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Cleveland, O., July 11.—The thirtieth International Christian Endeavor convention opened in this city this evening with gatherings in fourteen churches and the Y. M. C. A. Auditorium, making fifteen congregations.

At the Euclid avenue Baptist church, Rev. J. Z. Tyler, pastor, presiding, Rev. M. B. Binford of Richmond, Ind., spoke on "The Spiritual Life of Endeavorers," and "Joel's Prophecy" was the subject of remarks by Mrs. Frances J. Barnes of New York city, while Rev. Charles A. Dickinson of Boston talked of "The Life that Tells."

At the Calvary Presbyterian church, Rev. D. O. Mears, D. D., pastor, presiding, the addresses were on "The Deeper Thing in Christian Endeavor," by Rev. Gilby C. Kelly, D. D., of Owensboro, Ky., and "Reproducing the Christ Life" by Rev. Pleasant Hunter of Minneapolis, Minn.

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LEGAL AND MEDICAL OPINIONS OBTAINED BY THE WARDEN ON THE GALLOWS.

The controversy between the state board of charities and Warden James L. Woodbridge of the Connecticut state prison over the structure of the gallows to be used in hanging the convicted murderer, John Cronin, August 24, assumed a new phase yesterday.

It will be remembered that on June 7 Secretary Whittlesey of the state board of charities addressed a long communication to Warden Woodbridge, in which specific complaints were made that the gallows which had been designed was less humane in its operation than the one heretofore used in the executions in the state, that it was constructed in such a manner that the official performing the execution evaded responsibility, that there was not sufficient precautions against unforeseen mishaps and that the condemned man virtually hangs himself, and consequently adds to his crime of murder that of suicide.

On July 4 Secretary Whittlesey again addressed a communication to Warden Woodbridge in which a copy of a vote of the state board of charities passed July 2, was enclosed as follows: "Voted, That it is the opinion of this board that the proposed method of inflicting the death penalty as shown in the working of the model of the hydraulic gallows recently erected in the state prison does not carry out the sentence of the court in accordance with the provisions as laid down in the statutes of the state, and that in the case of performing the death penalty, the condemned man in the prison in his capacity as executioner, be requested to abandon the intention of using a gallows made and operated after the model aforesaid."

No official notice of these communications was taken until Tuesday, when Frederick A. Spencer, M. W. Lawton and E. M. Chapin, the committee of the board of state prison directors upon the erection of the building and hanging apparatus, and Warden James L. Woodbridge met at the prison and in presence of Dr. Harmon G. Howe and Dr. William W. Knight, the medical experts, tested the model of the gallows which has been formally adopted as the state instrument for inflicting the death penalty.

The model adopted is a modification of the hydraulic gallows used by the state of Colorado. It is much simpler in construction and every motion is positive. It consists of a frame at one end of which is a box or trough enclosing a weight, which is to over balance the body of the condemned man. This weight is held at the top of the box by a lever weighted with small shot. The shot run out of a box into a receptacle underneath, very much as the sand runs from the upper to the lower part of an hour-glass. When the shot are all run out of the lever is released and the weight attached to the rope around the culprit's neck drops, sending the man into the air with a sudden jerk, which is followed by an immediate fall. A dial registers the movement of the shot and by a pressure upon the lever it can be hastened or retarded. The execution can take place in ten or in five minutes after the man is on the platform. The condemned man will see only the rope with the noose, and the gallows operates silently.

In connection with the controversy with the state board of charities Warden Woodbridge asked the opinion of Gross, Hyde & Shipman, the well known law firm of Hartford, and the opinion of Drs. Howe and Knight, the medical experts. Both sustain the warden and directors, and the latter went up their statement by saying that "they are as much interested in the humane execution of the law as the state board of charities."

THE NORTHERN PACIFIC. A committee appointed to protect the interest of the bondholders. A committee consisting of Johnston Livingston, chairman, Henry S. Redmond of Redmond, Kerr & Co., Luther Kountze of Kountze Bros., Dumont Clarke, president of the American Exchange National bank, and Charles S. Fairchild, national bank of New York Security and Trust company of New York, owning and representing a large number of Northern-Pacific Railroad company's second mortgage bonds, has been formed to protect the interests of said bondholders. The statement is made that it is of the utmost importance that the interests of the second mortgage bondholders should be represented by a committee free from an alliance with junior securities. A circular setting forth the plan of the committee and a bond holders' agreement are in course of preparation. Bonds should be deposited with the New York Security and Trust company of New York in exchange for its negotiable temporary receipts.

Died of Lockjaw. On the Fourth of July James McManus, the eight-year-old son of John McManus of the corner of Washington and West streets, was playing in a dump cart that stood on West street. He had a small toy pistol in his hand. Some one mischievously overturned the cart and the boy fell out; as he did so, scratching his left hand on the index finger, between the first and second joints. He paid no attention to the scratch at first, thinking it only to be a flesh wound.

Monday night the boy awoke, crying with an intense pain in his hand. The father examined the boy and at once sent for Dr. B. S. Lewis of 1,093 Chapel street, who made the little fellow easy up the next morning. Tuesday morning the doctor examined the boy again and found serious symptoms of lockjaw. After a long consultation with brother physicians, Dr. McNeil and others, all hope was given up, and in spite of all that they could do for him the little fellow died at 2 o'clock yesterday morning.

A GROWING ORGANIZATION.

The Catholic Benevolent Legion of Connecticut, which held its annual meeting in New Britain Tuesday, July 10, is as its name implies, a distinctive Catholic organization and an estimate of its value and strength can be obtained from the following: The report of the state secretary, James Scanlon of this city, showed that the order is growing rapidly. Three new councils were instituted in the state during the year. At present there are eleven councils in Connecticut with a membership of 700, an increase of 100 for the year ending June 30. The amount of insurance carried by the members in the state December 31, 1893, was \$82,000. From June 30, 1893, to June 30, 1894, there were four deaths: one in Norwich, two in Bridgeport and one in New Britain. The amount paid to the benefit fund by members who have died was \$32.32. The amount paid to the beneficiaries was \$5,000. The total amount paid into the benefit fund for the first six months of the year was \$6,353.91. Twelve members were suspended from June 30, 1894, to December 31, 1894. The amount in the general fund in all the councils in the state December 31, 1893, was \$2,302.75. The amount paid to sick members was \$560. The Catholic Benevolent legion was organized September 5, 1881, and chartered under the laws of the state of New York. It is a fraternal insurance organization and is national, there being 456 councils in twenty-one states, the District of Columbia and the Dominion of Canada. The total membership is 41,029. It has paid out on death claims from date of organization to June 30, 1894, on 2,189 deaths, an amount equal to \$1,778,855.88. The order is a Roman Catholic one and all males between the ages of eighteen and fifty-five, who are morally and physically qualified, are eligible to membership. In the matter of benevolence the legion is second to none. The business of the order is conducted with tact and ability. Thousands of homes have been preserved and made glad by the order in the midst of sorrow. The legion provides sick benefits, care and sympathy in distress and pays a sum amount not exceeding \$5,000 to the family of a deceased member.

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