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Our Motto; " 'TIS NEITHER BIRTH, NOR WEALTH, NOR STATE; BUT THE GIT-UP-AND-GIT THAT MAKES MEN GREAT."

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DICKEY ON UNIFICATION

Eminent Methodist Episcopal Church, South, Bishop Vigorously Opposes Plan

With the sentiment of his audience apparently strongly against the Plan of Unification of the Southern and Northern Methodists, Bishop James E. Dickey of Waco, according to The Abilene Reporter, "held his audience spellbound for one hour as a half," at the St. Paul Methodist Church, South, of that city, Tuesday morning, March 17, beginning at ten-thirty o'clock, when he delivered a powerful address against the Plan of Unification, to a packed auditorium. Every seat in the big church was occupied and it became necessary to place many chairs in the aisles.

It was a meeting of five West Texas Districts, including the Districts of Cisco, Sweetwater, Stamford, Brownwood and Abilene. Besides the Rev. L. N. Stuckey, Pastor of St. Paul's Church, the presiding elders of the five districts sat on the rostrum, being L. A. Webb, Cisco District; R. A. Stewart, Sweetwater District; A. D. Porter, Brownwood District; A. L. Moore, Stamford District; W. E. Lyon, Abilene District.

Practically every Methodist minister in the five districts and the leading Methodists of West Texas were in attendance at the meeting. Presiding Elder A. L. Moore presided over the meeting and Rev. Harold G. Scoggins of Throckmorton, acted as Secretary. Bishop Dickey was introduced by the pastor of the church, Rev. L. N. Stuckey.

Bishop Dickey prefaced his remarks by stating that he did not consider the great audience as a tribute to himself, but to the interest in the great question.

"I do not like controversies," declared the Bishop, "but sometimes when the life of a church is involved, it behooves one to speak out and let his opinions be known."

The Bishop, having been introduced as from Georgia, stated that there is some propaganda in Texas that the Texas Bishops favor the Plan of Unification, while Georgia Bishops oppose the Plan.

"Then who shall the people follow?" he queried. "Everything being equal, I think Texas people ought to follow the Texas Bishops. I came to Texas three years ago and do not claim the slightest influence in Texas as a man. Is this question going to be settled on the basis of who stands for it and who opposes it?"

The speaker urged that the people follow their convictions rather than those who stand for it or oppose the Plan. After stating that he numbered among his best friends some of the Bishops, Preachers and Teachers of the Methodist Episcopal Church (North), he said:

"But I cannot bring myself to believe that this Unification Plan is right!"

The Bishop then took up the history of the church as a background, stating that a great American had said: "Experience is the only lamp by which my feet have been guided,"

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UNCLE JOHN WAGNER PASSES TO HIS REWARD

Uncle John Wagner, one of the old settlers of this county, died Monday at 8 o'clock, p. m., at his home in Cross Plains and his body was interred in Cross Plains Cemetery at 3 p. m. Tuesday.

John A. Wagner was born at Holly Springs, Mississippi, in 1841. He came to Texas in 1850 and was a Texas Ranger before the War Between the States, serving four years in the Confederate Army, in Ross's Brigade.

He moved to Callahan County in 1889 and has lived here ever since. He was 84 years old at the time of his death. He is survived by his wife and two children, Walton Wagner of Cross Plains and Mrs. C. D. Russell of Plainview, Hale County.

Uncle John Wagner was a man of strong convictions on all questions and withal was an honest, straight forward, honorable citizen. He was a member of the Baptist Church and a Mason.

The Masons of Cross Plains Lodge, of which he was a member, conducted the funeral services, being joined by many Masons from Baird and other places. He was also a Royal Arch Mason and a member of Baird Chapter No. 182, R. A. M.

The religious services were conducted by the Reverend Littleton of Clyde, and at the graveside, Judge B. L. Russell made a short address, and in a few well chosen words eulogizing his deceased friend and declared that the young people of today owed much to the old pioneers like Uncle John Wagner, and that the world was better for the life he and others like him had lived.

Those who knew and honored Uncle John Wagner realized that this tribute to the memory of their old friend was well deserved. There was a large crowd present to pay the last tribute of love and respect to the memory of their dead friend.

As a citizen Uncle John Wagner was honorable and upright. As a soldier he had as clear a record as any man he served with. He had been in ill health for many years. Monday he had an attack of heart failure. A physician was summoned and did what he could to defeat the attack of the Grim Reaper, but it was not to be, and the old soldier, who had faced dangers of all kinds, in peace and in war, met the last enemy of man—Death—and passed peaceably away, only a few short hours after his last attack.

The writer met Uncle John Wagner soon after he moved to this county, and for more than thirty-three years—a generation—he has been a reader of The Baird Star, as a subscriber, but like so many of our old-time friends, he has crossed over the river, where we, too, hope to meet him, when life's fitful fever shall end.

UTILITY SOCIAL CLUB

Miss Hilda Albin entertained the Utility Social Club with a wienie roast out on Mexia Creek last week. Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Mitchell will entertain the Club this week. Mrs. G. W. Porter is President and Miss Hilda Albin is Secretary-Treasurer of the Club.

METHODIST CHURCH.

No Service Sunday night, on account of Presbyterian Protracted Meeting.

STATE-WIDE CLEAN-UP

Week Begins Sunday, April 5, In Obedience To Governor Ferguson's Proclamation

"Clean Up and Keep Clean" should be the slogan henceforth of every Bairdite, in obedience to Governor Miriam A. Ferguson's proclamation, designating the week beginning Sunday morning, April 7 and ending Saturday night, April 11, as "Clean Up Day" in Texas.

The State Board of Health has prepared a program of procedure for this purifying campaign, and every good citizen of Baird should follow it to the letter.

This program will appear in full in next week's Star and you should not only read it but put it out and follow the directions to the letter. Make Baird a "Spotless Town," and save the health and lives of its people, young and old, whom, the doctors tell us, contract the deadly diseases that fill the graveyards—particularly with the bodies of the young—because of unclean and unsanitary living amid unclean and unsanitary surroundings.

BAIRD HIGH'S GIRL DEBATERS ONE HUNDRED PER CENT GOOD

Prof. J. R. Boren, Superintendent of the Baird Public School, informs The Star that his girl entrants in the Interscholastic League Debating Contest have so far maintained a one hundred per cent average, having been acclaimed victors over the five rival teams they have so far met in the forensic forum. These modern Portias are the Misses Mary Darby and Eules Stephens.

The boy debaters, Gaines Short and John Collier Alexander have been less fortunate. They have won three and lost two of their contests.

MEETING OF P.-T. ASSOCIATION

The members of the Baird Parent-Teachers' Association will meet at the School House, Thursday, April 2nd, at 2:30 p. m.

The members of the Little Mothers' Class will be given their certificates at this meeting, after which the annual election of officers of the Association will take place. All interested in the school are urged to come.

MISSIONARY AT BAPTIST CHURCH

The Reverend Carson, a returned foreign missionary, will fill the pulpit at the Baptist Church, next Sunday, in the absence of the Pastor, Rev. Dick O'Brien, who is holding a revival meeting at Roscoe. There will be no services on Sunday night on account of the Presbyterian revival meeting.

Judge B. L. Russell will have charge of the Men's Bible Class at the Sigal Theatre, Sunday morning, and it is hoped that a full representation of the class will be present.

Special Census Enumerator B. L. Russell, Jr., reports that down to date there has been ginned in Callahan County of the 1924 crop, 16,139 bales of cotton, as against 12,264 bales of the 1923 crop, at the same time last year, a production gain for 1924 over 1923 of 3,875 bales.

DEEP TEST TO BE MADE JUST SOUTH OF BAIRD

It is reported that Wortham parties have secured a block of acreage South of Baird, on which they expect to drill a deep test, work to commence in thirty days.

The Texas Co. has completed the P. G. Hatchett Well No. 1.

The same Company has commenced No. 2 and has made a location for No. 3.

B. A. Duffy is drilling on the Hatchett Ranch, at 150 feet.

Goodloe & Harris have a location on the Hatchett Ranch.

Andrew Urban is drilling at 2310 feet on the Mrs. Ada Alvord farm.

The Dickey Oil Co. has made a location on the R. D. Williams Ranch, Southwest of Putnam.

Kleiner Bros. have a location on the W. T. Wheeler farm.

Edgar Davis has brought in Jobe No. 2, good for 15 barrels.

Miss Elizabeth Spencer, the eminent Soprano, assisted by Miss Lucile Collette, Pianist will be heard in a unique Recital at Simmons College Auditorium on the evening of March 31st. Miss Spencer is one of the best known Sopranos on the Concert stage. Her voice is rich and colorful, of genuine Soprano quality with this unusually beautiful voice is linked a personality rarely met with and these qualities combined with splendid musicianship, make Miss Spencer a decided favorite in Concert field. Miss Collette is an artist of considerable reputation and the concert will undoubtedly prove one of the outstanding features of the musical season in Abilene. Attendance will be by card of admission only, which may be secured without cost, by writing or phoning G. W. Waldrop & Co., Abilene.

WALTER VARNER TO BOX JIMMIE CARRELL APRIL 6

Walter Varner, the Pride of Callahan County, under new management, is scheduled to box Jimmie Carrell of Fort Worth, here, ten three minute rounds, Saturday, April 4 at 4:30 p. m., and Varner's manager gives the assurance that this will be a go worth going miles to see.

Arrangements have been made for interesting and novel preliminaries, the principal event being a "battle royal" between Abilene negro scrappers.

Jawbreaker Johnny Celmars, who has thrice been defeated by Varner, passed through Baird this morning, for Corsicana, to arrange for his coming bout with Pat Dalton, which is scheduled for Monday night, April 6th.

Celmars is now Athletic Director for the Colorado American Legion Post.

PRESBYTERIAN REVIVAL TO BEGIN NEXT SUNDAY

There will be a special revival service held at the Baird Presbyterian Church, beginning next Sunday, March 29th and continuing through the following Sunday, April 5th. The Rev. George E. Henderlite, D. D., the pastor's brother, will do the preaching.

Doctor Henderlite was a missionary in Brazil for thirty years and is a preacher of unusual ability and power.

Everybody is most cordially invited to attend all of the services, and the cooperation of all of the Baird Churches is urgently requested.

P. B. Henderlite, Pastor.

BAIRD BAND HEAD'S VALE

Prof. Julius Martfnez Resigns His Position And Will Be Tendered Two Benefits

[NOTE—Since the following was put in type the Baird Band Director, Prof. Julius Martinez, has been notified that the Simmons College Cowboy Band will be compelled to forestall their engagement at The Tabernacle, and will appear there tonight instead of tomorrow night, as announced below, and the Baird Municipal Band will combine with them in a double program that will be well worth while. There will be a small price of admission to this dual performance, and there should be a record-breaking house.]

Despite the fact that Baird has a magnificent Band Stand—one of the few Shell Stands in the State—and a most enthusiastic and talented lot of musicians—a Band that not long since bid fair to become one of the best in the State, the people evidently fail to appreciate the blessed pleasure by giving the Band necessary financial support, and this tune-fueled civic organization is again on the rocks, so to speak.

It has financial obligations—for which some of its good friends stand responsible—which its members find it impossible to meet, because of the failure of many to pay monthly into the Band's treasury the several sums they pledged themselves to pay. They still owe Director Julius Martinez a considerable sum. He has resigned to accept a position elsewhere, and the boys want to pay him off before he leaves. To raise the money to liquidate their indebtedness they have tendered him two benefits.

Tonight the Simmons College Cowboy Band will give one of their unique entertainments at The Tabernacle, and they should have a full house, for you'll sure get the worth of your money.

The features, aside from the ensemble performance, are acrobatic stunts, a saxophone quartette, trombone solos, clarinet solos, violin and guitar solos, vocal solos, &c. There will be popular admission prices.

To further reduce the band's indebtedness and as a farewell to our people, Prof. Martinez will direct his last performance in Baird, also in the Tabernacle and also at popular prices, the following musical program, with many incidental features volunteered by home talent:

March, "El Capitan".....Sousa
Waltz, Moonlight on the Nile....King
Overture, King Rose.....Barnard
Descriptive Piece....A Hunting Scene
Bucalossi

March, The Squealer.....Huff
Fox-Trot, Dangerous Blues....Brown
Waltz, Over the Waves....Rosas
Spanish Serenade.....La Poloms
Yradier

American Patrol.....Mechan
March American Legion.....Parker
Waltz, 'Till We Meet Again, Whiting
"Home Sweet Home

Director.....Julius Martinez
There follows Band Director Martinez's farewell:

To the People of Baird:

I wish to express my deep appreciation of the hospitality and many courtesies that have been extended me during my short stay in your city and especially do I wish to

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SAN FRANCISCO BAY IS SECOND

Total Shipping Trade in the Harbor Has Doubled in Two Years.

San Francisco.—That San Francisco bay ranks second only to New York in American commerce is the boast of the chamber of commerce of that city and gives figures to back up its statement. It is said that San Francisco harbor actually handled over its docks \$2,018,400,925 worth of commodities in 1923, the last year for which figures are available. Individually, San Francisco's commerce is given as \$1,697,788,993, while the difference between the San Francisco bay totals is made up of commodities handled by Oakland, Richmond and other nearby shipping points. These official figures, it is pointed out, have just been published by the United States army chief of engineers in Washington, and they show that 41 piers of San Francisco alone move sufficient commodities to rank her second in American ports, surpassing Galveston, Philadelphia, Boston, Baltimore and New Orleans.

"Four factors have combined to place San Francisco in unquestioned second place among American ports," says the chamber of commerce. "These are, first, the Panama canal, which drew a closer link between the Golden Gate and markets of the Atlantic coast and Europe. However, due to the war at the time of its completion and unprecedented adjustments which followed, it did not become apparent until after 1920 what a truly wonderful advantage San Francisco gained from the canal. When it is realized that the total shipping commerce of San Francisco doubled in two years from 1921 to 1923, increasing by \$1,000,000,000 her cargoes, San Francisco's destiny as the premier Pacific shipping center may be understood.

"Second, San Francisco's central position in western United States makes her the logical point of distribution. She is located on the exact medial line of population of the Pacific coast states and is nearer to more people living in this territory than any other shipping center.

Gateway to Interior.

"Third, the port of San Francisco serves directly three-fourths of the state of California. It is the only combined bay and river port of the Pacific coast. Two rivers tap an inland empire here which is larger than all the states of New England, and San Francisco bay is the only outlet for this great territory. If you will imagine all the states of New England placed in a huge valley surrounded by snow-capped mountains and drained by two wide navigable rivers which join and reach the sea; if you will picture the ideally protected harbor lying at the mouth of the joined rivers, which are providing the cheapest transportation outlet for this entire region, you will realize the enviable position in which San Francisco finds herself. For San Francisco bay is not only the 'Gateway to the Orient' but also the only gateway to the rich interior valleys which hold the bulk of the wealth of California.

"These principal valleys are the San Joaquin and Sacramento. It was here and in closely tributary territory that more than \$250,000,000 worth of agricultural products were produced in 1924, according to conservative estimates, and most of this was marketed through San Francisco bay. California is the first gold-producing state in the Union because of rich seams which lie buried in these 'back-bone' mountains of the valleys which drain into San Francisco bay.

"Mineral wealth produced here last year is expected to exceed \$150,000,000. As a further index, retail trade in the San Francisco bay region alone was in excess of \$220,000,000 in 1924. Manufacturing in this same area, it is estimated, will exceed \$1,300,000,000 in the year just closed, all of which is handled from San Francisco bay points.

Wide Variety of Trade.

"The population tributary to this area served by San Francisco was 2,002,620 on July 1, 1923, according to the United States census estimate for that year. In the 18 months since that time a steady influx of new population has been felt in these interior areas as well as in the San Francisco bay region.

"Fourth, San Francisco handles a wide variety of high-grade cargoes. This port accommodates a greater number of different cargoes with a higher average value than other coast ports. Its commerce averaged over \$75 per ton in value for 1923. In comparison with this figure, \$8.10 per ton was the value of approximately 50 per cent of the Los Angeles cargoes, which consisted of oil and oil products in 1923.

"San Francisco bay will, it is conservatively estimated, exceed 28,000,000 cargo tons in 1924 and handles the largest tonnage of any Pacific

coast port. But, when all is said and done, tonnage but value of tonnage which is the best measure of business done by a port and here San Francisco is excelled only by New York with a lead of more than \$500,000,000 yearly over the nearest competitor."

Monster Cat

Bangor, Maine.—A cat owned by Mrs. Lillian Dodge is believed to be one of the largest in New England. The cat has been in the family for six years and weighs 30 pounds.

MIRA, SECOND LARGEST KNOWN STAR, MEASURED

Through Observations at Mt. Wilson Scientist Finds Body Has Diameter of 250,000,000 Miles.

Washington.—Measurements at the Mount Wilson observatory of the Carnegie institution have established that Mira, the remarkable variable star discovered by David Fabricius in 1590 in the constellation Cetus, is the second largest known star, thereby displacing the noted Betelgeuse for that honor.

With an angular diameter of about 250,000,000 miles, it is exceeded only by Antares, chief star of the constellation Scorpio, with a diameter of 400,000,000 miles. It is larger by about 25 per cent than Betelgeuse in the constellation Orion, which was measured for the first time about four years ago.

Appearing but a speck in the sky to the naked eye, the measurements of Mira were made by Dr. Francis E. Pease with the 20-foot Michelson interferometer attached to the observatory's 100-inch telescope, the same with which the first measurements of Betelgeuse were obtained.

Announcement of the measurement was made by the Carnegie institution on the basis of advices from Mount Wilson. "The results indicate," the announcement says, "an angular diameter for Mira of about six one-hundredths of a second of arc, a value about 25 per cent larger than Betelgeuse. The most probable value of the distance is 165 light years. Assuming this distance, the diameter of the star is 250,000,000 miles.

"The star varies greatly in light through a period of about eleven months, its brightness changing as much as 200-fold in that interval. The measurements of the star's diameter were made when the star was near its recent maximum.

"The name Mira, or 'The Wonderful,' was given to the star soon after the discovery of its remarkable variations of light by Fabricius in 1596. It is the most noted example of a class of variable stars of similar type, of which there are about 150 known. They are deep red in color and are doubtless all stars of immense size, low temperature and exceedingly low density.

"As a class these stars are moving very rapidly in the sky, some of them having velocities of more than 100 miles a second toward or away from the earth."

Indians Look Askance at "Dragon" Sovereign

Calcutta.—Reports from England that the government has under consideration turning out golden sovereigns again has aroused much interest among the natives, who for many years have always been eager to pay a premium for certain of the gold pieces, which they used for personal adornment.

What the Indians are principally concerned about, however, is whether the sovereigns are to have the same designs as formerly.

In prewar times there were two kinds of sovereigns—one with King George's profile on the obverse and St. George killing the dragon on the reverse, and the other with the royal standard instead of St. George.

The coins bearing the dragon were not in favor among the Indians, who avoided them on every occasion and would not accept them on any account.

The dragon coins were in disfavor also among the Chinese, and the prejudice was so great at one time in eastern trading circles that they were virtually barred from business in many parts of the Orient.

Bandits Strip Boys, Take Girl Companion to Dance

Kansas City, Mo.—Holding up two youths and a girl on their way to a high school fraternity party, three bandits kidnaped their victims.

After stripping the boys of everything but their shirts, underclothing and shoes, the bandits asked the girl where they could drop her, and at her direction took her to the party. The boys were Ted L. Pearson, eighteen years old, and Jack Storm, also eighteen.

The party was being given by the Tau Delta Phi fraternity of Westport high school. Young Pearson and Miss Lulu Harrison are seniors at the school and young Storm a former student. It was an open-house affair at the home of Mr. and Mrs. A. G. Whirter, whose two sons, Gene and Alfred Whirter, are students at the high school.

SMOKELESS CITIES MAY BECOME REALIZATION

Successful Experiments Conducted at Illinois University in Production of Domestic Fuel.

Urbana, Ill.—The realization of smokeless cities is seen in the success of a series of experiments of a semi-commercial scale by the University of Illinois. The work is that of Prof. S. W. Parr.

One of Professor Parr's theories is that smoky cities are due to domestic fires rather than factory fires. He started his experiments which led to this new process of manufacture in 1902, when a strike in the anthracite region cut off the supply of smokeless domestic fuel for this locality.

The fuel is now being manufactured at the university in such quantities that it can be tried out in several house furnaces and grates and a local gas company to determine its value.

Only Illinois coal is used. It is carbonized in vertical retorts made of special iron, nickel and chromium alloy, which are heated externally by gas. In addition to the primary product—coke—several by-products are obtained which are themselves worth as much or more as the original cost of the coal.

A rich gas, similar to common fuel gas but of a higher heat value; tar which is chemically different from the ordinary by-product coke-oven tar and which offers great opportunity for research and chemical development; light oils, which may be used as motor fuel, and ammonia, which may be converted into a chemical fertilizer, are some of the most important and interesting by-products of the new process.

The experiments are being carried on in the experimental fuel plant of the engineering experiment station at the university. Professor Parr is assisted in his work by Prof. T. E. Layng of the department of chemistry, who developed the process more fully as his thesis for his degree of doctor of philosophy, which he took at the university in 1917.

Professor Parr was recently appointed American editor of the international magazine Fuel, and is well known for his researches in all phases of coal manufacture, resources and content.

Cross-Words Hit Japan; Adapted to Ideographs

Tokyo.—Now Japan has been inoculated with the cross-word puzzle mania. A foreign daily published in English in Tokyo had been printing American cross-word puzzles for the edification of foreigners and English-speaking Japanese for several weeks when Robert Alexander, a teacher in a university in Tokyo, adapted the cross-word puzzle idea to the Japanese ideogram system and produced a puzzle whose solution involves the use of Japanese Kata Kana.

Kata Kana is the phonetic ideogram alphabet of forty-six characters in which any Japanese syllabic sound may be expressed. It is infinitely more simple than the highly complicated system of Chinese characters and may be readily mastered by foreigners in a few months of assiduous study, while the thousands of Chinese characters used in classical Japanese writing require years and years of study.

When the puzzle was printed in a foreign newspaper the definitions were printed in English, but if the idea is taken up by the Japanese newspapers the puzzle may be printed entirely in Japanese and with proper explanations of the principle involved may be solved by Japanese with no knowledge of English or of the American cross-word puzzle.

Agrees, for Her Children, to Forego "Gay Times"

Wolfeboro, N. H.—Facing a sentence of six months in the county jail at Ossipee for deserting her two young children, Mrs. Edwin Brown, twenty years old, agreed to return to her husband and care for them and the sentence was suspended, when she was arraigned before Judge Trickey.

Mrs. Brown was arrested by Chief of Police Thompson, following publication in the local paper of the following ad:

"Whereas, my wife, Doris Brown, wishing for a gay time, has left me and her two little ones, a boy fourteen months old, and a girl four years old, in July. At present my mother is with me, doing what she can, but is unable to continue for long. I wish to get someone to come and do my work and care for the children, one whom I can trust to give them good care. Anyone who cares to answer this, address Edwin M. Brown, Box 99, Wolfeboro, N. H."

Literary Difference

Jud Tunkins says the difference between the old drama and the new is that Shakespeare said things ordinary people couldn't think of, while the modern author says what everybody suspects, but is too polite to mention.

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**OF BAIRD STAR READERS
THE EDITOR ASKS PARDON**

I ask pardon for the amount of space given this week in The Star to the question of Unification between the two Methodist Churches.

There are between 1,000 and 1,500 Methodists in Callahan County, and very few of them realize the great danger to the Southern Methodist Church if this Plan is adopted.

Quarterly Conferences will be held in a few days to elect delegates to the District Conference, which elects delegates to the Annual Conference, that will decide the question.

As a loyal member of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, for 50 years, I do not want to see my Church destroyed. That is my excuse for trespassing on the politeness of the readers of The Star.

I want bother you much more, but do ask that every Methodist in Callahan County read Bishop Dickey's speech against Unification in this week's Star.

W. E. Gilliland.

DICKEY ON UNIFICATION

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and continuing:

"If we extinguish that lamp we are liable to stumble in the darkness. Negro slavery is not the cause of the separation in the Methodist Church. It was not the cause of the separation in the colonies. In both cases, it was the occasion, but not the cause."

After reviewing briefly the War of 1812, the War Between the States, and other incidents in the history of the Colonies and the Union, the Bishop took up the History of the Methodist Church, showing that Bishop Andrew married a Southern lady who owned slaves.

"There was no law in the church forbidding the people to own slaves," declared the Bishop, "but the General Conference set aside Bishop Andrew because his wife owned slaves. That was back in 1844. The Plan of Separation was drawn up and it was agreed that all churches along the border could join the Methodist Episcopal Church or the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, and the churches in the interior must stay within their own territory."

Then the Bishop related the history of the church through the period of '61 to '65 and through 1872, when the General Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church, North, declared:

"We propose to stay in the South perpetually!"

In 1912 the General Conference

of the Methodist Episcopal Church (North) said to Northern Churches in the South:

"See to it that every member of our Church that comes into the Southern States comes into the Methodist Episcopal Church (North)."

The Bishop then sketched the history of the Commissions that were appointed in 1918 to work out plans of cooperation and how that, in 1922, the General Conference of the Southern Church continued to endeavor to cooperate on a Plan of Federation whereby competition and waste could be stopped.

"After all these years," the Bishop continued, "they bring to us the Plan of Unification. And this Plan does not unify. I say to you that anything that does not discharge the functions for which it was created, is a failure. The Plan they have given you doesn't do the very thing they set out to do.

"By this Plan they said there shall be two jurisdictions—Jurisdiction No. 1 to occupy all territory covered by the Methodist Episcopal Church, which is the whole United States, and Jurisdiction No. 2, to occupy all territory covered by the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, which is the Southern States and part of the Western.

"Nothing has been extinguished. They have the jurisdiction of the Methodist Episcopal Church overriding the jurisdiction of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South. If you ratify this Plan you will ratify the Plan that the Methodist Episcopal Church (North) has the right to go on under the Plan that has been trespassed.

"If you vote to adopt this Plan of Unification, you are bound. The Plan says that as soon as the constituted authority has been perfected the Whole Church becomes One and the Bishops of each Church become the Bishops of the Whole Church.

"The Plan says the General Conference will adopt a name. You are being led by a Plan that has no name and you do not know what the name of the Whole Church will be. You are being led toward a Constitution, the contents of which you do not know.

"Every right you've got as a member of the Church is involved in this Plan of Unification. Your church property is involved. The change of the title carries with it the right of property. When the two ecclesiastical organizations merge the property goes into Blank Church. This would be the Saint Paul Methodist Episcopal Church, Jurisdiction No. 2 of Blank Church!

"If you vote to go into the Unification, you are bound and you can't secede. You can quit, but you can't secede. I say to you this Plan is leading us to organic union or distinct separation. Organic union means absorption and disintegration of your Church.

"In the next place they propose to have a Judicial Council to consist equally of a number of Bishops from each jurisdiction. Differences in either jurisdiction will be decided by the Judicial Council and the decision of the Council is final. It doesn't provide that it can go back to the Annual Conference.

"Now comes the Colored Question. I haven't said anything yet about the Negro. It has been said here that I was reared in Georgia. I was carried in the arms of a Negro mammy in Georgia. My earliest recollections are that I played with a little Negro boy. I followed the plow on the farm and by my side was a Negro—my friend. I have friends among the Negroes. I played with a little Negro boy. I would not do injustice to a Negro. When you do anything unjust to a Negro, you not only hurt the Black Race, but you hurt the White Race. [Cheers].

"There are two Negro Bishops in the Methodist Episcopal Church (North) and by the Plan of Unification that has been presented to us for adoption it provides that the Bishops of each Jurisdiction become the Bishops of the Whole Church, and that the Bishops of either Jurisdiction may preside in the other, when invited.

"It doesn't take well in the South for a Negro Bishop to preside. One Negro Bishop presided over a Conference in the Methodist Episcopal Church and helped to install a White Bishop! Would a Negro Bishop ever preside in the South? [Voice from audience: "No!" Cheers]

"There is the answer! The Southern Bishops have sense enough to know that the White People of the South would not stand for a Negro Bishop presiding in the South. I hope a Southern Bishop wouldn't invite a Negro Bishop to preside in the South. But that could be done under the Plan of Unification. If he did he'd be disrobed. We don't feel about that like the people in the North do.

"Then, if a member of the Methodist Church comes down here from the North and presents his letter for membership in Brother Stuckey's Church, if he's in good standing, his letter must be taken in and you'd be glad to take it. But suppose a Negro brother brought his letter to Brother Stuckey, would you accept it?

"If you didn't you'd be guilty of maladministration. You say a Negro wouldn't bring his letter down here—maybe he wouldn't—I hope he wouldn't and he might not—and you know it would not be granted. But, under the Plan, he could do that very thing.

"We are breaking enough laws now, without making some more laws that we know we are going to break.

"Then they tell us it is wicked if we don't adopt this Plan of Unification—they say it's un-Christian.

"The Lord has been mighty good to the Southern Methodists. We had a net increase in the United States last year in the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, of 46,000, while the Northern Methodists gained only 23,000 and they have 19,000 preachers while we have only 8,000. They have nearly 5,000,000 members, while we have only 2,500,000."

In conclusion Bishop Dickey made an appeal for the Southern Methodists to "stand by your church and, in case of a doubt, give your church the benefit of the doubt."

WILL UNIFICATION PRODUCE REAL UNION?

The following extract from an article published in the Nashville, Tennessee, Christian Advocate, February 13, by Rev. J. P. Hilburn, D. D., of Bartow, Florida.

The article was brought out by the receipt of a letter soliciting a donation for a great Methodist Episcopal Church (North), to be built in New York City.

The appeal is pathetic, showing the decline of Protestantism in New York and Methodism especially, in that great city, where they claim that Methodism was first organized in the United States.

Protestantism has 56 fewer churches on Manhattan Island than 25 years ago. This appeal shows that there are only four self-sustaining Methodist Churches on Manhattan Island. Think of that!

New York has more people than the entire State of Texas, and the City of Dallas alone has more self-supporting Methodist Churches than the great City of New York, where, according to this appeal to erect a great church to cost two million dollars, Dallas is building a million dollar Methodist Church, and is not appealing for funds, even from outsiders.

If Methodists, after 140 years in
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PERSONALS

Tom Bledsoe, of Abilene, was a pleasant caller at The Star office, Monday.

Mrs. H. A. Lones has returned from a visit to her daughter, Mrs. B. N. Leonard in Shreveport, La.

Mrs. W. D. Ferguson, of Abilene, spent Monday with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. D. Boydston.

Cyclone days are here. See Martin Barnhill for tornado and hail insurance 17tf

Mr. and Mrs. Lanham Stokes and little son, Sam Boydston, of Strawn, spent Sunday with Mrs. Stokes' parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. D. Boydston

Boone Williams is still slaughtering useless cur dogs, not wearing license tags, wherever they are found and hopes to have reached the 400 total by the dawn of "dog days."

Born to Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Martin, of Artesia, N. M., on St. Patrick's Day, 1925, a daughter, who has been named Orlena Orphelia

S. A. D. Grounds returned Saturday morning from Kansas City, where he went to spend three weeks under the care of a specialist, and is greatly improved in health.

Mrs. C. W. Conner left for Dallas last Friday, where she will be the sometime guest of her daughter, Mrs. George Page.

Henry Harmon Spraggins, of Dallas, spent a few hours in Baird yesterday, greeting old friends. Henry is with the Chicago and Alton Ry. as traveling freight agent for the Texas territory.

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Mrs. V. W. Foster and little J. L. Walker spent the past week in Eastland and Gorman, visiting friends and relatives. They returned home Tuesday night on the sunshine.

Sergt. L. B. Albin, of the U. S. Army Service at Marfa, and Sergt. Pierce, of Fort Bliss, visited Sergt. Albin's parents, Mr. and Mrs. G. L. Albin, Saturday and Sunday. They made the trip in an airplane.

Storm and Hail Insurance is cheap so why take risks that may bankrupt you in an hour. Martin Barnhill, Baird. 17tf

We met Rev. J. B. McCarley, pastor of the Clyde Methodist Church at Clyde, Tuesday. We are glad to know that he is fervent Unification. We heard Mac preach his first sermon in the old church at Baird, many years ago.

Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Smith returned Tuesday from Springfield, Mo., where they went with the body of Mrs. Smith's brother, Harry Dyer, who died here on March 7th, for interment. Mrs. Smith's mother, Mrs. Dyer, remained in Springfield.

Dr. W. S. and Mrs. Hamlett, who have been visiting in South Texas, returned Tuesday evening Dr. Hamlett has secured a certificate from the State Medical Board to practice medicine, and will remain here sometime before returning to Kentucky.

A number of Baird friends attended the funeral of Uncle John Wagner at Cross Plains Tuesday evening, among them Judge B. L. and Mrs. Russell. T. E. Powell carried the following in his big Cadillac car: L. L. Blackburn, who drove the car Dr. R. G. Powell, Herman Schwartz S. E. Settle and W. E. Gilliland Others may have gone, but we did not see them. We met many old friends at the funeral, some that we have known for 50 years.

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3	3:30 p. m.	3:40 p. m.
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Small Men as Lawmakers.



Now that the legislature has adjourned it may not be amiss to say that there are too many small caliber men making the laws of Texas. The present legislative body is no less able than some others that have preceded it, but a look at it in action was enough to convince anyone that as a whole the body lacked the ability and experience Texas has a right to expect from those who make its laws. It is doubtful whether an increase of salary to \$10,000 a day or to \$1,000 a year will greatly improve the legislative personnel. Improvement can come only from a greater interest on the part of the voters. Under our present methods a number of men offer for the legislature regardless of their qualifications as lawmakers. The voters then select from the list, all of whom may be wholly incompetent. We need to go back to the old system of mass meetings or conventions at which capable men are urged to accept legislative positions from a patriotic sense of duty.

Lawmaking by Lobbyists.

It does not take much acumen to see that the laws of Texas are not made by those elected to represent the people, but by lobbyists employed to represent special interests. Legislators pass unimportant local bills and other measures in which capital or other interests are little concerned, but when it comes to important matters where big business or large organizations are concerned the lobby directs what shall be done. Lobbying has become almost a dignified profession and is not necessarily a corrupt one. Most present-day lobbyists are highly honorable men and women who would scorn corrupt practices. They are employed at good salaries, many of them by the year, ostensibly to serve in other capacities, but really to influence legislation should their services be needed by their clients. They have brains and large experience and put their wits against those of the weaker legislators. The result is that the people, represented by weaklings, if at all, suffer when their interests conflict with those whom the lobbyists represent.

Lobbying in Self-Defense.

There is another side to this subject of lobbying. The more ignorant a people are the more unreasonable and prejudiced they are. Ignorant and incapable legislators often "have it in" for capital of every kind and for organizations of which they know little or nothing. They are against everything they do not understand and they understand very little. Lobbyists often are retained as a protection against destructive legislation. Their employment is justified by their employers on that ground. It is hard to maintain a purely defensive attitude. Those who feel themselves in constant danger of attack are likely to go out and do some attacking themselves. So, lobbying in self-defense brings about lobbying to advance selfish interests. The best remedy that can be suggested against harmful lobbying is the election of legislators who are equally as strong as those persons employed to lobby. To give such men commensurate pay would be difficult; they should be persuaded to serve from motives of patriotism.

Stop Knocking Any Part of Texas.

I see papers from all parts of Texas and have reached the conclusion that the greatest harm that is being done the State comes from the sectional "knocker." East Texas knocks West Texas because a few of its citizens move out there. The west knocks the east when any of these citizens become dissatisfied and go back. North Texas hits at the Rio Grande Valley because of the high price of land, and the Valley slaps back at the "cold wind-swept plains." The Eastern States, fearful of losing their citizens to Texas, pick up these cudgels and use them against all of Texas, and so all of Texas gets back these sectional knocks.

It is not just the newspapers that do this harm, for the people—many of them—seem to delight in saying ugly things about other parts of the State than their own. The papers should discourage this knocking habit on the part of the people and should quit it themselves. Texas is not all alike—neither are the people—and there is diversity enough to please all. We need to unite in our efforts for all of Texas, just as California and Florida and many other States have done.

Doubting Thomas Might Try This.
C. H. Walker, of the Dalhart Texan, says the Fort Worth Record, got a nail puncture in his automobile tire and offered 10 cents a dozen for rusty nails picked up by boys on the streets of Dalhart and taken to the Texan office. He received some nails. Merchants who doubt that people read newspaper ads might try out the value of advertising by such an offer. Who wishes to do his town a good turn in this way?

Child Suicide in Japan

Tokyo.—A marked increase in child suicide in Japan is revealed by the psychological bureau of the department of education. In the last ten years 2,316 children have taken their own lives and for the year just ended there were 427.

Safeguard Forests

Plodiv, Bulgaria.—Effective use of conscript labor is being made by the Bulgarian government in reforestation. The program for this year covers virtually the entire country, and includes the Balkan mountains in Bulgarian territory.

Miscue on Busses

Berlin.—Berlin has found, as a result of numerous accidents, its motor busses are topheavy. The authorities are now considering a lower vehicle, with side instead of rear doors, and a covered roof to give shelter in rainy weather.

Survives 72 Helpings of English Meat Pudding

London.—Francis Bourn has just completed a run of 72 annual helpings of the famous but heavy meat puddings, the product of the "Olde Cheshire Cheese" of Fleet street.

The pudding is served free at the hostelry to all customers at the opening of the season each year. Mr. Bourn is ninety-two years old and still healthy. He has been a constant customer at the Cheshire Cheese, he says, since 1851.

The inaugural ceremony is usually presided over by some noted figure, such as the premier, a cabinet minister or an ambassador, and a place of honor is always reserved for the person who can claim to be oldest customer of the inn. Mr. Bourn has received the first helping in this seat of honor for the last nineteen years and has had his pudding served by the late American ambassador, Walter Hines Page, and Ambassadors Davis and George Harvey.

The famous pudding is known to contain rump steak, kidney, lark and oysters.

British Punish Publican Who Neglected Traveler

Widmermere, England.—The proprietor of a leading hotel in this district will sleep with one eye open for the future, since he was fined \$250 and costs by the county court judge for failing to let a traveler into the hotel for several hours one morning.

The traveler told the court he was stranded through his baggage being lost and tried to obtain admission to the hotel at five o'clock in the morning. It was after seven when he got in, and during the wait was exposed to rain and cold.

The traveler said that he did not bring the action in a vindictive spirit, but wished to register his protest against the proprietor's refusal to entertain travelers and to show them that innkeepers had a duty to the traveling public which they were bound to carry out.

The court upheld his views and fined the proprietor.

Woman "Bit by Sandwich" Wins \$1,000 From Cafe

New York.—Katharine Purce obtained a verdict for \$1,000 in city court in a suit she brought against a restaurant concerned for damages suffered when she was "bit by a sandwich" in an "automatic" food dispensary.

The sandwich contained some creature which bit Miss Purce on the lip. An autopsy held immediately afterward in the kitchen failed to identify the biter definitely. Miss Purce declared it was a lizard. The manager of the restaurant thought it was merely a centipede or, perhaps a wasp.

Judge Finelite advised the jury in his charge that the Court of Appeals has held that a restaurant is responsible for the quality of its food. Food containing lizards or other obnoxious insects, he said, was not palatable.

Acid Shampoo Burns

Columbus, Ohio.—Miss Irma Wagner, twenty, 557 Hamlet street, is in Mercy hospital as a result of a shampoo. According to information furnished hospital attaches, she was burned severely when an employee of a "beauty parlor" accidentally poured acid instead of a shampoo lotion upon her head preparatory to giving her a shampoo.

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RUINED CITY OF GIANTS IS BARED

Prehistoric Indian Town
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in Nevada.

St. Thomas, Nev.—Cleopatra and Mark Antony were carrying on the most notorious love affair of the ages, beneath the Egyptian moon, while thousands of miles away in what is now Nevada, a feather-bedecked Pueblo chieftain, seven feet tall, was wooing a bronze-skinned maiden in the lost city of Pueblo Grande.

This is evidenced by excavations being carried on in the muddy and virgin river valleys near here, which show that Pueblo Grande was the largest single prehistoric settlement ever found on the western hemisphere.

Culture had not found its way into the barbaric cityless countries to the north of the Italian peninsula, and Christianity was unheard of at the time the ancient Plutes of Nevada were worshipping the sun.

They shaped graceful urns embellished with colored geometric designs, weaved rugs of feathers, wool and fur, cultivated corn and squash, spun threads of silk made from a then common desert shrub.

They were wearing tunics after the fashion of early Greece, living in orderly, well-planned cities and writing history.

Unearth Layers of City.

Indications are that human beings had been living in Pueblo Grande for centuries, for the expedition from the Museum of the American Indian, headed by M. R. Harrington, widely known anthropologist and archeologist, is finding strata upon strata, each layer denoting a certain well-defined period in the ancient civilization of America.

Exploration has been going on for months, but only recently, according to Mr. Harrington, has excavation uncovered almost incontrovertible evidence that the once lost city will prove to be the largest prehistoric ruin of the western hemisphere.

Big, sturdy round adobe buildings, some containing as many as twenty rooms, with hard-glazed floors, have been excavated, revealing under their circular courtyards the graves of a vanished race, with the average height skeletons found to measure over seven feet.

A woman wrapped in a feathered blanket was found in one circular burial place, with a set of new-born twins buried with her.

In many mounds already unearthed Mr. Harrington has found beautiful shell jewelry, artistically cut beads and decorated pottery of fanciful design, in addition to quantities of crude hunting implements and other primitive tools.

Several sets of perfectly formed dice, some with the corners rounded, were discovered in clay urns, indicating a fondness of this race for the thrills of gambling.

Evidence that class distinction prevailed among the vanquished Nevada race was furnished when it was observed that some of the giant skeletons were found to have far more objects of art surrounding them than the average burial mound contained.

In the unearthing of this lost city, which was eight miles wide and which extended thirty-five miles to the south, has been found proof that the once thriving metropolis was from 2,000 to 2,500 years old. Harrington said:

City 2,500 Years Old.

"The corrugated and painted pottery alone would be enough to identify the vanished race as Pueblo Indians, and then when to that is added their home building, agriculture and use of turquoise and stone griddles such as the modern Pueblos use to cook their famous water bread, there can be no doubt that prehistoric Pueblo Indians dwelt in Pueblo Grande.

"The bottom has not been reached yet. Heavy erosion in the ruins indicate that Pueblo Grande was prehistoric. That houses here were occupied for perhaps centuries is shown by deep beds of ashes in numerous fireplaces.

"We have found countless fragments of flint and pottery and evidences that the houses of Pueblo Grande had been remodeled again and again. The scarcest article is a colled basket and some sandal reed work which has to

be immersed in heated water to prevent disintegration.

Race of Giants.

"This vanished race were giants, as skeletons measure over seven feet in height. What became of them is a mystery. Like the pigmy cliffdwellers of the South, they have vanished."

One theory explaining the extinction of the giant Pueblos, according to Harrington, is the progressive drying up of the country.

The Indians could no longer get sufficient water for their crops and they perished. The wind of the desert eroded their dwellings.

Weeds grew in their gardens, temples caved in, and the relentless desert sand drifted in and covered the whole city, burying all evidence of a once great race and keeping the secret locked in the depths for centuries.

Equal to Tut's Tomb.

Officials of the Museum of the American Indian in New York declared that the finding of the lost city in Nevada is as important to America as the excavations of Tut-Ankh-Amen's tomb are to Europe.

George G. Heye, founder of the museum and its director, said the discovery was of unusual interest to geologists because no ruins of this sort have ever before been reported so far west.

He said the city apparently was older than pueblos discovered in Arizona and New Mexico by the Spaniards.

The pottery unearthed was found to be of very archaic type, made by men who did not use the potter's wheel or know the process for glazing, Heye said.

One of the most important discoveries Harrington made, said Heye, was that the giants buried their dead under the floors of houses, which apparently were abandoned after the interment.

Another thing provoking the belief that the tribe was very ancient was the fact that most of the houses were small.

Not once did the excavators come across glass beads, metal or types of crockery that would indicate the white man had known these giants.

Jails Mother for Keeping Son, 13, Out of School

Minneapolis.—Mrs. Inez Wooley is serving a ten-day jail term because she refused to send her son Howard, thirteen years old, to school. It was the first time in this city a parent had been sentenced to imprisonment for that offense.

Howard Wooley was a pupil at the Jackson school. His mother was arrested December 12, 1924, on complaint of Miss Julia Drew, school attendance officer, who charged Mrs. Wooley with persistently evading the law. Mrs. Wooley in court pleaded guilty to failing to send her child and was sentenced by Municipal Judge Reed. He ordered execution of sentence stayed until June 19, 1925. January 8, 1925, the stay was vacated, and Mrs. Wooley was ordered committed to jail.

Mrs. Wooley said Howard was not in Minneapolis, and refused to tell where he was until she was ordered to jail. Then she said he was at Fairfax, Minn. Telegrams were sent Fairfax authorities asking the boy be returned to Minneapolis at once.

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tions of World.

Washington.—Ireland had a poor potato harvest last fall, and as a result parts of the island are reported to be on the verge of famine.

"It takes such tragic occurrences as Ireland's food shortage to bring home to the average man the tremendous importance of the potato," says a bulletin from the Washington headquarters of the National Geographic society. "Half a dozen other countries of Europe would be in a similar plight if their potato crops failed," continues the bulletin, "although a few centuries ago potatoes had not been heard of in any of these lands."

One of America's Valuable Gifts.

"The potato is one of the many valuable gifts of America to the world. Most histories, busy chronicling wars and elections and perhaps inventions, fail to emphasize the introduction of the potato from America to Europe, or else mention it quite incidentally. Economists and sociologists, however, could make a good case for the potato as the New World product which has most deeply affected life in the Old World.

"When Spanish and English explorers and settlers found the potato it was grown in a desultory sort of way along the Atlantic coast of parts of North America and the Pacific coast of South America. It had probably spread to those regions from Peru, for it is believed to have been developed into a domestic plant in the mountain valleys of that land some thousands of years ago by pre-Incan farmers. The world did not take to the potato at first, either in America or Europe. Not until well after the American Revolution did it become a crop of major importance in North America; and about the time of the French Revolution a Parisian philanthropist, Parmentier, found it up-hill work to induce the poor of the French metropolis to eat the tubers in free soup kitchens.

"The popularity of this 'apple of the earth' grew with a rush when its virtues once became known. Ireland was converted early—so much so that a knowledge of the tuber spread from that island to other European lands and it thereby acquired the misnomer 'Irish potato.' The potato created an agricultural revolution in northern Europe and soon became the dominant crop. It even made possible an increase in population in a number of European countries. Now it is that part of the world what rice is to the Orient. It is more truly the staff of life in large areas of the West than wheat itself. But for the potato Germany probably could not have remained in the World war more than a year or so.

"Europe has made much greater use of the potato than the land of its discovery. Approximately six billion bushels are now grown in the world each year. If this production could be brought to one place it would fill a gigantic bin 10 miles long, a mile

wide and 20 feet deep. As a potato bin were placed across such a bin at the nine-mile post the potatoes in the larger compartment would represent the production of Europe and Great Britain. Seven-tenths of the potatoes in the smaller division would represent the contribution of the United States to the world crop, and the remaining three-tenths would represent those produced in the rest of the world. Germany, Russia (it had a greater acreage than Germany before the World war), the lands that made up Austria-Hungary, and France, each produces more potatoes than the United States.

Leads Both Rice and Wheat.

"One of the outstanding virtues of the potato which has made it the leading vegetable product in northern Europe and northern United States is that it grows to perfection in regions too cool and too moist for satisfactory wheat culture. Another advantage is the tremendous amount of food material per acre contributed by potatoes. A hundred bushels per acre is an average yield in the United States, but in Germany the yield is nearly twice as great. The greatest yield in any country is in the Netherlands, where more than 250 bushels per acre are produced. Under exceptionally favorable conditions a single acre has been known to produce 600 bushels.

"As a world crop the potato, the upstart vegetable from the New World, has shouldered its way ahead of both rice and wheat. More pounds of potatoes are now produced than of any other single domestic vegetable product. Potatoes have won first place in the world, too, in the matter of diffusion. They have become an important crop in the temperate and cool portions of every continent—from France to Scandinavia, in Siberia, the Americas, South Africa, Australia, New Zealand.

"Potatoes are not alone a food vegetable. They already fill an important place in industry and undoubtedly will become more important in that field.

Use German Dock

London, England.—A job has been found at last for the former German floating dock which has been berthed in the Mersey since being delivered under the peace treaty. The admiralty has decided to send it to Malta for service in docking the capital ships of the Mediterranean fleet.

Four Cured of Leprosy in Louisiana, U. S. Says

Washington.—Four men who entered the national home for lepers at Carrville, La., several years ago, have been discharged from the institution as cured. The United States public health service announced that the men have been under close observation for a year, and during the entire time the leprosy bacillus had been absent from their body tissues.

Cross-Words Again

Los Angeles, Cal.—As a result of the abnormal popularity of dictionaries due to the cross-word puzzle craze, the Los Angeles Public Library has been compelled to set a time limit of five minutes on the use of the dictionary by any one person at one time.

Borzoi, the Wolfhound

The original name of the Russian wolfhound was Borzoi, meaning swift, light and agile.

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DICKEY ON UNIFICATION

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New York, that claims to be the birthplace of Methodism in America, is weaker financially—if not in numbers—than the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, in Dallas, with a population one-thirtieth the population of New York, then there must be something wrong with the Northern Methodist Church, to let the Southern Methodists outstrip them in smaller cities of the South. Other cities could be named—Houston, for one—where the Methodists are stronger than in New York City.

The Reverend Hilburn pointedly says that perhaps if the Northern Methodist Church had spent less money trying to proselyte the South and paid more attention to New York and other large cities, such deplorable conditions as portrayed in this appeal from a Northern committee to Southern Methodists for help would not be necessary.

Now comes the extract we clip, showing that the Northern Church has no intention of relinquishing its work in the South, regardless of what becomes of the Plan, as in the case of Orlando, Florida.

[Note—The Reverend Carr is the Pastor of a Northern Methodist Church, at Orlando, Florida, and Bishop Richardson is of the Northern Methodist Church in Florida, and they are going right ahead organizing churches in Southern towns, that have had Methodist Churches, South, for eighty years. Bishop Richardson does not even recognize the Southern Church as Methodist in name and doctrine. Here is another nut for the Unificationists to crack; but for the extract from the Reverend Hilburn's letter:

Now, it appears, that nothing short of a Church composed of Northern people and a pastor from the same section will be satisfactory to the Northern brethren who have moved to Florida and the thousands who may follow. Therefore, should the Plan of Unification be adopted, the Northern brethren will find it necessary to continue the Jurisdiction No. 1 and build more churches, even where Southern churches have been erected, in order that those from the "North, East or West, or the son or daughter of a member" of the Methodist Episcopal Church "back home" may find a natural home for their souls."

Evidently Bishop Richardson, in charge of the Northern Church in Florida, agrees with Brother Carr that the Southern Church cannot minister to the Northern people. In speaking of his reasons for an organization in Orlando, he says: "The Southern Methodists cannot minister adequately to all the Methodists of that city. Why? Because the Southern Methodist Church is a very different denomination from that to which most Methodists who go to Orlando are members. Many of the members do not learn this until they have joined the Southern Methodist Church. They think the only difference is one of name. But in reality, if that were the only difference, it would soon disappear.

Southern Methodism was organized as a separate denomination in defense of three principles: Sectionalism, racial discrimination and the supremacy of the episcopacy, which principles, every close student of the subject knows, still keep the Churches apart. . . . We do not favor turning hundreds of members, in places like Orlando, over to a Church in whose principles they do not, at heart, believe."

I quite agree with Brother Carr when he says that he belongs to a Church which knows no North, no South, no East, no West." Notwithstanding his Church agreed, according to the Plan of Separation, not to organize their Church in the South, they immediately proceeded to know no South. Had they observed this plan, no doubt Methodism would have been stronger in the South and New York today would not be the "greatest home mission field in the world."

But I am informed by those who favor the Plan of Unification that we ignored the Plan of Separation as much as our brethren of the North,

Those who make such a statement show ignorance of history or disposition to misrepresent.

The Southern Church observed carefully the Plan for more than twenty years after its repudiation by the North and then, in only a few instances, went beyond the border fixed by the Plan, while our Northern brethren have organized in every State.

The pending Plan of Unification offers no relief from the rivalry and friction, but by the two jurisdictions all over the South, one composed of the Northern brethren as they now exist, except that they are to be known as a Jurisdiction instead of a Church, continuing their Conferences, Bishops, District Superintendents and Congregations, without in the least changing their identity, sentiment, racial ideas and customs, which are now in accord, as Bishop Richardson and Brother Carr plainly say, with the Southern Church, will intensify friction. No process of legislation will change the social customs and ideals of the people North and South.

I have again referred to the Plan of Separation, which my brethren call ancient history. Be that as it may, the organization of the work in Tampa, Fort Myers and elsewhere, and the statement quoted above, being the words of the Pastor and Bishop in charge of the work in Florida, cannot be outlawed by the Statute of Limitation.

Note—The Baltimore Conference that comprises the State of Maryland, part of Virginia and Washington City, voted against Unification Tuesday. Everybody expected the vote to go the other way. Three cheers and a Tiger for Maryland! Firstblood for our side!—Editor Star

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Baird bankers and business men are warned to be on the lookout for a clever, plausible, well-dressed man, seemingly well supplied with money, who is a first class "Con" man and is said to be headed this way.

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NOTICE

As I will go to my office at Rising Star on Saturday, April 4th to make examinations for the pupils of the High School, those who want optical work by the Toric Optical Co. will please call on Saturday, March 28 and Monday, March 30th.

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Baird Band Heads Vale

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Thank those who have given support to the Band.

I regret exceedingly that conditions force me to seek a position elsewhere, and wish to say that if, in the near future, your municipal affairs should become so arranged that you wish to retain a Band and desire my services, I will gladly return to direct the Band.

I feel sure that a great many of you appreciate the fact that a well directed Band is a valuable asset to any town or city.

As an appreciation of your efforts in our behalf, I have arranged a selected program from our best numbers, which I believe you will enjoy, and I and the members of the Band cordially invite the public to attend our Farewell Concert, which will be given at The Tabernacle tomorrow night, beginning at 7:45 o'clock.

Respectfully yours,
Julius Martinez.

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