

HISTORY OF A WEEK.

THE NEWS OF SEVEN DAYS UP TO DATE.

Political, Religious, Social and Criminal Doings of the Whole World Carefully Condensed for Our Readers—The Accident Record.

CASUALTIES.

Two score victims were added to the list of those who perished in the terrible cyclone which swept through portions of Kansas and Nebraska Sunday afternoon. The edge of the fearful storm is reported to have swept over the old Pawnee reservation, destroying buildings and burying the residents in the ruins before they could reach a place of safety. Forty persons, mostly Indians, are said to have been killed and as many more badly injured.

A fire which resulted in the loss of almost a quarter of a million dollars, and in which two firemen were killed and four seriously injured by falling walls, occurred in Washington about 8 o'clock Monday night.

A. H. Hoteling, of Whittemore, Iowa, has died from injuries received in a runaway accident.

The mining town of Sherrard, Mercer County, Ill., was visited by a storm which swept over that region Saturday night, resulting in loss of one life and damage to property aggregating \$15,000.

Another cyclone visited north central Kansas Sunday afternoon. It started in the northern part of Clay county, seven or eight miles south of the little town of Palmer, and passed in a northeasterly direction through Riley county and into Marshall and Nemaha counties. The little hamlet of Bodaville, in Riley county, was entirely swept away. Several are reported killed there and many injured. At Spring Valley, some six miles south of Barnes, the storm demolished a church in which 150 people were worshipping. Many were injured.

Mrs. Calvin Ritter, of Macomb, Ill., was fatally burned by the explosion of a gasoline stove.

Mrs. Anna Devaney, 63 years old, of Fort Dodge, Iowa, and Elmer Atherton, 9 years old, were found dead in bed, suffocated by gas, in the house of the boy's father at Omaha, Neb. Mrs. Devaney had been on a visit to her daughter since Tuesday. She was unaccustomed to the use of gas and previous to Saturday night her daughter had always turned it off for her.

The great Niagara fruit belt was severely damaged by a terrific gale which prevailed all day Saturday. It is estimated that half of the apple crop is lost, and nearly as much in pears and plums. Peaches suffered some, but nothing near to what the others did.

FOREIGN.

Kaiser William has appointed the Russian empress honorary colonel of the Second Dragon guards.

A child of an eminent Berlin physician died suddenly as the result of the administration of diphtheritic serum to prevent the disease attacking it.

Herr Otto Camphausen, formerly Prussian minister of finance, is dead at Berlin.

The arrival of the czar and the Czarina at Moscow Monday afternoon may be said to inaugurate the festival season in celebration of the coronation, for which the city and the whole empire have made months of preparation.

The correspondent of the London Daily Mail at Johannesburg, Transvaal, says that a private dispatch received there states that the four leaders of the reform committee, Colonel Francis Rhodes, John Hays Hammond, Lionel Phillips and George Farrar, will be fined \$25,000 (\$125,000 each) and will be sentenced to ten years' banishment.

An explosion at Bida, in the Nupe country on the Niger river, Africa, razed to the ground the palace of the Emir Meleki and has killed 200 people. A Berlin dispatch to the London Standard says that a military court has sentenced Count Von Kotze to two years' imprisonment in a fortress as a punishment for his duel with Baron Von Schrader, which resulted in the death of the latter.

The British vice consul at Boma has been instructed to lodge an appeal against the acquittal of Captain Lothaire, the Belgian officer who was recently tried for hanging Stokes, the English trader of the Congo Free State.

CRIME.

The trial of Romulus Cottell, the alleged murderer of the Stone family at Tallmadge, Ohio, six weeks ago, was set by Judge J. A. Kohler for June 22 at Akron.

The saloon of C. Thorne in Summerfield, Ill., was entered by burglars, who took a small amount of money.

The trial of Dr. George W. Fraker of Excelsior Springs for defrauding insurance companies out of \$54,000 was begun in the Circuit of Bay county, Mo., Monday afternoon. There are five indictments all alleging the same offense.

A. C. Putnam, president of the Chadron, Neb., Banking Company, which went into a receiver's hands recently, has been arrested for receiving money when he knew the institutions were insolvent. Creditors declare that Mr. Putnam has wealthy relatives at Fredonia, N. Y., who are ready to make good all losses.

Six persons were shot and a number of others seriously injured during a riot between Italians and townspeople at MacAdoo, a town four miles from Hazleton, Pa., Sunday afternoon.

John Love, defaulting cashier of the First National Bank of Watkins, N. Y., who pleaded guilty, has been sentenced to five years in state prison.

TWENTY-EIGHT KILLED.

Property Loss by the Kansas Cyclone Foots Up \$1,000,000.

Kansas City, Mo., May 20.—Twenty-eight killed outright, fifty or more injured, some of them fatally, and a property loss aggregating about \$1,000,000 is now given as the estimated damage done by Sunday's cyclone in Marshall, Nemaha and Brown counties, Kansas. Further reports may increase these figures, as telegraph communication with the stricken points is still imperfect and consternation prevails. The dead are distributed as follows: Seneca and neighborhood, 8; Oneida, 6; Reserve, 5; Sabetha, 5; Morrill, 4. The property loss is distributed about as follows:

Seneca, \$350,000; Frankfort, \$310,000; Reserve, \$60,000; Sabetha, \$50,000; Morrill, \$20,000. Thousands of dollars of damage was done in the country between these towns. Although the pecuniary loss at Frankfort was great, not a life was lost there. Destruction and destruction meet the eye at every turn and the stricken country is bowed down with misery and woe. Many were rendered absolutely penniless. But few of the victims carried cyclone insurance and many escaped with only the clothes they wore.

At Seneca, where the damage was heaviest, the havoc was most complete. Everywhere the citizens have organized and are doing everything possible for the sufferers. Appeals for outside aid have been issued.

FOR GENERAL ASSEMBLY.

Presbyterian Commissioners Gather in Force at Saratoga.

Saratoga, N. Y., May 20.—While the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in the United States does not formally convene till Thursday a large number of commissioners from all parts of the country have already arrived. Among the principal ones named as the probable successor of the retiring moderator, the Rev. Dr. Robert Russell Booth, the pastor of the Rutgers Riverside church, New York city, are the Rev. Dr. John L. Withrow of Chicago, the Rev. David R. Breed of Pittsburgh, Pa., the Rev. Dr. Thomas L. Sexton of Howard, Neb., and the Rev. Dr. Francis C. Montfort of Cincinnati, Ohio. The vote will be an interesting one, and lines are sure to be closely drawn.

It is reported that the Board of Home Missions will, when its report is presented to the General Assembly, show an indebtedness of between \$200,000 and \$300,000.

The Missionary Conference Auxiliary to and conducted in connection with the General Assembly began in the First Presbyterian church this afternoon.

Chicago Board of Trade.

Chicago, May 19.—The following table shows the range of quotations on the Chicago Board of Trade today:

—Closing—				
Articles—	High.	Low.	May 19.	May 18
Wheat				
May	60 1/2	59 3/4	60 1/2	60 1/4
June	61 1/4	60 1/4	61 1/4	60 5/8
July	61 1/4	60 3/4	61 1/4	61 1/8
Sept.	62 1/2	61 1/2	62 1/2	62
Corn				
May	28 1/2	28 1/4	28 1/2	28 1/4
July	29 1/2	29 1/4	29 1/2	29 1/4
Sept.	30 1/2	30 1/4	30 1/2	30 1/4
Oats				
May	19 1/4	18 3/4	19 1/4	18 3/4
July	19 1/4	18 3/4	19 1/4	18 3/4
Sept.	19 1/4	18 3/4	19 1/4	18 3/4
Pork				
May	7 1/2	7 1/4	7 1/2	7 1/4
July	7 1/2	7 1/4	7 1/2	7 1/4
Sept.	7 1/2	7 1/4	7 1/2	7 1/4
Lard				
May	4 1/2	4 1/4	4 1/2	4 1/4
July	4 1/2	4 1/4	4 1/2	4 1/4
Sept.	4 1/2	4 1/4	4 1/2	4 1/4
Short Ribs				
May	3 1/2	3 1/4	3 1/2	3 1/4
July	4 05	4 00	4 05	4 00
Sept.	4 20	4 15	4 17 1/2	4 20

Baptists Discuss Home Missions.

Asbury Park, N. J., May 20.—The sessions of the Woman's Home Baptist Mission society continued Tuesday in the First Baptist church at this place. Among the subjects discussed were: "Home missions versus state and city missions" and "Local charities and general benevolence." The afternoon session was a joint meeting of the Women's Baptist Mission society of Chicago and the Women's American Baptist Mission society of Boston. At the afternoon session Mrs. H. H. Ames recited the anniversary ode. There was a big meeting to-night in the auditorium, under the auspices of the same societies, and after the meeting an informal reception was held.

Postpone Woman Question.

Kansas City, Mo., May 19.—The woman question took up the principal part of Tuesday's session of the Methodist Protestant conference. The committee on certificates reported favoring the seating of all delegates who are enrolled as members, which, of course, included the women, the committee holding that they were constitutionally elected. After a somewhat bitter debate a motion to refer the matter to the judiciary committee was finally carried, and adjournment until tomorrow taken. The corner stone of the new Kansas City University was laid this afternoon.

German Catholic Union Session Closed.

St. Louis, Ill., May 20.—The state convention of the German Catholic union came to a close Tuesday night after a three days' profitable and pleasant session. Marcus Kraker of this city, was honored with re-election as president of the state union. Other officers were also elected.

Austrian Archduke Dead.

Vienna, May 20.—Archduke Charles Louis of Austria, eldest brother of Emperor Francis Joseph, is dead at the age of 54 years.

BROKE THE DEADLOCK.

TWO BISHOPS ELECTED BY THE METHODIST CONFERENCE.

Drs. C. C. McCabe and Earl Cranston Honored by Their Brother Ministers—Result Reached on Fifteenth and Sixteenth Ballots.

Cleveland, May 20.—After a long and hard battle by the friends of the less-favored candidates, the deadlock over the election of the two bishops was broken at the Methodist general conference Tuesday and the honors were bestowed on Drs. C. C. McCabe and Earl Cranston. The former won on the fifteenth ballot with a plurality of eight. Another ballot was taken and Dr. Cranston came to the top of the list with a plurality of thirty. Both results were greeted with the wildest cheering and calls for the successful candidates. The delegates then settled down to complete the business of the conference, feeling glad that all the electioneering was over.

It was evident at the beginning of the day's session that the delegates were getting tired of continual caucusing and electioneering. The end was drawing near, but some expected it would prove the disappointment of the stronger candidates. The Rev. R. D. Munger, of New York, rose to protest against electioneering for certain candidates, but half a dozen delegates wanted to inform him that combinations were unknown in the conference. The Rev. C. D. Hills, of New Hampshire, wanted the five highest candidates on the fourteenth ballot voted for only, but this substitute motion was lost. A large majority voted against the motion to postpone. An attempt was made to have the vote reconsidered by which the conference decided to elect two instead of three bishops, but it was defeated.

The fourteenth ballot was taken and 504 votes were cast. Under the two-thirds rule 336 votes were needed by the successful candidates. Dr. Cranston headed the poll, with 261 votes, Dr. McCabe being next with 258. The supporters of other candidates had begun to secede and had thrown their votes to these two.

On the fifteenth ballot Dr. McCabe received 334 votes out of 504 cast and was elected. The vote on the other candidates was: Cranston, 328; Buttz, 112; Hamilton, 109; Neely, 50; Bowen, 30; Scattering, 35.

Wild cheers followed the announcement of the result, and Dr. McCabe was called for by his enthusiastic supporters. He begged to be excused from saying anything, and only bowed his thanks for the demonstration.

Those candidates receiving less than nine votes were not reported on, and the sixteenth ballot was taken. Dr. Cranston received 366 votes, eighty-two being cast for Buttz, thirty-six for Hamilton, ten for Neely and ten scattering. Another demonstration greeted Dr. Cranston as the result became known.

On the ballot for two agents of the New York Book Concern, Dr. Homer Eaton was unanimously re-elected. The conference then adjourned. Both of the bishops elected are natives of the buckeye state, and six of the sixteen bishops now on the board were born in Ohio. They are Stephen M. Merrill, John M. Walden, Isaac W. Joyce, Charles C. McCabe, Earl Cranston and John M. Thoburn. Bishop Foster, who was retired, was also an Ohio man.

DAY NO LONGER IN CUSTODY.

Milwaukee Banker Quietly Liberated by Judge Goodland.

Milwaukee, Wis., May 20.—It has leaked out that an order discharging F. T. Day, ex-president of the Plankinton Bank, from custody has been entered. The order, which consists of but a few lines, was filed quietly several weeks ago by Judge Goodland. At the time the jury found Mr. Day not guilty on the count on which District Attorney Brazee chose to try him, Mr. Brazee objected to his being discharged, for the reason, as he stated, that he desired to try him on the other count of the indictment. Mr. Day's attorneys insisted that their client had a right to go free, as the district attorney had selected which count he would go to trial on, and, having been cleared by the jury, Mr. Day was entitled to a discharge. In the same connection it is said the cases of the Plankinton Bank will expire by limitation June 1.

One Killed and Six Injured.

Toledo, Ohio, May 20.—One man was killed and six were injured by a singular accident on a Lake Shore fast freight Tuesday. The train was going westward, at the edge of the city, when the air hose broke near the middle of the train, setting the brakes on the front half of the train. The rear portion went forward with such terrific force that one empty stock car was doubled together as if it had been a paper box. In the car were seven tramps stealing a ride, all of whom were badly hurt, and a little negro, who escaped uninjured.

Fire on the Battleship Indiana.

New York, May 20.—Fire broke out Tuesday in the coal bunker of the United States battleship Indiana. Right next to the fire was the magazine for the eight-inch guns, stored with powder enough to blow the great battleship out of the water and wreck like the navy yard beside. The magazine grew hot, while the men worked, and the walls nearest to the fire plainly showed the effects of the heat. The ammunition was removed before the danger point was really reached, but the incident caused no little excitement.

SILVER SUPREME IN IOWA.

Democratic State Convention Will Declare for the White Metal.

Dubuque, Iowa, May 20.—The democratic state convention met here at 10 o'clock this morning. The state central committee last night decided upon S. W. Wright of Tipton for temporary chairman but the silver men are talking of a change on account of objectionable features of his intended speech. Should they refuse to endorse the committee's choice, E. M. Carr of Manchester is likely to be selected, and he also may be made permanent chairman. The resolutions will be uncompromisingly for free silver at 16 to 1 and for Boies for president. The gold-standard delegates held a conference and practically gave up the fight, though many favored a bolt. Gov. Boies will probably name the man who is likely to be chairman, Judge Van Wagenen, Sioux City, or Michael Healey, Fort Dodge. The figures given out to-night as showing the relative strength of factions in convention are: Silver, 663; gold standard, 257. There are only three contesting delegations and they are from Woodbury, Blackhawk and Linn counties. It is probable that a compromise may be reached so that all will be seated.

URUAN INCIDENT NOT CLOSED.

Negotiations to Settle the Dispute Are Still Pending.

Washington, May 20.—Notwithstanding reports from Caracas to the contrary, it can be stated that the Uruan incident has not yet been closed, and that no indemnity has yet been paid by Venezuela to Great Britain. Negotiations are proceeding, however, through the German minister at the Venezuelan capital, but so far it has not been possible to arrange the terms of the indemnity. The difficulty appears to lie in the refusal of Venezuela to pay an indemnity, but in the avoidance of a recognition in the payment of all language that by any possibility might be construed into an admission of British title to the Uruan country where the incident happened.

Wisconsin Veterans Gather.

Racine, Wis., May 20.—The thirtieth annual department encampment of the Wisconsin Grand Army of the Republic commenced in this city today for a two-days' session, and the city has put on holiday attire to greet the veterans. The advance guard began to arrive Tuesday morning, and as the day advanced crowds of old soldiers and their friends put in an appearance on every incoming train. The encampment will be the largest in the history of the state organization.

Dr. Lloyd Jones of Stevens Point is the only avowed candidate for department commander, although the friends of Senator Charles H. Baxter of Lancaster, are urging him for the position. It is understood, however, that Senator Baxter does not desire to contest the honor with Mr. Jones. The Woman's Relief corps will also hold its annual encampment, as will the ladies of the grand armies.

Minnesota City Submerged.

Crookston, Minn., May 20.—The entire south portion of the city is submerged. That portion of the city in which were fifty families, mostly of the laboring class, is under a foot of water. But few removed their household goods, and everything stands in deep water, which is up to the second story. The bridges still hold, but it is impossible to communicate with the south side of the river except by boat. The losses to buildings will be largely among the poorer classes and will be felt keenly. The greatest individual loss probably will be to the North Dakota Milling association. Fifteen thousand bushels of wheat are stored in the elevator, and the water stands four feet deep above the floor.

Dr. Fraker May Escape Trial.

Richmond, Mo., May 20.—The celebrated Fraker case reached an abrupt end Tuesday morning so far as the present term of the Ray circuit court is concerned. As soon as the case was called on Monday the attorney for the defendant entered a motion to quash the indictments. Without leaving his bench, Judge Broadus sustained the motion in the first and third counts of the first indictment and took others under advisement. Tuesday he sustained the motion to quash counts two, four and five of the first indictment. The state immediately took an appeal to the supreme court.

Spain to Buy New Cruisers.

Havana, May 20.—La Discusion, in a Madrid cable message, says the Spanish government is in negotiation with Italy to purchase two big cruisers for 38,000,000 pesetas. The Spanish press hints that an entente is being effected among Russia, France and Spain to check any attempt of Americans to intervene in Cuban affairs.

South Dakota to Speak Today.

Aberdeen, S. D., May 20.—The democratic state convention to-day will be one of the largest yet held in this state. Efforts are being made to keep the money question out of sight, but this cannot well be done, as silver has a good many rampant supporters, who are determined to be heard.

Senator Quay to Visit McKinley.

Washington, May 20.—Senator Quay created a small sensation by announcing that he might go to Canton to have a conference with Major McKinley. There were all sorts of rumors current in a few minutes as to the meaning of this move, but the senator refused to discuss the question.

WITH GREAT HONOR.

CAZAR RECEIVES HIS QUESTS AT MOSCOW.

Duke and Duchess of Connaught Arrive to Represent Queen Victoria—Potentates from the Orient Receive Effusive Welcomes from Russia's Emperor.

Moscow, May 20.—The duke and duchess of Connaught, representing Queen Victoria at the coronation ceremonies, arrived here at noon Tuesday and were accorded a brilliant reception. They were met at the railroad station by the Grand Duke and Grand Duchess Vladimir and a guard of honor. A band played "God Save the Queen."

The grand duke and grand duchess of Hesse, Prince and Princess Louise of Battenberg, the hereditary grand duke of Baden, the crown prince of Denmark and Prince Sudanaru of Japan arrived during the day and were received at the railroad station by members of the imperial family and guards of honor, accompanied by bands of music.

An especially grand reception has been accorded to the emir of Bokhara, who has been received in private audience by the czar at the Petrovsky palace. The other members of the Bokharan mission were then received officially in the audience hall. The khan of Kiya was accorded a similar reception.

Admiral Selfridge of the United States navy and party arrived here Tuesday. There was no official reception accorded them but they were met at the station by H. H. D. Pelce, secretary of the United States legation and by Lieut.-Commander R. P. Rogers, the naval attaché of the legation.

Talk of Fusion in Indiana.

Indianapolis, Ind., May 20.—The movement toward a fusion of the populists and democrats in Indiana is declared to be progressing rapidly, and there is much talk of general fusion upon the whole ticket. The basis of the fusion is said to be free silver, and the democratic politicians have gone so far as to receive assurances from populist leaders that in case they adopt a 16 to 1 free-coinage plank and nominate a soft-money man, either Shanklin or Shively, the populists will either hold no convention or, holding one, will endorse the democratic ticket and platform. Governor Matthews seems favorably inclined toward the scheme, and has opened correspondence with some of the populists.

Panic in House of Representatives.

Washington, May 20.—A severe rain and wind storm which swept over Washington about 12:30 o'clock Tuesday created something like a momentary panic in the house of representatives. The storm was signaled by a blinding flash of lightning, accompanied by a fierce clap of thunder. It seemed that the capitol must have been struck, and most of the members in the house rushed to the lobbies to see if any damage had been done. There was also a rush from the galleries by frightened visitors, and for five minutes business was practically suspended in the house.

Wind and Hail Storm in Missouri.

St. Louis, Mo., May 20.—A heavy rain, wind and hail storm passed over central Missouri Tuesday afternoon, doing a great amount of damage to buildings, trees and crops. Incoming trainmen report all rivers overflowing and great danger of washouts. Dispatches from Illinois points indicate floods in the valley regions. Crops in the low lands are under water and will be a total loss. At some places railroad property has been washed away and the swollen streams are endangering bridges. Damage by lightning is reported from a number of points.

Indiana Whitecaps on Trial.

Anderson, Ind., May 20.—The Heron-Richardson-Scatterfield whitecap case was opened Tuesday. It is claimed that Richardson is the leader of the notorious gang. Farmers are flocking to the city and the keenest interest is manifest. The Scatterfield whitecap has for years been the most notorious band of the kind in this part of the country. Three months ago two were sentenced to six years each. Prosecutor Scanlan refused to prosecute the case and was deposed.

Fifteen Years for Reformers.

London, May 20.—A dispatch to the Times from Pretoria, Transvaal, dated May 18 (Monday), says: "The executive council decided that the punishment of Col. Francis Rhodes, Lionel Phillips, George Farrar and John Hays Hammond, the leaders of the reformers who were sentenced to death, shall be fifteen years' imprisonment. The hope is entertained that these sentences will be modified. The decision of the sentences of the other reformers is still awaited."

Ruined by Chicago Board of Trade.

Edwardsburg, Mich., May 20.—The Citizens' Bank closed Monday. At a meeting of the stockholders the cashier, J. L. Kleckner, acknowledged he had spent over \$6,000 of the bank's money on the Chicago Board of Trade, as well as \$16,000 of his own money. He gave his note with security for the amount and will not be prosecuted. The bank will resume operations as soon as matters can be straightened up.

Sound Money Plank Demanded.

Boston, May 20.—The Republican Club of Massachusetts adopted resolutions strongly demanding a "sound money" platform at the St. Louis convention, and voted to send a delegation to that city to urge the adoption of such a plank.

BASEBALL REPORT.

Standing of the Clubs in the Various Leagues.

Three games were played in the National League yesterday. Results. At Chicago—New York 0 0 0 0 1 0 0 6 0—7
Chicago 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0—0
At Cincinnati—Cincinnati 1 0 2 0 0 5 0 *—8
Philadelphia 0 1 1 0 0 0 0 0—2
At Pittsburgh—Pittsburgh 0 0 1 1 1 0 0 1 0 2—6
Brooklyn 0 0 0 2 2 0 0 0 1—5
The Cleveland-Baltimore game at Cleveland, and the Washington-Louisville game at Louisville were postponed on account of wet grounds.
Games today: New York at Chicago; Brooklyn at Pittsburgh; Boston at St. Louis; Philadelphia at Cincinnati; Baltimore at Cleveland.

Western League.

At St. Paul—St. Paul, 12; Columbus, 6.
At Milwaukee—Milwaukee, 4; Grand Rapids, 2.
There was no game at Minneapolis, the Indianapolis team failing to arrive in time.

The Kansas City-Detroit game at Kansas City was postponed on account of rain.

Western Association.

At Dubuque—Dubuque, 2; Peoria, 1.
At Cedar Rapids—Cedar Rapids, 5; Rockford, 2.
At Des Moines—Des Moines, 9; Burlington, 1.

The St. Joseph-Quincy game at St. Joseph, was postponed on account of rain.

MEETS AT SAVANNAH.

Supreme Council of the Royal Arcanum Opened There Today.

Savannah, Ga., May 20.—The Supreme council of the Royal Arcanum met in this city today, and will be in session ten days. John E. Pound, supreme regent, reports a membership of 174,000 on December 31, 1895, an increase of 14,753 during last year. During the year there was paid into the widows' and orphans' benevolent fund \$4,204,007.88, and the payments therefrom amounted to \$4,197,446.12. The receipts on account of the general fund were \$123,812.75; payments, \$119,795.23, of which \$5,517.50 was for the purchase of City of Chicago 4 per cent gold bonds for investment. Fifteen assessments for the widows' and orphans' benevolent fund have been so laid that there is money on hand to pay each claim as soon as it is proved. The real estate owned by the corporation is valued at \$59,170.97. The net expenses for the order were \$298,034.18. Eighty-six new councils were instituted in the grand council jurisdiction and twenty-two in the states under supreme council jurisdiction. Of the widows' and orphans' benevolent fund the receipts, including the balance on hand, amount to \$2,244,002.79, and the payments of death claims were \$1,637,178.82. The current cash balance April 30 was \$570,823.97; held for delayed claims, \$36,000; number of subordinate councils, April 30, 1,688; grand councils, 21; total membership, as carefully estimated, 182,106.

Illinois Doctors at Ottawa.

Ottawa, Ill., May 20.—The Illinois State Medical society opened the first day's session of its forty-sixth annual meeting in the First Baptist church in this city Tuesday morning with a very large attendance of physicians from all parts of the state, distributed between Chicago and Cairo. As a matter of miscellaneous business the society took up the subject of next year's meeting, resolving, if possible, to meet one day of the convention with the Missouri State Medical society on a steamboat in the Mississippi river. The plan is that the society shall meet in East St. Louis and the Missouri society in St. Louis, each holding a session of two days before the steamboat meeting. A committee was appointed to arrange the matter.

Illinois Congregationalists Meet.

Aurora, Ill., May 20.—Congregational ministers and delegates to the fifty-third annual meeting of the General Congregational Association of Illinois organized Tuesday morning by choosing Rev. C. A. Blanchard, president of Wheaton college, as moderator. Dr. Fairbanks, of Waverly, was elected register in the place of Dr. Whittlesey, deceased, of Chicago, who had held the office twenty years. The evening meeting was given to a discussion of the question of what changes are needed in modern revival methods.

She Thinks Well of the Turk.

Washington, May 20.—Secretary Olney has received a letter from Miss Clara Barton, in which, referring to rumors that she was prohibited from distributing relief in Asia Minor, except under direction and control of the Turkish authorities, and from lists of persons furnished by Turkish officials, she emphatically denies that any members or officials of the Turkish government have ever tried in any way to direct or control her distributions.

Want E. V. Debs for President.

Springfield, Ohio, May 20.—The third annual convention of the Allied Printing Crafts union of Ohio is in session here. A resolution was adopted recommending workers to declare themselves in favor of Eugene V. Debs for president of the United States, and deeming it proper to enter upon an aggressive campaign upon this basis.

Sunday School Workers at Peoria.

Peoria, Ill., May 20.—The twenty-second annual