TEXT BOOK IS CRITICIZED

Bishop Scannell Touches Upon Educational Questions.

LENTEN LETTER IS READ IN CHURCH

Certain History of Europe Does Not Meet with Catholic Approval and a Warning Note is Sounded by the Authorities.

In his lenten pastoral letter, read in the churches of the diocese of Omaha Sunday at every mass, Bishop Scannell severely criticizes a text book now in use in the High school, entitled "Christian Education." The bishop says:

In the Omaha High school there is in use as a text book, "A Short History of Medieval Europe." This work shows an anti-Catholic basis on almost every page. The compiler, when treating of the church, has a habit of so presenting his facts as to lead the reader to conclusions unfavorable to the church. He sometimes misstates the facts themselves. He dwells with some emphasis on the shortcomings of the popes and other ecclesiastics and has little to say of their good deeds. Disregarding the relative importance of the facts which he records he gives a one-sided and distorted view of the church. I give two or three extracts from this work. Speaking of the Fourth Council of Lateran in 1215 he says (p. 165), "That at this council the doctrines of transubstantiation and auricular confession were promulgated." The context leading the reader to suppose that the doctrines represented by these terms were then heard of for the first time.

In another place he says that the principles of monasticism were opposed to the dignity of the family and to the proper position of woman in society (p. 183). On page 132 he says: "The Irish church, the church of St. Patrick, remained independent and yielded no obedience to Rome till Henry II (1153-89) conquered a part of Ireland and brought its church into subjection." A text book of this kind may do much harm to inexperienced youth, and especially so if placed in the hands of an incompetent and bigoted teacher. It may well be asked if Catholic parents can in conscience submit the faith of their children to such a strain as this, and if the taxpayers of Omaha are aware that they are maintaining in their High school a theological faculty for the purpose of passing judgment on the religious preferences of the pupils.

Other Questions Taken Up.

The pastoral letter also deals with many other questions which are agitating the religious world at present. It says:

The dangers which threaten us are due to many causes, but all of them may be traced to one chief cause, namely, excessive worldliness. Every age of the world, it is true, has its own crimes and its own disorders, and our own is not in many respects any worse than the ages which have preceded it. Indeed, it may be truly said, that, as regards outward decorum, or what may be called outward respectability, we are much in advance of those who have gone before us. But regarded from a religious point of view we are much behind them in many things. We are less religious than they. They recognized the divine law if they did not always observe it. They firmly believed in God if they did not always serve him. But today there are about us many thousand persons, intelligent and educated in a way, who recognize neither a divine law nor a divine Law-Giver. * * * They have been taught much about this world and how to use it for their advantage for worldly ends. * * * * Men who know nothing about a divine law or a divine justice which must be faced some day are not likely to have much regard for human law whenever they think they can violate it with impunity. * * * * Excessive worldliness also produces a spirit of antagonism between rich and poor. True religion regulates and sweetens the lives of the rich and poor alike. * * * * Religion unites both classes in humility and charity. * * * * Worldly rich people are never satisfied unless the world is talking about them. They desire the world to know how much they possess; now much they spend upon themselves. * * * * All this information in detail and copious'y illustrated, is supplied to the public at least once a week by our dreadful Sunday newspapers. And this information seems to be much in demand. Thus it comes to pass among the worldly-minded that the vulgar ostentation of the rich has its counterpart in the vulgar curiosity of those who are not rich, but who long to be so. * * * * One effect of the ostentation and extravagance of which I have been speaking is the breeding of a spirit of discontent and of bitterness among the masses. Socialism and anarchy are but symptoms of a disease, and if that disease be allowed to work its way to the end the result will be what all history shows it to have been in the like circumstances. * * * * If our institutions suffer harm it will be because we shall have proved ourselves unworthy of them—because we shall have turned away from God and shall have forgotten our own better traditions.

Training of Children.

The bishop then takes up the question of the training of the children, deploring the tendency of parents to disregard the religious instruction of the children and the fact that young men habitually absent themselves from the services of the church and frequent what the bishop terms "the low Sunday theaters of the city of Omaha and I have reason to believe that some of these places of amusement are of such a character that over their doors might well be inscribed the words, which the Italian poet, in imaginnation saw written over the gates of hell, "All hope abandon ye who enter here." The letter then followed with a plea for the religious instruction of the child, a part of this discourse containing the stricture on the Omaha High school, quoted above.

The bishop does not find the system of fees collected by the parochial schools satisfactory as it tends to make a distinction between the children of the rich and the poor. He favors the adoption of some plan by which the members of the church shall bear an equal proportion of the expenses of the schools.

Following the letter are the regulations for lent, which begins February 20. The rules are the same as those in force in years since 1895.

Hamilton Not to Testify.

MINNEAPOLIS, Feb. 10.—The trial of Frank H. Hamilton for the murder of Leonard Day will be resumed before Judge Brooks tomorrow morning. The state will probably conclude its case by tomorrow night. It is now rumored that the defense may let the case go to the jury without offering any testimony in rebuttal, and it is almost certain that the defendant (Hamilton) will not be placed upon the stand.

Throat Troubles

You forgot to buy a bottle of Ayer's Cherry Pectoral when your cold first came on, didn't you? That's where you made a mistake. Yet even now it will not disappoint you.

Ayer's Cherry Pectoral

cures consumption every time when a cure is possible. We speak positively, for we know all about it. There's a record of sixty years to fall back on. For all throat and lung troubles there isn't a remedy in the world equal to it.

Three sizes: 25c., 50c., $1.00.

If your druggist cannot supply you, send us one dollar and we will express a large bottle to you, all charges prepaid. Be sure you give us your nearest express office. Address, J. C. AYER CO., Lowell, Mass.

EXILE FATAL TO CHICKEN

Frank B. Kennard's Orphan Fowl Commits Sucide in a Pan of Water.

Those who have taken an interest in Frank B. Kennard's maverick chick—a disconsolate rooster—the sole issue of an incubatorful of eggs, will be pained to learn that the chick is no more. One day last week with suicidal intent, he drowned himself in a pan of water, the rash act being the result of a keen sense of solitude.

The chicken is by nature a gregarious bird, fond of company and convivial, and, ushered into the world as this one was, must have felt a good deal like the lost man, or the man without a country. Of the fauna of Mr. Kennard's back yard he was the only specimen of the species. There he led a melancholy, detached existence. The cat, the dog and occasionally a tramp sparrow or two were his sole companions, and they were not in his set. They didn't speak his language, and it didn't speak theirs. It lost its appetite and would take no nourishment except an occasional tack or pebble. He grew into a great, gawky, long-necked, gandershanked, hollow-chested fowl, scant of feathers and white of gills. It was plain to see that in his attempt to assimilate with the other denizens of the yard he was having a most dismal, volapukian time of it.

Then the household named him Robinson, not because he Crewso, as he was too young to crow, but because he was alone in the world. No insular seclusion could be more profound than his; he was excommunicated, banished, even as Captain Dreyfus.

One day this Shanghai hermit, sole scion of a hard-maple mother, balanced himself on the edge of a pan in a feeble pretense of taking a drink. With one last look at the bleak, inhospitable world, he tumbled in. There was a flutter, a moist fuss of pin feathers, a few bubbles on the surface, and all was over. Here is hoping he is now more comely and more contented.

"My stomach was affected by grip and I could eat nothing but crackers and milk. I began taking Dr. Miles' Nervine and Pain Pills and the trouble disappeared."—Mrs. J. Lindsey, Montrose, Minn.

HE SHOCKS THE PHYSICIAN

Stranger from Western Iowa Walks Into Doctor's Office with Smallpox.

"Doctor, I want a prescription for a cold," said a stranger from western Iowa, as he entered the office of Dr. Arnold Saturday. When the doctor looked up from his chair he nearly fell to the floor in surprise. Getting upon his feet he examined the visage of his visitor closely and asked:

"What are those sores on your face? Cold sores? Well, they may be, but just step into the hall until I am ready to see you."

The doctor then telephoned to the Board of Health and the stranger was removed to the Emergency hospital, the "cold sores" having been pronounced well-defined smallpox pustules.

Then the doctor renovated his rooms.

SUNDAY BRINGS RESULTS

Auditorium Company's Mail Announces Additional Exhibits for Manufacturers' Exposition.

The Auditorium company yesterday received between thirty and forty letters, some announcing that goods for the manufacturers' exposition were on the road and others requesting the manager to designate space for exhibits. These receipts will be reported at the meeting of the committee to be held today, when the volunteer workers will meet with the committee and receive instructions. Twenty-five persons have volunteered and the committee desires every one of them to attend the conference today, as arrangements for taking up the work will probably be made.

Want a Fire Hydrant.

Residents of North Omaha are urging the location of a fire hydrant at the corner of Twenty-fourth and Fort streets, and the matter will probably be the subject for action by the North Omaha Improvement club tonight. One of the residents of the neighborhood said yesterday:

"Within the territory which may be covered by a hydrant at the corner of Twenty-fourth and Fort streets there is at least $30,000 worth of buildings which are at present unprotected. This property pays taxes to the extent of about $1,000 a year and the taxpayers are practically without protection from fire. The character of the buildings renders the location of a hydrant in the neighborhood imperative."

SIOUX CITY WILL WIN OUT

Up-River Town Will Get Eighth Place in Western League.

SO INTIMATES PRESIDENT T. J. HICKEY

Staff of Umpires Composes Jack Brennen, Bob Carruthers, J. W. Popkay and Leo Messmer, All New Men.

Thomas J. Hickey, president of the Western Base Ball league, spent a few hours in Omaha yesterday. He was in good humor, being serenely confident that the coming season is to be the best in quality of sport and quantity of business ever enjoyed on a base ball circuit in the west.

The president was not shy on news for the local fans, the most important item of information carried by him being that the eighth club of the league would be placed at Sioux City. He did not say that the town up the river had already been given a position in the circuit, nor that it had been decided to drop Pueblo, but he intimated clearly that the present contest for the eighth place would terminate with Sioux City as the winner.

Another important item gathered from President Hickey's knowledge bowl was that the four umpires for the season had been engaged. They are Jack Brennan of St. Louis, Bob Carruthers of Chicago, J. W. Popkay of Detroit and Leo Messmer of Des Moines.

Talk of Umpires.

Speaking of the new umpires President Hickey said:

"I am quite sure the four men engaged will give satisfactory service. Brennan is an old-time player and has been umpiring for several seasons. Last year he was in the Montana league and for two years before that he officiated in the American league. Bob Carruthers is the old St. Louis Browns' pitcher and a very capable man. He umpired in the Interstate league last year and before that served in the Western league. Popkay, who was in the Northwestern league last year, has been umpiring for five years. I tried to get him last year, but he had no faith in the stability of our league and would not take what he thought was a chance to be thrown out of work in the middle of the summer. Messmer's experience as an umpire has been confined to Des Moines. He officiated at more than twenty league games there last season and gave such satisfaction that all of the visiting clubs recommended him for a place on the regular staff. Yes, all the umpires are new to our league and none of last year's staff has been re-engaged. Ebright has gone to the Southern league and Warner is holding off in the hope of getting in the big league if the double umpire system is adopted for the season."

In reference to the selection of the eighth city for the circuit the president said:

"I am going to St. Joseph tonight and will leave there Tuesday for Pueblo, coming back this way and on to Sioux City about Thursday. Before the end of the week final action in reference to the eighth city will be taken. The present parks in Pueblo and Sioux City are too far out from the center of the towns, and we cannot leave a club in either place with the present grounds. The city that gets the eighth club will have to provide a park centrally located. The prospect is very much in favor of Sioux City."

Tebeau Will Build.

"Tebeau will build a new park in Kansas City," continued Mr. Hickey, "and it will be right across the street from the court house. There has been considerable said in criticism of the small size of the new Kansas City park, but I believe it will be large enough. It will be fifty feet larger both ways than the Minneapolis park, which has always been satisfactory. It is much better to have a small park in a central location than a big one on the outskirts of the town.

"The clubs of the league have all been practically completed and we are to have the best players and consequently the best ball that we have ever engaged in the west. The addition of St. Paul, Minneapolis and Kansas City to our circuit enables us to get a better class of players than we had last season. Perry Werden is to captain the St. Paul team and as Mr. Lennon, the owner of the franchise, is sparing no money in engaging talent, the Saints will undoubtedly revive interest in the game in their own city and afford good sport to the other cities where they play. Mr. Beall is putting up a fine club for Minneapolis, with the veteran Jack Glasscock as captain, and Tebeau, will of course, give Kansas City an aggregation of players to stir the local pride.

"The Omaha club looks good to me. Keith and Rourke have reserved some of the best material in the base ball world, and they will make a fine showing. Keith deserves all the success that comes to him. He took a big chance when he started out last season by investing about $4,000 of good money in the park, without knowing whether the game would pay or not. He is as liberal and enterprising as he is good natured, and that is saying a good deal. Rourke is one of the best base ball managers in the country and I want to see him and Keith continue the success they have already made."

GREEN RIVERS WIN GAME

Paxton & Gallaghers Put Up a Good Score, but Lose the Match.

The Green Rivers beat the Paxtons & Gallagher's in a match game of tenpins on Clark's alleys yesterday afternoon. Score:

GREEN RIVERS.

	1st.	2d.	3d.	Total.
H. D. Reed	171	171	167	509
Hartley	125	197	129	451
Davey	145	168	161	474
Kaufmann	159	160	165	481
Ambruster	157	135	155	447
Totals	757	831	777	2,365

PAXTON & GALLAGHERS.

	1st.	2d.	3d.	Total.
Newcomb	126	124	142	392
Kolls	169	172	210	551
Pickard	200	125	153	478
Geilles	153	155	98	406
Inches	159	160	159	478
Totals	807	734	762	2,303

"I was given up to die from heart and nervous troubles caused by grip. Six bottles each of Dr. Miles' Heart Cure and Nervine cured me."—Mrs. John Wollet, Jefferson, Wis.

FUNNY MAN IN ELEVATOR

City Hall Visitor Wants to Be Let Off at Six-and-a-Half Floor.

"Six-and-a-half floor" was the request of a man who entered one of the city hall elevators.

The elevator conductor was unable to decide whether he had a lunatic or an absent-minded man in his car. There are only five floors in the city hall.

Light dawned on the conductor. He let the man off at the Board of Education rooms and explained the joke as follows to the next load of passengers:

"You know that fellow was one of the chief kickers against the levy of 6½ mills for school purposes and he hasn't succeeded in getting it off his mind yet."

Proposes Rival Jockey Club.

CINCINNATI, Feb. 10.—The members of the Western Jockey club who were not allotted dates when the new jockey club was organized at Chicago several weeks ago will hold a meeting at the St. Nicholas hotel here Tuesday next to formulate plans and allot dates. Newport, Nashville, Highland Park and Little Rock have formed a combine with Delmar and Fort Erie and plans have been perfected by which a vigorous fight will be made against the new jockey club.

PERSONAL PARAGRAPHS.

J. A. Delfelder, a prominent cattleman of Lander, Wyo., is at the Iler Grand.

J. E. Jenkins, a prominent miller from Schuyler, is in the city, a guest at the Millard.

A. R. Couzons and wife and T. S. Cosgriff of Fort Steel are in the city and are registered at the Millard.

S. T. Chamberlin, J. F. C. Yarnell of Columbus and Judge N. D. Jackson of Neligh are state guests at the Iler Grand.

Sam F. Woolard of Wichita and John H. Adams of St. Louis, insurance representatives, are in the city and are guests at the Millard.

John H. Adams of St. Louis, O. O. Vandenburg of Kansas City and W. H. Rudolph of "The Old Jed Prouty" company are at the Millard.

John Carr of Lincoln, Arthur Campbell of Billings, Wyo., L. W. Moneghan of Fullerton and J. J. Bothwell of Fullerton, Neb., are registered at the Murray.

Nebraskans at the Merchants: J. H. Edgmonton of Fullerton, John Rooney of Nebraska City, J. J. Halligan of North Platte, John Mills of Geneva, E. L. Park of Shelton, H. C. Christianson of Hampton, F. E. Stevens of Blair, C. C. Denney of Tekamah and G. W. Harris of Hastings.

LOCAL BREVITIES.

James N. Hartigan of Council Bluffs was knocked down and robbed of $2.50 on South Tenth street last night. F. B. Stone, a colored man, was arrested for the robbery.

Mrs. Clara B. Haney, a resident of Virginia, died Sunday morning at the home of her sister, Mrs. Kelley, 621 North Nineteenth street, of tuberculosis. She leaves one son, who is expected to arrive in Omaha this evening to arrange for the funeral.

ANXIOUS DAYS FOR FIGHTERS

Jeffries and Ruhlin About Ready, but Governor's Attitude is Disconcerting.

SHARKEY TO CHALLENGE AT RINGSIDE

Saengerfest Association is Acquiring a Debt of Portentious Size—Telegraph Companies Balk on Price of Privileges.

CINCINNATI, O., Feb. 10.—Notwithstanding the proceedings in the courts here, and the attitude of the governor at the state capital, this has been a busy day with the sporting men in Cincinnati. All outward signs look like the eve of a great coming event with them. Manager Madden and Gus Ruhlin, were busy with visitors at the Country club, early in the day. Manager Brady, Ed Cooke and others assisted Jeffries and Delaney, in entertaining at their training quarters on Price Hill. Many more called than could be admitted at both places.

Tom Sharkey and "Spider" Kelly are happy over their prospects as they claim Sharkey is to have the next chance, no matter whether Jeffries or Ruhlin wins. Sharkey will challenge the winner at the ringside. All the visiting and local sports are expressing their opinions as to the chances of the two men here and these opinions generally pick Jeffries as the winner, although all concede that Ruhlin is in better condition. Some say that Ruhlin has been overtrained. Both will go through their regular practice Monday. They will slacken their exercises Tuesday and still more on Wednesday, doing little on Thursday. They rest all day Friday. As the preliminary bout between Childs and Martin for ten rounds is not to be called till 9 p. m., Friday, it may be late when Jeffries and Ruhlin enter the ring for their twenty rounds.

Promoters Feel Uneasy.

Meantime, there is much anxiety over the decision of Judge Hollister and the action of Governor Nash. It will be known within a day or two whether Judge Hollister grants a permanent injunction against the contest on the ground of a public nuisance, but the promoters do not know what the governor may do, or when he will do it. Even after the fight begins they do not know at what moment the state forces may interfere as three regiments of militia are said to be now under marching orders. They will know, however, on the day of the contest whether troops are here or whether they are on the way so as to get here in time to stop the contest. While the mayor, with his permit, promised a force of police to maintain order, it is known that the police will not protect the event to the extent of offering any resistance to the militia. There has been much talk about the probability of a collision between the police and the militia, but it is authoritatively announced that there is not the most remote danger of anything of that nature occurring. The police may not fall in to assist the militia, but in no event will the police resist the state troops in carrying out any orders of the governor.

While the promoters of the contest have done everything in their power to hold the boxing contest peaceably and lawfully, they do not propose to resort to anything to the contrary if the contest is not pulled off. Some reports have been circulated that there would be more excitement over the collision between the state and the municipal authorities than over the boxing contests, but there is evidently no ground for such apprehensions.

There has been considerable talk about postponing the contest. If Judge Hollister allows the injunction on Tuesday, the defendants will at once appeal to the circuit court, and if they lose in that intermediate court they will carry the case to the supreme court, which does not sit again till February 19. If this course is pursued the contest may be postponed from one to two weeks. The promoters do not want to postpone the date any longer than possible, owing to other engagements after this week.

Is Costing A-Plenty to Get Ready.

The expenses of the training quarters are very heavy. Managers Brady and Madden already have invested largely for the event. Brady, in taking Jeffries off the road, cancelling engagements till February 16, is out about $18,000, and Madden is a similar loser, although for a less amount.

The Saengerfest association, which started into this enterprise with a debt of $66,000, has increased it to over $80,000 in remodeling Saengerfest hall and other arrangements.

One of the livellest preliminary contests is between the promoters and the two telegraph companies. The former wanted $2,500 for the telegraph privileges of Saengerfest hall. The Western Union and Postal companies offered $250 each, or a total of $500. With $2,000 difference between, the telegraph companies have rented places across the street from the Saengerfest hall for their offices. The managers state that the leased wires of the Associated Press and the leased wires of the newspapers can be looped into the hall and that they will not be affected by this controversy. It is believed that the matter will be compromised early in the week.

The contests of next Friday night were to be preceded on Sunday by an athletic and musical entertainment in the remodeled Saengerfest hall. This took place this afternoon, and it was a great success in attendance and otherwise, the Turners and German singing societies of Cincinnati, Covington, Newport and other cities participating. The big hall is heated by twenty large stoves and the lighting is brilliant. It was found that the hall is in excellent condition. The Turners made use of the ring in their boxing contests and many examined the limited space in which Jeffries, Ruhlin, Martin and Childs are to spar.

Champion Jeffries developed a slight attack of malaria early this morning and remained in bed the greater part of the day. It was for this reason that he did not attend the entertainment at Saengerfest hall. Manager Brady stated tonight that while the champion was somewhat indisposed today, he believed Jeffries will be ready to go through his usual work tomorrow.

Lower a Record at Fresno.

FRESNO, Cal., Feb. 10.—The first races on Fresno's new velodrome, built by the National Racing association, took place this evening. Results:

One mile, scratch: Lawson won, Newkirk second, Turville third. Time: 2:28.

Earl Kiser of Dayton and Arthur Stone of Denver rode in two motor-paced heats of a five-mile pursuit race, Kiser winning both, the first in 8:10 1-5 and the second in 7:58. This last lowered the world's record for a motor-paced five-mile race on an eight-lap track. The day was perfect for racing and 1,500 people watched the sport.

President Johnson's Denial.

CHICAGO, Feb. 10.—President Johnson of the American league tonight characterized as pure imagination without foundation the story emanating from Baltimore to the effect that secret negotiations were in progress between the National and American leagues looking to a compromise.

"When I was prostrated with grip and my heart and nerves were in bad shape, Dr. Miles' Nervine and Heart Cure gave me new life and health."—Mrs. Geo. Colle, Elgin, Ill.

DIED.

MURPHY—Mrs. Annie, wife of Thomas J. Murphy, died at the Prague hotel, Thirteenth and William street, at 1:30 o'clock p. m. February 10.
Funeral Tuesday, February 12, 8:30 a. m.

AMUSEMENTS.

"Old Jed Prouty"—

There are many so-called pastoral plays before the public today, but none that can lay claim to any greater popularity or more merit than this pretty rural drama, which emanated from the pens of Will Gill and Richard Golden a little less than a score of years ago. It has weathered the storm of criticism all this time and returned to the Boyd Sunday night as bright and new as ever. There is something about this quaint old play and its still more quaint characters that creates a heart interest which is to be found in few others but plays of its kind and which will cause it to live in the memory of the theater-goer as does "Uncle Tom's Cabin," "The Old Homestead" and "Shore Acres." You find yourself laughing at the funny antics of the citizens of Bucksport, Me., and are moved to tears by Uncle Jed's affection for his foster child. You are vexed at the plots of the villain and delighted to see them foiled. In fact all of the human emotions are played upon to the extent that "Old Jed Prouty" makes a deep and lasting impression upon all who see it.

Richard Golden, whom we have seen for th past two seasons in comic opera with Alice Nielsen, returns to us as Uncle Jed and while he amused us as the count in "The Fortune Teller" he delights us as Uncle Jed. Summed up in all there are few as good and no better character actors in the business than Richard Golden. His supporting company is an excellent one and the production given the piece is quite an elaborate one.

There is to be a special matinee this afternoon and the engagement will close with a performance tonight.

Creighton Orpheum—

There has been any number of better vaudeville bills offered at the Creighton-Orpheum this season than the one given its initial presentation Sunday afternoon, although the large audience seemed to find a certain amount of amusement, that is, if one may judge by the laughter and applause, in each of the eight acts that go to make up the bill, and so long as the audience seems pleased there is little reason for fault finding on the part of a critic. However, there are but one or two acts that are worthy of more than mere passing notice, and the majority of them do not even rise above the commonplace.

The five Olracs are the redeeming feature of the performance. They offer an acrobatic act in which any number of novelties in this line is forthcoming, but they resort to what seems to be an unnecessary amount of horseplay, which if cut out would not detract in the least from the interest in their act.

Walt Terry is not a bad dancer and his co-worker, Nellie Elmer, can at least lay claim to a certain amount of beauty, if not any unusual ability.

Cloud and Kershaw sing a number of parodies that bring laughter and applause from the gallery. John Le Hay offers several novelties in his ventriloqual act. The little girl in the Davis trio of children is a graceful and talented tot. Bettina Girard sings well and is not unpleasant to look at. The Normans, billed as marvelous club jugglers, displayed only a marvelous ability to miss on almost every trick they tried at Sunday afternoon's performance. If it was not a case of nervous prostration upon their parts they are sadly in need of practice. The kinodrome shows a number of new and interesting motion pictures.

Miaco's Trocadero—

The Victoria Burlesquers drew the usual big Sunday audiences at Miaco's Trocadero yesterday. Standing room was in demand at both the afternoon and evening performances.

The specialty bill is by far the best given at this house this season. Weiland, the clown juggler, is an expert performer of almost impossible tricks and his act is easily the feature of the bill. Aggie Behler is evidently suffering with a severe cold, but her singing turn is pulled through splendidly by the assistance of a youngster with an uncommonly good voice.

Gladys St. John and Ida Nicolai indulge in repartee that is amusing and sing several songs with good effect. The bulky comedian, Ed Begley, mixes many new jokes in with some of the old favorites and succeeds in keeping the audience laughing while he is on the stage. Reid and Gilbert, in a sketch, and De Mora and Groaetta, acrobats, complete the olio.

The opening and closing burlesques are well mounted and beautifully dressed. The engagement of the Victoria Burlesquers is for the entire week.

Frequent Coughing

inflames the lungs. Foley's Honey and Tar stops the coughing and heals the lungs. The ordinary cough medicines which are simply expectorants will not do this, as they keep the lungs irritated in throwing off the phlegm.

Death of Clara Briggs Haney.

Mrs. Clara Briggs Haney of Wellesburg, W. Va., died Sunday morning at the home of her sisters, Mrs. Helen B. Kelley and Miss Francis M. Briggs, Nineteenth and Webster streets. A week ago Mrs. Haney reached Omaha, having come here to recuperate failing health. A severe cold developed pneumonia, with fatal results. She was 59 years of age. A son, James Briggs Haney of Pittsburg, Pa., reached Omaha Sunday night and will start today for Wellesburg with the body. There will be a short private funeral service at the house.

COLONEL SHAW IS DEAD

Death Musters Out the Former G. A. R. Commander in Washington.

END COMES ABRUPTLY AND PAINLESSLY

Follows an Evening of Pleasure at a Banquet—Funeral Services to be at Watertown, New York, His Old Home.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 10.—Representative Albert D. Shaw of Watertown, N. Y., formerly commander-in-chief of the Grand Army of the Republic, was found dead this morning in his room at the Riggs house. A physician, summoned immediately after the discovery of the body, pronounced death due to apoplexy, probably about 2 o'clock in the morning.

Colonel Shaw had returned about 1:30 o'clock from a banquet at the Ebbitt house in honor of his successor, General Leo Rassieur, and before he left the banquet hall had responded eloquently to a toast and appeared in excellent health and spirits. The body was discovered lying face downward on the floor. The features were slightly bruised, showing he had fallen suddenly and heavily. After his return to the hotel, Colonel Shaw asked for hot water, complaining of indigestion. The water was brought to him and that was the last seen of him alive.

His private secretary, Mr. Charles E. Glynn of Oswego, N. Y., had an appointment with him for 10 o'clock this morning, and when Colonel Shaw did not appear, one of the bell boys climbed to the transom and saw the body in the position stated. The condition of the room showed that the end had come quickly and without pain. The dead body was removed to an undertaking establishment to await the arrival of an only son, Dr. Henry L. K. Shaw, who is expected tomorrow, when arrangements for the funeral will be announced and a committee from the house named to attend the services, which will probably be held at Watertown. Two daughters, one living in Watertown, and another in Brooklyn, were notified.

Sketch of His Life.

Colonel Shaw was 50 years of age, and a veteran of the civil war. He was a widower, his wife dying just one year ago yesterday. He was the picture of health, of commanding stature, strongly built with square shoulders and erect figure, which with white hair and mustache made him a conspicuous figure in the house. An active worker during his incumbency of the commander-in-chief's office, he frequently came to Washington and took a hand in urging legislation for the old soldiers, before the committee of congress.

Colonel Shaw was born in Lyme, N. Y., December 17, 1841. He served a term of enlistment in the Thirty-fifth New York volunteers and a special agent of the War department at provost marshal headquarters during the civil war. Later he was a member of the state assembly for one term; was appointed consul to Toronto in 1868, and promoted to Manchester, England, in 1878, from which latter place he was removed by President Cleveland in 1885 for being "an offensive partisan." Afterwards he filled the office of department commander of the Grand Army of the Republic for the state of New York; commander-in-chief of the national body and a representative in congress, succeeding the late C. A. Chickering, who met a tragic death in New York.

PERSONALS.

Mrs. E. P. Green has recovered from an attack of the grip at Canaseraga, N. Y., by the use of Dr. Miles' Pain Pills.

Among the victims of the grip epidemic now so prevalent, F. Coyle is now recovering at Canton, O., by the use of Dr. Miles' Nervine and Pills.

W. E. Nihells of St. Louis, Mo., who was down with grip, is reported much improved. He used Dr Miles' Nervine and Pills.

The friends of Mrs. L. Denison will be pleased to learn of her recovery from grip at her home in Bay City, Mich., through the use of Dr. Miles' Nervine and Pills.

Everybody says that J. W. Udy is looking splendid since his recovery from the grip at his home in Des Moines, Iowa. They all know that Dr. Miles' Nervine was what cured him.

Prosecuting Attorney Charles L. De Waele, who has passed the three-score milestone, had a time with the grip, but when seen at his home in Roscommon, Mich., the other day he said Dr. Miles' Nervine was what cured him.

At nearly three score and ten Mrs. Galen Humphrey was fighting against odds when the grip attacked her, but she took Dr. Miles' Nervine and now her neighbors in Wareham, Mass., remark on how well she is looking.

After an illness of five weeks from the grip Mrs Harriett Jackson is again about and looking fine. She began taking Dr. Miles' Nervine after the fourth week. Her home is in Bowling Green, Mo.

Pulpit Thoughts

Central Ideas Set Forth by Omaha Preachers.

Success in Religion.

The principal thought brought out in the sermon of Rev. E. H. Jenks at the First Presbyterian church Sunday evening, in his sermon on the life of Abraham Lincoln, was the religious spirit of the great president. In part he said:

"Abraham Lincoln was a man of deep religious feeling. Born and reared on the frontiers of this great civilization, with little opportunity in early life to receive any but the crudest religious instruction from straggling exhorters, never joining any church, a more fervent spirit scarcely can be found than in him.

"When his stepmother died and was buried in the forests under the snow, with scant rites of sepulture, he took the first opportunity to bring a passing preacher to conduct a funeral service over her grave. Abraham Lincoln, like his great predecessor, the first president, will stand before the eyes of the ages to come as an especial agent of the Almighty to do a great work for humanity. It would perhaps be interesting to look into the records of his life and see if he so estimated himself as one of God's chosen workmen. No more unequivocal declaration of his consciousness of the workings of Providence over and through the affairs of men could be given than in his second inaugural. In it are such expressions as these: 'The Almighty has His own purposes. Woe unto the world because of offenses! for it must needs be that offenses come; but woe unto that man by whom the offense cometh! If we shall suppose American slavery is one of those offenses which in the providence of God needs must come, but which having continued through His appointed time, He now wills to remove and that He gives to both north and south this terrible war, as the woe due to those by whom the offense came, shall we discern therein any departure from those divine attributes which the believers in a living God always ascribe to Him? Fondly do we hope—fervently do we pray—that this mighty scourge of war may speedily pass away. Yet, if God wills that it continue until all the wealth piled by the bondsman's 250 years of unrequited toil shall be sunk and until every drop of blood drawn with the lash shall be paid by another drawn with the sword. As was said 3,000 years ago, so still it must be said, "The judgments of the Lord are true and righteous altogether."'

"In the last Review of Reviews occurs this testimony of his personal faith: 'When, just after Gettysburg, the wounded General Sickles asked him why he had been so sure of victory, Lincoln answered with all the simplicity of a naive child: 'I will tell you if you never tell anybody. Before the battle I went into my little room and got down on my knees and prayed God as I never had prayed before. I told Him that this was His country and that this was His war, that we could not stand any more Chancellorsvilles or Fredricksburgs and that if He would stand by me I would stand by Him—and He did and I will.'"

"I said Mr. Lincoln never joined a church. He had mental reservations about statement of creed, but he also said that when any church would inscribe over its altar as its sole requirement for membership these words, 'Thou shalt love the Lord they God with all thy heart and all thy soul and with all thy strength and with all thy mind and thy neighbor as thyself,' that he would join join that church with all his heart.

"And so as we look upon this great character we find this hidden element of strength. He was truly a religious man. Like the great psalmist of old he might have said: 'The Lord is the strength of my life, of whom shall I be afraid.'"

Building a Character.

Rev. E. K. Berry of Charleston, Ill., preached in the First Christian church yesterday morning, speaking of character building. He called attention to the distinction between character and reputation—that the first is what we really are, but the latter is what people think we are. In God's sight, however, the two are the same. Four incentives were then presented for character building. The first is the danger of being lost through sin; the second the promise of the life eternal, the next the pleadings of conscience, and the last, the love toward God and his service.

At the same time the speaker urged that each one has a will which, if given free scope, can overcome all of these incentives and pull downward. By the help of God this will power can be converted to his service and the upbuilding of character.

A musical service is to be given at this church next Sunday morning, a male quartet taking a prominent part.

Dr. Hirst on the Church.

Dr. A. C. Hirst, pastor of the First Methodist Episcopal church, preached Sunday morning on the topic, "A Glorious Church." His text was from Ephesians, iii, 25-27. He spoke in part as follows:

"The coronet of unparalleled supremacy is on the brow of such a church. The figure of the text is that of an oriental wedding where a friend, called a paranymph, seeks a bride for the bridegroom. Here Christ presents the church to Himself. We cannot tell when the glorious church will enter upon her glorious destiny as the Lamb's wife, but the splendors of the nuptials will be unparalleled in magnificence. The church is a divine establishment in human conditions. For the accomplishment of its mission it may use the fashions of business, the leverage of friendship, the might of money and the wisdom of politics. It may swing into line the attractions of art, the graces of literature and the revelations of science. It may uncover as helpers the deductions of logic, the polish of rhetoric and the sweet witchery of song. It can and must use the potencies of the Holy Spirit, whose office is in its courts.

"Such a church ought to do business on an immeasurable scale. Christ presents it to Himself, not in costly, priestly vestments, not in splendors of intellectual culture, not in grand oratorios, not in massive cathedrals, not in gorgeous ritualism. Remember, I am not saying that He turns away from beauty, culture, architecture or music. The central thought of the glorious character of the church is purity. That is the central truth around which all others revolve as satelites revolve around a central sun.

"What the world needs today is not a profounder philosophy or a more liberal theology, but better men. A church equipped as the text teaches shall hasten the fulfillment of the prophecy that nations shall be born in a day."

Discuss Book of Life.

Rev. Roger M. Sargent, D.D., father of Rev. C. S. Sargent and one of the veterans of the ministry, occupied the pulpit of the First Congregational church yesterday morning. His text was Eccl. xii, 13.

Dr. Sargent said the supreme lesson is to glorify God and keep His commandments; this is the whole duty of man. To make the best of life, rejoice and remove evil passions from your heart and your conduct. The best portion of life, its prime, is that which is best used. Youth has its joys, but is brief. Early manhood is hopeful and vigorous, but has temptations. Manhood is important and powerful, but has many cares. Age comes fast and has failings, but may have joys of remembrance, is rich in experience, crowned with hopes and near heaven.

Each reason should be used in the best manner possible. It is the results of the past, the crown of the present, the preparation and promise of the future. The sybil offered nine books of prophecy at great price. Proud Tarquin refused. She burned three and then three more, and at last the emperor paid full price for the last three, forecasting the fate of the empire. God gives us the book of life, with pages of days and years. Some have passed; some eventuate. Use well the leaves of the book of your life that yet remain unconsumed, whether few or many. You may enroll your name in the lamb's book of life eternal.

Thank God for the past, cultivate cheerfulness, hopefulness and all graces, trust in God like Paul, whose closing words were of the crown laid up in heaven. Examples of cheerful age, as results of faithful lives, should ever be kept before us. Life is like a school, advancing from one book and study to another, ever growing higher, better, richer and happier. Each season prepares for the more completed state to follow.

Mechanic's Shoes—

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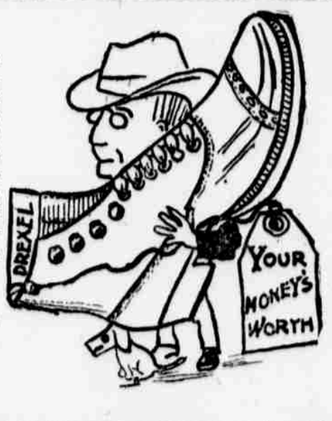

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