Esperanza. A bar prevented a nearer approach to the land. Just before coming to anchor a small fishing boat was seen to hoist a sail and start down towards Port Esperanza, and as it was afterwards learned, reported the matter to the authorities. The Competitor had three small boats, one of which was supplied with a sail, and in this boat Antonio Cristo, with seventeen men, were sent on shore to reconnoitre. Everything looked favorable and they loaded the other two boats with the amunition and provisions and started for the shore. Wm. Leavitt and Charles Barnett were detailed to bring them back to the schooner. In the meantime the sailboat had returned and reported that about three miles to the southward were six hundred troops and on the northward two huadred more and as there was only one pass into the interior it was necessary to move quickly or they would be cut off. A few moments after the boats with the ammunition and provisions had left the schooner, the launch Manzajera hove in sight. Col. Munzon ordered the balance of his men into the boat and loaded her with ammunition and started for the land. Benjamin Gurk and another sailor were detailed to return to the Competitor for the rest of the party. About the same time that Munzon left the schooner the two small boats were seen to start for the Competitor, towing one behind the other, but before they had got very far from the land the Manzajera opened fire on the Competitor. The first shot fell about one mile wide, but at every discharge they came nearer until finally they came so close that the water spattered over the schooner. There were on the vessel at this time Alfredo Laborde, captain; Wm. Gildea, mate; Orna Milton, special correspondent of the Times-Union; Dr. Elias Bedia and Augustin Quesada, of Key West, and Teodora Maza. Laborde and the mate tried to hoist the American flag but the halyards became fastened in the top-sail, and then they fastened it on the fore-sail boom.

Munzon, in his haste to get away, left behind several boxes of dynamite and the firing was so rapid and the shots coming so close that Laborde, Quesada and Gildea became alarmed and started to swim ashore. Milton, Bedia and Maza remained on board. Munzon and party had by this time reached the shore and were landing and the Manzajera directed her guns on them, killing one of the horses which Cristo and his party had captured. The Manzajera came to anchor at the bar and despatched a small boat manned by five sailors to capture the men in the water. Quesada had already disappeared, having undoubtedly been seized by a shark. Laborde states that he saw a large shark pass by him and towards Quesada. The sailors rowed the boat while the other kept up a constant fire, first at Laborde and then at Gildea. They fired 40 or 50 shots at Laborde before they overtook him. Gildea, who is an excellent swimmer, was rapidly lessening the distance between him and the land. Seeing this, the Spaniards opened fire on him and finally overtook him about 100 yards from shore. They then returned to Laborde, who was in the act of sinking for the third time. They took him in the boat where he lay insensible for some time. Munzon, while the Spaniards were capturing Laborde and Gildea, had landed. Cristo had secured all the horses he could find and loaded them with ammunition.

The two Spanish troops on shore had been notified and were on the march to cut them off from the mountain pass. Munzon was thereby compelled to abandon his provisions, 3,000 rounds of ammunition and about 30 rifles, and started for the pass. His men carried 150 rifles and 40,000 rounds of ammunition. Each man was armed with a rifle, a revolver and a machete of the finest make. Benjamin Gurk, a Mormon from Dantzic, was one of the party. Leavitt and Barnett reached the shore just after Munzon had left and not knowing the country, wandered about until they were captured by Captain Pozo. Although Leavitt and Barnett were unarmed, Pozo was decorated with a Red Cross in recognition of the brave capture.

After taking Laborde and Gildea, the Spaniards returned to the Competitor and called on Milton, Bedia and Maza to surrender, but fearing treachery, compelled them to jump overboard before they would approach the side of the schooner. The prisoners were then tied with their arms behind them in a most barbarous manner so that in a few moments all were suffering the greatest agony. They were then carried to the Manzajera which lay about 100 yards off and placed on the deck and after several hours of intense suffering they were landed on the dock at Port Esperanza where a heavy guard was placed over them and after a few hours more of agony their arms were loosened.

On the morning of the 27th, the day after the capture, the Contra Maestro, with several adjutants, came out to them and began tying their feet, telling them at the same time to prepare for death. Dr. Bedia was tied first and commanded to kneel down and hold himself steady so that the executioner could make a clean cut. The doctor showed great bravery and a nerve of steel, smiling while the machete was being waved over his head. This satisfied the guard and they left. The next day they took Laborde away from the rest of the prisoners, saying they were going to execute him. They took him on board the schooner Cabello Marine, where they put what is called a Spanish windlass around his wrist, a bar of iron was placed between them and turned until the hands were almost severed from the arms. A Spanish guard stood ready with a pencil and paper to take any statement he might make, but Laborde was made of different stuff and took his punishment like a man. A month later his wrists are sore and his hands benumbed.

COMMENCEMENT AT KERNERSVILLE.

High School Pupils Acquit Themselves Bravely—Rev. T. F. Marr's Excellent Address.

Special to the Observer.

KERNERSVILLE, May 25.—Kernersville High School closed last week with appropriate exercises. On Wednesday night the annual sermon was preached by Rev. J. E. Woosley. On Thursday night the exercises of the primary department, under the efficient management of Miss Emma Lowrey, were a decided success. The annual contest on Friday for the orator's medal was unusually spirited. The annual address was given by Rev. T. F. Marr, of Salisbury, and was replete with sound logic and advice to young men. The whole address was pregnant with meaning, and the citizens claim it to be the best address ever delivered in Kernersville. The school has secured a new lease on life under the excellent management of Prof. W. B. Scarborough.

THE CHARLOTTEAN.

It is to be hoped when Charlotte gets the new court house that proper precautions will be taken to prevent the erection of unsightly buildings in proximity to it which would obscure the beauty of the structure or detract in the least from the magnificent appearance it will make.

That the court house plaza will not be made headquarters for hucksters and street fakirs, that the statue of the immortal Vance will not be compelled to look down upon the performances of the itinerant tooth-puller or the leather-lunged vender of "lightning liniment" and corn salve, that the temple shall in no way be defiled, is a consummation devoutly to be wished by all good citizens.

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The street sprinklers have been rendering good service so far this summer, in consequence of which, the people whose business requires them to be on the street a great deal, have not been compelled to inhale so much real estate.

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The colored individual who sat upon an empty whiskey barrel in the rear of a Trade street bar-room the other day and dropped a lighted match in the bung hole, felt highly elated at the success of his experiment but has no desire to repeat it.

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Mr. Robert McClaine, who is employed at Liddell's shops, is quite sick at his boarding house, 910 North Graham street, with malarial fever.

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A new roadway has been constructed from North Cedar street to the crematory, which obviates the necessity of driving the city garbage wagons through the cemetery enclosure.

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If the ladies who are addicted to the bicycle habit would ride single file when wheeling on the narrower streets it would greatly lessen the danger to which ice wagons and drays are subject to by reason of 'cyclists riding three or four abreast.

Only a day or two ago we noticed an ice wagon narrowly escape having a wheel knocked off and a loaded dray actually had to turn out into the gutter to avoid a collision which no doubt would have been very disastrous to the dray. On West Trade street between Fort Kennedy and St. James' Park, however, neither ice wagons, drays nor "pleasure craft" need fear collision with bicyles, for down there the riders of the wheel confine themselves almost exclusively to the sidewalks. If a policeman should happen to stroll that far out of town—one who does not like to be run into by a "scorcher"—we would advise him to "keep in the middle of the road."

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The man who takes his baby for an outing in front of him on his bicycle, deserves to be classed with "the man who rocks the boat" and "the fellow who didn't know it was loaded."

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Although all of the wheels in the parade on the 20th were equipped with bells, the "Belle of Charlotte" was not in it. She is of a very retiring disposition, herself, and it also happened that she was having her wheel re-tired that day, consequently she did not ride.

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The young lady who took a "header" from her silent steed in the northern part of the city the other evening, does not use "cuss" words, herself, but she had a good job in that line to offer to some one who did. No one but a good, all-round cusser could have made remarks appropriate to that occasion.

The young lady is going to prepare herself for the next emergency by reading up Ben Tillman's speeches.

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Bulletin Order No. 1.—To all bicyclists, especially scorchers: Run very carefully on Graham between Ninth and Tenth streets, and approach Ninth street crossing under full control.

This order annulled after the street commissioners have raised the low joints in the track between the points named.

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The latest reports from the banana plantations in the neighborhood of Charlotte are not at all encouraging. The very hot, dry weather during the first half of this month caused much damage to the crops. Planters say the shipments from this point will be light and the fruit of an inferior quality, but with the improved facilities for artificial irrigation they now have, they expect to do much better in the future.

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John Sossamon has gone out of the tea—"sassafrack"—business for the season and will give his whole time and attention to the shoe and clothing brokerage business. He will continue to negotiate small loans when he can do so and desires to say that his office hours are from 9 a. m. till 9 a. m. the next day; also that owing to the press of business he will be unable to take his usual seaside outing this summer.

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If General Weyler expects to be revenged upon the people of the United State for the sympathy they have shown Cuba, by prohibiting the shipment of leaf tobacco to this country he is much mistaken. The cabbage crop in North Carolina promises to be a good one, consequently we will continue to smoke Havana cigars all the same.

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It is said that the Spanish soldiers in Cuba fire explosive bullets or bullets of some peculiar composition which cause blood-poisoning in the wounds they inflict.

It is very evident that Senor Weyler is a "misfu," "El es mo apropiado para el oficio." If he understood his business he would arm his alleged "soledados" with guns which are not supposed to be loaded. He may do so "pocotiempo, quien sabe."

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"Above the maddening cry for blood
Let Freedom's voice be heard for good;
O Lord! soon let an answer be
To fervent prayers sent up to Thee
By patriots, in Antilles' gem,
For murd'rous deeds done unto them;
They've prayed to us, they've prayed in vain,
Our answer is, 'You're owned by Spain.'"

CUBA, 1896.

In Cuba's isle, Antilles' gem,
Prayers yet are offered up to them
Who are the rulers of this land,
And who, for gain, withhold our hand;
Who yet allow the dripping blade,
Unchecked in tyrants' grasp to wave
'Gainst wishes fond of every man
Who boasts he's an American.

Russell Would Be Worse Than Jeffries.

Kinston Free Press.

The people of Sampson county have good cause to know how, and to what extent Dan Russell can "nurse his wrath to keep it warm" and how mercilessly he sought to wreak his vengeance upon the citizens of that county when he was judge of the Superior Court.

Grasping, grinding, revengeful, with all the elements of a bloody tyrant, he spares neither friend nor foe when his selfish ends are sought, or his schemes of hate are fostered.

It is well known, when not a candidate, he alluded to negroes as savages, that he publicly dubbed ex-Senator C. P. Lockey, of New Hanover, a thief, and entered a plea of retraxit when his Republican brother sued him in a court of law for slander.

It is claimed by people of Sampson county that when a judge, he made himself so offensive by such vindictiveness as a judge that they had their county, upon their petition, taken out of Russell's and placed in Judge Buxton's district. Jeffries was an angel in comparison. And he to be Governor? God save the State from such a calamity!

The President yesterday sent to the Senate the nomination of J. Ward Gurley, of Louisana, to be attorney for the United States for the eastern district of Louisiana.

THE GREAT IOWA CYCLONE.

Polk City Reported Destroyed—The List of the Dead Grows Longer—The Damage to Property Incalculable.

DES MOINES, Ia., May 25.—The most alarming reports are being received here this morning respecting the cyclone which swept over Polk, Story and Jasper counties shortly after midnight. Owing to the almost total prostration of telegraph and telephone wires it is not possible to verify the reports that have been received, but indications are that the casualties will reach 50 killed or injured.

Fourteen persons are reported killed in the three towns of Valeria, Bondurant and Ankeny. The two latter towns are in this (Polk) county while Valeria is in Jasper county, directly east.

There is every probability that restoration of the telegraph will bring reports of disasters not heard of yet. Report comes from Polk City, this county that it is totally destroyed. A telephone message from Berwick says that a courier just in tells that 46 persons were killed at Bondurant

The situation grows worse as authentic news comes from the cyclone district. At Valeria it is now known that fifteen persons were killed, the number being first placed at but five. Most of those killed were in the depot of the Chicago Great Western road, some of them having just alighted from a train. The depot was literally blown to pieces. The western bound passenger train escaped the cyclone but a few minutes. Had it remained at the station five minutes longer the list of killed would undoubtedly have numbered scores.

A dispatch from Santiago, this county, says the storm was unprecedented in its fury in that section. Three miles west of the town a house was lifted bodily from the earth, carried some distance and thrown to the ground a shattered wreck. The entire family of occupants were killed. The roads are almost impassable from debris—fences, out-buildings and branches of trees being swept together in piles. Nothing has been heard from the northeastern end of the country, where it is believed the storm caused the greatest damage.

A messenger from Bondurant who arrived at 9 o'clock, says that R G Scott, a prominent farmer, was killed, also that a church at Ankeny was blown down and several persons were hurt.

The town of Granger was badly wrecked. The number of farmhouses wrecked between Valeria and Bondurant is very heavy. Mayor MacVickar has called a meeting at the council chamber to take active measures for the relief of the sufferers. A number of coffins have been shipped to Bondurant on the Great Western Extra, via Berwick, the nearest point.

THE NORTHERN PRESBYTERIANS.

A Great Sensation Created by the Moderator's Liberal Sermon.

SARATOGA, N. Y., May 24.—Moderator Withrow's sermon to-day created a positive sensation among the commissioners. Moderators' sermons in past years, especially since the Briggs trouble, have been characterized by earnest and eloquent appeals to the commissioners to stand up in defense of the truth of the Scriptures and the standards at any cost. Moderator Withrow's sermon was characterized as a veritable plea for peace and work, which, following upon the conciliatory terms of Moderator Booth, seems to mark a new era in the Presbyterian quarrel.

Dr. Withrow preached upon the subject of love being stronger than violence in the advancement of Christ's kingdom. He made a strong plea for peace in the Church. He compared the spirit of violence and the spirit of love as exemplified in the ministry of Christ. He called to mind the fact that at the time of the reunion of the old school and the new school branches the Assembly asked the Church to raise a memorial fund of $5,000,000. The Church responded by raising nearly $7,000,000. Last year the Assembly asked for one million dollars to commemorate the 25th anniversary of the reunion. The subscriptions do not amount to half of the sum asked. The preacher attributed it to the position which the Church had taken against those who had attacked its standards. He said that the spirit of the Church should not be that of the "Lion of the tribe of Judah," but that of the "Lamb of God."

The speaker closed by saying: "We cannot shake men out of wrong ways, whether they are outside our membership or within both membership and ministry, can we?"

THE MYSTERIOUS HORSA

It is Believed That a Shot From a Spanish Warship Set the Vessel on Fire—That Her Master Was Not Drowned.

Wilmington Star, 23d.

The British steamship Horsa, which arrived last Wednesday at Southport in distress (as told in the Star), left that place yesterday at noon for New York, under her own steam and Capt. Chas. E. McIntosh in command. Mr. J. McIntyre, of New York, principal owner of the vessel, was on board when the Horsa took her departure.

A gentleman from Southport, who went aboard the Horsa soon after the steamer arrived at that place, told the Star yesterday that there was something very mysterious about the fire that is alleged to have broken out on ship soon after she left Jamaica. He said the Horsa had a hole in her iron hull near her bow which had been covered on both sides with heavy boards. His theory is that the steamer landed her cargo of arms and ammunition in Cuba, and that soon after starting from Jamaica with her cargo of fruit she was fired upon by a Spanish gunboat which sent a shell through her hull near the bow, and that this was the origin of the fire. He said that there were five Cubans and four Spaniards among the crew, two of whom spoke English fairly well, and that their stories were so conflicting that the conclusion was irresistible that there was something untold about the origin of the fire.

The Star's informant also expressed the opinion that Captain Cook was not drowned; that he was under indictment in Philadelphia, and that he was either secreted on board the Horsa or had been taken aboard some other ship at sea.

Verily, the ways of these filibusters are past finding out.

One Grand Sweet Song.

New York Sun.

The Hon. Judson Harmon has returned to Cincinnati for a music festival.—Syracuse Post.

The Hon. Judson Harmon is himself one of the greatest, most musical, and most festive of music festivals. His raiment is a heaven of harmonies. His hat is a fugue. His collar is a symphony. His cravat is a sonata. His shirt front is a hymn. His coat is an oratorio. His waistcoat is a psalm. His trousers are an anthem, and his shoes and spatts are a doxology. Not since the concord of sweet sounds was discovered has anything one-quarter as musical as the Hon. Judson Harmon, the Pelham of the Cabinet, enraptured a breathless world.

Western Criminal Court District Convention, June 5th.

Special to the Observer.

ASHEVILLE, May 25.—The judicial convention for this district, composed of Buncombe, Haywood, Henderson and Madison counties, has been called to meet here June 5th to nominate Democratic candidates for judge and solicitor of the Criminal Circuit Court.

The Presbyterian ministers attending the General Assembly at Memphis, preached in the various churches Sunday. In the afternoon Dr. Morton, of North Carolina, assisted by several of the lay commissioners, conducted the solemn communion of the Assembly in the First church.

GENERAL M. E. CONFERENCE.

REV. GUE AFRAID TO RETURN HOME

He Made Remarks About Bloomers, and the Women of His Fold Have a Warm Welcome Waiting for Him—An Amendment Placing the Election of Lay Delegates in the Hands of Church Members Defeated—Dr. Joseph C. Hartzell, of Louisiania, Elected Bishop to Africa—Only Four Days More Remain for Business.

CLEVELAND, O., May 25.—Only four days remain of the session of the General Conference of the Methodist Church, and the delegates are determined to make as good use of the time as possible. To that end a resolution was adopted this morning limiting all speeches to five minutes. Very few of the important matters now incorporated in committee reports will be passed upon by this session. Only the reports which must be acted upon in order to insure the progress of the Church during the coming four years will be considered.

The following were approved as trustees of the new American University at Washington: Judge E. L. McComas, Washington; Rev. Michael Burnham, D. D., St. Louis; Hon. H. L. Higinbotham, Chicago; Rev. A. J. Palmer, D. D., New York; Chaplain W. H. Milburn, Washington; Mr. Wm. Cornell, Scranton, Pa.; Hon. John Fritz, Bethlehem, Pa.; John E. Heald, Washington; John G. Holmes, Pittsburg; John R. McLean, Washington; John H. Patton, Curwensville, Pa., and Rev. Thos. Pearnir, D. D., Hillsboro, O.

It was decided to hold two sessions of the Conference every day until adjournment. The Conference took a ballot for missionary bishop to Africa. Two-thirds' vote required to elect. Result: Necessary to a choice 301; J. C. Hartzell, 223; M. C. B. Mason, colored, 81; D. S. Monroe, 73; J. W. Hamilton, 15; G. W. Gue, 13; scattering 43. Mr. Gue's candidacy is said to be due to the fact that he is afraid to return to his home in Portland, having incurred the enmity of the women of his church by making disparaging comparisons between the bicycle bloomer girl and the four women delegates.

Col. Fred Grant received an enthusiastic reception when he was introduced to the Conference. Bishop Arnett, of the African Methodist Church and Southern manager of Major McKinley's campaign, was presented to the Conference.

The long deferred fight between the lay and the ministerial delegates came up when the committee on constitution reported the new constitution. The majority report wanted a referendum to be composed only of the ministers, while the minority report demanded that the lay members be given a voice in the referendum. Dr. A. J. Kinnett, of Philadelphia, made a strong argument in favor of lay representation. E. Swarthout, of Michigan, declared that the report was a failure. "What the Methodist Church needs most," he said, "is a judiciary that shall decide judicial questions only, and keep its hands off legislative questions.

"What a miserable farce was the consideration of the woman question by this body. We first considered the question as a judicial one and then compromised it by virtue of our legislative power. That kind of work makes our Conference ridiculous. I am opposed to the report because it gives us nothing new.

A motion was made to amend the report of the committee on constitution so that the lay delegates to the General Conference should be elected by the people of the Church instead of at the Quarterly Conference. It was received with tremendous applause by the laymen. An attempt to table the amendment was defeated.

Wm. M. Swindell said, "Let us give to the laity of the Church this increased responsibility and it will be best for them and best for the Church."

Gen. Rusling said that he heartily favored the amendment but he beleved that it should not be adopted now. It would imperil the adoption of the constitution. The amendment was defeated by a vote of 189 to 193. The committee on Epworth League recommended that certain members of the board of control be appointed by the General Conference instead of by the representative of the league. Several delegates denounced the report as taking the last vestige of authority away from the league members in control of its own organization. The report was adopted.

Dr. Joseph C Hartzell, of Louisiana, was elected bishop to Africa on the second ballot. He was invited to a seat on the platform. When Bishop Taylor, the aged bishop who initiated the African work, congratulated his successor, the Conference applauded enthusiastically. Dr. Hartzell is 54 years of age, and since 1888 has been secretary of the Freedmen's Aid Society. He was re-elected to the same position on May 2 on the first ballot. In 1870 he was transferred from the Illinois Conference to New Orleans, and was placed in charge of Ames church in that city. While in that city he became editor of the Southwestern Christian Advocate. He has taken a prominent part in the development of the public school system of that city.

ITEMS OF STATE NEWS.

Deer have been seen in Person county lately, says the Durham Sun.

The Newbern Journal says that after the return of Rev. Dr L. C. Vass, formerly pastor there, from the Southern Assembly meeting at Memphis, he will join his wife in New York, whence they will set sail for a European tour. Dr. Vass will, upon its completion, enter upon his duties as chaplain of the University of Virginia.

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The lot in the said city fronting 99 feet on East Eighth street and extending back with that width and with the C. C. Railroad, 398 feet to Seventh street, being the lot recently occupied by the Elliott Furniture Company, together with the buildings, machinery and fixtures on the said lot known as the Elliott Furniture Company Factory and more particularly described as follows:

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