

CHURCH RECORD

Review of Progress of American Denominations in 1896.

STEADY INCREASE IS SHOWN

Largest Among Evangelical Organizations.

Deductions Made by an "Observer"—Liberals Not Popular.

MR. EDITOR.—The Christians of this community have been greatly aided and cheered by the addresses of Mr. John R. Mott, General Secretary of the World's Students' Christian Federation.

THE CHURCHES IN 1896.

Table with 4 columns: Denomination, Min., Church-esters, No. of Comm-unicants. Lists various denominations like Baptists, Catholics, Christians, etc.

The totals of all denominations in the United States in 1896 are as follows: Ministers, 136,960; churches, 183,761; communicants, 25,424,233.

INCREASE FOR 1896.

Table with 4 columns: Denomination, Min., Church-esters, Comm-unicants. Shows increases for various denominations.

Decrease. *Largely due to immigration.

The total net gain for all denominations in the United States in 1896 was: Ministers, 6,722; churches, 3,663; communicants, 743,332.

The average daily increase was 18 ministers, 19 churches and over 2,000 communicants. A careful study of the more complete statistical tables given in the New York Independent (January 7, 1897) clearly indicates, among other things, the following:

That these denominations, whose ministers preach Jesus Christ, and him crucified as the only way of salvation from sin, are the ones which are really growing and exercising spiritual influence. That those denominations, whose ministers and members are least afflicted with that form of spiritual paralysis, self-styled the "higher criticism," are the ones which seem to be the most successful in winning men from a life of sin to a life of love, purity and righteousness.

That, as long as there continues to be, as at present, in these denominations millions of men and women who have actual experimental knowledge of the Lord Jesus Christ, as their personal Savior from a life of sin, no amount of gibes or jeers will alter the facts, or stem the flowing tide of righteousness.

That the so-called "orthodox denominations" are likely to pursue the even tenor of their way as long as the statistics of those denominations which

reject Jesus Christ as God and Savior, furnish abundant proof that the self-called "Liberals" are lacking in spiritual vitality or dying from the dry-rot of formality. OBSERVER.

PERSONAL AND PECULIAR

Astor owns 4000 houses. The camel has the most complicated system of digestive organs.

January 1 was made the beginning of the legal year in England in 1752. It is said that the Greenland whale sometimes attains the age of 400 years.

The shark is capable of biting harder than any other fish or animal in the world.

Celery acts upon the nervous system, and is a cure for rheumatism and neuralgia.

In proportion to its size, the horse has a smaller stomach than any other quadruped.

During last year 2,929 new buildings were erected in St. Louis, at a cost of \$10,000,000.

Switzerland is the only civilized country in the world which grants no patents for inventions.

Only 1,882 new miles of railway were built in the United States last year—a smaller number than in any year since 1875.

A new ocean-going yacht is to be built for Queen Victoria in place of the Victoria and Albert, the present royal yacht.

The year 1900 will not be the beginning of the next century, as some suppose. The next century will begin in the year 1901.

The new organ of the Church of St. Ignatius, San Francisco, weighs more than 100,000 pounds, and has more than 5,000 pipes.

During the last twenty years the railways of the world have absorbed 50,000,000 tons of steel, or almost half the total product.

Some of the towns in the North of England have their water pipes made of glass, protected with an asphalt covering to prevent fracture.

How the horse market fell off last fall might have been seen at Lexington, Ky., lately, when thoroughbred colts were sold at \$60 a dozen.

Sir Arthur Sullivan can now command \$3,500 down for one song, while from "The Lost Chord" alone it is said that he has realized over \$50,000.

Ex-Senator Sawyer, of Wisconsin, has added \$5,000 to his recent gift of \$25,000 to the endowment fund of Lawrence University in Appleton, Wis.

England's iron and steel trade is improving. The imports of foreign metal in 1896 were \$20,000,000 higher than in either of the two preceding years.

Only 70 years have elapsed since the first railway in the world was finished. During that comparatively brief period 400,000 miles have been constructed.

In Russia there were 4,250,000 births last year, or 1,037,000 more than the deaths. In the United States there were 1,950,000 more births than deaths.

Seven hundred and sixty-two different kinds of plants have been found within the Arctic circle; 95 per cent of them are pale or absolutely colorless.

When ex-Queen Lill left the august presence of Mr. Cleveland the other day, she blithely carolled, "Just Tell Them That You Saw Me."—Troy Budget.

At a meeting the other day a Belgian company declared its inability to pay a dividend because of the hard times and the "severe competition in gambling in Belgium."

The Marquess of Dufferin has accepted the presidency of the movement started at Bristol to celebrate the 400th anniversary of the discovery of North America by the two Cabots.

Henry James, president of the Citizens' National Bank of Baltimore, has been chosen president of the Baltimore Clearing House Association, to fill the vacancy caused by the death of Enoch Pratt.

In 1896 \$5 in every \$8 worth of goods imported into the United States came through the port of New York, and of the country's total commerce \$10 in every \$15 was credited to Greater New York.

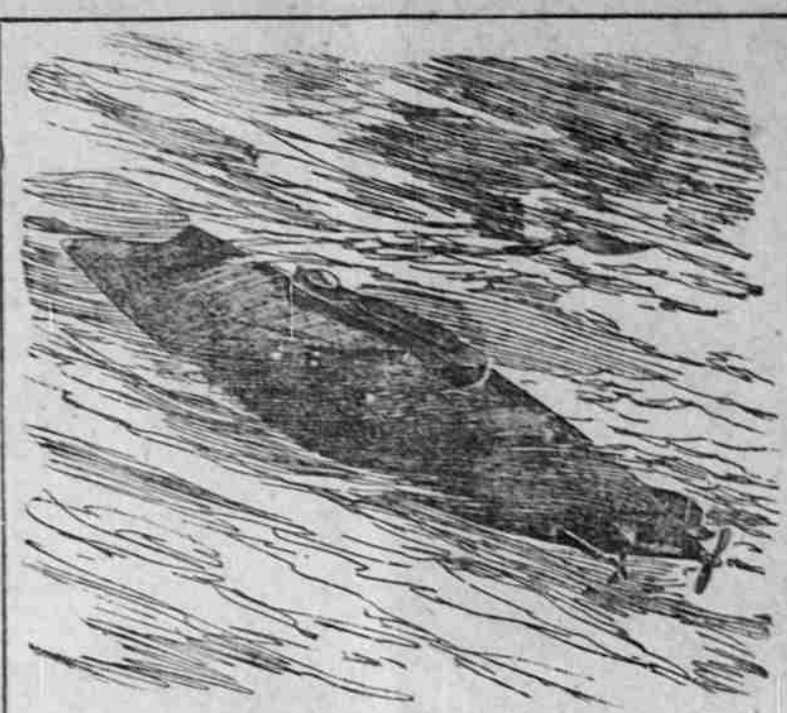
A mining prospector, whose experience is said to cover almost every mining region of the Northwest, has been lately waxing enthusiastic over the future of the Cascade range in Oregon as a gold producing section.

Prof. Kanematz's silkworm colony, comprising more than 30,000 worms, at Coquille, Ore., has concluded its cocoon spinning. The Professor says the work has been done much quicker and better this season than before, and if anything, the cocoons are better also.

A case that has baffled physicians in New Jersey is that of Miss Anna Carlson of Lower Alloway, a small settlement in Salem County. Her affliction is with her eyes. While she sees all objects readily and clearly, in taking up reading matter of any kind the letters become inverted.

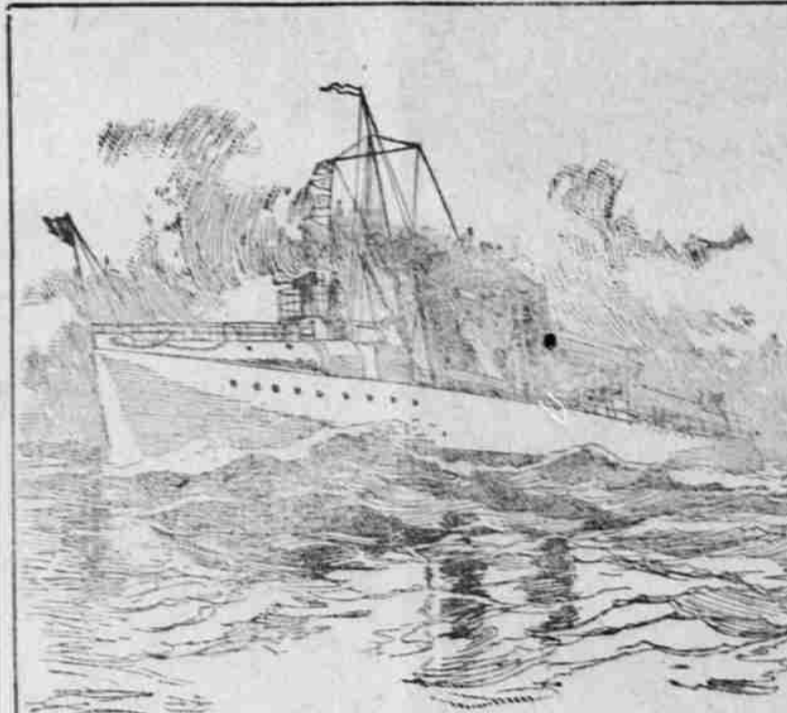
Prof. George S. Moier, of Cornell, recently succeeded in photographing a butterfly's tongue. Nobody has hitherto known what the tongue of a butterfly was like. Now we know that a butterfly carries his tongue coiled up, like the mainspring of a watch, and that, when spread out, it is several times longer than his body.

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