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BISHOP ARTHUR L. WILLIAMS DELIVERS MOST ELOQUENT SERMON YESTERDAY

He Spoke on the Subject "Simplicity of the Christian Faith," to a Large and Delighted Congregation at St. Luke's Church—the Bishop is One of the Powerful Orators of the State

From Monday's Daily.

The services at St. Luke's church yesterday morning was of more than usual interest. A large congregation took advantage of the fine day to hear Bishop Williams on the theme, "The Simplicity of the Christian Faith." The special music was an anthem entitled "Bow Down Thine Ear," by Chancellor Jenks, H. S. Austin sang the solo part.

The bishop took for his text the scripture, "And Jesus saith unto him, I will come and heal him." Matt. viii, 7, and spoke in part as follows: "The miracle of healing of the Centurian's servant was related by both Saint Matthew and Saint Luke, with some slight difference in the narrative, viz: Saint Matthew relates that the Centurian came personally to our blessed Lord, while Saint Luke relates that the elders of the synagogue came and interceded with Christ for the Centurian. Saint Matthew describes in a striking way the simple faith of the Centurian. He was not a disciple of our Lord—he was not even a Jew. Although we are told he was favorably disposed toward them and their religion, and doubtless recognized not only the superiority of the Jewish religion to that of his own superstitions, he also had a dim apprehension of one true God whom the Jews worshipped.

"More—he had heard of our blessed Lord and His wonderful miracles of healing. There had come to his ears also the declarations of Christ concerning His person and nature as the son of God and of His lordship over all created things, as well as life, sickness, disease and death. He had no doubt heard personal testimony of those who had seen lepers healed, the lame walk, the deaf hear, the blind see and the dumb speak. The narrative shows that the Centurian compared our blessed Lord's relation to the world of spirits with his own position as an officer of the Roman army, where discipline was to be found in its highest perfection."

The bishop further noticed the attitude of the Centurian toward the Saviour, conceding that Christ

was superior to himself, as shown by the Roman's statement that he was not worthy to Jesus to come under his roof, and that if Christ would speak the word, his servant should be healed. He believed in the power of the divine word, and he was ready to take Jesus at His word. The Centurian's slave was sick with palsy, or paralysis, very common now, generally painless, though some times causing great suffering. In that servant we can see ourselves. Sin produces spiritual paralysis, a torpor of the soul. There are willful sinners who do not seemingly realize the fatal consequences of their sins, and that there is no cure for their disease but the divine power of Christ, who stands ready to heal them of their disease if they will but yield to Him. It may be there are some such here this morning. Others there are who know their condition and are seeking help from the good physician. I trust there are some such who hear me now.

The speaker then dwelt at some length on the humility of the Centurian, as well as his simple faith, and made the point that two lessons already learned from the miracle were humility and implicit faith. The Centurian felt too unworthy to receive the Lord into his house, but you may be sure that he received Christ into his heart because he was humble. The bishop called his congregation's attention to the Centurian's prayer; he did not ask a blessing for himself, but only for his servant. Of all of the petitions which God hears, said the bishop, I believe are the unselfish prayers we offer for others.

Concluding, the speaker said: "We learn that Jesus is ready to answer real prayer. 'I will come and heal him,' said our Lord. The good physician has medicine to heal every ill. There is no sin, no evil habit, no weakness, no temptation which He cannot cure. Let us go to Him who alone can heal us. Let us tell Him of ourselves and our neighbors who are at home sick with spiritual paralysis. Let us turn in faith to the Lord Jesus Christ and He will answer as of old, 'I will come and heal him.'"

A GOOD MAN LAID TO HIS FINAL REST

Last Sad Rites Over the Remains of the Late Francis Marion Richey.

From Monday's Daily.

The funeral of the late F. M. Richey occurred yesterday afternoon from his late residence on Chicago avenue, at 2 o'clock. The remains lay in state from 10 a. m. until 1 p. m., during which time many of Mr. Richey's friends and acquaintances took a last look at the familiar face. The B. P. O. E. membership went from the Elks' rooms in a body and paid their respects to a valued and much mourned departed brother.

The funeral service was simple and consisted of a scripture lesson read by Rev. W. L. Austin of the Methodist church and prayer offered by Rev. L. W. Gade of the Presbyterian church. Mrs. E. H. Wescott sang "Abide With Me," her husband playing the accompaniment on the piano. The pallbearers were: Byron Clark, Ed Lutz, Bert Pollock, Everett Eaton, Stewart Livingston and D. C. Morgan. Interment was made in the family lot in Oak Hill cemetery, Rev. Gade conducting the service at the grave.

Try a sack of Forest Rose Flour the next time you need flour. Ask your dealer what he thinks of it.

Their Share of Grief.

From Monday's Daily.

William B. Murdock was called to Plattsmouth this morning by a telephone message announcing the death of his father-in-law, Mr. Richey, who has been ill but a short time. He and his wife have been up there, but he returned home last evening to look after his business affairs and during his absence death occurred. It has been but a short time since Mr. Murdock's father died and this time his father-in-law. Surely the couple have their share of grief and have the heartfelt sympathy of all.—Nebraska City News.

FARMERS SHOULD TEST SEED CORN

Cass County Farmers Should Do This as Soon as Possible.

It may seem rather early in the season to begin warning farmers that they should test their seed corn, but now is the time to do this work when there is nothing else to do. Experts who have tested the corn raised in Nebraska last year declare that it is very poor for seed purposes and that it varied from 40 to 75 per cent in vitality. This means that there will be many fields to be replanted next spring unless the seed corn is tested in advance and only the kind that has proved good planted.

Your corn may look fine, be well matured and all of that, but it requires a test to determine whether or not it will grow. It is claimed that the dry spell in July, followed by the hard freeze in November has destroyed the vitality of the kernels, and while it is all right for feeding purposes, yet it will not grow. A word to the wise ought to be sufficient. Get busy as soon as the weather moderates and test every ear of corn that is to be used for seed purposes.

Says It Was Alfalfa Tea.

From Monday's Daily.

R. L. Propst, owner of the Mynard blacksmith shop, was in Plattsmouth Saturday and laid claim to the gold-headed cane at Egenberger's feed store, which was found on Chicago avenue. R. L. tells a very peculiar story as to how he became possessed of the cane. It was not a present to him on his birthday, nor given to him on the fiftieth anniversary of his marriage, but accounts for his ownership this way: On last Tuesday morning he drove out on Washington avenue, and when near Heisel's mill he observed the yellow handle of the cane in the snow in the wagon track, and at once alighted and picked it up. He had not enjoyed the possession of the gold-headed walking stick more than an hour when he lost it on Chicago avenue as he was driving to his home at Mynard. R. L. declares he drank nothing stronger than alfalfa tea last Tuesday.

Mrs. Dora Moore Entertains.

A number of neighbors and friends were most delightfully entertained Saturday evening at the home of Mrs. Dora Moore, in honor of her brother, Mr. R. C. Oldham and wife, of Didsbury, Alberta, Canada. Light refreshments were served and several musical numbers were rendered by Mrs. Carrie Tighe of Havelock and Mrs. R. C. Oldham. The occasion was one of genuine enjoyment. Mr. and Mrs. Oldham departed for Omaha Sunday morning, thence to their home in Canada.

Dance Saturday Night.

The Cosmopolitan club held the first of their dances Saturday night in Coates' hall. A fine crowd was in attendance, and the ball was a financial and social success. Many young people from Omaha and Glenwood were in attendance. The music was furnished by the M. W. A. orchestra. The "Moonlight Waltz" was the hit of the evening. This club will give another ball the Saturday night after Easter.

MEETS DEATH BY THE USE OF GASOLINE

Miss Hannah Angus, While Cleaning a Switch, is Burned From Explosion.

From Tuesday's Daily.

From the Glenwood Tribune the following account of the accidental fatality burning of Miss Hannah Angus at Malvern Saturday afternoon is taken. The Tribune of Monday says:

"There was a frightful accident at Malvern Saturday afternoon, resulting a few hours later in the death of Miss Hannah Angus, aged about 30 years, and a daughter of William Angus. Death resulted from burns from exploding gasoline. Miss Angus had been engaged during the afternoon in cleaning a switch with gasoline. Later she started to use a gasoline iron, and in lighting a match an explosion followed, resulting, it is thought, from the room being filled with the fumes of the gasoline.

"The young woman was fearfully burned and death ended her suffering at 9 o'clock that night. Mrs. Angus, in attempting to aid her daughter was also badly burned, which, with the shock of her daughter's death, rendered her condition serious for a time.

"Miss Angus has for several years been conducting a millinery store at Auburn, Neb., and at the time was home on a visit to her parents. She was a very estimable young woman, and besides her parents leaves one brother, Walter, who resides on a farm near Malvern. The funeral will occur Tuesday afternoon at Malvern."

Mrs. Wilson of Auburn, mother of Mrs. Williams, the partner of the unfortunate Miss Angus, passed through Plattsmouth this morning en route to Malvern to attend the funeral this afternoon. She received a message from her daughter this morning saying that Mrs. Angus was in a critical condition and not expected to survive through the day.

Rural Mail Must Be Stamped.

The rural carriers are kicking hard at present. During this cold weather many patrons are placing pennies in the mail boxes in lieu of stamps, causing the carrier to remove his mittens in order to pick them out. The carrier, who like to have the good will of his patrons, invariably inconveniences himself to accommodate the patron, although it is a violation of the postal regulations to do so. The postal laws require that mail be properly stamped before being accepted for mailing. It is not necessary for the patron to be out of stamps, because the carriers keep quantities of stamps for the accommodation of the patron. Therefore, the patron, who persistently places pennies in the mail box, knowing the carrier will obligingly take off his warm mittens to fish them out, after riding in the cold all day, is certainly no friend of the mail man.

Conrad Meisinger Gets a Fall.

Sunday night about 9 o'clock, while on his way home from his brother, Jacob's, Conrad Meisinger slipped on the ice on North Fourth street, falling backward, his head striking the curbing and cutting quite a gash in his scalp. Mr. Meisinger was alone and was probably unconscious for a short time, as blood was found on the snow the following morning where he had fallen. When he arose he had hardly regained his feet before he got a second fall, but this time not quite so hard. Mr. Meisinger made his way to his home, a few yards from where he fell, and has been confined to his room since. He says he does not know whether he was unconscious or not, but that he recalls seeing a lot of stars. Mr. Meisinger is past 70 years of age.

John Hildebrand and John Schroeder of Greenwood were summoned as tailmen in the district court this week to take the place of some of the regular panel who may have formed an opinion in the safe-blowing cases.

FRANK DOUD PLACED ON TRIAL CHARGED WITH BLOWING SAFE IN JEWELRY STORE

Jury Secured Yesterday Afternoon and the Owner of the Store, Mike Tritsch, Placed on Stand to Identify Certain Articles Found on Persons of McCann and Doud.

From Tuesday's Daily.

Judge Travis convened the district court yesterday afternoon and the case of Frank Doud, who is charged with safe-blowing, or the burglary by explosives of Mike Tritsch's jewelry store at Louisville on the morning of September 29, 1911, was called. The attorneys for the state, County Attorney Taylor and Judge Slabaugh, and the attorney for the defendant selected the jury and were at the trial of the case by 3 o'clock. The defendant was given eight and the state three pre-emptory challenges in selecting the jury, the defendant using but four and the state none. Many of the regular panel were excused for the reason that they had heard the evidence in the former trial. The jury as selected is composed of the following named gentlemen: James Niday, Frank Gobelwan, Elmer Chapman, Henry Schroder, L. Lacy, M. H. Tyson, George Pickwell, Ted Barrows, John Hildebrand, William Rummel, C. E. McEntee and Samuel Radaway.

The state case was presented to the jury by Mr. Taylor at some length, and the facts which the county attorney expected to show to the jury were detailed. Attorney Britt took very little time in his statement, except to say that all that the county attorney had said he explicitly denied so far as his client was concerned. He further stated that the evidence would show that some of the witnesses saw men with one color of clothing, while others described another color of clothing. One witness would swear that the man had on a slouch hat, while another would state that the hat was a stiff one.

Mr. Tritsch was sworn and examined by Mr. Slabaugh, and swore, in substance, that he had been in the jewelry business in Louisville for the past fourteen

years. That he had his place of business in the store of Frank Nichols, occupying about twenty feet in the front of the dry goods side and about half that space in the rear. The witness described the safe at his store as being made of iron fireclay and weighing about 4,800 pounds, size 12x13x22 inches. The witness detailed to the jury the condition of the doors and windows of the building and the condition of the safe on the evening of the 28th when he left his store. The condition on the next morning also was stated; the door was blown from the safe and lying ten or twelve feet to the south, fireclay was scattered about on the floor and soap and fuse scattered about. The jewelry that he placed in the safe the night before was missing. The witness was then asked to identify jewelry pads, sale tags, cushion wadding, a stickpin, which was found in the tie of McCann when arrested, and a safety razor found in the possession of Doud on his arrest. The stickpin was one which the witness had only one like it in stock when he put his jewelry away in the safe on the evening of September 28, and while he would not swear that this identical pin was the one he had in stock, yet it was exactly like it. One of the pieces of jewelry, a locket and chain, Mr. Tritsch positively identified as having been in his safe before the burglary and brought to him afterward by the officers. The tags which he missed from his safe were brought to him by Mr. Ellis, who also was with witness when the cushion wadding was picked up from among the sweetwings at the back of the store. The witness placed the value of the missing jewelry at \$1,000.

When the direct examination of Mr. Tritsch was completed the court then took a recess until 9 o'clock this morning.

VERY INTERESTING BIT OF LITIGATION

Mrs. Sarah E. McElwain Brings Suit in County Court to Recover Insurance.

From Tuesday's Daily.

A petition was filed yesterday in the county court in a suit entitled Sarah E. McElwain against the Platte Mutual Insurance company, which will be an interesting bit of litigation before it is wound up. The plaintiff alleges in part in her petition that she owns the residence property where she lives and has for a long time. That the defendant entered into a contract with her on the 12th day of September, 1908, whereby it assumed a risk of \$400 for three years upon her residence, insuring her against loss or damage by fire, the consideration for the insurance being the sum of \$2.50, and the stipulations in the policy.

On the fifth day of November, 1910, the dwelling was partially destroyed by fire and the rest damaged to more than \$400. On the day of the fire, the plaintiff, by her agent, B. A. McElwain, notified the company's secretary, H. R. Gering, of the loss. Plaintiff lost her policy on the day of the fire and did not again see it until her house had been repaired and the furniture again moved into her residence several months afterward. That the company, by its secretary, H. R. Gering, declined to pay her loss and she pray the court for a judgment for \$400 and her costs.

J. C. Niday, E. B. Chapman and G. W. Cheney of Union are in the city attending the district court for the week.

Wreck on Soo Run.

A wreck which delayed trains for about eight hours, occurred Friday morning, when the south-bound Sioux City freight, Conductor Moran in charge and I. T. Koontz in the engine, collided with the double-header north-bound train on the main track, No. 83, pulled by John Snead in one engine and Mr. Lewis of Lincoln in the other. The engineers and firemen jumped and no one was injured except Lewis, who sustained a sprained ankle. The wreck was caused by the air failing to work on the engine operated by Mr. Koontz, and the brake failed to respond to the lever. Mr. Koontz's engine was badly mangled; otherwise very little damage was done, not a wheel was off the track, but the track was blocked for several hours while the men were separating the heavy engines.

Second Half Begun.

From Monday's Daily.

Superintendent Abbott and his efficient corps of teachers started the second semester this morning with a large attendance of happy-faced boys and girls. The marked rise in temperature has brought a sense of relief in the school work, as well as all other lines of business, and the students and pupils enter the second half of the year with zeal and energy born of youth. There is little doubt but the second half of the year will be marked with even greater success, if that is possible, than the six months just closed.

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