

MYSTERY IS A BLESSING

Rev. F. B. Stein at First Congregational Church Talks of Knowledge.

STUDY OF BIBLE INCENTIVE TO LIFE

You Should Trust Spiritual Things as Well as Material Things and Strive to Solve Problems.

"Life's Mysteries" was the subject of the sermon of Rev. F. B. Stein at the First Congregational church Sunday morning.

"Little we know but there is much that we do not know. Here and there we may succeed in ascending the little hills of doubt," said Dr. Stein, "but we still encounter a spiritual barrier which is not to be overcome by the intellect alone."

SON PREACHES FOR HIS FATHER

Returned Missionary from Central America at St. Mark's Lutheran.

The pulpit of St. Mark's Lutheran church, Twentieth and Burdette streets, was occupied last evening by Eulalius N. Groh, son of the pastor, Rev. Dr. Leonard Groh.

Mr. Groh has just returned from Honduras, Central America, where he was engaged in missionary work for more than eleven years.

Mr. Groh took as his text Christ's parable of the good Samaritan who bound up the wounds of the man who had fallen among thieves.

"This, like all of the parables of Jesus, pictures the sinner in a most vivid and convincing and convincing light," said the speaker.

"It was a lawyer who asked the questions which led up to the parable. He had come to the Master in the arrangement of his own power and intelligence and had asked rather flippantly what he should do to be saved."

"Why did Christ in the parable say the man was going from Jerusalem to Jericho when he fell among thieves?"

"The man who fell among thieves was a Jew and the man who bound up his wounds was a Samaritan. The Jews and Samaritans were at enmity with each other, the former refusing to have any dealings with the latter."

"Now, the man who fell among the thieves corresponds to the helpless sinner in the world and the Samaritan to Christ. He finds the sinner half dead, rescues him from that condition and takes him to an inn. The inn is the world which is, to the rescued sinner, as it was to that poor man, only an abiding place for a little time. The true believer would prefer to go to his eternal home at once, but it is not God's will. It is His desire to have him tarry for a time in the world before being called to heaven."

"We can imagine how that man at the inn must have looked forward to the time when the good Samaritan would come again, for he had left word that he would do so. And so the believer looks forward to the time when Christ will come again as He has promised to come."

"Meaning that should be his best in the life of the world as well as in the great. In the choice of a path of duty the believer should leave himself entirely in God's hands and let Him do with him what He pleases. If there is such a thing as regret in heaven we will surely regret that we did not do more for Christ while He lived on earth."

"At the morning service a class of eleven young people was confirmed and a number of others were received into membership in the church."

Mr. Groh will occupy the pulpit for several Sundays during the absence of the pastor, who will leave this evening for Pennsylvania to attend the annual meeting of the general synod of the Lutheran church of the United States.

DR. LOVELAND ON RACE QUESTION

Education and Christianity Will Solve the Problem.

Dr. Frank Loveland spoke on the race problem last evening at the First Methodist church, and in the course of his remarks took time to say some very strong things regarding Senator Tillman and his recent address on this subject.

"The problem of the black man is the hardest which the church and state of today has to solve. It is no longer a sectional question; it concerns the whole nation, and we are called on to deal with it here in Omaha."

"The other evening you saw Senator Tillman fold his arms, gripe his teeth and say that the Yankee was responsible for the slave trade, but I tell you that if the southern states had not furnished a market for the slaves there would have been no slave trade. Senator Tillman spoke the other evening of the treason of the senate, but I tell you that a man who confesses to the crimes to which he confessed is the one who is guilty of treason to his country. Men like Senator Tillman and Thomas Dixon are a menace to this question. To settle this problem we need men like Dr. M. C. B. Mason. He is a negro as black as the ace of spades. To settle the race problem we need to give our black brother education, Christianity and a trained hand. In the discussion of this problem it is not necessary for me to say whether a negro was as good as a white man. Senator Tillman asked if you would want your daughter to marry a negro. No; neither would I want her to marry a Tillman."

JAPANESE TRIBUTE TO GRANT

General Kuroki Lays a Wreath on the Tomb of the Great Commander.

NEW YORK, May 18.—When twenty-eight years ago General U. S. Grant, in his tour of the world as the guest of the emperor of Japan, one of the officers assigned to attend him was a young colonel, who today as General Kuroki of world renown visited Riverside drive and there with impressive oriental ceremony placed a laurel wreath upon the American's tomb.

To General Kuroki today the pilgrimage to Grant's tomb was the chief event of his stay in New York and part of his program, which he had repeatedly said, must be carried out no matter what future was sacrificed.

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FEAST OF WEEKS OBSERVED

Jewish Holiday Celebrated with Elaborate Service at Temple Israel.

ATTITUDE OF JEWS TOWARD MORALITY

Rabbi Cohn, on "Birthday of Moral Law," Declares Them Under Double Obligation to Live Right.

The Feast of Shevuoth, or the Feast of Weeks, or Pentecost, was celebrated with an elaborate service at Temple Israel Sunday morning, the service lasting from 10:30 until noon. The church was beautifully decorated with cut flowers and ferns and was packed so that additional chairs were needed in the aisles.

"The service is in commemoration of the giving of the ten commandments on Mount Sinai—it is the birthday of the moral law," said Rabbi Cohn in his sermon, the text of which was "Ye shall be unto me a kingdom of priests and a holy nation."

"The laws given on the mountain were entrusted to Israel, not to the aesthetic Greeks, or the practical Romans, but to the ethical and spiritual Hebrews. They are sponsors of and official guardians of the moral law. That constitutes their true mission."

"They are a kingdom of priests and a holy nation," but upon "holy" the nation alone was a mere incident, a mere means to the true end which was morality and religion. The exodus was but the preliminary to the revelations on Sinai. The ten commandments are the foundation of civilization and are the constitution of the kingdom of righteousness, the organic law of the true ideal state."

Rabbi Cohn also spoke of the value of morality, of the infinite value above all else, talents, genius, beauty, fame—above all.

"It is the foundation upon which alone any worthy career may rest; without it a life, reared in whatever lines, falls to the ground. The moral law is not arbitrary, extreme, conventional, and, least of all, unnecessary or superficial. It is the law of the universe and was to him who discerned it, as the Bible says, 'It is your life, the length of your days.'"

"Morality heightens and increases the value and quality of life. It is conducive to long life. Moral people have the best chances in life, whereas the 'wages of sin is death.'"

"The Jew above all others must be moral, for he has a double responsibility, not merely a responsibility as a man since the moral law is binding on all men, but also as a Jew, as the special guardian and teacher of the law. They who preach must set the example. The very name of Jew should be in itself a title of integrity and a certificate of character. The fact a man is a Jew should at once carry the certainty he is of a high moral type."

"On this day the Jew consecrates himself anew to his holy mission and brings his children to the altar, that he may be into the holy ancestral religion. They are his pledge for the faithful discharge of his duty."

Rabbi Cohn also addressed the children, exhorting them to be true to the vows of the day and to be faithful followers of religion and also to be true Jews and Jewesses when they would be sure to be true men and women. Rabbi Cohn then handed the children their certificates.

ONE GLORIOUS DAY IN MAY

People May Have Dreaded the Tomorrow but Sunday Was Enjoyed

By All.

The popular salutation in Omaha Sunday: "Isn't this a fine day?" Beginning with a clear sky in the morning and continuing with only a few morning cloud spots not large enough to give alarm until evening, the weather man disbed out as nice a Sabbath day as any drawn since the coming of the Jews and their numerous misdeeds in the recent past. Just at the time when the summer girl was beginning to fear there would be nothing doing in her line this year and the reading public was growing weary of reports of crop failures, the curtain of mists was drawn aside, the clouds were blown to the north and Old Sol was allowed to show his pleasant countenance in all its glory. It was a beautiful day, and joy indeed the soul that did not glow with joy in the genial warmth.

And that it came on a Sunday made it all the better. Every citizen who had been in Omaha able to rise from bed hastened into the open air, sat on the porch or on the grass in the front yard, or went for a ride or stroll in the parks. The street railway company and livery barns did an enormous business, showing the attitude of the people. Comparing the streets from Sunday, when the wind and dust kept thousands within doors, it was a day to mark on the calendar.

It was the first Sunday of really seasonable weather this year, and the fact that it came late made it even more welcome. The heat was not oppressive, never the city there rose a breeze in the morning, proceeded, with just enough coolness to keep the temperature at a comfortable stage. While there were some people whose enjoyment of the beautiful weather was marred by the fear of what may be their lot on the morrow, fearing to take the change seriously from past experience with the climate jugglers, the people got in one good day, anyway, even if they don't get another like it till the Fourth of July.

SUNDAY SECOND DRY TIME

No Arrest for Violation of Slocumb Law on First Day of Week.

For the second successive time spirituous liquors were not dispensed within the city of Omaha on the Sabbath day, so far as the police were able to discover, and not an arrest under the Slocumb law was made Sunday. The police continued the same vigil as on previous Sundays since the enforcement of the order, men in plain clothes making the rounds and keeping an eye open for leaks in the law. If any wet spots were received at the police station, but when run down proved to be "bum steers," or else the daring spirits lost courage and closed before the police arrived.

A most convincing test was given unwittingly by a stranger, who did not know of the strictness of the law in Omaha. He met Boston Green on the street and, feeling in need of a brace, asked the strenuous Afro-American: "Say, when can I get a drink?"

"Go jump in the river," was the unhesitating reply, "and you can get all you want to drink."

The dialogue was overheard and reported at the police station, where it was accepted as the best evidence that the law was being observed. For if Boston Green was unable to locate an opening, then verily must the lid be tightly shut.

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LETTERS FROM BEE READERS

One Writer Thinks Gates on Street Cars Would Prevent Accidents

MEANING OF WORD IN BOOK OF GENESIS

Saul Wright Sees Only Twenty-Four Hours in Day of Creation and Comments on Sermon.

Contributions on timely topics are invited from readers of The Bee. Communications should be written on one side of the paper only and accompanied by the name and address of the writer. The name will not be used if the writer asks that it be withheld. Unpublished communications will not be returned. Letters are advised to limit their length to 300 words, and to be sent to the editor, Publications of views of contributors must be taken to commit The Bee to their endorsement.

OMAHA, May 18.—To the Editor of The Bee: There has been running in the columns of local papers for the last few weeks a warning picture from the Omaha Street Railway company, asking that assistance be given them to prevent accidents by people, especially women passengers, alighting in the right way. Evidently the company has decided that sufficient amount of warning has been given, for they have discontinued the picture in the papers. The managers from experience ought to know that their warning made this way is soon forgotten and that the very accidents they are trying to prevent will occur unless there is a continuous effort on their part to prevent it. They would do well to have a show card among the advertising in the car and let the public be reminded by it, or combined with this, do what some of the conductors did with the bus that was in the papers, place it inside the glass on the rear platform where everyone can see it. If the picture was much enlarged it would be better.

There is a far better way that the local street car company could protect the passengers and at the same time free themselves from the danger of damages. This is by the use of street cars with gates on the platform, such as are found in Des Moines, Minneapolis and Kansas City, Mo. These gates must be opened and closed by the motorman and there is no alighting from the cars till they come to a dead stop. I have never heard any valid explanation given why the street car companies in these cities are more careful to protect life and limb than is the Omaha & Council Bluffs Street Railway company. I understand also that they do not have open cars with running boards in those cities, but the aisle is in the center and entrance is from the rear, with gates to protect the platform. This construction of open cars ought to appeal to the local company for self protection and certainly to our local lawmakers in the interest of the passengers.

We all know, only too well, that the value of human beings and human life is held altogether too low by capital and its managers. Would it not be well if these game managers and capitalists show a little keener sense of human sympathy and exercise some of the great power that rests in their hands because they are possessors of capital in partially helping and protecting the weak and thoughtless human creatures that are to a greater or less degree within their power? W. J. H.

"In the Beginning," OMAHA, May 18.—Editor of The Omaha Bee: In your issue of May 18 is a report of a sermon delivered in this

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city by Rev. R. C. Denison at Wisconsin "The Creating Power of God," in which the speaker uses these words:

"The word 'day' has five different meanings in the Hebrew language and three in our own. Hence it must not necessarily follow that in the old Hebrew text the days of creation were not merely days of twenty-four hours each, but were days that existed and moved slowly through the centuries."

Genesis 1:5, reads: "And God called the light day, and the darkness He called night, and the evening and the morning were the second day."

In the eighth verse, same chapter, reporting progress in creation, these words are used: "And the evening and the morning were the second day." Also in the thirteenth, nineteenth, twenty-third and thirty-first verses, the same language used in recounting work done on third, fourth, fifth and sixth days respectively. Verses 1 and 2, chapter 2, reads:

"Thus the heavens and the earth were finished, and all the host of them. And on the seventh day God ended the work which He had made; and He rested on the seventh day from all the work which He had made."

And yet the Rev. Denison says: "God is thus enacting worlds today. His arm is not shortened. His powers are not lost. His forces are not exhausted, etc."

For 4,000 years believers in the Bible as the word of God have held sacred their seventh day of the week, according to commandment given to the Israelites 2,000 years after the creation.

How would it be possible for man to observe the Sabbath day, to "keep it holy," if the day mentioned in the creation was an extended, indefinite period of time—a creative age or cycle—of probably thousands or millions of years?

I am neither a scientist nor a Bible scholar, so I will have to fall back upon common sense to help me solve this problem. And I will contend that one of two conclusions is absolutely correct:

Either this earth and the whole universe were created in six days of twenty-four hours each, or the Genesis account is a fable or a fake. SAUL WRIGHT.

CHANGES IN CIVIL SERVICE Commission Announces Examinations of Applicants for Positions to Be Held in June.

The United States Civil Service commission announces the following examinations to secure a list of eligibles to fill existing vacancies in the civil service:

June 12.—For the position of preparator (experience in marking human crania and skeletons) at \$50 per month in the National museum. Men only will be admitted to this examination. Age limit, 30 years or over.

June 19.—For the position of mechanic in the bureau of standards at \$60 per annum. Age limit, 30 years or over.

June 19 and 20.—For the positions of assistant inspectors of hulls, steamboat inspection service, Seattle, Wash., at \$1,400 per annum. Age limit, 25 to 35 years.

June 26.—For the position of observer in the weather bureau at a salary of \$720 per annum. Age limit, 18 to 30 years. For the position of surveyor of mineral deposits, one at \$5 and the other at \$4 per diem, in the land office service. Age limit, 30 years or over.

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Bomb Found in Street Car. SAN FRANCISCO, May 18.—Late tonight a matchbox containing a bomb was found in a Butter street car at the barn at Oak and Broadway streets. The fuse had been



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SMUGGLING IN JAPANESE GIRLS

Punigation of Ship Reveals Scheme and the Girls Are Sent Home.

PORT TOWNSEND, Wash., May 13.—Because of the breaking out of smallpox aboard the steamship Oanfa on its last trip from the Orient, upon reaching Victoria the entire steerage was fumigated. A short while after the sulphur was lighted and the hatches battened down the officers heard a commotion in one of the freight compartments. It was opened and investigation located the disturbance in six heavy boxes, which were found each to contain a Japanese girl. Inquiry demonstrated that the shipment was consigned to K. Sesookien, a stevedore passenger, who is alleged to be Taki Kaitoro, a procurer who was deported from San Francisco two years ago. Through exchange of courtesies between British and American authorities the six women and Sesookien were brought here last night and will be sent back to Japan on the Oanfa, which is scheduled to sail tomorrow.

Senator LaFollette After Bear. GLENWOOD SPRINGS, Colo., May 13.—Senator Robert LaFollette of Wisconsin, who arrived here yesterday, will start on a bear hunt in the Muddy district tomorrow with Jake Borah as guide. The Muddy is the famous bear country into which Borah

FIRE RECORD.

Hotel at Port Dodge.

FORT DODGE, Ia., May 19.—(Special Telegram.)—Fire caused by upsetting a lamp in a room of a traveling man ruined the Merchants' hotel here this afternoon. Loss \$5,000, fully covered by insurance.

Summer Tours East at Small Cost. Jamestown exposition excursion tickets sold daily via Pennsylvania lines offer unusual chance for sight-seeing at small expense. Trip to exposition may be made via New York and ocean steamer past Old Point Comfort (Fortress Monroe), going or returning, and via Philadelphia, Baltimore, Washington, Columbia, Cincinnati or Louisville in opposite direction, with stopovers for side trips to Atlantic City, Cape May, Jersey coast, Long Island and New England resorts. The ideal summer vacation trip. Particulars free. Ask W. H. Rowland, T. P. Agt., U. S. Bank Bldg., Omaha, Neb.

Navy Yard to Finish Ship. SAN FRANCISCO, May 19.—The United States cruiser California was towed from the Union Iron Works yesterday to the Mare Island navy yard, where the big warship will be completed. On account of the strike of ironworkers the Union Iron Works people were unable to go ahead with the almost finished cruiser and, as Uncle Sam has need of the fighting machine, orders were issued for the California to be turned over to the navy yard.



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