RIVER IS OMAHA'S GREATEST ASSET

S. A. Thompson, Secretary of National River Congress, Urges Stream Be Kept Open.

TALKS TO KNIFE AND FORK CLUB

S. A. Thompson of Washington, D. C., secretary and treasurer of the National Rivers and Harbors congress, believes that Omaha's greatest and least appreciated asset is the Missouri river as a potential waterway leading out to the great wide world of trade.

Mr. Thompson addressed the Knife and Fork club last evening on the general subject of river transportation and to stimulate local interest in the development of the river.

"Unless you people here develop the river you will be at a hopeless disadvantage in competition with other waterway centers for business when the possibilities of the Panama canal are considered," stated this expert.

This river and harbor proponent believes Colonel Deakyne of the government engineering staff has a vindictive spite against the Missouri and he is of the firm opinion that the railroads have been exercising a "pernicious activity" in trying to thwart the progress of river development.

Assistance to Railroads.

"Experience has shown that river development has resulted in increased business for the railroads who haul the bulk of the finished products, the boats getting in large part the bulky materials. River traffic really helps the railroads," added Mr. Thompson.

He predicted that if Omaha should ever abandon its efforts to make the river navigable the next thing to happen would be that the railroads would ask that the stream be declared unnavigable and higher rates might follow. Hhe urges Omahans to maintain their position.

Referring to Kansas City, he mentioned that the millers of that city during the present year were placed on an equality with the millers of Minneapolis by reason of boat lines leading from East St. Louis to Norfolk, Newport News and Portsmouth.

Outlet for Omaha.

With the completion of a channel to connect the Chicago drainage canal with the Illinois river, for which the Illinois legislature appropriated $5,000,000, Omaha could have an outlet to the ports of the world if proper river development is done here.

"Put on some boats, keep your river open, build municipal wharves and get after your congressmen and senators," was his advice.

He said he did not know anything which has to run such a gauntlet of opposition and scrutiny as a river or harbor bill in congress. He also declared that cheap transportation underlies industry and commerce.

He sees no greater accessory to Omaha's future growth than river development would be.

Big Increase in the Use of Cotton During September

WASHINGTON, Oct. 14.—Cotton used during September was 619,219 bales, exclusive of linters, compared with 414,581 bales in September last year, the census bureau today announced.

Cotton on hand September 30 in consuming establishments was 1,669,614, against 556,892 bales a year ago, and in public storage and at compresses, 2,756,600 bales, against 1,653,835 a year ago.

Exports during September were 502,021 bales, against 135,778, and imports were 26,197 bales, against 15,115 a year ago.

Cotton spindles active during September numbered 31,295,104, against 30,307,154 a year ago.

Omaha-Made Goods to Be Exhibited by the Manufacturers

Omaha manufacturers, of whom there are almost 500, are planning to establish a permanent exhibit of Omaha-made goods in a prominent location. They will seek to educate the public to use home products as far as possible.

Lawrence Smith of the Smith Manufacturing company is now canvassing the local manufacturers, and says he expects at least 200 of them to join the project.

All factories supporting the exhibit will display their products and a man in charge will tell visitors the advantages of using Omaha-made goods.

Diamonds Stolen From Man on Train

A patron of the Northwestern railroad, who is said to be wealthy and prominent in the business world, was robbed on the train which arrived here Monday morning. He lost $1,000 worth of diamonds, which were taken from his berth in the Pullman coach while he slept. He exacted a promise from the railway officials not to divulge his name while seeking to recover the property.

The robbery was not reported to the local police until yesterday, when railroad detectives asked for assistance in running down the thief. One of the stolen jewels was a diamond valued at $600. In addition to the diamonds, the thief secured a considerable sum of money. It is said the man is at least well known in Omaha.

Seniors at Central High Name Officers

The annual election of officers was held Wednesday by the senior class of Central High school. Wilber Fullaway was elected president. Fullaway has been prominent in athletics at the high school for the last three years, and is fullback on this year's foot ball eleven. He is captain of Company I in the cadet regiment.

The vote for vice president was a tie, the candidates being Helen Beisel and Margaret Howes. Another election for vice president will be held in a few days.

The remaining officers are: Martha Gyger, secretary; John Morris, treasurer; Lucile Hoel and Clarence Squires, sergeants-at-arms; Harold Mulligan, Miss Howes and E. E. McMillan, class officers.

"If Any Man Will," Sunday Says, He May Have His Sins Forgiven

"Billy" Sunday's sermon last night was on the topic, "Do God's Will." He said:

Text: John vii, 1—"If any man will do His will he shall know of the teaching, whether it be of God or whether I speak of myself."

I would like to make this message tonight so plain and simple that not a man or woman can rise on the day of judgment and say to God:

"I went to the Tabernacle an unbeliever. I went with the full determination to accept Jesus Christ and take my stand publicly for Him, but I did not do it."

And I say to you, if you have come here in that honest receptive mood, there will not be any one go out in the dark, but if you have come simply to listen, in order that you might find fault, I can't help you.

God has made it so plain that the wayfaring man, though a fool, need not err. I would like to strip it of its swaddling clothes of mysticism, and speculation that human ingenuity has wrapped about it, and let it stand forth in all its naked simplicity, so that any man or woman here tonight, no matter how limited your intelligence, may lay hold on eternal life.

One has very aptly put it by saying that God can reach any man or woman whether they live in a hovel or a palace, no matter whether they are rich or poor, learned or illiterate, white or black.

God asks, requires and demands of every man and every woman that has a mind to know right from wrong, heat from cold, black from white—God requires and demands of every man and every woman that has a mind to know, and a conscience and ability to understand—He requires and demands of you three things.

First: A willing mind to know Christ, and a determination to forsake every known sin.

"If there be first a willing mind it is adapted according to what man hath and not according to what he hath not."

A sinner has no willing mind; a Christian has and has submitted it to God, and although God is infinite, God cannot save you if you are not willing to forsake your sins, and if you will not forsake them. God Himself can't save you.

There are not angels enough in heaven, my friend, to make a man do right if he doesn't want to do right.

Follow the Light as You See It.

You have to adopt this principle, that as God gives you light you will follow it, and as He gives you more light you will follow that, but so far as you know and understand now you are ready to forsake every sin, and as God gives you more light to show other things in your life wrong, you will forsake them.

And we will not be judged according to comparisons between ourselves, but each according to his faith. That is the first thing.

Secondly: A desire to know the truth in order that you might obey the truth. The condemnation which will fall upon multitudes in the day of judgment will be the knowledge that you knew what to do but would not.

One of the most cursed emotions that stirs a man's heart is a selfish desire for knowledge to show off, but a desire for knowledge in order that you might do, a desire for knowledge in order that you might develop character—a longing to know in order that you might do what God wants you to do, a hungering and thirsting after the knowledge of what God wants you to do in order that you might do it is commendable.

I despise a man who waits to see what God desires him to do and then does the opposite and rails and sneers at God and says he doesn't believe the Bible is the word of God. I utterly detest, I abhor a fellow like that.

But a desire for knowledge that by and through the possession and obedience to it you can develop a Christian character—that's great! Come up and give me your hand. I like to see a man that wants to know in order that by doing he might please God.

Third—An honest, open public confession with your life and your lips, that so far as you know God's will, you are going to do it.

God will not give you more light until you use what you have. Lots of people do not do that. They are waiting for God to give them more light.

You'll rot in hell waiting.

Now, until God gives you more light, use what you have and don't growl about God not giving you more light when you don't use what light you have.

You know you ought to be a Christian; then use that knowledge and if you use it by doing what God wants you to do He will give you more knowledge, but if you know you ought to be a Christian and you sit there and don't be a Christian you will never get another speck as long as you live.

If you want to know, that's knowledge. Then live up to that light. Do what God tells you to do and by doing it He will give you more light.

Lantern Won't Light if You Don't Take Step.

A man might stand out in front of the Tabernacle with a lantern. Some one might say to him:

"Where are you going?"

"Home."

"Why don't you start?"

"I'll not start until this lantern lights my path from where I stand right to my door."

I say to him: 'You will rot in your tracks."

That lantern will never penetrate the darkness one inch beyond where you stand until you take a step forward and the rays of light will penetrate the darkness just as much farther as the distance from where you stand to where you step.

And I take the next step and it penetrates, and the next, and the next, and when at last I get over here, that is light, but as long as I stood there this place would be dark—every time.

And as long as you stand and do what you are doing you will never get a bit of light. But if you start to do God's will this darkness will disappear and as you keep on going it keeps on getting lighter, until at last it will burst into the gates in the city, and I will see Him.

A lot of you fellows have sat around and waited for light. You poor fools! You will never get it until you use what light you have.

I know more about religion and the plan of redemption now than I did a year ago. I want to know more. I'm following the light and intend to live up to it. Things are plain to me now. They were dark when I was a sinner.

We are all framed up in a great big network called society. We rub elbows with other people all the time, and so do your neighbors and your wife and your children and your business associates and the men under you, in the factory, and the members of your lodge, they all have a right to know from your life and from your lips by the life you lead and by the worlds you speak, that so far as you know and understand God's will you are going to do God's will. You are going to do it.

Believe When You See.

Now listen. There are two ways to learn about everything; religion or anything else. One is theoretical, the other is practical.

There are two ways to learn about Jesus Christ, about God, or about salvation. To understand all about God you would have to explore with the infinite mind all time and all space. You would have to have the greatest mind and the greatest development of mind the world has ever known. You would have to be God yourself and have just as much sense and brains as God has to know all about time and history and space and mystery and prophecy.

Don't you see that you would have to be God, and there can't be two Gods? That is true in the beginning of the Christian life, but all you need to know about God is to just give up to God and do His will. That is true in the beginning of the Christian life and it is true in every step of the development of the Christian life.

"If any man do His will he shall know of the teaching, whether it be of God or whether I speak of Myself."

I was in an Iowa town preaching and the people said if a certain man, a Mr. Batchelder, was brought to Christ, many others would follow. Batchelder had a paper egg crate factory, he made the paper for the crates. When I went to see him he began talking about the machine.

"This machine made this crate," he said.

"I don't believe it."

"But it did."

"I never saw it," I said.

"The machine is out of order today, but you come again and I'll show you."

I went again and saw it deliver the goods.

When you are shown that God Almighty is delivering the goods, you are a fool if you don't believe it.

You're a fool if you intend to wait until you know all about God before you're a Christian; you'll go to hell.

All you need to do is to surrender your will to God, if you want to know about Him. We've got a lot of mutts here who think they can get so far, and there is nothing else to do.

I might as well try to think with my fingers; this pulpit might as well try to understand the words I am talking over it now; this chair might just as well attempt to walk down the aisle, as for you to know anything about God or religion by any other method other than the surrender of your will to God.

Life Founded on Faith.

In your day or mine we hear them say, "take nothing on trust; I find out everything myself," and they consider people of faith weak-brained, over-credulous souls, that never use the reason God gives them.

But to the reasonable, faith, belief, the acceptance of truth on the authority of others, is the basis of our judgment, our conclusions, our reasoning. I hold a man who yields to God's will uses his reason, and that a man who does not yield does not use his reason.

You can't convict a man of a crime and you can't liberate him on a charge, except on the testimony of others. Our business system, everything, is built on faith. You can't plant a seed without faith. You can't run a farm without faith. You can't do it.

I have never been in Rome, but I can tell you of its streets, of the Coliseum, of St. Peter's, on the testimony of others.

I have never been in Egypt, but I can tell you of its pyramids, of the river Nile, and the sphinx on the testimony of others.

I would be a fool to stand up here and say that I didn't believe it because I have never seen it. You can't turn around that you are not bound to believe the testimony of others. You can't do it.

I didn't live in the days of Jesus and of the apostles, but I believe and I accept the gospel as authentic history, on the testimony of others.

I read in the newspapers of trouble in Mexico. How do I know? I haven't heard a shot. I believe on the testimony of others. Don't you see?

The doctor tells me, "You have pneumonia, Bill," and I believe him.

The chemist tells me that two gases combine in water and I believe him.

The Bible tells me Jesus Christ died on the cross. I believe it.

It tells me He resurrected from the dead. I believe it.

It tells me there is a heaven and hell. I believe it.

It tells me if I repent I will be saved. I believe it. I would be a fool not to, and so are you. So I must believe on the authority of others or cease to exist.

Now, every man and every woman has a perverted will. That is every sinner. You act your will to please yourself. You do things because it pleases you to do them.

It may not please you to get drunk, or to lie, or to steal, or to swear, or to be vicious, but you are set only to please yourself.

If you want to know if Jesus Christ is the Son of God and the Bible the word of God, try it and see if you aren't made the kind of man God says He will. Do what it says. Commence to obey God. Your will is sovereign.

How Some People Live.

The natural man is in rebellion against God. The difference between a sinner and a Christian is that the sinner does the devil's will and a Christian does God's will.

The development of this one faculty doesn't make you a genius, but it will make you a Christian.

I once visited a summer resort where there was a merry-go-round with the usual wooden figures representing animals.

A girl who was a sort of fluffy-fluffy miss with a handful of fudge selected a swan upon which to ride. A tough selected a lion, telling his pal to ride a tiger. Then a farmer and his wife determined to ride in an automobile.

All the people were going in the same direction because the machine was centered on the same pivot.

Every one in the universe of God is going in the same direction, for they are centered on the same pivot.

I would be frightened if I lived the life some people do. Paul said: "I am not worthy to be called an apostle; I am chief of sinners."

I don't believe Paul was getting worse every day. No, I believe that every day Paul was striving hard to find out what God's will was, and as he did that it brought him nearer to God, and the nearer he got to God the more disgusted he became with the life he used to live, and he said: "How could I ever have lived that life?"

Just as long as you live in the same old sin you'll be satisfied. You start to do God's will and you'll wonder why you did the other things.

I believe there is no infidel, no drunkard, no gambler, no harlot, no man or woman anywhere on God's earth but that they all might arise in the freedom if they would only yield to God by faith in Jesus Christ.

A minister at New Haven, Conn., started a revival. In the city was a doctor, an infidel, and he had forty-two young men in an infidel club. The infidel finally attended the meetings because of their "moral" effects and was eventually converted, along with his fellow men who had been of the same belief.

Infidels make me sick. I get a stomach ache and I want to take a soda mint every time they talk about "moral effect."

All the morality they have, they borrowed from the Lord, and they attempt to make the people believe it is inherent in them.

Morality is a part of Christianity. You take away Christianity and you'll assassinate virtue.

Why Skeptics Don't Believe.

Skeptics don't believe in the Bible. Why? Because they don't know enough to believe in the Bible, that's all.

Your father and your grandfather didn't believe in the trolley car, nor in the automobile, nor in the battleships, nor in the submarine torpedo boats, nor in electric lights. Why? They didn't have enough sense to, that's why they didn't.

You don't believe in the Bible. Why? You haven't sense enough to believe in it, old skeptic. No, sir.

"If any man will do His will he will know." Do you want to know? Yes. All right, do God's will. What is His will? It is His will that you believe in Jesus Christ, whom He hath sent.

A man says: "I would do it, Mr. Sunday, but there are so many hypocrites in the church."

Shut your mouth. You will agree with me that I don't spare that bunch. If there is anything I profess to be an expert and a past master in, it is skinning hypocrites. I am a specialist in that line.

Why, I can have their hide off, salted, and on the barn door drying, before you have wet the grindstone to sharpen your knife to go after them.

Any man who will use that argument is a fool. If you wait until the earth is free of hypocrites before you join the church you will be in hell for a century.

Hear me! You give your heart to God and you will have all you can do to take care of yourself. I meet many fellows who say, "Oh, when I become a Christian I tell you I'll do so-and-so."

Oh, yes, I have heard fellows like you blow before. If you know so much how you ought to live, then come to the church and give your heart to God and set the example and be an inspiration to help us to climb to your marvelously exalted heights of the conception of God's will, if you have such ideas of it.

Serve God.

Come in! You give your heart to God and it will keep you busy taking care of yourself, and you won't have any time to stop to find fault with the hypocrite, only to try to help him become as good as you are.

You join the church; then there'll be one less hypocrite.

You don't refuse to go to your lodge because there are hypocrites there. Then why do you refuse to come into the church because there are hypocrites? Just look at yourself.

You say that you would do God's will, but you are afraid that you can't hold out. Haven't you been holding out for the devil?

Some of you fellows have been holding out against religion, against your mother's prayers, against your wife's pleadings until you haven't a hair on your head between you and hell. You have held out against every pleading that has ever been brought to bear to induce you to be a Christian. You have fought against it.

My God, if you have had that much grit, if you can hold out that long against God, you ought to make a magnificent success serving God and holding out against the devil. You have been holding out against everything decent.

I'm an ordained minister of the church. I never officiated at but one wedding in my life and the Lord forgive me for that.

I was in a town when a girl came to me and made the request. I asked her why she didn't go to some other minister, but she said she wanted me to perform the ceremony. I finally consented to do so; but I went to see a minister and he accompanied me to the wedding and assisted me.

I got $10 for it and gave it to the minister. Then he whined around later and said he wouldn't have any more marriages and I said: "You old ninny, you don't deserve them."

I have had people come around and beg and plead with me to marry them, but I won't do it again.

Now, supposing I should agree to (but I won't); supposing for the sake of argument I should agree. The couple would stand before me.

"What is your name?"

"Tom."

"What is your name."

"Lucille."

"Tom, do you take Lucille to be your lawfully wedded wife and do you promise to love, honor and cherish her until death do you part?"

"I am afraid I can't hold out."

Do you know what a girl would do if a fellow said that. She would say:

"You hike and I'll get a fellow that can hold out."

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Sundayisms at the Tab as Caught On the Fly by Our Staff Artist

Mme. Gadski Will Be Here Saturday for Concert Monday

Mme. Johanna Gadski, the prima donna soprana of the Metropolitan Opera company, who will give the first concert at the Auditorium under the auspices of the city of Omaha, will arrive here Saturday evening, accompanied by her daughter and Prof. Paul Eisler, a celebrated pianist.

Mme. Gadski's concert will be the first vocal recital in Omaha this season and much interest has been roused among the lovers of vocal music. From the advance sale already in, indications are that the first concert under municipal auspices will be greeted with a capacity audience.

Madame Gadski has reserved apartments for her party at the Hotel Fontenelle. Sunday and Monday she will be entertained and will also make automobile trips through the city as the guest of Commissioners Hummel and Drexel, at which time she will give them her views as to the beautification of Omaha's streets, boulevards and parks.

TRAINLOAD OF ONIONS EACH WEEK FROM COAST

A special onion train carrying eighteen cars passed through Omaha yesterday. These were shipped from Sacramento to Fort Wayne, Ind., and Columbus, O.

The onions are of the Australian brown variety and were raised principally in the Sacramento river delta south of Sacramento City.

The approximate onion crop this year in California will amount to in the neighborhood of 4,500 cars, 3,000 of which originate in the Sacramento river delta and 1,500 to 1,800 of this number will be shipped out of the state, principally to the east and north.

MILDERS AND MILLER RELEASED UNDER BOND

Milder Bros. and Rome Miller, charged with selling liquor after hours in a complaint filed by F. A. High of the Anti-Saloon league, were arraigned before County Judge Crawford and were released under bonds of $500 each. The date of trial will be set later.

OMAHA MAN NOW TELLS ALL FACTS

Says He Is Greatly Improved and Must Give Tanlac Due Credit.

J. A. Crawford, well known young man of Omaha, residing at 318 North Seventeenth street, added his words of praise to the long list of statements from people who have tested Tanlac and have been greatly benefited by the "Master Medicine." In describing his case Mr. Crawford was very enthusiastic about the results obtained after so many things had failed to even give him temporary relief. This is what he had to say regarding his case:

"I first read of Tanlac, and after hearing so many people speak of the wonderful results they had obtained through its use, decided that there must be something to the medicine. I can safely say that I had tried most everything I ever heard of in hopes of getting some relief. My kidneys were in a terrible condition, and my stomach constantly gave me trouble. After eating I would suffer for hours with a pain in my stomach, gas forming almost immediately after eating. I had severe pains in my back, and one physician told me that my whole trouble was an affection of the kidneys. He also said that my stomach trouble and the headaches I often had were due to it. Well, all I want to say is, there is nothing like Tanlac, and even though I have taken this medicine only a week, I feel like I am the healthiest and happiest man in Omaha today. All I could say to anyone is, try it."

Many people are just as warm in their praise for Tanlac as Mr. Crawford. Tanlac can be had today only at the Sherman & McConnell Drug Company's stores, as they have the exclusive agency in Omaha. Demonstration at the 16th and Dodge streets store. The price is $1.00 per bottle or six bottles for $5.00. Mailed to any address for $1.10.—Advertisement.