PRESBYTERIAN

Proceedings of Last Six Days in St Louis

IMPORTANT TO WHOLE CHURCH

Revision of the Westminster Confession of Faith Is Que of the Leading Subjects Under Consideration-Many Presbyteries Represented by Londors.

BY A SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT. St. Louis, May 28 .- The following is a condensed report of the week's proceedings of the Presbyterian general assembly:

The Presbyterian church through its general assembly has given its verdict in regard to its confessional standards. A committee of fifteen with Rev. Dr. Charles A. Dickey of Philadelphia, the moderator of the assembly, as its chairman, has been ordered to consider the whole matter of a restatement of the doctrines held by the church, and which are sub stantially embodied in the Westminster confession of faith.

Thursday the assembly voted to drop the Warzawaik case and asked for a constitution amendment against polyg-

Moderator Dickey appointed the special committee on creed revision which is to consider the various overcures from the different presbyteries and report its conclusions to the next national assembly for action. This committee consists of the moderator the Rev. Charles A. Dickey of Philadelphia, and the Revs. Herrick Johnson, Chicago: Samuel J. Nicolls, St. Louis; Daniel Fisher, Indiana; William B. McKibbin, Ohio; George B. Stewart, New York; Stephen W. Dana, Pennsylvania: Samuel P. Sprecker, Cleveland, O.: Benjamin B. Warfield, Princeton, N. J.: Elders Benjamin Harrison, Indianapolis; Daniel R. Noves, Minnesota: E. W. C. Humphrey, Kentucky; William R. Crabbe, Pennsylvania: John E. Parsons, New York; Elisha Fraser, Michigan, and Judge John M. Harlan, Baltimore.

The assembly concluded its deliberations Saturday and adjourned sine die to meet next year in Philadolphia. The session just concluded has been one of the most important ever held by the assembly.

A Swap.

One evening at the Devonshire clui a New York friend was talking to Phil May, of Punch, about his youth, "You seem pretty well contented with the world. You haven't the appearance of a man who knows what unhappiness "Haven't 1?" responded the artist, with his odd little chackle, "Let me tell you a very short and very true story. Not a half a dozen blocks from where we are sitting I met a youngster one day with a big slice of bacon between two slices of bread in his hands. I was carrying a handsome walking stick. The boy looked at my cane enviously, and I looked at his bacon hungrily. Our eyes met, and without speaking a word we swapped, and I needed the bread and bacon much more than be needed the cane."-London Truth.

Salore Near, Grant's Tomb.

New York special Chicago Tribune: Francis M. Jeneks, a millionaire, has begun a fight in the Supreme Court to force a saloon to be removed from within the shadow of Grant's tomb on Riverside drive. The case may be heard on Monday. Mr. Jencks says the saloon is an injury to property in the vicinity, and is located there in violation of an agreement made by the owners of the ground on which it stands. Mr. Jepeks owns considerable property in the neighborhood. The saloon stands not more than a couple of hundred feet north of the tomb. It is owned by Gebhard Ratz and Ern- carrying him about the building, est Mahlenbeck, and apparently does a thriving business, being especially, had done this to their hearts' content prosperous during the summer.

Yery Contly Wine.

The most expensive wine manufactured is not champagne, as most people imagine. It is a Rhine wine from the private vineyard of Prince Metternich, and sells abroad for about \$7.50 a quart. The vineyard is on the side of a hill overlooking the Rhine, which is not accessible except to human feet. As a result all the work has to be done by hand. The grapes have to be carried down the hill on the shoulders of men, and in a like manner fertilizers have to be transported up the acclivity. The sun shines on the vineyard only at certain hours of the day, and in this way the grape receives a flavor that distinguishes the wine from that of any other Rhine brand.

Roberts a Chess Player.

Lord Roberts is a clever chess player, but dislikes all card games. Chess may be called his favorite recreation. Not His Wife.

"What does she say?" asked the crafty politician, who had referred the committee to his wife for information as to his intentions. "She refuses to talk," replied the spokesman of the committee. "Then it wasn't my wife you met, gentlemen," he rejoined, with great positiveness. "It was somebody else."-Chicago Tribune.

Horses in the Soup. During the stege of Ladysmith 4,000 horses of the cavalry brigade were converted into soup or sausages in a aingle month, this worthing of

TELLING THE TRUTH

Newspaper's Vernelous Resemblion of Wodding.

The Palmyra (Mo.) Spectator undertakes to show by satire what might be expected were editors sometimes to speak their minds. Here are a few of the Spectator's samples: "Willie Shortike and Bettle Bloomers were married at the ---- church last evening. The church was very prettily decorated with flowers and pottted plants, borrowed promiscuously from over town from people who didn't want to lend them. The decorating was done under protest by some of the members of the church, who were asked to do so by the bride and couldn't well refuse. The ladies are of the opinion that if the couple were so bent on having a stylish wedding they should have been willing to have paid some one to chase all over the town for a day getting flowers together and then taking them home again. The bride wore a handsome Silverstein gown, made at home, and the groom was decked out in a \$10 hand-me-down suit. The ushers wore cutaway coats borrowed for the occagion. Sallie Potts was made of honor. and the consensus of opinion was that she was two-to-one better than the bride. The young couple took the morning train for St. Lous, where they will spend more money in a few days than Willie can earn in three months. Willie says that now he's married he's going to settle down. Some of our merchants think it would have been better if he had settled up first. The groom gets a salary of \$27 a month. which is about the allowance Betttle has been used to for pin money. We wish for Willie's sake that the old saying that it takes no more to support two than one wasn't a lie. The bride sent us a shoe box full of a conglomeration of stuff supposed to be cake. If this is a sample of Bettie's cooking we feel sorrrow for Willie. Our janitor's dog fell heir to the cake and now he's lying in the cold, cold ground. But this wedding is none of our funeral. If Willie and Betttle are satisfied we've got no kick coming."

TO AMUSE THE SHAH.

Many stories are told of the shah of Persia in connection with his last visit to England. One of these tales, probably more amusing than true, is that he advised the Prince of Wales quietly to make away with a certain extremely influential duke, as the latter was growing too powerful to be safe. But a story which is vouched for is the account of the shah's visit to Newgate prison. While there he suddenly re quested to see an execution. He was courteously informed that at the pres ent moment there was no one under sentence. The shah swept away these triffing objections with a wave of his hand. "Take one of my suite," said he. "Any one will do." And he was woefully disappointed because the officials on the spot declined to comply with his request. The shah had a magnificent collection of jewels, among them being an emerald nearly as large as a ben's egg. The present shah will make a continental tour this summer. visiting England in July. It is said that he is bringing with him a number of costly and beautiful gifts for his royal and imperial hosts in all the places he intends to visit. His tour will take six months. He intends to stop in Russia, Germany, Austria, France, Greece and England.

Exalting the Uniform. Ever since the outbreak of the South African war military enthusiasm has run high in Great Britain. A London paper relates that at an entertainment in Edinburgh, soon after the war opened, the audience stopped the performance to sing the national anthem. Meantime a group of excited men toward the door caught sight of a man in uniform, and before he could form any idea of what was being done they had him on their shoulders, and were shouting and singing. When they they set him down, and some one asked him, "What's your regiment?" "Regiment!" he exclaimed, "What's gone wrang wi' ye a'? I'm the door-

keeper!"

A Flying Portal Service. There are several small islands in the Pacific ocean that belong to England. A vessel was wrecked during a storm on one of these Islands, and it was necessary to get word to Auckland. Carrier pigeons were used. They carried the messages and brought return messages. This success led to the buying of a large flock of carrier pigeons, who were trained for the work on these islands. Each bird can carry four messages, each written on paper of a certain quality and size. When four messages are ready, a bird is sent off. Each message costs either one shilling or sixpence. These pigeons are private property.

A Link in the Past.

Mrs. Alexander Capperton, who died in Kirkhill, Scotland, the other day, was one of the few links connecting the present with the time of Sir Walter Scott. She entered his service when sixteen, and remembered hearing his heavy footfall on the stairs at five every morning when he came down for his buttermilk and porridge. She was with him when he died and received : lock of his hair from Mrs. Lockhart.-Philadelphia Press.

mon yesterday?" "Dry."-Philadelphia Bulletin.

THE WAR IN SOUTH AFRICA.

The Boers Have Abandoned Biggarsburg Range.

ROBERTS RELIEVES MAFEKING.

Surghers Urging the Transvant Government to Destroy the Gold Mines at Johannesburg --- Kruger May Remove Transvani Capital to Lydenburg.

Wednesday, May 23. Lord Roberts has reached the Rhenoster river. The Boers failed to make a stand, fleeing before the advancing British. Report has reached Cape Town that Mr. Fischer, one of the Boer delegates in the United States, has advised President Kruger to surrender.

German Reichstag passed meat bill and Bundesrath's approval is assured. Bill bars canned meats and sausages, of which 60,000,000 pounds were imported from America last year. Hits Chicago packers hardest.

Frederic A. Bell, who died in Madson, N. J., Saturday, aged 51, leaving fortune estimated at \$25,000,000, accumulated by inheritance and by dealing in coal in Buffalo and Rochester. N. Y., was married twenty years ago in Bloomington, Iil., to Mrs. Mary Gridley Bruce, younger daughter of the late Gen. Asahel Gridley, one of the wealthiest men of central Illinois. Divorce and alimony of \$3,000 a year were granted. Bell contested, and the case is now pending in the United States Supreme court. In case the decision is in favor of Mrs. Bell she will receive in addition to the unpaid allmony either one-third of the \$25,000. 000 left by Frederic Bell or a life interest in one-third of that amount.

Thursday, May 24. Roberts is detained at Rhenoster river by necessity of building a bridge. British reports that Boers are urging Kruger and Steyn to surrender. Boers retreating towards the Vaal.

Friday May 25.

Early crossing of Vaal river by Roberts expected. Boers not likely to offer determined resistance. London experts believe next big battle will be fought near Johannesburg.

Cyclone in Michigan. A cyclone struck the western part of Sebewa township, Ionia county, Michigan. It started in a swamp and soon the muck of the swamp was being carried high into the air, accompanied by everything else that was loose. The whiriwind gathered velocity and strength as it moved, and soon the column was 100 feet high and two rods or more wide. An orchard on the farm of Norman Gibbs was ruined. large trees with yards of dirt being uprooted and piled in windrows. At Howard City W. R. Page's residence was struck by lightning and burned.

As William Wise, a farmer ten miles north of Anoks, Minn., was sitting at a table at night playing cards with his wife and four children, some persons fired through the window with a shotgun and a repeating rifle. William Wise, Jr., 7 years old, fell dead, a bullet striking him in the back and emerging from his cheek. James Wise, 11 years old, was shot through the right lung and lost two fingers of his right hand. William Wise, 38 years old, was shot in the right shoulder from behind, ten buckshot entering his body. He is paralyzed and will die. Mrs. Wise was shot in the back and in both arms and will die. Eliza and Martha, the daughters, escaped by jumping into a closet.

Elgin Boys Fall in Battle. Word has been received at Elgin that Sergeant Thomas Ryan, Company F. Fourth Infantry, was killed in acbattle May 14, was also an Elgin boy

Philippines.

A DARING MAN.

Prof. Oscar Crisman of Emporia, Kas., who, in an address to Mothers' Congress at Des Moines on Tuesday, declared men do not love as women do that "woman alone loves, man reasons."

The Neely Embezziement. Embezziements aggregating nearly \$450,000, it is alleged, are now laid at the door of Charles F. W. Neely, late chief financial agent of the postal service in Cuba, who is at present a prisoner in Ludlow street jail in New

In addition to the sum of \$45,300.2 which he is accused of having stolen



CHARLES W. NEELY.

outright from the Cuban postal funds, and upon which charge he was rearrested at New York, government officials accuse him of fraudulently securing \$400,000 by the sale of Cuban stamps which had been ordered de-

stroyed. Postoffice officials at Washington deny that any papers concerning a defalcation by Neely to the amount of \$400,000, or any other large sum, are on the way to New York, as represented in dispatches from that city. The postoffice authorities have all along 'maintained that Neely's stealings cannot amount to more than \$100,000. Others under arrest for complicity with Neely include E. C. Rathbone and Edward Thompson.

Priest Jamps Into Ningara.

John J. O'Donnell, a priest of the Roman Catholic church, committed suicide by jumping into the whiripool rapide, Niagara Falls, Friday morning. He threw his hat and cane upon the platform, raised his right hand, shouted "Good-by!" and jumped in His head could be seen above the water for 200 feet down the rapids and then it was lost to sight. U'Donnell formerly assistant pastor of the Church of the Sacred Heart in New York, but | the channel will be navigable for the had been for a year an inmate or a private asylum for the insane at Huf-

Claims \$100,000 Back Taxes. At Toledo, Ohio, Tax Inquisitor W. H. McFarland filed with the county auditor statements purporting to show tion in the Philippines May 12. Gus- the valuation returned by the Milburn tay A. Krueger, Company A. Thirtieth | Wagon company since 1891, under United States Volunteers, killed in which claims will be made for back taxes amounting to over \$100,000. The and a member of the Third Illinois in | officials of the company treat the matthe Porto Rico campaign. He re-en- ter lightly and say there is no doubt listed under his old major. J. B. that their returns can be successfully Caughey, Elgin, for service in the defended. They will fight the case in the courts.

BRITISH IN THE TRANSVAAL REPUBLIC.



CROSSING THE VAAL RIVER ON THE WAY TO JOHANNESBURG

Family Fired Upon at Night. Two young women, armed with revolvers, giving their names as Gertle and Winnie Pigg, broke into and locted the residence of E. S. Noleman, at Irvington, Ill., in broad daylight. The family was absent. The two girls stole clothing and \$35 in money. Their home, they say, is near Mount Ver- of lords, was fought on a "khaki" non. Later they drew revolvers on platform and resulted in a very large some young men at Irvington, and when Policeman P. E. McNail put them under arrest they still had their | let candidate, being returned by

Elects Khaki Candidate. The election for a member the house of commons to represent South Manchester, England, place of the marquis of Lorne, who resigned on the death of his father when he assumed the title of duke o Argyll, and who has gone to the house increase of the Unionist vote, William Peel, son of Viscount Peel, the Union

A WEEK IN ILLINOIS.

RECORD OF HAPPRNINGS FOR SEVEN DAYS.

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Joliet Steel Mills Close Bown.

Joliet.—The local mills of the Federal Steel Company have closed down for an indefinite period, except the Morchant mill and the blast furnaces. Between 700 and 1,000 men are affected by this shut-down. The closing of the rod mills a few weeks ago was the first general reduction in the force, and now this step cuts the active list down to a low figure. It is said that the closing of the tin plate works, which, by the way, are still idle, has its effect on the billet mill at the steel works, reducing the demand. The material has been piling up in the yards and men realized that unless there was a big jump in the sales the mills must stop.

Clorgyman Is Sont to Jail.

Nashville.--Rev. Oscar Ketsch, who for three years has been one of the leading German ministers of this city. was arrested and lodged in the county jail on a charge of larceny. Mr. Ketsch has been filling the pulpit temporarily in the German Evangelical Church at Biddleborn, south of this city, and some three weeks ago was rrested at the instigation of several members of the congregation and arraigned before a justice on a charge of having removed valuable property from the church. The minister was found not guilty and released, but today was arrested on the same charge and brought before another justice, who found him guilty.

Rural Mail to Be Delivered. Hoopeston.—Two rural free delivery mail routes each covering a territory of thirty-six square miles surrounding this city, have been recommended for immediate establishment by Special Agent A. B. Smith of the rural free delivery system of the postoffice department at Washington. Agent Smith went over the contemplated routes in company with Postmaster Charles W. Warner of this city. The routes are to be known as No. 1 and No. 2, and each is twenty-five and one-half miles in length. The mail will be delivered to 200 homes on these routes each day, beginning about

the middle of June.

Bloomington Bucket Shop Suspends. Bloomington,-Commotion has been caused in the ranks of Bloomington grain speculators and bucket shop habitues by the disappearance of Willlam Fildes, who for some months has conducted a "board of trade" in this city. Fildes has not been seen here since Monday night, and it is reported he is in Chicago. His place of business is closed. Fildes is behind in his accounts with local speculators. It is known that he owes some fifteen customers between \$3,000 and \$4,000. Fildes is said to have lost several thousand dollars in sugar within the past

Must Deepen the Old Canal.

Lockport.—Deepening of the Illinois and Michigan canal for several miles from Chicago will have to be carried boats that have hitherto piled upon it, with a flow of only 15,000 cubic feet a minute going through the Bridgeport pumps. Measurements recently made under the direction of Chief Engineer Randolph show that the slope of the canal is much steeper than was supposed, the upper end being generally about a foot higher than was indicated on the maps made in 1892.

Galesburg Brick Flant Damaged. Galesburg.-The dry house of the Galesburg Paving Brick Company caught fire and the flames spread, destroying the machinery building and damaging the boiler room. The loss is estimated at \$40,000. President E. P. Ripley of the Santa Fe is the heavjest investor. The insurance follows: Phoenix of Brooklyn, \$2,500; Svea of Gothenburg, \$1,000; Royal of Liver pool, \$1,500; North British, \$1,500; Connecticut, \$1,000; Franklin, \$1,500; Farmers' of York, \$2,000; Hamburg and Bremen, \$1,000; Continental, \$1,500.

For a New Ginesse Combine. Rockford.-The Rockford plant of the Glucose Sugar Refining Company closed its grinding department Tuesday and repairs to cost \$50,000 are being made. Managers of the Rockford plant say that the shut-down is temporary and that the concern will be cunning again in a month or sit weeks. The statement is made here that when the glucose plant in this city and those at other points are started up again the company owning and operating them will not be the Glucose Sugar Refining Company.

Prof. Stecker Sued for Divorce. Evanston,-Henry F. Stecker, protessor of mathematics at Northwestern University, has been sued for divorce. Mrs. Stecker charges cruelty to herself and her two-year-old child Stecker, she claims, often abused the shild, and when she remonstrated with him struck her and in other war abused her. She asks for an injune tion to prevent the defendant from interfering with the child, as he he

Interesting Proceeding

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BY A SPECIAL COMBESPONDENT. Chicago, May g.—The following h a condensed report of the past week's proceedings of the Methodist genera conference:

The election of home bishops not accomplished. Dr. Berry with drew to help break the deadlock of the ballots. During the progress the voting a number of attempts were made to indefinitely postpone the election, which would mean no new bishops until 1904.

David H. Moore and John W. Hamilcon were elected bishops of the Methodist Episcopal Church on the seventeenth ballot Tuesday morning They will be ordained at special services to be held in the Auditorium next Sunday afternoon. After the last ballot was announced Dr. Hamilton stood in the corridor, tears cunning down his cheeks, while this friends pressed around to congratulate him.

The Methodist Church has had in its history forty-four bishops, the present election increasing the number to forty-six. The number of effe bishops is increased from sixteen to eighteen. As it has been decided that two of the general bishops are to go abroad, one to Zurich for Europe, and one to Shanghai for eastern Asia, the number in this country will remain the same as in the last quadrennium.

There is no longer a law in the Methodist church declaring that a pastor may not remain longer than ave years in one charge. On the contrary he may, if the church so desires, remain with the congregation till he dies. This is the result of Wednesday's action abolishing the time limit by a vote of 433 to 238. The vote was not secured without hours of desperate debate on the part of those opposed to the majority report of the itinerancy committee. A mond mah after amendment and substitutes by the score were offered by delegat clamoring for recognition, but all were finally laid on the table and the origin inal report adopted. The portion of the discipline amended is section I of paragraph 173, which prescribes the duties of bishops. Subsection 1 provides for the five-year limit. stricken out in its entirety, and for ft in substituted: "1. He shall as the preachers to the several pe charges annually."

The conference Thursday To to elect two secretaries for Free Ald society. One will be M. C. B. Mason, a colored man. The sec ship of Epworth league was abolished Conference adjourns on May 38.

The following assignments of bis were made: Bishop Stephen M. Merrill, Chicago; Bishop Bdward G. Andrews, New York; Bishop Henry W. Warren, Denver; Hishop Cyrus D Foss, Philadelphia; Hishop John F Hurst, Washington; Bishop W. X. Ninde, Detroit; Bishop John M. Walden, Cincinnati; Bishop Willard F. Mallalieu, Hoston; Hishop Charles H. Fowler, Buffalo; Bishop John Vincent, Zurich, Switzerland; Blahop James N Fitzgeraid, St. Louis; Bishop Isaac W. Joyce, Minneapolia; Hishop Daniel H Goodsell, Chattanooga; Bishop Charles E. McCabe, Topeka, Kas.; Bishop Earl Cranston, Portland, Ore.; Bishop David H. Moore, Shanghai, China; Bishor

John W. Hamilton, San Francisco, Cal The general conference committee favors rescinding the penalty clause in paragraph consuring dancing, care playing and theater going. This would put into the form of advice what is now a rule.

Low Reat for Doctors Young Physician—But len't 37 s week rather exorbitant rent for such a small room? Landlady-Oh, dear, no; not for a doctor. Young Physiclan-And why not for a doctor, pray! Landlady-Because this is a very unhealthy house, and there is never a week passes but what half a dozen of my roomers are III.—Chicago News.

Art Distinction. Fair Amateur-Yes. I painted this. What school of painting would you call it?

Artist (gently)-Boarding school.

The Newest Bees. A happy accident, backed up he months of hard work and eareful axperiment, has finally succeeded in producing a light pink American beaut rose, a consummation which has been the despair of florists for rears. The new rose has been developed in Philadelphia, and is a true American beau ty in everything but color. Some of the light pink blossoms produced this season measure five inches in diameter. It will be at least two years he fore the new rose is generally on the

Venice, where the only horse are the bronze ones in front of St. Mark's is to have a race meeting this year The idea was started as a joke hi the Venetians took it up a tically and \$8,000 was headed by the mayor, Com

market.-Chicago Tribune,