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Do you remember, in the good old days when the fight against woman suffrage was still going strong, one of the chief arguments against it was that the result would be simply to double the electorate and the expense, because each woman would have to be educated for her family? Well, the returns from the recent election in this direction have knocked that theory into a cocked hat, and it ought to be a safe bet to gamble that a number of other old-time objections will be thrown on the scrap pile before so many years. Here's how the State Journal describes what happened:

The women of Nebraska carried at least one proposed amendment to the state constitution. While politicians were predicting that the voting of women would make little change in the result of elections, the returns now complete in the office of Secretary of State Amsherry, show that the men voted against the amendment increasing the maximum number of state senators thirty-three to fifty and the vote of women carried this amendment by a majority of 1,345, overcoming a majority of the male vote amounting to 2,113 against it. On the other hand the vote of men adopted the equal suffrage amendment without the aid of women who were almost unanimously for suffrage.

On the increase of the number of state senators the men voted: Yes, 30,153; no, 32,266. The vote of women was: Yes, 10,930; no, 6,372. This makes a total of 38,738 against the amendment, and a total of 17,083 for it, or a majority of 1,345 in its favor. The amendment to have been defeated by the votes of men alone by a majority of 2,113. Women alone had voted the amendment would have carried by a majority of 4,458. It has been explained that the originators of the amendment to increase the number of state senators desired to make that body more democratic and make it more difficult of control by a small number of members. Intentionally to control the state senate are said

to have voted against the amendment. The women were evidently more generally instructed than men in regard to the intent of this change in the constitution. Some voters opposed it merely because it increases the number of elective officers and also increases the state pay roll.

Suffrage for women was already in force throughout the United States when the equal suffrage amendment to the state constitution was submitted to the electors of Nebraska. For this reason there was little interest in the issue. The men voted Yes, 17,471; no, 14,482. The vote of women on this subject was: Yes, 18,014; no, 947. Next week Governor McKelvie will issue a proclamation declaring the suffrage amendment a part of the state constitution.

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Walter Anderson, who was injured in an automobile accident several weeks ago and was recently discharged from the hospital, was down town in his wheel chair Saturday for the first time.

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Harold S. Thomas and family are moving to Lincoln to make their home. Mr. Thomas has accepted a position with the State Journal company.

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James Pierce and Ward Joder, who were among the Alliance boosters at the Scottsbluff-Alliance football game, at Scottsbluff last Friday, stayed over until Sunday evening.

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James Dotta, demonstrator for the Eastman Kodak company, of Rochester, Minn., was in Alliance Monday on business.

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COMMENT--AND DISCOMMENT

Among other signs that the world is growing better may be listed the decline of the Billy Sunday style of evangelism. Somehow or other, the churches don't cotton to that kind of cattle in these present days. The sort of evangelists we see nowadays are not reformed vaudeville artists who lead the singing while standing on their heads or preach on top of the pulpit. The language they use could be used in almost any school in the land without arousing the slumbering instructress in grammar.

All this, we firmly believe, is as it should be. We see no reason why the Lord shouldn't use for His purposes the best material he can find. In certain places where there is no one available to lend dignity to the position of His representative, we can understand how it is that "any thing would be better than nothing." But when, in almost every place in the country, there are plenty of good men who can preach the gospel with convincingness, yet with dignity, and who do not need to resort to the antics of the vaudeville stage to draw a crowd, why should there be evangelists of any other type?

The answer, we rather suspect, must be sought in the evangelists themselves. Leaving the Billy Sunday and the authenticity of his calling strictly alone, for a while the cases of the lesser lights, those who have aped Billy and have furnished in smaller communities a more or less convincing imitation of the great one. One town, we recall, had several experiences with this class of gentry, and the almost unanimous verdict among the anti-evangelistic party was that these imitators were, to speak brutally and frankly, out for the coin, and that they imitated Billy Sunday because it paid better than it did to deport themselves in any other way.

There was the case of P— This gentleman arrived with a fanfare of trumpets and a huge crowd of members of his denomination, at the station to sing out lustily with appropriate hymns on his arrival. He was scheduled to stay three weeks. The newspapers, which had had experience with another set of evangelists a few months previous, didn't think much of this fellow. Speaking in golf terms, they dislike his approach. And so they weren't particularly liberal with free publicity.

The evangelist, however, was undaunted. His first night's crowd was slim, and the second night was slimmer. The third night he was ready for them. He informed the audience that that very afternoon, three young high school girls had come to him and had told him, through their tears, that the morality of the students in the public schools was hitting the toboggan something awful, and that they were more or less innocent victims. For the next three nights he made revelation after revelation, and the next day he repaired to the newspaper office with complete accounts of his disclosures.

Ordinary newspapers would have jumped at the chance to spread so much scandal abroad. But the newspapers of this town were different. They considered the source, carefully, and made inquiries of the school authorities. Assured them that there was little if any foundation for the outrageous charges, the newspapers shut up concerning the evangelist like clams, and forgot, from that time on, to mention the gentleman. And in the course of time the three weeks expired and Mr. Evangelist moved out of town on the night train, accompanied to the station by a scant handful who sang "God Be With You Till We Meet Again" very feelingly. Yet, so far as we can discover, they never did meet again. And the town, at least, didn't suffer by it.

And so, in the course of time, the Billy Sunday era in church evangelism will happily die out. Maybe the coming of the movie will hasten its going, and if so, it will be the greatest victory the movie has ever won. This will attract the people who seek amusement or entertainment at the church services, and if the films are not too carefully censored and every gleam of any other interest save the religious eliminated, will leave a better taste in their mouths and a higher opinion of the church in the minds. And who shall say that it will not furnish a welcome change for the ardent churchgoers?

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That predicted drop in the price of furs is good news to the poor girls who must go shivering through the terrible summers with nothing heavier to wear than macabre coats.

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