

**THE PARSON'S CORNER**

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**OUR UNCONSCIOUS ADAPTATION TO THE UNDESIRABLE.**

The question was asked some time ago in one of our prayer meetings: "Why is it that in time we come to approve what at one time we disapproved?" This question suggests a principle whose study is quite interesting. It is a fact that were we to be cast suddenly into a certain atmosphere we would perish, yet if we are gradually introduced into that same atmosphere we would get so accustomed to it that we can actually live in it.

I think it was Professor Bernard who illustrated this fact in the following manner: He placed a sparrow under a bell glass receiver with air enough for three hours' respiration. At the end of two hours he put a second sparrow under the receiver, which at once fell dead, while the first bird was able to live the remaining hour.

Were Judas at once put into the company of the Pharisees of old, there is reason to doubt that he would have betrayed Christ, but his clandestine mingling with them at intervals finally led him to take over their ambitions, and finally to become their dupe.

The same is true of you and me. We unconsciously learn to accommodate ourselves to the vicious element. By gradual and sometimes rapid changes corruption creeps upon us, and our otherwise moral views become obscured and perverted, and we learn to accept a totally different set of customs or even principles. We come to tolerate evil which, if suddenly confronting us in purer society, would shock and overwhelm us.

The young people are especially open to become the victims of this psychological element. Take the young man or woman who has been reared to shun certain places and amusements. They go "just this once" to avoid wounding the feelings of some so-called friend, but it is seldom that it remains "just this once." It is soon repeated, with the result that they learn to accommodate themselves to some things which before they had looked upon as immoral, or at least beneath them.

Any teacher or preacher or parent knows this to be a fact. When the great Savior of men taught his disciples to pray: "Lead us not into temptation," it was because He knew of this law of nature.

This is true not only of individuals, but of organizations as well. Churches through their leaders sometimes tolerate gradually what if presented suddenly would be rejected. Cities will learn little by little to approve what it would otherwise reject with scorn.

We say when looking back over such periods of changes of opinion or custom, "How they have changed." No, they have not changed, but we have yielded to the law of compromise as found in nature. It is this law of compromise, or our tendency to take on the spirit of our surroundings, that is responsible for much of the evil in the world today. Had Kaiser Bill confronted the world with his pet plan of

making mankind his slaves he would have been overthrown a score of years ago.

There are influences wending their way through our governmental and educational life that we are tolerating now which some day, if the great American people do not awaken, will some day tolerate us. We are tolerating them because their coming and workings are gradual. Such elements do not sound the drum to announce their coming, but fasten their tentacles around the life of the nation and at the proper time, when the trap is sprung, we find ourselves victims. Who has not had a personal experience of that kind?

The fall of young people is seldom sudden, but gradual. There are boys and girls in Alliance who would resent with a holy hatred any suggestion of evil presented to them suddenly, yet who through the subtle sneaking and gradual vamping of the seducer and she-devil may become victims.

It behooves parents, teachers, preachers and other leaders of young life to call their attention to this law which may mean the greatest blessing or the deepest curse. Let us live much in the secret place of the Most High, and breathe such a pure air that we shall recognize in a moment the polluted air of which otherwise we should scarcely be conscious.

Are you under the bell glass of the devil? Get out from under it, before it is too late.  
(Continued Next Week.)

**BLACKROOT**

L. L. Dyer finished digging his potatoes Saturday. Mr. and Mrs. Roy Grosse visited at the Charles Baldwin home Thursday. Mr. and Mrs. Robert Mitchell and son motored down to Scottsbluff last Saturday. They returned Monday morning.

Percy Dyer came back to help his brother finish digging spuds. He expects to stay until Bryl gets them hauled off. They say they are making over a hundred bushels of the acre and have nearly 2,800 bushels.

Mrs. Keane helped Mrs. Dye cook for spud diggers Friday and Saturday. Bernard Flaherty has been hauling spuds for Henderson the past week.

Charles Moravek and sister, Mrs. Meeker and Harlan went to Hemingford Wednesday returning Thursday. The sale of Ewald Leth last Tuesday was well attended and everything sold very well.

Cal Wildy of Boulder, Colo., was in this neighborhood Tuesday. He was the clerk at the Leth sale.

Mr. and Mrs. George Flaherty motored to Alliance one day last week. Everyone over near Canton is helping Mrs. Powell get ready to move. She wants to leave by the last of the week if possible.

Donald Dyer was quite sick Saturday but was better Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Grosse spent Sunday at the M. A. Sheldon home.

Last week's news was delayed on account of spud digging. It was impossible to get to the mail box.

Spud digging will be all finished by the last of this week, and the last job of threshing was finished up Saturday.

Jessie Moravek helped Mrs. Meeker cook for threshers Thursday.

Robert Mitchell took Mrs. Johnson to her home at Scottsbluff Sunday.

Mable Romer spent the week-end at her home in Sioux county.

Mrs. Pete Farrel and Goldie was on the sick list one day last week.

The dance last Saturday night at the old McHenry house was well attended and everyone had a good time. Mr. Henderson went into Hemingford Thursday to bring Mrs. Henderson home. They were planning on coming home Saturday but Mrs. Henderson's right limb caused her so much trouble that Dr. Slagle said she would have to go back to the hospital for he didn't know how serious it might be. Mr. Henderson came home Saturday afternoon.

**POINT OF ROCK CREEK**

Mrs. Bess Vaughn was a business caller at Mrs. A. Langford's Monday. Mr. Feyen called at the Nichols home Sunday.

Ben Swanson took dinner at the A. L. Lore home Sunday, and rounded up some stray cattle.

Al Mabin visited at Ben Swanson's Sunday.

George Seymour and Lyle Essex picked potatoes for A. L. Lore Monday.

Albert and Amanda Lore were at the Lore ranch Sunday evening. Mr. and Mrs. Ernie Essex and Mr. Wells drove to Alliance Monday.

Floyd Trine motored to Alliance and made a short call at F. Vaughn's.

A few young people gathered at the Ernest Weinell home Saturday evening, and all reported a fine time. Mrs. Dillon and the Ogdens are gathering their garden stuff. The cabbage turned out fine.

Quite a few young people gathered at A. Lore's Sunday and all motored to Point of Rock in the afternoon.

Howard Essex was a Sunday caller at the Wilkins home.

Mrs. F. E. Nichols is on the sick list this week.

Edgar Hashman and Ernest Weinell motored to Alliance Tuesday to get potato pickers.

Ira Duskin is picking potatoes for the Lore boys.

Cal Hashman motored to Alliance Tuesday afternoon.

Carl Hashman is helping Frank Vaughn with his potatoes this week.

John Hadley was a caller at Lore's Sunday evening.

Harry Thiele is having a "Win the Ford" sale this week. He's selling standard goods at reduced prices, giving a Ford ticket with each dollar purchase.

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**TONIGHT**

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**"THE LAMPLIGHTER"**

—COMEDY—

**"DOGGONE KIDS"**

ADM.—9 and 27c and W. T.

**SAT., OCT. 15**

Thos. Meighan, in—

**"FRONTIER OF THE STARS"**

—COMEDIES—

**"SPIKING SPOOKS"**

Mutt & Jeff—

**"BIG MYSTERY"**

ADM.—9 and 36c and W. T.

**SUNDAY, OCT. 16**

**VAUDEVILLE**

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**Photoplay**

**"THE DAUGHTER PAYS"**

—COMEDY—

**"THE BABY"**

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**Wrong Address!**

When you make a personal call, you try to go to the right address, of course.

Before making a telephone call, do you always get the correct number by consulting the latest directory?

When anyone knocks at the wrong house door he excuses himself in a polite way, and the interrupted person smiles in acknowledgement of the error.

Of course it is proper to use the same courtesy and consideration over the telephone that one uses face to face.

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