WORSHIPPING IN THE WOODS

GREAT THRONG ENJOYS THE EPWORTH ASSEMBLY.

ALL SPLENDID MEETINGS

Bishop Bowman and Dr. Berry Preach—Temperance Rally—Many Minor Meetings—10,000 People.

All business was laid aside on the assembly grounds yesterday. Every shop and stand was closed. Nothing was sold outside of the park restaurant, where the Woman's Relief Corps served a special bill of fare. By special request of the manager all boisterous noise was hushed and no cries were to be heard throughout the day.

Early in the morning people began to prepare for church. Some wonderfully pretty dresses were extracted from the recesses of the tents. Everybody finished their toilet in the open air. Mirrors were hung from the trunks of trees and the encampers arranged themselves in full view of the visitors who came from the city.

There were more teams on the grounds than before. Every bit of shade was seized at noon. The favorite way of spending the dinner hour was to tie the horse to the carriage or picket it out with a feed of grain and a finish of park grass. Meantime the people spread a cloth upon the grass. Chicken, salads, olives, breads, cakes and all the other delights of the table were brought out. The diners sprawled about and compared notes.

There was not the rush of visitors that there would have been had tickets been sold on the grounds. Consequently the day was more enjoyable for those who were in attendance.

Many thousands were in the park. A large number were from Lincoln.

Morning Love Feast.

The missionary love feast yesterday morning at 9 o'clock was interesting. Opening the service Prof. A. B. Huckins led in a song service and as the singing went on the people filled the great tabernacle where the love feast was held, and before the meeting had proceeded far, the tent was crowded. Shortly the chorus with Professor Apmadoc came to the platform and assisted to increase the volume of song. Several eminent clergymen occupied seats on the rostrum among them was Bishop Thomas Bowman.

Rev. D. S. Haywood of Holdrege conducted the exercises. He read for the scripture lesson the Twenty-first psalm. Then followed the promise song, "Blessed Assurance." Mr. Hayward in opening the meeting said he was thankful for the progress of Christianity in uplifting the world. This is a day that should be observed with quietude and piety. "The keynote of the meeting is, 'Why Do You Love Christ?' The subject is based on the Third chapter of First John Twenty-third verse. We are going to have Professor Huckins sing, 'I'll Go Where You Want Me Dear Lord,' and I want you each to resolve that you will go where God leads and be whatever God would have you be."

Mr. Huckins then sang the selection, the audience joining in the chorus. Mr. Haywood concluded by saying that the love feast was an old and sacred institution of the church. He had been led to it by his mother when a little boy. The love feast has become more popular during the last nine years, especially among young people.

Testimonials were called for. Everyone seemed anxious to tell of their faith and love to God. Many were testifying at once. People were standing all over the tent waiting to add their words of devotion to the cause they hold dear. As the meeting progressed old time Methodist songs resounded through the tent and out over the woodland. People were filled with joy that comes with intense religious feeling. "Let a Little Sun Shine In," was sung and the smiling faces increased that all had gladsome hearts.

Mr. Haywood told a touching story of an invalid lady who is a faithful Christian and who wished the prayers of Epworthians assembled.

Those who had lived a Christian life for fifty years were asked to stand up. About twenty grey haired people arose. Professor Huckins then by request sang "Unanswered Yet."

"How many young men in the audience are Christians?" asked the leader. A large number stood, testifying to that fact. Mr. Haywood said he was glad the church was no longer a kind of women's society, but was becoming an organization of young men. Then the young lady Christians were asked to stand an the aggregated a large number. All standing the "Love Feast," song was sung and the meeting closed with the league benediction.

Morning Worship.

More than 4,000 people worshiped God in the woodland tabernacle yesterday morning. An early service of testimony created a deeply religious atmosphere. The people were ready for the preaching of the word. A more gracious congregation of devoted listeners no preacher could ask for. The people were well dressed, but not overdressed. They deemed it best to wear their best just to pay some effort as they brought to their worship their best aspirations and intentions. It was not a congregation of women, for the men were in the majority. Men and women who had seen several score of years in the service of their Master were there and the younger men who are to fill their places were there with all the earnestness of earnest Christian manhood and womanhood.

Rev. C. M. Shepherd opened the service. Dr. I. D. Driver made the invocation.

The chorus chanted "God Still in the Temple."

A male quartet of the Tennesseeans sang "The Old Time Trouble."

Rev. George M. Brown led the people in the responsive reading of the ninety-first psalm.

After making the announcements President Jones presented in the name of the General Association a beautiful bouquet to Bishop Bowman.

The congregation united in singing "In the Cross of Christ I Glory."

Rev. Mr. Shepherd spoke of the world that had come to the assembly grounds that peace was established between the United States and Spain. He then introduced Bishop Thomas Bowman as one who had served in a lifelong battle and had ever been winning in the fight against sin.

Bishop Bowman's Sermon.

The bishop preached from the text "The kingdom of heaven is like unto a merchantman seeking goodly pearls," etc. Matt. 13 45-6.

He spoke first of the way in which Christ had to talk to the people. All of the old testament was written at least 400 years before Christ's time. The people had backsliden. They did not have Bibles in all their homes as you and I do.

"Christ accordingly spoke to the people in words that they understood and conveyed His great truths in the form of parables. This interested the people for the lessons were hidden away in the description of things that they were familiar with.

"The religion which Jesus was talking about is the greatest thing in the world. It is the pearl of great price. It is the only thing so far as I know which provides for our moral and spiritual needs.

"A good many of us forget that we have spiritual needs. I venture that many first thought in the morning what you were going to have for breakfast. Later you thought of how you were going to look when you appeared before this congregation. You spent more time before the looking glass than in prayer.

"Some say that men came from monkeys. They make a great deal of evolution. I say that God made our bodies and we should care for them. There are things we can't do and we ought not to do.

"There is a something in me which constitutes my personal identity which will come up again. There is not a drop of blood in my body which was there forty years ago.

"Conscience condemns us when we do what we know we ought not to do. Each of us has a conscience. Go where you please on the globe and you will find men have a conscience. Yet there is something higher than conscience. Go where you will and you will find men have an idea of a God.

"In all ages and countries there has been an idea of a God. When I went into China I found that they even had a kitchen god.

"The question is how are we to prepare for this higher spiritual part of us? We plant corn for our bodies. Thank God we have what we need in these scriptures."

The bishop related the story which a woman had once told him of her conversion. This woman went into her kitchen one day and said: "Jennie, I am the happiest woman in this town. I have the best husband, the nicest children and the best home. Better, the home is paid for, every dollar." The girl looked at her and putting her hand on her heart said: "I have here what I would not give for all that you have talked about. It is peace with God through the Lord Jesus Christ." The thought struck the woman strangely. She went upstairs and spent five hours in prayer and returning told the girl that she also had found the peace. The story was well told and many a handkerchief appeared in the audience.

Duty in Everything.

"We must learn to do our duty in our business and in all we do. If you perform your duties aright God will give you help. No temptation shall befall you but what you will be able to stand. How many times temptations come to us! God will guide us and keep us from all temptations if we will only trust Him.

"Then in afflictions God will stand by you. He is there to sustain you in time of trouble. This blessed salvation provides for all our wants."

Bishop Bowman spoke a little of the trouble which had come into his own life and testified that God had ever been his reformer. The bishop spoke calmly and confidently and the audience were much affected.

"This religion is the only thing which will prepare men to die. We have the assurance that God will be with us to the end of this earthly life."

Bishop Bowman asked how many wanted to meet with him in the world above. Every hand in the vast tabernacle was raised in an instant, for the bishop had won their hearts and awakened them to a greater love for God.

Mr. Furmer of Wesleyan university sang a tenor solo, "Christ Is All."

Rev. Mr. Crosthwaite gave a word of testimony concerning two women, aunts of the bishop, who had been mentioned during the sermon.

The congregation was dismissed with the doxology and benediction by Bishop Bowman.

The Noon Hour.

Dinner at the assembly grounds yesterday was a pleasing feature of the day. All day long there was a quietness that impressed one with the sacredness of the day and the reverence in which it is held by those attending the assembly. In the morning at 9 o'clock nearly all on the grounds went to the "love feast" meeting at the tabernacle, where they remained for an excellent sermon by their beloved bishop, Thomas Bowman. At the conclusion of the sermon the vast assemblage of people scattered over the grounds to partake of the noon hour meal.

Those who went down from the city carried huge baskets of good things about seeking some nice place to enjoy a picnic dinner.

Many tenters placed their tables under shade trees nearby, which fairly groaned beneath the loads of appetizing viands. Young ladies were seen making their toilet before eating in front of looking glasses hung to tent poles, while the good mothers made the last necessary preparation for serving the repast.

Groups of people sitting around temptingly meals of chicken, pie, fruits and other nice things made pleasing pictures on the grassy slopes which might have created envy in the heart of an artist. In one place was a company of five ladies and five gentlemen who seemed to be enjoying the opportunity the assembly affords for picnicking as they sat at a sumptuous spread. Another was a homelike scene, where the father and mother with their children sat about the table enjoying a meal in the woods.

Near by the assembly tabernacle were many pretty scenes. On the sloping grounds south of the tent several parties of young ladies enjoyed dinner beneath the trees. Hammocks were strung up to convenient trees and afforded nice places for recreation. Seats were carried from the tabernacle and improvised tables were made of them. One party close to the big tent who had commenced to eat had evidently forgot to ask the blessing, for an old lady was heard to say, "Why, no one prayed." Several groups took advantage of the tabernacle and ate dinner there.

A number of University Place people took their dinners to the Wesleyan university tabernacle and ate at that place.

Numerous interesting groups were noticed particularly on the high ground south of the switchback and about Epworth hall. The assembly restaurant nearby served a large number of meals. Altogether the noon hour at the assembly yesterday will long be remembered by those privileged to enjoy it.

AFTERNOON SERMON.

Immense Attendance to Hear Dr. Joseph Berry.

About 6,000 people swarmed into the shade of the tabernacle for the afternoon sermon. It was intensely warm and all the swishing of many fans hardly served to raise a cool zephyr. The crowds poured in from he city of tents to the tabernacle. Many stood for there were not benches enough for all. Chairs had been carried from all parts of the tent. The platform was packed with singers and honored speakers.

A musical program preceded the sermon. The audience joined in gospel hymns. The Tennesseeans gave several appropriate numbers.

The chorus sang "Daughter of Error," Mrs. Dr. Cotter taking the solo. The presentation was most acceptable.

Rev. Mr. Crosthwaite led in prayer.

When the people rose to sing "All Love Excelling," crowds were compelled by the great heat to leave the tabernacle. They wandered off into all parts of the grove in the almost vain search for a bit of coolness.

The park roads were crowded with people. Every shaded nook was seized.

The preacher was Dr. Joseph Berry, who asked all who expected to leave to go before he began and for the rest to believe that they were sitting on chunks of ice. After all who desired had gone there still remained a mammoth audience.

Dr. Berry preached from the text, "Come unto me all ye who labor and are heavy laden and I will give you rest." He showed how much Christ was longed for before His coming. Even the Pagans desired Him. The Hebrews were so anxious to know if the time of His coming was not at hand, that they searched and researched the old scriptures. Just when the Pagans desired Jesus most, just when the Jewish people longed for Him, Jesus came. He saw how weary the people were and He offered them rest.

"You will see that my theme is Jesus Christ, the panacea for all ills.

"Christ gives us intellectual rest. The universal demand is, 'I want to know.' This is the cry of the babe and of the old man. What have men not done to find out and give unto the world? Men have crawled on the ocean's depth to see if there were not some new creature unknown to science. Men have climbed the mountain peaks for the unknown.

"We could propound an endless number of questions to each other about common things, that we could not answer. What is heat? Can anyone tell? Do you know what gravitation is? Does anyone know? The little child goes out under the sky at night and says, 'Twinkle, twinkle, little star, how I wonder what you are?' The little child matriculates successively in the schools. He graduates from the university. He takes a post-graduate course. He grows to be a great astronomer and when fifty years old and more and goes out beneath the same sky and says again, 'Twinkle, twinkle, little star, how I wonder what you are?'

"Just so is it in all branches of science. We should comprehend all mysteries so far as we can and when we can go no further we should sit down quietly and take our Master for He will give us all that we want in the future life.

"Christ gives us also rest from social weariness. The dominant spirit of our political and social life is to get up higher. The great thing is to rise, no matter how many are trampled on. It is wrong. It is against the spirit of Jesus Christ.

"There are two great classes in our social life. One has nothing but disgust for the other. The second has nothing but hate for the first. The problem must be settled. Shall we have the classes exchange places? Shall we give the wealth of the one to the other? That might do for a while. But that is not the final solution of the problem. The solution is to put Jesus Christ into the hearts of both. There is only one heart that can touch it and that is Jesus Christ. He is the only remedy under the stars that can solve the problems that confront us today.

"Finally there is the heart rest. We all are lovers. We all have some object of extreme affection. One man loves art most, one his home, one himself. No man has rest until he loves God. We are all worshipers. We all worship something, but none of us can have rest in worship until we worship God.

"We are all sinners. We need not be reminded that we are sinners to make us uneasy in our sins. Christ has power to come into our hearts and drive out all sins.

"What about our sorrows? I see that most of us have joined the great fraternity of those who have had sorrows. Christ is the only one who can give you rest. God finds us almost over-burdened and He just puts His almightiness around about us and lifts us up to His heaven above."

President Jones made a vigorous protest that tickets were being peddled on the cars. He stated emphatically that the management had had nothing to do with such transactions, and had done all in its power to prevent. The management had taken every precaution and was not willing to be blamed for what might have been done by unscrupulous persons.

The Wesleyan quartet sang a pleasing number in conclusion.

AFTERNOON MEETINGS.

Temperance, Y. W. C. A. and Children's Special Services.

The rain came on just as the 4 o'clock meetings were beginning. The cold water meeting conducted by the temperance people at Epworth hall was the Mecca of everyone. The hall was packed from top to bottom. On the platform assembly speakers and noted temperance workers were placed.

A song service opened the meeting. Prof. A. B. Huckins led. The room was so dark that the notes could not be seen but the audience needed no notes for they knew the songs and sang most willingly.

Elder J. S. Edwards made a vigorous invocation for the assistance of God in the battle against liquor.

A. G. Wolfenbarger explained that the desire was to make a model temperance meeting. There would be many short speeches and lots of music. The truth was to be told without any strings on it.

Dr. I. D. Driver said that the evil of intemperance was one of the oldest of all evils. The moderns know little about what makes a man drunk. There is not a drop of intoxicating dring in corn or barley. You have got to crush the living germ to get the drink. It is carbon. What is carbon? It is carbon. We don't know anything about it.

"Why is every other murderer interdicted but this allowed free rein? What pushed down Alexander the great, the mighty conqueror? We have a license system which protects this murderer. "It is not God who has put the evil into the barley, so let us all as men and women of God drive the evil out."

Mrs. Gillett of the American volunteers sang a beautiful temperance song.

Rev. George M. Brown talked of the line of battle for temperance workers. "The gigantic size of this evil grows upon me more and more," he said. "We must take three lines and stick to them, agitation, education, and concentration.

"When everybody is conscious of what a great evil this is we may expect something to be done. Every state is divided. We must get together. In some parts of New York they are getting hold of local option.

"The boys and girls are learning more and more about this temperance question. We want to remember that we can put that into the heart of a boy which will arise to fruit, it may be, when we are in our graves."

Mr. Wolfenbarger said that two things killed a meeting, long speeches and the fidgets. He entreated the people to hold still and hear the good things that were worth going ten miles to hear. The restlessness was caused by worried people investigating the clouds every few minutes to see if the shower would not stop soon.

The roof of Epworth hall was almost taken off by the singing of a gospel hymn.

Mrs. S. M. Walker, state president of the W. C. T. U. plead for individual effort. "The government makes demands of our boys. Let us see that something is done to protect them. Everyone has responsibilities for which he must answer to God. God help us to do our duty."

Prof. A. B. Huckins sang "Somebody's Boy."

The field secretary for the assembly, Professor McBrien, stated that we are living in heroic times. "Not long ago all hearts were inspired when our soldiers went forth in the interests of humanity. I long to the day when we will have a man who, as our president said the suffering in Cuba must cease, will arrest the further suffering caused by the liquor traffic. May we not say that this nation cannot much longer endure half-sober? I believe that the day is coming when we will exist as a sober, God-fearing nation.

"Give us such men as Bishop Ireland and Woolley to arouse the conscience of our people."

Mrs. C. M. Woodward spoke of the inadequacy of all the institutions organized for the betterment of men and women. She did not want to be a pessimist but she had seen so much advancement in forty years in certain lines and so little in the saving of souls that she was discouraged. Life saving service is carried on so successfully on the sea coast. Why not save the lives of the many who are dying from drink? She spoke of the great good of the local meetings.

Rev. C. M. Shepherd was kept from the meeting by illness but sent word that he was with the workers heart and soul.

Rev. Frank Colony of Dorchester had three points. It does not make so much difference where a man stands as it does which way he is going. So long as there are nations struggling there is hope. I have hope for America but that does not prevent one's seeing that she is throttled by a terrible curse.

The drunkard is not the menace to our land but the temperance people who fail to put on sand. The brightest feature is that those who are most earnest in the work are getting ready to come out from the walls of party and join hand to hand.

Professor Huckins was asked to sing, "Where Is My Wandering Boy Tonight?"

John Dale was introduced as a rare specimen with the statement that he was a righteous man from Omaha.

This speaker did not know how God was going to blot the evil out but he was confident that He would in some way. He looked with hope to the young people's organizations.

Mrs. Gillett again sang very pleasingly.

An open parliament was held for five minutes. Speech after speech came in quick succession.

Mr. Wolfenbarger had difficulty in keeping the people within the limit of time since all had so much to say.

At the close all were asked to join the pledge.

Children's Services.

The only children's service held during the day came at 4 o'clock in the junior pavilion, where a model junior league meeting was held. Every seat was taken. Mrs. G. W. Isham conducted the meeting. The opening consisted of songs and the repeating of the creed and the Lord's prayer.

Gladys Beall, the little daughter of Judge Beall of Hastings, sang. Miss Mabel Dana of Manhattan, Kas., gave a whistling accompaniment.

Miss Isham drew the children out by questions upon the subject of the heart. God does not give us bad or unclean hearts. She illustrated with two glasses of water and a pure white sponge. In one glass the water was clean, in the other muddy. The sponge was unharmed by dipping in one, but soiled by the water of the other.

Our hearts are soiled by naughty deeds. We gather so much dirt in our hearts that we need help to clean them. Jesus will give this help.

The sponge was cleaned by squeezing out the dirt that was in it and then washing it. We must wash our hearts in the blood of Jesus. This costs us nothing but it cost Christ the suffering of the cross.

Mrs. Isham told how she had found Jesus. Many little witnesses testified to their experience.

When our own hearts are cleaned we must help others clean theirs.

The meeting ended with prayer and song.

Y. W. C. A. Meeting.

The gospel meeting of the Young Woman's Christian association held at Trinity headquarters, though not as largely attended as anticipated, was very helpful. Mrs. Woodcock took as the foundation of her talk the 20th and 21st verses of the second chapter of Timothy. Instead of aspiring to be gold and silver vessels, we should be content to be the vessels of wood and of earth. The poorest vessels are sometimes most gloriously used for the Master.

Rev. Mr. Fulcomer, the pastor of the United Brethren church at Crete, also spoke, telling something of his daughter's work in Alaska. Nearly everyone present had something to say of their own desire to be of use in the Master's service. "More Love to Thee, Oh Christ," was sung in closing.

Y. M. C. A. Meeting.

Immediately after Dr. Berry's sermon at 4 o'clock the Y. M. C. A. held a meeting at the tabernacle. The meeting was presided over by W. W. Dougherty, secretary of the Lincoln city Y. M. C. A.

The meeting commenced with a song service led by Clark Oberlies. A cloud in the north had been coming up for some time and as the singing was getting at its best the rain commenced falling. The water ran down the roof of the canvas and just over the speaker's stand the canvas roof sagged and the water came through, nearly causing Mr. Oberlies to undergo an involuntary baptism by the stream, which descended. The tent leaked a little at first and umbrellas were raised. Finally the rain stopped sufficiently so that the meeting was successfully carried out.

Rev R. A. Barnes of Cedar Bluffs offered a prayer after which a selection "The Rock of Ages" was given by the Tennesseeans which was greatly appreciated by all present.

"Shall We Meet Beyond the River" was sung by the Wesleyan quartet. They were recalled and gave another selection.

Secretary Dougherty made a short talk in which he commended the Y. M. C. A. to every young man. He then asked the Tennesseans to sing again. They gave a lively number, entitled, 'Good News Coming." This pleased the audience so well that by a persistent applause the singers were called back to sing again.

Dr. B. L. Paine was introduced to take charge of the meeting. He made a short talk and in his usual good style soon had everyone in a happy frame of mind. He asked for a testimony service. In a humorous illustration he gave his audience to understand that he did not admire too long a testimony but would rather have them short and prompt. A rousing good testimony service followed many of the young men telling of the good the Y. M. C. A. could do for every young man. Numerous songs were sung throughout the service. Dr. Joseph F. Berry was present and added his testimony. Another song was sung and the meeting was dismissed with a brief prayer by L. O. Jones.

Good Dinners.

The Woman's Relief corps is meeting with great success in the assembly restaurant. Over 100 dinners were served one day. Nearly as many patronize the restaurant mornings and nights. It is impossible to estimate the sale of tickets. Many season tickets were sold, at the opening of the assembly, and no record has been kept. The lunch is very popular. It is conducted on the European plan.

The women use none but the best water in preparing their food, which is served in a neat, attractive way.

The lodging department was well patronized Saturday night. The ladies inside were very comfortable. Sheets had been stretched around the porch, where the men lodged. The wind dislodged these but they were immediately replaced. All were warm and dry.

Many who have visited the restaurant and lodging house have expressed their desire that the same ladies have charge next year.

WORK OF THE JUNIORS.

Mrs. Gates Likens Children to Potter's Clay.

The second meeting with the juniors at the assembly by Mrs. J. R. Woodcock was held in the junior pavilion Saturday evening at 4 o'clock. After a song service prayer was offered by Mrs. Woodcock.

A good attendance of expectant children greeted Mrs. Woodcock, who seemed to be at her best in methods of work with the little folks. A number of junior superintendents were present to obtain benefit from the instruction offered.

Mrs. Gates of Peru, took up the subject of the meeting, "Clay For Moulding. What Should be its Constituency?" Some clay may have foreign substance which will prevent its successful moulding. The way we mould it is important. To get the best results we must use our finger tips, that is tact and care in working with children.

Mrs. Woolcock.

Mrs. Woodcock followed by saying: "The clay we read about in the Bible is the children of Israel. We are God's clay. To the junior superintendent the children are her clay.

"You should not get your clay too dry or wet. The dry clay calls our attention more than the wet. A baby would be termed wet clay, not having reached the proper maturity for junior work. But the dry clay calls our attention. We see a potter whirling a pot around in his fingers but suddenly it drops from his hands useless. What is the matter? The clay is too dry.

"Now we have some juniors, when they get along about ten or twelve years old, we can't hold them in the junior meetings. What is the matter? The clay has become to dry to be moulded and worked. "We have little children who are clay in our hands, which we can mould to our liking. You accomplish more junior superintendents, if you take three months to get a right thought in the head of an infant than if you labor long with an older child. Take the child while it is wet clay if you want to mould it with success."

A number of blackboard illustrations were shown to more fitly illustrate the subject.

THE TENNESSEEANS.

Some Account of the Popular Singers.

Snowden and Miller's original Tennesseeans have already gained the affection, praise and appreciation of everyone at the Epworth assembly, where the sweet voiced accomplished singers are engaged for the week. At their first appearance Wednesday evening they received an ovation and their jolly plantation songs Saturday, interspersed with some deeply sacred selections delighted the great audiences which called and recalled them to sing again. It would be difficult to find a chorus of jubilee singers that could surpass them in melody and harmony. A representative of The Journal interviewed P. R. Miller, manager of the company, at his hotel. Mr. Miller is an educated and cultured gentleman and easy to approach. He said:

"The Snowden and Miller's original Tennesseeans were originally organized in 1875, to sing for the benefit of the Central Tennessee college at Nashville, under the direction of Mr Donavan. After several years of successful concerts Mr Donavan took the company for his personal benefit and traveled from ocean to ocean, through Canada and all through the southern states. Mr. Donavan died several years ago and Snowden and Miller of Chicago assumed management of the company.

"This," said Mr. Miller, "is the first year that I have alone managed the company. The company comprises nine people, including myself. Miss Neal G. Hawkins is and has been the leading soprano for four years. She had previously travelled for several years in other concert work before joining the Tennesseeans. Miss Ereshine Brown is with the company her first season, and is also a soprano. Miss Belle Stone is with the company her fifth season and sings contralto.

"The male quartet is comprised of R. L. Moore, F. B. Waring, C. E. Williams and William C. Buckner. These gentlemen have all been with the company for several seasons. All are especially adapted to humorous selections. A. B. Johnson is the pianist for the company.

"These singers understanding each other as they do, from long association together and by the careful direction of Mr Buckner their musical director, produce a perfect harmony, reminding one of the tones of a big organ.

"Miss Hawkins, no doubt, is the best soprano who has travelled in this class of entertainment.

"Our concerts are usually given under the auspices of some church, society or college, or other like institutions. The company has appeared many times in Lincoln before this. Perhaps the most notable appearance here at Lincoln was under the management of Mrs Perkins and other ladies of the First Baptist church two years ago.

"The members of the company are always pleased when the announcement is made that they are coming to Lincoln. We have always been well received and really flattered by Lincoln people.

"We feel the compliment very keenly of having been selected by the Rev. Dr. C. M. Shepherd to take part in the assembly entertainments, and we hope that our singing will be pleasantly received by those who come and hear us.

"As the majority of the members of the company are church people and two of them active Christian endeavorers, we will find as much enjoyment in the assembly as any who visit it so that we are doubly benifited. We anticipate a week of profit and pleasure."

Today's Program.

The program for today is as folows:

The Morning Hours.

8:00—Pentecostal services, conducted by Rev. E. L. Eaton, D. D.

9:00—School of Epworth methods, "Departments Number Two and Three," Rev. Joseph F Berry D. D; the juniors in session "A Mighty Battle," conducted by Mrs. G. W. Isham; W. C. T. U. school of methods, subject, "Verdict of Heredity," Dr. Inez Philbrick.

10:30—Sermon, Rev. I. D Driver, D. D.

The Afternoon Hours.

1:45—The Tennesseeans and assembly chorus.

2:15—Lecture, "India," Bishop Thomas Bowman, D. D., LL. D.

4:00—Preachers' institute subject, "Job," conducted by Chancellor W. F. McDowell; school of junior methods, conducted by Mrs. J. R. Woodcock; chorus drill, conducted by Prof W. Apmadoc.

6:00—C. L. S. C. round table, subject, "How to Keep Young," Rev. G. M. Brown, reunion of alumni of Wesleyan university.

7:30—The assembly chorus.

8:00—Grand concert, Snowden and Miller's original Tennesseeans.

Assembly Affairs.

Jamaica league has headquarters at the assembly.

P. McNicol was a visitor at the assembly yesterday.

No gathering could afford more pretty girls than the Epworth assembly.

The restaurant was crowded to its full capacity for every meal yesterday.

C. F. Bedell and wife and a sister of Mr. Bedell's, attended the assembly yesterday.

A drunk man tried to get into the Epworth assembly yesterday, but was refused admittance at the gates.

The headquarters tent was opened from noon on. No business was transacted, but information of various kinds was given.

Ice was in great demand during the day. Tenters broke that with which the barrels were filled and carried pieces to their tents.

Each day increases the popularity of the Tennesseeans. They will give their last full concert tonight at assembly tabernacle.

All kinds of furniture was brought by the campers. There are many refrigerators. A heavy sofa takes the larger part of one tent.

An imposing feature of the assembly is the high flag staff just west of the tabernacle. Old glory floats proudly from the staff.

The rain yesterday afternoon was exceedingly welcome to the heat-troubled people. A rush was made to places of shelter. Ladies from the city who had worn their fine hats and gowns were rather excited. The little brook under Dewey bridge went rushing like a miniature torrent. The roads were very muddy after the shower.

E. T. Mowbray and wife were at the assembly yesterday. Their daughter, Miss Della, is camping with her friend, Miss Lou Peebles.

Waverly Epworth league has headquarters north of the assembly tabernacle. Tenters north of the tabernacle have a pleasant location.

An overflow audience greeted Dr. Jos. F. Berry at the tabernacle when he lectured at 2:30 yesterday afternoon. The address was a masterly effort.

A good proof of the highly cultured class of people at the Epworth assembly lies in the fact that hardly anyone is seen smoking and no swearing is heard.

Many couples of young ladies and gentlemen yesterday afternoon promenaded the fine walks of the assembly grounds before the rain came in the afternoon. They seemed to enjoy the park's scenery.

Rev. I. D Driver, D. D., preaches at 10:30 each morning in assembly tabernacle. His audiences grow larger at each service. Dr Driver is one of the strongest preachers ever in this part of the country.

All the stands and assembly headquarters were closed yesterday. No business was transacted. Some of the small boys tried to get ice cream, but the stand people refused to sell the frigid refreshment.

Messrs. Dale and Hazzard came down from Omaha to visit the assembly yesterday. They had nothing but praise for the Epworth assembly and were surprised to see such a large attendance. They did not expect to see so many people there.

Chancellor W. F. McDowell was perhaps the most popular lecturer at the assembly last year and has been secured for the assembly this year. He will arrive on the grounds today and at 4 o'clock will conduct the preachers' institute in Epworth hall.

Bishop Thomas Bowman has been a bishop in the Methodist church for twenty-six years. He has been quite a traveler and has toured most of the continents. His lecture this afternoon on India will be heard on personal experiences and observations of the bishop while travelling in that country. Lecture at assembly tabernacle at 2:15 p. m.

The day at Lincoln park yesterday was unusually different from Sundays generally there. Probably 10,000 people were present at the grounds and not a word or act was there to mar the occasion or hurt the feelings of the most refined. All the services were excellent and the great crowd enjoyed the fine religious meetings and exercises immensely.

The Burlington Excursions.

Denver and return, $24.15, daily.

Colorado Springs and return, $24.15 daily.

Hot Springs and return, $15 50, August 9.

Yellowstone park and return, $17.50, daily.

Indianapolis and return, $18.40, August 19, 20 and 21.

Indianapolis and return, $20, August 7 and 8.

Cincinnati and return, $18 60, September 2, 3 4 and 5.

Full information at B. & M. depot or city office, corner Tenth and O street.

G. W BONNELL,
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Grand Encampment Knights of Pythians—$18.40 Indianapolis, Ind. and Return, $18.40.

Everybody can purchase tickets via the Elkhorn line (Northwestern) to Indianapolis and return August 18, 19 and 20, for $18 10 each full ticket, or $9 20 for each half ticket. By extens on ticket limited to September 10, for return. For other conditions, etc, call on A. S. Fielding, C. T. A., 117 So. 10th street.

W. N. Rehlaender, 1125 O st., druggist.

Our Great

Attraction

For

Monday.

The selling of all our Men's Crash Suits.

Every man who really desires to be comfortable during the remainder of the summer should make a vigorous effort to be with us early this morning.

Here's the Program:

Men's Crash Suits, former price $2.25, reduced to **$1.50**

Men's Crash Suits, former price $2.75, reduced to **$1.75**

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These Suits run in sizes from 34 to 50 chest. We can fit you all.

All We Ask Is for You to be With Us Early . . .

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SPECIAL ORDER NO. 1.

Headquarters Nebraska Division Union Veteran Union.

The National Encampment Union Veteran Union will be held at Rock Island, Ill., Aug. 9th, 10th and 11th.

The Chicago, Rock Island & Pacific railroad having granted special rates for delegates and members from all points in Nebraska and through Iowa, is hereby declared the official road.

All delegates and Comrades are requested to meet the general and staff at the Union depot, Omaha, at 6 30 p. m., August 8th.

Comrades along the Union Pacific will purchase their tickets from that road via Rock Island railroad. By order

E T. KNIGHT, Gen'l Com.,
By J. FRANCIS HOPPER,
Adjutant General.

$13.45 to Rock Island, Ill., and Return.

For the Union Veterans' encampment at Rock Island, Ill., Aug., 9-14, the "Great Rock Island Route," will sell round trip tickets for one fare plus $2.00. The Great Rock Island has been selected as the official route. See special order No. 1 of Adjt. Gen'l. J. Francis Hopper.

Tickets will be on sale Aug. 8 and 9; return limit Aug. 20th.

FRANK L. MILLER,
C. P & T. A.

$18.40 Round Trip to Indianapolis, $18.40.

On August 19, 20 and 21 the Burlington will sell round trip tickets to Indianapolis, Ind., for the convention of the supreme lodge, Uniform Rank encampment, Knights of Pythias, at $18 40. Tickets good to return August 23 to 30. By depositing ticket with joint agent an extension until September 10 may be secured. For further particulars call at Burlington city ticket office, 10th and O sts. G. W. BONNELL, C. P. & T. A.

Nebraska Pensions.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 7.—The following is the issue of Nebraska pensions:

Original—Jacob A. Schmutz, Shickley, $6; Frank S. Wells, Bruning, $6; Jacob O. McGrew, Creighton, $6; July Miles, Omaha, $6; Benjamin R. Royce, Deweese, $6.

Additional—James D. Sherman, sailors' and soldiers' home, Milford, $6.

Chicago, $10.90—St. Paul and Minneapolis, $9.65.

Commencing August 9th and until further notice, the Great Rock Island will sell tickets to Chicago for $10.90, St. Paul and Minneapolis $9.65.

Correspondingly reduced rates to all points east. For further information call at city ticket office, 11th and O streets. Or depot, corner 20th and O streets.

FRANK L. MILLER,
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Custer, South Dakota, and Return, $16.95.

On August 9th and 26th, September 10th and 20th the Burlington will sell round trip tickets to Custer, South Dakota, at rate of one fare, $16.95 for the round trip. Good for 30 days. This trip enables one to visit the famous Sylvan lake and enjoy the grandeur of Black Hills scenery.

G. A. R. Cincinnati, O.

$18 60 round trip via the Burlington. Date of sale September 2, 3, 4, and 5; limit, September 13; by depositing ticket an extension can be had to October 2. For further information and tickets apply at B. & M. depot or city office, corner 10th and O sts.

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