THE RED CLOUD CHIEF

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THE RED CLOUD PULPIT.

Digest of the sermon preached by Rev. Geo. H. Brown, pastor of the Baptist Church, in his own pulpit, Sunday evening, Jan. 12. Topic, "Surveying."

TEXT. "Some remove the landmarks." Job 24: 2:

We must ever recognize binding obligations two ways, one toward God, and one toward our fellow men. We are led by self evident ideas of right to acknowledge a code of principles binding upon us, first, the sovereignty of God; and also, to maintain a certain course of action, agreeable to these principles, toward the society in which we live. Job walking in the integrity of his heart, kept these obligations in mind, and so he asks, "Doth not God see my ways, and count all my steps?" Even looking at self he adds "Let me be weighed in an even balance that God may know mine integrity." Job could have been a hard task-master, but he was not; he could have rejoiced at the downfall of those who raised their hands against him, but he did not; his doors were open to strangers; his kindness extended to all; his land did not cry against him; his furrows did not complain; his conscience therefore was at ease. This honest old patriarch says, "Some remove the landmarks." I take it that he refers to those who walked not in the integrity of their hearts; who acted as though they had no care or thought about responsibility to God, or influence upon their fellow men. He wonders how people can act as these obligations for he exclaims "Why seeing the times are not hidden from the Almighty," and supplements it with "They violently take away flocks, turn the needy out of the way; take the pledge of the poor; in the dark dig through houses they mark for themselves in the daytime." Laying plans to plunder the poor and distress the needy in order to enrich themselves. The force of the text, land marks removed, applies as well to-day as in Job's time, and with this thought we may deduct lessons that shall be profitable to us all.

LANDMARKS.

This is an illustrative figure; forcible in that it establishes the fact of a fixed thing, a permanent point, an established witness. Landmarks fixed by official authority are to remain where placed. It is an offense punishable by law to remove or interfere with government landmarks. Corners can be established and lines determined only by the authority in power, and though parties may imagine them wrong or of little consequence, yet such have no business to tamper with them.

ESTABLISHING LANDMARKS.

Among the instrumentalities fixing what we know as landmarks the surveyor stands as the most important, for through him, either in person or by those under his immediate direction, the points are fixed. He directs and therefore is responsible for the work done. If some of his workmen fail to follow his instructions, it is for the faithful to report, that the surveyor may deal with them, for all has been entrusted to him. Second to the surveyor is the compass and chain; these are absolutely indispensible for the purpose of keeping the right direction, as well as establishing right points. Suppose we constitute ourselves not appointed surveyors and personally look at the matter from various standpoints. Some may have compass and chain but not understand their use; others may not care to have them.

SURVEYING.

"Surveying in general means to overlook or view with attention, to carefully observe, scrutinize, balance in the mind, that just conclusions may be reached. In the purchase of land parties interested go over it, to view the land; to calculate the advantages and disadvantages connected with it, taking in with a broader sweep of vision the surrounding country, looking to the building of roads, ways of travel, pleasure grounds, etc. Abram and Lot were called upon to separate their flocks. "Lot lifted up his eyes to survey the land and beheld all the plain of Jordon and saw that it was well watered; he figured in his mind the chances in his favor as a grazing country and, being satisfied, pitched his tent toward Sodom. In other things it means distances, dangers, directions, profits, losses, etc., and forms a basis for minute calculation and determined work. In spiritual moral and social relationships it behoves all for everyone to become at least an earnest far-seeing and close calculating surveyor. There is no one that can afford to neglect glancing along life's highway to its close, watching for pitfalls and dangers, for wild beasts of evil, that are constantly to destroy all good in heart and life. Every person from youth to age should take in all the bearings, angles and points of social life, then set the compass of the mind in the higher capacity of judgment, and run the lines of individual belief and action to avoid dangerous places, extravagant ways, and teach those who come in the wake of influence to contribute what will make society peaceable and pure, happy and prosperous. We should all remember that we stand related to eternity as well as time; to God as well as the race; and the soul has an interest in the future that must not be bartered away. Destiny is in our keeping and obligations are binding all around. It is therefore not only a privilege but a duty to level the compass of the mind so that the needle conscience shall always point towards God's requirements and thus mark the true way; and this brings us to consider

DIFFERENT SURVEYORS.

Some have correct starting points. This is an important thing, for if one starts wrong there is a great danger of continuing wrong. There are those who started wrong, and who being convinced of the fact went to work and set themselves right. Others may have started right, and lost the direction and are now off the line and wandering. These are the exceptions to start right, with prayerful resolve to keep right, is the only true and safe way; it is the profitable way.

RUNNING LINES.

A surveyor sets the compass and sights ahead; then he starts off and the needle directs whatever angle desired, and holds steady to the course. The eye is never taken from the sight objects. Fields, groves, gardens, lakes and hills, or whatever obstruction are in the way must be gone through, gone over or figured around, the line must be established straight. So

ought we to do in spiritual and moral life; run a faithful line, whatever objects are in the way, nothing should tempt one to abandon the right way. Fix the eye and mind on truth and hold them there; fix the purpose of life on righteous ways, and whatever temporal loss maintain righteous ways. We shall come into judgment after a while, and if to rejoicing it will be because in the survey while on earth we were wise enough and thoughtful enough to run righteous lines.

STAKES

Surveyors on a highway stick stakes to show the directions of the true line and if grading is to be done there are grading stakes to show how much the valleys must be filled up, or how much must be taken off the hill. The figure is not lost upon us, for we are taught in the word of God to examine ourselves, not only to find out our standing in the faith, but to know whether we are obedient to the commands of Christ or not; and if not in grace, to see whether we are obedient to natural law in all things, or to the laws of our country. To be a good citizen involves obedience to all laws of the land, not in conflict with enlightened conscience; so in grace, and we must dig down, and grade up until we are right in the sight of God.

RANDOM LINES.

Sometimes in land surveying or civil engineering, it is necessary to run a random line from one objective point toward another; especially if uncertain about the variation. When established corners are found the surveyor's business is to correct back. So if we have not a full and satisfactory knowledge of the truth, we must do the best we can, and when after a time, if found to be wrong correct back, but in life we cannot go back if a wrong line has been established there it must remain and forever remain, so far as man is concerned for no human being can go back over the years or days of life, and correct the record made. With every act of life, the book of time relative to that act, is sealed, to be opened only in eternity. What manner of persons, then, out we to be? I will tell you what can be done, where there is a willing mind to do it. If found wrong, whosoever will, may correct the line through the help of God's word in the knowledge of Christ, and go on from the point of correction in the right way.

CHANGED LANDMARKS.

In the summer of '83 I assisted a surveyor in running lines and hunting government corners bearing all the marks of originality in design, yet they were of recent origin, they were not the true corners. The changing of the corners made much trouble, besides it was a kind of fraud practiced on the government work. In the spiritual survey some have changed the corners, the old land marks; and have set up ways of their own. By this much trouble and confusion has come, more or less fraud is practiced on the government of God, seekers are led astray and the work greatly hindered.

CARELESS SURVEYING.

In measuring land, many pace it off, and if the old land mark is not found, guess at it, and say, "O well it makes but little difference anyway, it is near enough, and so long as we do not know positively where the true land mark is we are justified in satisfying conscience by establishing one most convenient for us." Sometimes the revolutions of a wagon wheel are counted while the team is on the trot; this rushes the survey along in a hurry, it may do in hunting corners, for rough estimates, but to know the exact point compass and chain must be used. God has established his government corners, and we have no more right to carlessly survey than we have to change the land marks. Between one land mark and another there are not two or three lines, but one line, possessions lie one each side of this one line, and this as established by the Almighty Father in his right of universal sovereignity through Christ must not be interfered with.

SIGHT.

Some have looked at another's survey, and followed on, asserting that they were right, because their leaders were too wise, or learned or powerful to be mistaken. Spiritually many are now going wrong, possibly imagining themselves right because many learned and wise and good have said "follow me." If we see Christ and the land marks which he has established we shall surely be right.

GOOD WORKS AND GRACE.

In settling up these western prairies many home seekers did their own surveying and many labored hard on claims under the impression they were right, only to find at last that their labor went for nothing, and why? Because self reliant, they went to work before they knew upon whose ground they were standing. They found good plowing all around, and went to work ignorant of the things established by compass and chain. Good works will not save, we cannot secure our salvation, if saved at all it must be in the way God has proclaimed and provided. Salvation is a gift received on the merit of faith. Good works belong to Christian life, their merit is to prove the gift received. So to the saved, there is a duty laid upon us all to be obedient to the compass of God's word.

LESSONS.

These topics furnish instruction for us all, and they should lead us to inquire for a correct surveyor and a true compass. Where now shall we look for the true spiritual surveyor? Look to Christ, He came from God. He took a wide survey of the race, saw the needs of the people; saw them wandering in the wilderness; saw them in dangers seen and unseen, and he had compassion; so took upon himself the load of sin and made a plain way for the sinner's salvation. In Christ we find all the fullness of God, in him is treasured up all the wisdom of the ages. He is our hope, our safety; for he is the way, the truth and the life. His doctrines should be the compass in life. In government surveys, the land marks, angles, variations and witness corners are noted in a book called "Survey Field Notes." In this book section corners and half section corners are noted. In filling notes of grace we may have eight corners, four principle corners and four intermediate. Our first corner, the starting point is Repentance. This corner Christ established, and thus Peter cries repent as the first thing to do. Following along the line of grace we find the first intermediate land mark, separation from the world. Be not of the world. Come out from its sinful way, its foolish goings. Travel on and we come to the second principal corner, believe, accept Christ, trust him, love him, walk with him in the fellowship of renewed life. The second intermediate corner, love each other as ye love Christ, be kindly affectioned, one toward another. This is to be the test of discipleship; the witness that shows us to be on the right line. Third principal corner, be baptized, this is putting on Christ before the world; and so this is the language of the heart, "I fellowship his death, I am buried into his death, believe in it, accept it, thus testifying to the world Christ to me is an atoning sacrifice. Third intermediate corner, go teach, just as soon as one is baptized, an obligation is binding to tell others the way. "Go work in my vineyard," is a command to every baptized believer. Disciple the nations, Matt 28 19, 20. Fourth principle corner, observe the sacrament. Commence with Christ, perpetuate what baptism begins, the fellowship of Christ's death. Fourth half or intermediate corner, be faithful in all things. Teach new disciples to observe all things and thus fulfil the law of Christ. That we may not lose these landmarks we have the true compass, the Holy word, so that over rough ways or smooth, dangerous ways or safe, we need not fall of the grace of God, or lose the race, or miss the inheritance secure to every trusting soul.

RIVERTON.

This town has been in a convulsive state of excitement during the past few days over the temperance question, which has resulted in two of our druggists surrendering their U. S. license and agreeing not to take out any more. This action will help the saloons but their days are numbered. The Rev. Mrs Heiry will begin another series of meetings next Sunday.

The Congregational society intend to erect a three thousand dollar church the coming season.

The three children of Mrs Murphy, living southeast of here were badly frozen lately. The mother was absent from home and the oldest child started after the cows, the others soon followed and all had their hands and feet badly frozen before they were rescued. One of them has already lost his fingers and will have his feet amputated and one of the other has lost its toes. This is a sad case of parental carelessness.

Dr Stapleford, who has been east on a visit for some weeks will return soon bringing his bride with him.

The firm of Athow & Young still keep one of the finest stock of goods in the valley and in order that some of their customers might not have so far to travel they have established a branch house at Smith Center.

Trade is fair here now and our grain buyers are paying more for grain and hogs than those of other towns around us. REX.

COWLES.

Uncle C Ball, a former resident of this vicinity, but now of Wheeler county, Neb., is visiting with old friends and relatives here.

L C Bennett returned last week from Iowa, where he has been on business.

Mr A H Fink, whose home is in Graham county, Kansas is teaching in district No 24 on Willow creek.

Our drug man, Mr Meacham went to Red Cloud on Saturday last and returned on Monday.

Mrs Dr Schenck returned the first of this week from Riverton, where she had been on a few days visit with her daughter, Mrs Polly, formerly of Amboy, but recently of Tennessee. Mr Polly has exchanged his mills and farm in Tennessee for mill property two miles north of Riverton.

Mr I N Taylor and lady visited with their daughter, Mrs Linebarger of this place on Sunday last.

Mr Thomas Paul is on the sick list this week.

Our lyceum is reported by some as being in a healthy condition, and by others as being in danger of an early demise. The discussion of party politics does not give entire satisfaction. We would be sorry to see it die prematurely.

Rev. Martinus is to deliver a lecture on a scientific subject at Cowles, on Monday evening, Jan. 19th. All are requested to come out and hear him.

LITTLE HATCHET.

SOUTH SIDE.

Christmas has come and gone but Lewis Saderlin has come back to stay.

The literary is in a thriving condition. It is held on Tuesday night of each week.

Wilson Park is wrestling with elm knots.

L L Anger is on the sick list.

Clark Stephens is not done gathering corn.

D S Helvern is feeding a fine flock of sheep and will soon have them ready for market.

H B Simons, we understand will move nearer Red Cloud about the first of March.

Wm VanDyke has built a new corn crib.

D H Kaley's herd of cattle are now doing well.

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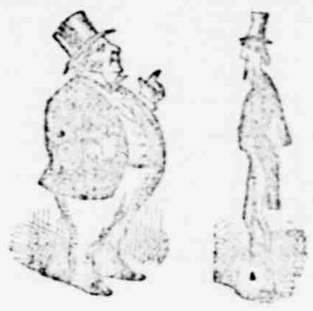

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Land Office, Bloomington, Neb., Dec. 16, 1884.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT THE following named settler has filed notice of his intention to make final proof in support of his claim, and that said proof will be made before the clerk of Webster county, Neb., at Red Cloud, on Saturday, January 24, 1885, viz:

ZECHARIAH ROSAFRANS,

H'd entry number 4638, for the e½ sw¼ and e½ w½ sec. 14, t. 1 north, range 11 west. He names the following witnesses to prove his continuous residence upon, and cultivation of said land, viz: Edward Young, Oliver Owens, Frank Moon, John Devlin, all of Red Cloud, Neb.

S. W. SWITZER, Register.

FINAL PROOF NOTICE

Land Office, Bloomington, Neb., Jan. 6, 1885.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT THE following named settler has filed notice of his intention to make final proof in support of his claim, and that said proof will be made before clerk of court, Webster county, at Red Cloud, Neb., on Monday, February 23, 1885, viz:

HENRY WICHMANN,

H'd entry No. 4622, for the south ½, nw¼, sec. 18, tp. 1, ranges 10 and 11 west. He names the following witnesses to prove his continuous residence, cultivation and improvement of said land, viz: Gerhard Gloverde, Joachim Harms, John Sorgler, Diedrich Volkers, all of Angle Rock, Neb.

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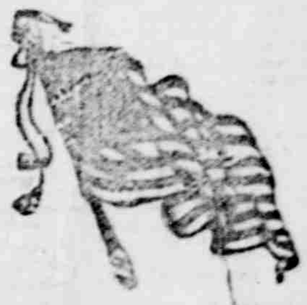

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