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Is There a Hell?

To be more specific, is there a hell permeating overheated atmosphere saturated with brimstone like that so often depicted by poets and artists as awaiting the wicked?

The new idea seems to be to dwell on the enchanting allurements of heaven within the reach of all who will by proper conduct qualify to enter, while those who refuse to tread the righteous path are adjudged to suffer, not torture, but mere annihilation.

Yet, unquestionably the tendency is widening to view the wages of sin as accruing at least in part on this earth rather than being altogether deferred until after death.

Woman's Work Day

The shorter work day for women is coming, as in most spheres it has come for man. It may be put down as an inevitable result of our industrial development.

As indicating the momentum of the movement, a bill has been favorably reported in the United States senate providing that no woman shall hereafter work more than eight hours a day in mercantile or industrial pursuits in the District of Columbia.

Outside of the federal field, we believe Nebraska has gone farther than any other state in legislation in this direction, our law limiting the employment of women in industrial pursuits to sixty hours a week, and not more than ten hours in any one day, and absolutely prohibiting their employment after 10 o'clock at night.

Clarifying the Rule of Reason

The demand for making more specific and understandable the terms of the supreme court rule of reason as applied to anti-trust litigation is a natural one, and if satisfactorily met might result in less confusion or call for prosecution along this line.

Helping the Small Borrower

Here is a rather graphic picture of the average loan shark victim drawn by Dr. F. W. Gunsaulus of Chicago, who is co-operating with other benevolent men in legislation seeking to remedy the abuses of the chattel mortgage loan business.

The man who now loans on wages banks on misfortune and exploits sorrow. He gets his profits from the dramatic despair of the young man. He makes him his slave, projects his slavery into the future and enfeebles his character through fear.

with us and that is why the Illinois project, as well as our own in Nebraska and all others of a similar character, contemplate the regulation of the business instead of its extinction.

Opportunities Not Fully Utilized

We wonder if our local merchants and tradesmen are aware of the fact that they are neglecting to take full advantage of the opportunities to attract customers offered by a show like the Auto show, for example, that brings large numbers of visitors to town.

The Auto show is but one of many of the same type into which the community puts a great deal of energy, time and money in order to stamp Omaha as a metropolitan city, and advertise it far and wide as a market town.

The Detective Business

Writing in the Yale News, W. J. Burns advises college graduates not to ignore the detective business in selecting a life work.

Direct Election of Senators

Having repeatedly memorialized congress to submit an amendment for the election of United States senators by direct popular vote, and further than that, having made formal demand upon congress to call a constitutional convention to obviate the refusal of the senate itself to concur, it goes without saying that Nebraska will by its present legislature ratify the amendment now that it has at last been submitted.

If this amendment becomes a part of the federal constitution, as it is in a fair way to do, then the election of United States senator last month will prove to have been the last one made by a Nebraska legislature, although made, as every one knows, merely as a mechanical form of registering the popular preference indicated in the preceding election.

The Budget Plan

It is to be hoped President Wilson will add his endorsement to the budget plan recommended by President Taft and that the next congress will adopt it.

People and Events

No matter who reaches the topmost seat of power in Mexico the joy of success invariably is tempered by the chill of an empty treasury.

Denver is perking up. The state legislature shows inclination to appropriate \$1,000,000 for the 1915 Indian payments, and the town is eager for a chance to spend it.

suade congress to accept them as a basis of action.

The Innocent Stranger

One of the sad features of the horrible fire, overtaking without warning scores of guests in a fire-trap hotel of notoriously unsavory reputation, is the disposition to put the branding iron upon everyone who happened to be stopping there.

This is uncalled for, and unfair, particularly so far as concerns the strangers from out of town whose presence could have been, and probably was, entirely innocent and accidental.

While it is hard to believe that anyone living in Omaha could have gone to the place without knowing its character, the uninformed visitor, looking for a hotel in which to spend the night, would naturally be attracted by the beautiful electric sign in front of this hell-hole just as easily as by the lights of the most pretentious or most exclusive hostelry inviting his patronage.

The stranger caught in this fire, if he escaped, should not have to make explanations, and, if a victim, should suffer no blot on his memory.

Ten Years Ago

A congregational meeting of members of Kountze Memorial Lutheran church was held and accepted the resignation of the pastor, Rev. E. F. Trefz, who has decided to take a pulpit tendered him by a larger church of the congregational denomination at Binghamton, N. Y.

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Strengthening the Medical Course

The Association of Medical Colleges wants to add one more year to the course in medicine, making it five instead of four. Even at that rate, no one need fear that the output will fall short of the demand.

Our sagacious Water board once spent some \$15,000 of the people's money for lawyer's fees and court costs to establish the fact that it could not legally put into effect the reduced schedule of water rates it declared to be "fair and reasonable" until after the city got possession of the water works.

Last Monday the supreme court of the United States handed down fifteen decisions. All of the decisions had a progressive tinge. There has been no cause for just complaint concerning supreme court decisions for some time.

And why not mention, while about it, that more than half of the members of the supreme court of the United States were appointed by President Taft?

"Some of the guests were not registered." A law on our statute books requires every hotel keeper in Nebraska to keep a true and complete register of all guests freely open to inspection. This law should be enforced. It should also be supplemented with a penalty for people signing fictitious names to hotel registers.

In a committee hearing at Lincoln it was stated that every member of the Omaha Water board is earning upward of \$10,000. Mr. but the undertaker business, and the candy business, and the insurance business, must be profitable in Omaha.

The American yellow journalist trying to stir up a mass in Mexico at the expense of Ambassador Wilson to make himself out a hero will have no trouble proving his case when his next cargo of stuff comes out.



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Thirty Years Ago

The famous Bonner-Ward church scandal trial in the Methodist church has come to an end with a verdict sustaining the charges. The findings are signed by Samuel Hawber, Robert D. Baxe, N. I. D. Solomon, J. W. Johnson and Newton J. Smith.

The German Ladies' society is preparing for a calico ball to celebrate its third anniversary.

J. H. Huguette and wife of Blair are at the Millard and Joseph Garneau and wife of St. Louis at the Paxton.

Internal revenue collections for February were \$12,125, an increase of \$2,000 over the corresponding month of the preceding year.

Weather Observer Pollock reports the daily mean temperature for February was 21.7 degrees.

The musical union is preparing a farewell benefit concert for Misses Ewert and Kohl, cornetist, and clarinetist, respectively, to be given Sunday at Turner hall.

Edmund Peycke reports persistent efforts of burglars to break into his residence on Douglas street.

Twenty Years Ago

Mr. and Mrs. R. R. Wahlquist, the former being wife of ex-Adams County Democrat, stopped in town en route to St. Louis on a honeymoon.

A. B. Jaquith, manager of the Omaha Elevator company, returned from Minneapolis. He was caught in a snowstorm and was twenty-two hours going eighteen miles on a train.

A horse hitched to a cutter fell off a high bank into the river at East Omaha and was drowned.

A two-story frame house at 427 Harney street owned by Lyman Richardson and occupied by A. L. Wiggins and family was partially destroyed by fire, loss being \$1,000.

United States District Attorney Ben S. Baker returned from a six weeks' trip through New Mexico, California and Oregon. Mrs. Baker, who went with him, intended staying until May.

The famous Mme. Modjeska and her company arrived in the city for an engagement. Speaking to a reporter for The Bee, Modjeska condemned "this pernicious stalling business" as ruinous to "dramatic art in this country."

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News was received of the death in St. Paul of H. B. Woodbridge, a newspaper man formerly of The Bee, the Chicago Times, of which he was city editor, and later the New York Sun. He died at 43 and was the son of the late Congressman Woodbridge of Vermont.

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Charles McDonald, foreman of the structural iron work on the Union Pacific's new shops in course of construction, fell from a high scaffolding sustaining injuries likely to prove fatal. He was removed to his home on Cass street.

The Associated Press brought a statement from Bishop George Worthington of the Episcopal diocese of Nebraska, residing in New York, replying to criticisms made by Rev. T. J. Mackay as to why the bishop maintained his residence in New York instead of Nebraska.

The bishop said that for fourteen of the eighteen years of his career as bishop of Nebraska he resided here and moved to New York only when physicians urged him to on account of heart disease. He expressed surprise at Dr. Mackay's outburst.

Gasoline is scheduled to go up to 25 cents a gallon on June 1. The esteemed John D. is making extensive improvements at his home and needs the money.

Maryland patriots are jumping on the warden of the state penitentiary because he is working overtime to save money for the state. If the warden persists his name is Dennis.

SECULAR SHOTS AT PULPIT

Cleveland Plain Dealer: The dame who fired the St. Paul dome outlives in fame the pious Wren who reared it.

Judge: The clergyman who boasts that he read the Bible from cover to cover in sixty-seven hours probably belongs to the class of preachers who go elsewhere for their texts.

New York World: A minister has made the discovery that Lincoln was a greater general than Washington. The verdict of village debating societies is yet to be received, but meantime it is a subject for satisfaction that each was equal to his responsibilities.

Springfield Republican: Dr. Inge, dean of St. Paul's cathedral, and sometimes called "the gloomy dean," is despondent over the spread of sentimentality in England. "If women," he said, in a sermon Sunday, "repudiate their duties to the next generation, the outlook will be very bad indeed." Will there be any outlook?

Chicago Post: What has become of the old-fashioned infidel? According to John Redd Brown in the Baptist Standard of this city, he has disappeared, and "the churches are missing him sorely." There was a time when he figured in almost every sermon. Sometimes he was brought into the sermon to have his arguments refuted. At other times his life, with its numerous scandals, was used to point a moral. But "he could be called names without offense."

SOLOMONISMS REVISED

Polliteness often is to tell the kindest lie you can think up well.

Kind deeds can never die, but they often have a hard time getting born.

Lots of women go to church because their new hats are from Missouri—they have to show.

They used to tell a boy, "You'll be a man yet before your mother will." Nowadays there seems to be some doubt of it.

Of course, "The play's the thing; but after seeing certain of the late plays many of us would like to ask what the "thing" is.

Every tub must stand on its own bottom—unless, of course, it is hung up by the handle; but even then it has to get its support on its own hook.

Don't speak of anything as good or excellent or meritorious, but as clever. There is something about that word "clever" that conveys the idea that you consider the thing praised well worthy your patronizing commendation, but that you could do a great deal better yourself if you only cared to try.

GENTLE CYNICS

Be jolly, but don't be jollied.

The enthusiast is apt to be two parts liar.

Some people spend as they go and others stay at home.

The man who makes a religion of his luck is apt to get burned.

Some people talk so much they haven't time to say anything.

If you treat a man like a dog you can't blame him for acting like one.

Any woman will tell you that imitation is the sincerest form ofattery.

The people who laugh and grow fat eventually have the laugh turned on them.

If you have any fear of being obliged to eat your own words, pay sugar-coated compliments.

Always be on time in keeping an appointment. It gives you a chance to retreat while waiting for the other fellow.

POLITICS AND PRAYER

Boston Transcript: When the chaplain of the Indiana senate began to appeal in his prayer for one side of a public question before that body, the presiding lieutenant governor shouted to him: "Stop making a political speech." Out this way, under such circumstances, we do not pull him up until after the "Amen."

Indianapolis News: If the lieutenant governor of Indiana, as president of the senate, had but realized that the prayer which he cut short was addressed, not to him, or to the senate, but to the Almighty, he would not, we feel sure, have insulted and humiliated a worthy minister of his city. We do not recall a more brutal and offensive exercise of power.

St. Louis Republic: The clergyman who was stopped by the lieutenant governor of Indiana in the midst of a prayer because it was taking the form of a political speech should understand that, while the right of petition under the constitution and the right to address the throne above are both valid and indefeasible, a mixture of the two has no standing anywhere.

SUNDAY SMILES

Rankin—Anyway, drinking isn't an unexcused evil.

Fyle—It is in your case. You always take it straight.—Boston Transcript.

"But this lot is an inch under water." "Well supply you with enough bioterra to soak that water up," said the genial real estate man.—Louisville Courier-Journal.

"Doctor, why do so many dramatists write plays depicting the seamy side of life?" "My dear sir, you keep a grocery store, don't you?"

"Well, why do you sell so much cheese?" "I can be smelted a block away!"—Chicago Tribune.

"I see that President-elect Wilson hasn't made up his mind about his cabinet yet." "Dear me," she sighed, "do hope he'll decide to select one of those new fashioned ones that water up to sweep under the rug!"—Detroit Free Press.

"You will forgive me if I—er, ask you something—something—?" "Sure I will. I knew you would be asking it soon!"—Houston Post.

WESTWARD HO!

Joachim Miller: What strength! What strife! What rudes unrest! What shocks! What half-shaped armies!

A mighty nation moving west With all its steely sinews set Against the living forests. Hear The shouts, the shots of pioneer. The ruffled forests, rolling wheels. As if some half-checked arm recoils. Recalls, redoubles, comes again Loud-sounding like a hurricane.

O bearded, stalwart, westmost men, So tower-like, so Gothic-built! A kingdom won without the guilt Of studied battle, that hath been Your blood's inheritance. Your heirs Know not your tomb; the great blow shares.

Cleave softly through the mellow loam Where you have made eternal home, And set no sign. Your epitaphs Are writ in furrows. Beauty laughs While through the green ways wandering Beside her love, slow gathering White, starry-hearted May-time blooms Above your lowly leveled tombs; And then below the spotted sky She stops, she leans, she wonders why And why the grasses darker grow. And drop and trail like wounded wings.

Yes, time, the grand old harvester, Has gathered you from wood and plain. We call to you again, again: The rush and rumble of the car Come back in answer. Deep and wide And now we push the memory past: The silent pioneer is gone. His ghost is mowing down the trees. And now we push the memory past: Of bluff, bold men who dared and died In foremost battle, quite aside.

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