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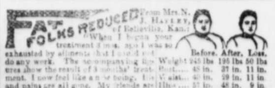

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WILMINGTON M. E. CONFERENCE.

A Full Programme of Proceedings.

Preparations are being made for the entertainment of the Wilmington M. E. Conference, which will be held at Middletown, beginning March 15.

The celebration of the anniversary of the Educational Society will take place March 14, the night preceding the opening of the conference session, and Rev. J. P. Otis will represent the society.

During the session there will be anniversary celebrations and services as follows: Wednesday evening, March 15, Church Extension Society, the Rev. J. Kynett, D. D., representative. Thursday afternoon, March 16, Woman's Foreign Missionary Society; Thursday evening, missionary, the Rev. C. C. McCabe, speaker; Friday afternoon, March 17, Woman's Home Missionary Society; Friday evening, Epworth League; Saturday afternoon, March 18, Historical Society, the Rev. B. F. Price, representative; Saturday evening, Freedmen's Aid and Southern Educational Society, the Rev. John W. Hamilton, D. D., representative; Sunday afternoon, March 19, temperance; Sunday evening, the veterans, the Rev. J. Benson Hamilton, D. D. representative; Monday afternoon, March 20, memorial service; Monday evening, Sunday School Union and Tract Society.

Bishop Stephen Merrill, of Chicago, will preside over the deliberations of the conference. Bishop Merrill was born in Jefferson county, Ohio, September 16, 1825. He entered Ohio Conference, Methodist Episcopal Church, 1864, as a traveling preacher, and became editor of the *Western Christian Advocate* in 1868. He was consecrated Bishop in 1872. Ohio Wesleyan University gave him the degree of D. D., in 1868, and Northwestern University that of L. L. D., in 1886. His publications include "Christian Baptism," "New Testament Idea of Hell," "Second Coming of Christ," "Aspects of Christian Experience," "Digest of Methodist Law," and "Outline of Thoughts on Probation." He presided over Wilmington Conference once, at Snow Hill, in 1885.

It is understood that Asbury Church, Salisbury, will ask for the session of Conference which meets in March, 1894.

LAMAR'S LASH.

How the Earnest Southerner Floored Hon. Zach Chandler.

The death of Justice Lamar has recalled his well known devotion to the Confederacy, and his love for the leader of the lost cause was productive of one of the most dramatic scenes in the history of the Senate. The Mexican pension bill was under consideration, and an amendment pended extenting its provisions to all veterans, irrespective of their course in the war between the States. Congress, it was said, could best show its desire to forgive and forget by extending the benefits of the measure to those who had once borne arms against the common country. The amendment was near adoption when Senator Zach Chandler came to his feet with a short speech in which he said that while in the main he agreed to the general tenor of the amendment, yet under its provisions even Jeff Davis would be restored to citizenship. "And" he added. "I am not prepared to go so far as that."

Lamar rose. His intense excitement was evident. Between him and Chandler a strong personal antagonism existed. An outburst was expected and it came.

"Mr. President," said the Mississippian, with outstretched finger pointing at his foeman, his tail form trembling with emotion but his voice, bell-like in its clearness and without a quiver in it, "When Prometheus lay bound to the rock it was not the king of beasts who availed himself of his distress. It was not any other of the nobler brutes of the field or birds of the air. It was the vulture, the scavenger of the animal kingdom gluttoning upon carrion, which preyed upon his vitals, knowing that in a defenseless man, who could move neither hand nor foot, he had one into whose vitals he could dig his beak."

He sat down and a stillness so profound that the rustle of a paper sounded harshly. Chandler was deadly pale. Drops of perspiration stood upon his foreehead and he clinched the arms of his chair until the strained wood creaked. It was expected that he would reply. Twice he half arose, then sank back. He did not reply.

A RARE STAMP collection, with $50,000, the property of Banker Frederick De Coppet, will be sold at auction in New York in April. The collection, which is made up entirely of stamps from countries of the Western Hemisphere, includes 18,000 different ones, the prize being an 1850 British Guiana 2-center, valued at over $600.

AS SOON as the new military laws shall have come into full effect, the German army will comprise 5,000,000 men; the French, 4,350,000; the Russian, 4,000,000; the Italian, 2,336,000; the Austrian, 1,900,000; the Swiss, 489,000, and the Belgian, 285,000. Altogether Europe will be able to dispose of not less than 22,000,000 soldiers, or 15,000,000 more than she had in 1869.

Wanton slaughter of game continues in various parts of the state of Wyoming. Whole herds of elk and other game are being slaughtered, and even a number of the few remaining buffalo, supposed to be under the protection of the government, have been shot by the so called sportsmen.

GENERAL statistics prove that, since the Trojan war, three thousand years ago—that is, since the beginning of history—not a single year has elapsed in which war has not killed a large number of men.

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A Kansas Man's Experience.

Mr. Albert Favorite, of Arkansas city, Kan., wishes to give our readers the benefit of his experience with colds. He says: "I contracted a cold early last spring that settled on my lungs, and had hardly recovered from it when I caught another that hung on all summer and left me with a hacking cough which I thought I never would get rid of. I had used Chamberlain's Cough Remedy some fourteen years ago with much success, and concluded to try it again. When I had got through with one bottle my cough had left me and I have not suffered with a cough or or cold since. I have recommended it to others, and all speak well of it." 50 cent bottles for sale by M. A. Tonlson, Chestertown, Maryland.

"MERRY CHRISTMAS IN THE AIR."

A Club Man Who Thinks It Costs a Good Deal to Give That Greeting.

Old Marley may or may not be as dead as a doornail, but this is not a Christmas carol. And yet it happens to be about Christmas. There were a lot of young men in various indolent attitudes about the loafing room of a Fifth avenue club. They all belonged to a class of young men who frequent the clubs for the reason that they can get there a month and fifteen days' credit for what they eat, drink and smoke, and thus are enabled to live a month and a half ahead of their incomes. The oldest member of the group was reading one of those alleged humorous periodicals which blossom out in the holiday season with fearfully and wonderfully illustrated legends, satirical Christmas stories and pithy maxims of the peace on earth, good will toward men order.

"The man who wrote that was either a chump or a liar," asserted the reader suddenly, throwing down his paper.

"What did he write?" asked a man who was staring at the embers of the open fire.

"Why, the Poor Richard, or King Soloman, or Martin Tupper who runs a column of aphorisms in his blooming paper says:

"'It doesn't cost any money to wish people a merry Christmas.'

"Now that fellow has never lived in New York in about the social rut along which we are grinding, or if he has he's willfully supressing the truth. You fellows know as well as I do that it costs money, lots of it, to wish people a merry Christmas. Why, without a moment's reflection any of us could string ont a long price list of assorted 'merry Christmases,' to wit:

"'Wishing elevator boy at your apartment house merry Christmas, from $2 to $5; wishing hall boy ditto, ditto; wishing washerwoman merry Christmas, from $1 up; wishing elevator boy at your office building ditto, ditto; wishing merry Christmas to your office boy, one extra week's salary; wishing ditto to stenographer, ditto; wishing your waiter at luncheon place merry Christmas, $1; wishing your barber the same, change out of the bill given up for Christmas shave; wishing merry Christmas to hostler who takes care of your horse, $5; ditto to stable foreman, one box cigars, $2.50.'

"At every club we enter a Christmas list stares us in the face, and the old doorman and the call boys, the coat check boy and the clerk keep one eye on the list and the other on each entering member until he has added his autograph to the growing collection. If a fellow goes to a law school or medical school, he finds the janitor waiting in the hall on the last night before the Christmas recess with a subscription list tacked up by the door and the gas lighter in his hand as a pointer wherewith to call attention to it. I tell you there's no way for a single man in a big city to beat this Christmas game. Talk about the tariff being a tax; it's nothing alongside of Christmas. Money talks, and it's the only kind of talk that goes in this merry Christmas business.

"Of course a fellow does get a present from a best girl or two occasionally, but he has more than to make it up by return presents direct, or indirectly by flowers, theater tickets, etc. Christmas is awfully one sided. The companies, clients and patients who employ us fellows never wish us a merry Christmas in the New York vernacular."

"No," said the man who was still staring dreamily into the fire; "the only way to get square with the game is to marry, and then your wife will buy your presents and have 'em charged to your account."

And the back log snapped out a shower of sparks in emulation of this brilliant solution of the difficulty.—New York Tribune.

The Two Headed Woman.

Millie Christine, the "two headed nightingale," "the colored wonder of the world," etc., was born near Whiteville, S. C., in the year 1851, of slave parents. She, they or it is hardly a monstrosity, but rather a phenomenon or freak of nature. She has two busts and pairs of shoulders, two heads, four arms and four legs, and, so an anatomical examination has proved, she has two hearts, two sets of lungs and two sets of digestive organs. In fact, she is two distinct persons blended into one at the waist.

Mentally she is certainly two, being able to carry on two separate conversations on different subjects at one and the same time. She is a fine singer, one voice being a high soprano and the other a clear toned contralto. She is a highly educated woman, or women, and speaks several languages fluently, among them German, French and Spanish.

She is without doubt the greatest or one of the greatest human wonders born this century, her physical makeup being a wonder to the scientists and a puzzle to the common people in general.—St. Louis Republic.

Railroad Troubles.

"Something or other is the matter with all these railroad men," said the solemn passenger in the Michigan Central railroad station as he looked over the folders of the various roads in the rack.

"So there is with everybody," said his companion.

"But railroad men have specific complaints," he insisted. "Here's one, for instance, who is a Pennsylvaniac; another has Michigan Centralgia; a third has Eriespilas; a fourth has C. H. & Debility; a fifth has L. & Entasis; a sixth has C. & Odontalgia; a seventh has Atchison, Topeka & Santa Faintness; an eighth has C. B. & Cutaneous trouble; a ninth has Wabashfulness, and so on to the end of the chapter."

"Um—er," said the other, comprehending the idea, as he laid down a bill to pay for a sleeper, "and none of them is so bad as the Pullmanary complaints of the traveling public."

Then they picked up their bags and boarded a train for the south.—Detroit Free Press.

Danger of Sore Eyes Among Infants.

Every child becoming blind in infancy is heneforth, so long as it lives, a charge upon the community. Instead of being, as it should be, a producer, it is a consumer only, or at least its production, even in the most favorable cases, is only a tithe of what it would have been had the individual possessed good vision. The total loss to the commonwealth of our nation from this source reaches proportions which are astonishing from their magnitude. A very simple calculation will show how very large this is.

In some countries of Europe the state has taken the matter in hand, and has made it compulsory on the attendant to report at once to the proper medical authorities all infants whose eyes show signs of being affected. In spite of earnest petitions Great Britain has refused to take any official notice of it. In this country three states at least have taken definite action in the matter. Two years ago the legislature of New York passed an ordinance making it compulsory on the attendant to report all cases at once to the sanitary authorities, and Maine and Rhode Island have followed her worthy example. Several other states have, I believe, the matter under consideration. All this is good and necessary and should be made universal; but of what advantage are statutes if the people are unaware of the danger? In some way or ways we must let them into the knowledge of what babies' sore eyes may mean.—Dr. Swan M. Burnett in Century.

Charley's Part in the Service.

Sally Carter and Molly Gates were talking about a grand wedding that was to come off in a few weeks. Sally's cousin was to be the bride. "I am going to have a new white dress and a beautiful pink sash," said Sally, "and my brother Charley is going to be one of the rushers."—Youth's Companion.

ODDS AND ENDS.

Lucian was a sculptor's son.

Lampblack was invented by Mini in 1844.

Fishbein, the great historical painter, was the son of a baker.

Washboards were invented by an American named Rice in 1849.

A thirteen-year-old girl living near Darlington, Ind., weighs 217 pounds.

The cocoon of a healthy silkworm will often yield a thread 1,000 yards in length.

Life is shorter in the valleys and lowlands than among the hills and mountains.

You now and then meet folks who have all kinds of sense except common sense.

For small belts violin strings are said to be superior to any other material for lacing.

A Spanish proverb says, "Give your wife the short knife: keep the long one yourself."

A man living in New England, who is 5 feet 7 inches high, has a beard 6 feet 3 inches long.

To clean papier mache articles, wash first in warm water and soap, and polish with sweet oil.

If sheep, rams and goats spring around in the meadows and fight more than usual, expect rain.

The real ice palace is the mansion the iceman builds for himself after being in business a few years.

A man in love can do more thinking without thinking of anything at all than any one else on earth.

It is estimated that since the beginning of time the world has had sixty-six quadrillions of inhabitants.

St. Louis is organizing what is claimed to be the first Italian regiment ever formed in this country.

The Chinese, Japanese, Malays, Siamese, New Zealanders and North American Indians are all beardless.

Duty and Pleasure.

As I sit in front of my fire, in the red flames numberless pictures appear and disappear. Now I see a wide plain, green as the heart of an emerald. The sky in the west is aflame with golds and reds of the setting sun, fading and deepening like living things. Beyond the plain in a forest two figures stand apart. One is clothed in a garment black as the impenetrable night, and from the dark veil which covers her head looks a face beautiful as a marble image. The large, soft eyes are heavy with sorrow, but the beautiful mouth is set in an expression of firm and cruel command. One white hand holds back the veil, and the lines of that hand against the somber background bespeak a strength that makes one tremble. A diadem of jewels rests on her broad brow and gleams and sparkles with the colors of the sky. Her eyes search the forest unceasingly.

Poised on one foot the other figure, smaller and delicate as a rose leaf, seems about to float in the air. A white veil, which glows and burns like an opal, is thrown around her. Roses are in her hair and drop their fragrant petals at her feet. Her shining eyes are as cold and as blue as a northern sky, and her hair is like strands of twisted gold. Her full red lips curve in an alluring smile, and her small hands and delicately rounded arms, rosy in the sun rays, move in graceful rhythm, which is music unheard. She, too, looks toward the forest.

At last a maiden creeps trembling from the shadow of the trees; she turns her head from side to side like a hunted hare. Both figures advance to meet her. She gazes timidly from one to the other—a dull blot as she stands between them. One whispers duty and the other pleasure. The fire is burning low; the picture is fading.—Frances Chapman in Short Stories.

How He Judged.

A country innkeeper one day in the last century startled a casual guest, who happened to be a gentleman attached to the royal court, by a confident prediction regarding the archbishop of Toulouse, who had just been appointed to one of the great offices of state.

The gentleman, looking over his mail, exclaimed: "There are great changes in the government! The archbishop of Toulouse has been chosen minister."

"Alas for France, if that be true!" cried the innkeeper.

"Why so?"

"He will turn the kingdom upside down. He will make no end of trouble," returned the landlord, with an ominous shake of the head.

This was quite possible, and something like it did really happen, but only persons who knew the inner workings of political affairs could have predicted it so positively then, and M. de La Houss wondered what was the source of the innkeeper's information. With judicious urging he induced that sage to give his basis for calculations. It was this:

"You will learn, M. de La Houss, that I know whereof I speak. The archbishop of Toulouse always stops here on his way to Paris, and also on his return. He never fails to turn everything upside down.

"He has that bed carried into another room. He has all the tables and the washstand moved. The mirrors that are hung between the windows have to be placed above the mantelpieces. If I took his advice I should tear this house down and rebuild it bottom side up.

"Depend upon it, he is a dangerous person and will insist upon changing everything."

The Limit Reached.

Little Clarence—Pa, if a man from Portugal is a Portuguese, is his little boy a Portugosling?

Mr. Bosanko—It will be your bedtime in fifteen minutes.

Clarence—May I ask one more question, pa?

Mr. Bosanko—If it is not a foolish one.

Clarence—Well, pa, why doesn't Wednesday come on Saturday?

Mr. Bosanko—Go to bed now!—Life.

Not in His Line Exactly.

A man with an armful of hand bills went into Mr. Schoppenheim's restaurant and asked permission to tack a hundred or so to the wall.

"Vot vos dose?" asked Schoppenheim.

"Circulars advertising a railroad excursion."

"You goes avay off mit a week or den days and you goes sheaper as to stay at home?" asked Schoppenheim.

"That's it."

"Unt you vants to hang dose cirgulars mein restaurant in?"

"You've got it."

"Got vot?"

"The idea."

"Den mein gustomers vould read dose cirgulars?"

"That's the idea."

"Unt go avay den days or two weeks?"

"Yes."

"Unt don't eat dinners here vile dey vos avay?"

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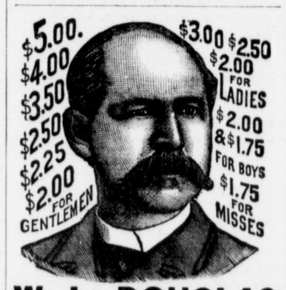

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