

Union Department

Prepared Exclusively for The Journal.

Clyde Porter was a business visitor in Murray last Monday morning, driving over to the neighboring town in his car.

Mrs. W. E. Banning was a visitor in Lincoln last Monday and Tuesday, where she went to look after some apartments for the winter.

Sherman Osborne, who has been living at or near Bolivar, Mo., for some time returned to Union one day last week and will make his home here for the present.

The Missouri Pacific has traveled that portion of the highway which crosses the railroad tracks and thus has extended the area which has been cared for on their highway.

George A. Stites was at Nebraska City with a load of hogs for R. E. Foster and was back at Union before noon. They both attended the J. J. Pollard sale at Nehawka in the afternoon.

T. J. Brendel of Murray, was a visitor in Union last Monday, for a short time, while on his way to Auburn, where he is working this week, he being an inspector for the state.

Charles Osborne of Bolivar, Mo., formerly of near Union, and who has been in the south for some time, returned to Nebraska City last week and is making his home there for the present.

Last Monday Edward Dowler had a truck load of calves to the stock yards at South Omaha and also took a truck load of hogs to Nebraska City and was at the sale at Nehawka at three o'clock.

As the roads were very bad last Monday, R. E. Foster and Clifford McQuin took shanks horses and went to the sale at Nehawka, going via the Mo. Pac. tracks and made exceptionally fast time.

Notwithstanding the inclemency of the weather last Sunday the Rev. W. A. Taylor was a visitor at Wabash where he conducted services both

morning and evening, and reports excellent meetings.

Mont Robb was a visitor in Union for the week end at his home and on Monday afternoon departed for Seward, where he goes to look after some business for the firm with which he is working.

Col. W. R. Young of Plattsmouth, deputy sheriff and auctioneer, business visitor in Union for a short time last Monday morning enroute for Nehawka, where he went to conduct the sale for J. J. Pollard.

J. H. Rhuman and David Murray shipped hogs to the Nebraska City market Tuesday, and John Armstrong shipped his on Wednesday, and they were well pleased with the prices at which the hogs are selling.

Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Sheeley of North Bend arrived in Union last Sunday evening and are spending a few days here. They came to visit for a few days and will also look after some business matters while here.

On account of the very unfavorable weather which has prevailed during the past few days it was deemed advisable to conclude the series of meetings which have been held in Union for some time past.

Mrs. Fred Tigner was called to Iowa, just across the river from Union, last Sunday, and early Monday morning called over the telephone saying, "It is a girl!" and every one doing well. The newly arrived little Miss is a niece of Mrs. Tigner, and she is quite well pleased also.

E. W. Keedy, the druggist, was a visitor in Omaha last Monday, where he went to look after some business matters and also to consult a specialist regarding the progress of the healing of the wound made by the operation for the correction of some nasal trouble from which he has been suffering. Mr. Keedy is getting along nicely at this time in his convalescing.

Tony Sudath and E. W. Keedy have both installed a Zenith radio, and are listening in on the world. They had the papers skinned during the past few days as the wires were down and not much could be done over the Associated Press wires, and the press had to depend on radio for their news. Mr. L. E. Upton sold and installed the machines, which are excellent pieces of mechanism.

County Commissioner C. F. Harris was a visitor in Omaha last Friday, where he attended a meeting of the chamber of commerce of that city, by invitation to discuss the matter of a new bridge over the platte at Omaha. There was much interest shown by the meeting at which a large number of the business men of Plattsmouth were also present, as well as the other two commissioners, Messrs. Fred H. Gorder and George L. Farley.

They all expect to remain for the winter, going with the idea in view of remaining for six months.

They Wanted to Know

A discussion was launched in Union a short time since at the dinner table at the hotel, as to who was the wife of George Washington. Sure her name was Martha, but Martha who, when she was married to the Father of His Country, and what was her maiden name. The wise men of Union are now trying to find out, as some claim her name was Mrs. Martha Curtis and others Mrs. Martha Cnists. Now who can enlighten them?

Resigns Ministry

The Rev. W. A. Taylor, minister of the Baptist church of Wabash, but who makes his home at Union, has been the minister of the Baptist church at Wabash for nineteen years, and on last Sunday gave notice of his resignation to take effect on December 21st.

Rev. Taylor has made the trip every time there was to be services, whether it be rain or shine, and most of the time in his automobile, except when he was kept away by a funeral, of which he has conducted hundreds during the time. There has never been any discord during his term of nineteen years and the church membership has thrived and grown.

of the village of Bethany she met the Master and his disciples, for she had heard of the coming of Jesus, and went to meet him. Mary, not knowing of his coming, still sat in the house and wondered about her brother's death. When Martha met the Master, she said, "Lord, if you had been here, I am certain brother would not have died. But I know whatever you shall ask of God, he will give it unto you." Jesus said unto her, "Thy brother shall rise again." Martha replied, "I know that he shall rise again in the resurrection at the last day."

Then comes the great central faith which this instance and the whole Scriptures declare and which the entire life of the Master teaches, when he replied to Martha:

"I am the resurrection and the life; he that believeth in me, though he were dead, yet shall he live, and whosoever liveth and believeth in me shall never die. Believeth thou this?"

The Master did not say this alone to that woman; there mourning for her dead brother; He said it to us who now live and all who shall live, even unto the last person who shall inhabit this earth. It is up to each and every one of us to believe this and make our lives a certainty by living as he has taught.

Martha then answered, "Yea, Lord, I believe thou art the Christ, the Son of God, who should come into the world." Forthwith she went and called for Mary, saying, "The Master has come and calleth for thee." Mary comes forth in haste and when she has gotten to where the Master is, she falls at his feet saying, "Lord, if thou hadst been here, my brother would not have died." The same words, the same thought, the same manifestation of faith as her sister, Martha. This meeting was one most effective, the sisters weeping and grief depicted in their faces, with the others also weeping and the Master himself, the very embodiment of sympathy, likewise wept and asked of them where Lazarus had been buried. They lead him to the grave, which was a cave in the side of the mountain and was closed with a stone covering the opening.

The Jews, remembering the opening of the eyes of the one born blind said, "We could not see this man prevented his friend dying, if he had such great power?"

As they came to the grave, the Master said, "Take the stone away." Then Martha, the practical, said, "Master, he has been dead four days, decomposition has set in; he stinketh now." Jesus asked her, "Said I not unto thee, that if thou wouldst believe, thou should see the glory of God?"

Then the stone closing the cave was taken away. Imagine the stench which came from the tomb. The body of the loved one was virtually rotten. That the glory of God might be manifest all had been brought to this hour. The Master had prayed, "This will be done," and he was to glorify the Father and the Father was to glorify the Son. In that test he was to prove his Sonship and that indeed he was the one whom the prophets had declared was to come into the world to redeem the world that all men through him might be saved.

Jesus then raised his eyes to high heaven and said, "Father, I thank thee that thou hast heard me; always, but because of the people who stand by I said it, that they may believe that thou hast sent me."

All the miracles performed, all the parables taught were for the single purpose of teaching that Jesus was the Christ and the true Son of God.

In the tomb lay the fast putrifying body of Lazarus. The life had gone. The brain cells were decomposing. The respiration had long since ceased. The nerves were dead. The digestive organs were a putrifying mass. The heart had long since ceased to beat.

Lazarus was dead.

No life, no animation. The elements composing his body were returning to mother earth. The spirit

had departed from the inanimate mass.

And then—

Jesus, the Master, the Christ—the real son of the omnipotent all-powerful, ever present, all intelligent God, creator of the universe, who has been from everlasting to everlasting—his son and representative, said, "Lazarus, come forth."

Then he that had been dead, with pulse throbbing, the blood pulsing thru his entire body, every nerve tingling with life, the brain organ active, buoyant health radiating in his entire being, came forth from the tomb, a living example of what Christ had told Martha: "I am the resurrection and the life. Whosoever believeth in me, though he were dead, yet shall he live, and whosoever liveth and believeth in me shall never die."

Lazarus still being bound, Jesus said, "Loose him and let him go." Tradition and profane history (not the Bible) say Lazarus lived for thirty years following his resurrection.

LOSE APPORTIONMENT OF MONEY

Thirty-three School Districts Deprived Because of Shortened Terms.

Fairbury, Neb., Dec. 9.—Of the 163 school districts of Jefferson county, thirty-three of them will be deprived of the December, 1934, and July, 1935, school apportionment for the reason that these districts have ten or more children ranging in ages from seven to sixteen years. At the annual school meetings these thirty-three districts all having ten or more children of the prescribed age voted eight months' school. The school law reads as follows: "All districts with ten or more children who are seven years of age and less than sixteen, to be eligible to share in the apportionment of these funds, must provide for a minimum term of nine months or show by affidavit of the school board that they have in good faith raised and expended the maximum tax allowed by law twenty mills on the actual valuation of the district and that it was insufficient to support a nine months term of school."

The amount of the apportionment for each pupil is approximately two dollars and there are 750 pupils on which these districts lose the apportionment which means a loss to the school fund of \$1,500. This amount would defray the expenses of running these schools for the extra month.

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BIBLE SCHOOL LESSON

Sunday, December 14

By M. S. Briggs

Rising of Lazarus

Golden Text: "I am the Resurrection and the Life."—John 11:25.

Following last Sunday's lesson a short time there had many things happened. The rulers of the Jews had attempted to get hold of Jesus that they might kill him, and offered rewards to any one who would assist in his capture. Does not this seem a strange coincidence, that people would be trying to kill the Son of God? Still they did it, and are now trying to deny him and his power to save the world.

The last lesson showed him opening the eyes of one born blind and the understanding of those who were spiritually blind. For this the Master was persecuted and had left Judea and had gone to Perea which was on the other side of the river Jordan.

Just in the suburb of Jerusalem, close to Bethany, there lived a little family of three people, Lazarus, Martha and Mary, all friends of Jesus. They knew of the opening of the eyes of the one born blind and of Jesus going away with the Disciples and where they had gone.

They had not been gone long until Lazarus took sick and daily grew worse until his condition was most critical. The sisters were both much concerned about his condition and feared he would not get well. They secured a trusty friend and sent him word to the Master. It was a long day's journey and maybe more. But he came to the Master and delivered the message, saying: "Lazarus is very sick; the sisters are very much worried about him and are afraid he will not get well." When the message had been delivered unto Christ he said, "This sickness is not unto death, but for the glory of God; that the Son of God might be glorified thereby."

The messenger returned home with the assuring message that the sickness was not unto death and the sisters remembering the nobleman's son who had been restored to health, must have been encouraged. Still Lazarus steadily grew worse and died probably with some disease that required his burial immediately.

This was a perplexing problem for the sisters. Their brother had died. Their friend the Son of God had not come to save his life.

The mourning, which required a week or more was in progress. The sisters would stand away from the crowd of friends who came to mourn with them and go to the grave to weep and to mourn there. One, two, three days passed. No word from the Master. The fourth day came. Still they mourned and their friends with them.

Now, let us see what happened at Perea where the Master and the Disciples were. Two days after the coming of the messenger, Jesus says to the Disciples, "Come, let us go to Judea again." Then the Disciples made reply, "What shall we go there for? but a few weeks ago the Jews there tried to kill you." Jesus replied, "Our friend Lazarus is asleep, and I go to awaken him out of his sleep." The Disciples, not understanding, said, "Why if he sleeps, he must be getting along fine." But Jesus answered them, saying, "Lazarus is dead and I am glad I was not there, that you may believe." Then Thomas said, "Well, let us go, that we may die with him."

The crowd of consecrated men in company with the Master take up the return journey to Jerusalem, crossing the Jordan and probably traveling over the same route in which the lesson of two weeks ago was laid—the road to Jericho to Jerusalem 18 miles up the mountain side. We see the Master and his twelve Disciples passing east of Jerusalem and going to Bethany, which was nearly two miles east and probably a little south.

Some intuition caused Martha to start out for the grave of her brother which was nearly a mile away. As she had just gotten to the edge

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New Plan Suggested by Senator Kendrick for Occupancy of Government Property.

Washington, Dec. 8.—A new plan for "aided and directed" settlement of government land within federal irrigation districts was set forth in a bill introduced today by Senator Kendrick, democrat, Wyoming. The measure would authorize the secretary of the interior to set aside or acquire at not exceeding \$10 an acre sufficient unentered land to comprise 150 farms, which if he deemed necessary, would be cleared and leveled at government expense. These would be sold to applicants of at least one-year's practical experience in farming and with capital aggregating not less than one-fourth the appraised value of the farms.

Actual residence would be required of purchasers of the farms and payments for the property would be made under the same system as now applies to irrigation projects with the secretary authorized to advance up to \$3,000 to each for permanent improvement and equipment.

Mrs. W. L. Propst was a visitor in Omaha today, going to that city on the early morning Burlington train.

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