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SERMON COMPLETE WITH GOOD ADVICE

REV. McCLUSKY SPEAKS TO H. S. GRADUATES LAST NIGHT ON "THE MASTER MAN"

From Monday's Daily. Last evening the young people of the class of 1920 of the Plattsmouth high school enjoyed one of the most enjoyable baccalaureate services in a number of years at the First Presbyterian church.

A special musical program had been arranged for the service which added to the beauty of the service. The two hymns, "A Charge to Keep I Have" and "My Faith Looks Up to Thee", were given by the choir and congregation and the choir of the church rendered a special anthem, "Angels of Jesus", while the quartet gave "Sweet is the Light of Sabbath Eve".

The Journal is printing the sermon of Rev. McClusky, "The Master Man", in order that the public who were not present last evening to hear this able discourse may be given the benefit of it. The sermon was one that showed deep thought and filled with the best of guidance to the young people that will guide them in the life they are about to take up.

TEXT: "A man's life consisteth not in the abundance of the things which he possesseth."—Luke 12:15.

"THE MASTER MAN"

A master man is one who has control both of himself and the situation that confronts him on all occasions. Paul was a Master Man, for he tells us: "I have found that in whatsoever state I am therewithin, I am content."

What the world needs today, is master men—men who are masterful leaders. The United States of America is groping today for some one to lead her and command her.

Christ had a great following because He was recognized as a "Master in Israel." There are men who are masters in a certain line or lines, but weak in others. Admiral Dewey came to our shores following his great sea victories and was received as one of our greatest heroes. He was presented with a beautiful home in Washington as a token of the nation's esteem.

People delight in a hero. One who has commanded a situation and won a champion, a leader who holds the confidence of the people will always attract a following. Roosevelt was the idol of a nation largely because, as General Wood said of him, "He never was discouraged." Is it any wonder that a man should be immortalized who could ride twenty miles and turn his retreating soldiers into an offensive that won the battle of Cedar Creek, such as Sherman did? In the ship wreck of Paul when the captain and officers had lost their heads, many lives would have been sacrificed had not Paul have commanded the situation so that not a life was lost.

Once on a voyage across the Atlantic, a terrific storm threatened the destruction of the ship and all on board. A panic arose among both passengers and crew. There was a master man there who assembled the people in the saloon and called on Almighty God in prayer, following which there was a remarkable suddenness in the cessation of the storm and the ship was saved. That man was Dwight L. Moody. Joseph resisted the Queen of Egypt's enticements, was thrown into prison, but later elevated to the supreme ruler of the kingdom for his self control. Shelly has said, "Almighty God has given men and women arms long enough to reach the stars, if only they will put them out."

fully all problems. Life is the world's greatest quest. Every one in the world wants to live, which is amplified in the strife and struggle of mankind against the great odds opposing him. The suicide in the act, though paradoxical as it may seem, is seeking to relieve himself of the living death he is in; and hopes for a better existence in the next state of being. The saddest phase of the world's life is the blind leaders of the blind, and both are falling into the ditch of death and woe in their seeking the light and life.

Christ found a man who was seeking for life in the wrong way. It was the rich fool, who said: "I have much goods stored up; I will eat, drink and be merry." To eat three good meals a day, enjoy a game of pinocle and lounge amidst the fumes of tobacco was to him the highest attainment for man. How many others in the world were languishing amidst the throes of sorrow and starvation meant little to him. To such one Christ answered that: "Life does not consist in the abundance of things which we possess."

Such is Christ's indictment against the vicious greed of today. As a bunch of boys would rush an untended and undefended fruit stand and maul each other in their effort to get all possible, so the treasury pile of every home in our land has been ruthlessly invaded by organized business concerns and manufacturers and the consumers' fruit has been snatched up by these greedy business wolves who claim that big dividends mean business life and success. A client in a bank owned \$200,000.00 worth of stock in a cotton mill, and claimed he realized \$55,000 each month from it in profits. Instead of being a business life, they are killing the goose that lays the golden egg and if allowed to proceed will bring business anarchy and death to our fair land.

All forms of sin is but the supplying of the soul's demand for life with gratification. In the deserts of Australia some famished travelers found a substance that looked and tasted like food, and ate it eagerly, but it contained no food qualities, and they died of starvation on that which they thought would save their lives.

People drink to be happy, but in the end sorrow they seek to gain possession, but find poverty behind prison bars; they lust to find love, but engender hatred; they work merely to make money, but accumulate worries; in pride they adorn themselves gorgeously, to look at the end they appear ridiculous, as they criticize others to elevate themselves, but are humiliated and abused. Thus a soul feeding itself on these sinful things will die. Death is the ceasing to function. A pump whose valves are worn out and will not suck up the water is dead; an eye whose optic nerve fails to carry the image to the brain is dead. So the soul that fails to produce that for which it was made, namely, to lift up the fallen, cheer the faint, heal the sick, teach the ignorant and love as he wants to be loved, is dead. The soul that is dependent on carnal amusements for happiness; that falls to see good in others; that bewails his lot in life; that has a continual grouch toward others; that tastes no love for his enemies—that soul is dead. He in whose breast it is contained, is as dead as the wave of the sea. Unstable as water, he shall not excel, but is blown about by every wind of passion; is an obstacle in the way of human progress, and if he dies in that state of being passes on into a state of eternal death.

One delivered from such a condition into characters of power, blessing and life, should be the goal of every individual and was the express purpose for which Christ came to the world—that we might have life and have it more abundantly. It is dependent on power and life are the two large elements that make the master man. It is the object of this sermon to direct us in the right channel for the attainment of this quality. To be a person of benign power and influence requires equipment of virtues without which one cannot succeed any more than a carpenter without tools, a doctor without instruments and drugs, a lawyer without books or a barber without razors can expect to gain any degree of profit.

One of the virtues necessary for life's success is knowledge. Solomon says, "Above all things my son, get wisdom." Ignorance is the direct cause of much of this world's sorrow. I once saw a hen picking up corn between the two rails of a track, and when the fast express came along that hen tried to beat the train down the track instead of jumping over the rail. It lost its life because of its blind stupidity. We do not blame the hen but when we see it in man it is sad. We cannot tell others what to do until we know ourselves.

The fact that the Jews were once the world's greatest power was because, for one thing, they believed in educating their people and every child had to learn. Greece and Rome profited equally therefrom. What power Japan has today is found solely from the fact that they began to study and learn. Why have your woes in school been centered mostly around the study of literature as found among the classics of Rome and Greece, France and the English?

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OLD RESIDENT IS FOUND DEAD AT HOME HERE

OLIVER GILSON FOR MANY YEARS A RESIDENT OF CITY PASSED AWAY LAST EVENING

From Monday's Daily. Shortly before noon today the discovery of the lifeless body of Oliver Gilson, a well known and long time resident of Plattsmouth was made by members of the Leslie McKinney family who were moving into the residence of Mr. Gilson. Mrs. McKinney had entered the Gilson home in which they were preparing to move and was startled to find the body of Mr. Gilson seated in a chair in the kitchen of the home and apparently lifeless. The dead man had evidently been suddenly stricken shortly after the evening meal yesterday as the dishes were still on the table and from the circumstances it seems as though he had been reading at the time of his death as his spectacles were still on and the paper had fallen to the floor and was lying at his feet. As soon as the body was found Dr. J. P. Flynn was called to the scene but life had departed from the body many hours before. So far as the examination could disclose the death came as the result of heart failure and apparently without a struggle on the part of the aged man. Mrs. Gilson has been away on a visit for several days and no one was at the home at the time of his death.

The deceased leaves the wife and several children to mourn his death and was at the time of his death seventy years of age and has made his home in this city for a great many years, being engaged in the well digging business for the greater part of the time of his residence here.

The arrangements for the funeral will not be made until the arrival of the members of the family.

TRAIN WILL NOT STOP REGULARLY

Burlington Announces That No. 5, the New West Bound Train Will Not Stop Here for Passengers

From Monday's Daily. The Burlington, in putting into service No. 5, the new Chicago train, has rather disappointed the residents of the city who had been hoping to have this train stop here for the regular Omaha service as it reaches here at 8 o'clock, makes it much more convenient for the daily run of traffic between this city and Omaha. The announcement is made that the train will stop provided there are passengers for Plattsmouth from any point east of Pacific Junction, but does away with the regular stop of the train at this place. The Burlington is continuing No. 15 on its run from Pacific Junction to Omaha at the present schedule at 7:15 a. m. The new train will pass through this city at 8 a. m., and should prove much more acceptable to the average traveler. However, the train gives something that has long been needed and that is a train direct from the east and does away with a long wait at Pacific Junction for persons coming from the east into this city.

COURT HOUSE HAPPENINGS

From Tuesday's Daily. Marriage license was issued in the office of County Judge Allen J. Beeson this morning to Mr. Homer A. Barkus and Miss Sarah J. Garrison, both of Griswold, Iowa.

A suit to quiet title has been filed in the office of Clerk of the District Court James M. Robertson, entitled Benjamin E. Snodgrass vs. Ella M. White et al.

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Deputy County Clerk Will T. Adams and wife returned last evening from Howard county, where they have been visiting at the home of

their son, Maxwell Adams near St. Paul. Mr. Adams reports the farmers in that portion of the state as being greatly behind with their work due to the cold and wet season that has proven such a handicap to the farmers over the entire state.

M. E. Bushnell, assessor of South Bend precinct was a caller at the court house yesterday afternoon making his returns to County Assessor George L. Farley.

Alfred Gansmeyer of Murray, the assessor of Rock Bluff precinct was in the city today and a caller at the office of the county assessor in regard to the completion of his work.

VISITING FRIENDS HERE

From Monday's Daily. Mrs. W. H. Merrill of Seattle, Wash., nee Miss Flora Donovan of this city, is here for a visit with Mrs. Annie L. Britt and other of the old friends. Mrs. Merrill has not been back to the old home in ten years and notes a great many changes both in the city and the residents of the community in which she spent her girlhood days. Mrs. Merrill has been engaged in the nursing work in several of the larger cities of the country and ranks as one of the leaders of the members of her profession in the country.

THE OBSERVANCE OF MEMORIAL DAY

As Event Occurs on Sunday, Observance Will Take Place on Monday at High School Auditorium

From Monday's Daily. The observance of Decoration day will take place on Monday, May 31, the 30th falling on Sunday, and will be in fitting recognition of the services of the fallen heroes of the nation. The members of the Grand Army of the Republic and Woman's Relief Corps will assemble at the court house at 9 o'clock in the morning and with the firing squad selected from the members of the American Legion will proceed to Oak Hill cemetery, where the graves of the former soldiers, sailors and members of the Relief Corps will be decorated and the firing squad perform the last salute to the fallen heroes.

In the afternoon at 3 o'clock at the high school auditorium the formal program will be given in honor of the day that is held in such sacred memory by the people of the nation. The following program has been arranged by the committee of the G. A. R., in charge of the meeting: America.....Don C. York Invocation.....Rev. H. G. McClusky Song.....M. P. Quartet Address.....C. A. Rawls Song.....M. P. Quartet "Lincoln's Gettysburg Address".....Mrs. A. J. Beeson Address.....Frank H. Smith Song.....American Legion Quartet Reading.....Mrs. William Deird Song.....American Legion Quartet Address.....Judge J. T. Bentley Song.....Quartet Benediction.

FILES SUIT FOR DIVORCE IN DIST. COURT

Several Other Matters of Interest in the District Court of Cass County Are Filed.

From Monday's Daily. This morning an action for divorce entitled John Cerny vs. Mary Cerny, was filed in the office of Clerk of the District Court James Robertson and in which the petition of the plaintiff alleges cruelty as the grounds for asking the separation. The parties were married on February 28, 1908, at Omaha and the defendant is now a resident of Douglas county while the plaintiff resides in this city.

The court was to have heard the arguments on the motion for a new trial in the case of John F. Morris vs. the Missouri Pacific this morning, but in this case love laughed at the courts as Yale Holland, the legal representative of the Missouri Pacific, was compelled to go to Minneapolis to be married and the hearing of the argument laid over until a later date.

An action was also filed in the case of Emma Kaufman Palmer in which the collection of the judgment covered by the mandate of the supreme court, was undertaken by the attorney for the plaintiff.

ALFA-MAIZE MILL COMPANY ELECTS HEAD

MEETING OF BOARD OF DIRECTORS IS HELD AND PLANS LAID FOR OPERATION

From Wednesday's Daily. The directors of the Alfa-Maize Milling company, of this city, have completed their final plans and within the next three or four weeks expect to have the fine new mill in complete operation and turning out the products of which they have the exclusive rights. The directors at their meeting selected Attorney A. L. Todd as the general manager of the company and Mr. Todd will at once assume his duties and carry out the program as outlined by the meeting and which includes the immediate commencement of activities in the mill.

The machinery for the plant is being turned out by the L. C. Sharp machine works in this city and a large part of it is now ready for installing and only a short time will be required to fully complete the machinery order and have it placed in the new mill and ready for business.

The company also expects during the coming summer to have their new machine shop in this city erected and ready to carry on the work of manufacturing the machines that produce the special lines of intensified stock foods and forage that is destined to make the plant a very successful institution.

The state of Iowa has granted to this company permission to dispose of \$256,000 worth of preferred stock in the company in that state and as soon as the plant here is in active operation the stock will be placed on the market.

This enterprise represents a forward step in the manufacturing interests of the city and means that a high class of labor will find employment in the mill as well as in the machine shop that is to be operated in connection with the milling interests. The mill building, which was completed several months ago, is a specially constructed type and arranged with a view to handling the large amount of alfalfa, corn the other feed and fodder that will be necessary in the manufacture of the special lines of feed which are to be turned out.

The citizens of Plattsmouth will be more than pleased to see this new enterprise launched in the community and all possible aid in its development should be encouraged as it means a great deal to the city in its ultimate success, which will also bring more prosperity to Plattsmouth and means the employment of more high class mechanics in the city.

GOES TO FATHER'S SIDE

From Wednesday's Daily. Yesterday afternoon a telephone message was received by "Rube" Erhart, the proprietor of the Union barber shop, from his home at Steel City, Neb., announcing the serious condition of his father at that place and stating that little hopes were entertained for his recovery. Mr. Erhart was taken by auto to Omaha and from there he departed by train for Fairbury and from where he will be able to reach Steel City. During the enforced absence of Mr. Erhart his business interests are being looked after by E. G. Shallenberger.

RIVER CONTINUES TO MENACE RIP RAP

Burlington Officials and Employees Engaged in Struggle to Check Progress of River.

From Wednesday's Daily. The situation on the Iowa side of the Missouri river where the river has been threatening to wash out the rip rap of the Burlington, continues to offer a serious problem to the company and every effort is being made to check the slow undermining that has been carried on by the river.

current. The railroad has succeeded in holding the river although occasionally a small portion of the land is picked off by the river. There are now some 125 men in the employ of the Burlington at the scene of the threatened break and train loads of rock are being hurried to the scene to be used in making the fills necessary to stem the current in its efforts to get through the rip rap. Division Superintendent N. C. Allen of the Burlington is making his headquarters at the scene of activities and directing the efforts of the force of work men. The river has in the last twenty-four hours dropped one-half foot and it is hoped to hold the current in check until the river resumes its normal condition.

CONVICTS ESCAPE FROM BRIDGE GANG

Sheriff Quinton Notified of Get-Away of Two Convicts Who Were Employed at Bridge Near Tecumseh

From Wednesday's Daily. This morning Sheriff C. D. Quinton was notified by Warden G. Fen-ton of the state penitentiary of the escape of two convicts named Bartlett and Beeson who have been employed on some bridge work near Tecumseh. The escape of the men was not discovered until a check up of the men was made in the evening. Both men are described as being five feet, ten inches in height, light complexioned and smooth shaven. Beeson is of a heavy build while Bartlett is only of medium weight. The men had been sent out with a number of other convicts to complete some bridge work and had up to the time of their escape, been conducting themselves in a model manner.

COURT HOUSE HAPPENINGS

From Wednesday's Daily. The rainy weather which proved a check on the general activities of the city was reflected at the court house where the only visitors from out in the county were members of the legal fraternity.

In the county court a hearing was had in the final settlement of the Lucy Zink and Oscar Zink estates of near Elmwood.

A hearing on the determination of heirship in the estate of John Copple was held in county court. Mrs. Lydia M. Copple of Murdock, was present to attend the hearing.

Attorney C. S. Aldrich of Elmwood, was in the city to attend to several matters in the county court. In the district court a suit to quiet title was filed, entitled Nancy B. Snavelly vs. Arthur L. Munger et al.

Mrs. Ed Weaver was a visitor in Omaha today with relatives, going to that city on the afternoon Burlington train.

SUMMER HOLIDAY MUSIC COURSE

Beginning June 1, Miss Olive Gass will conduct a summer vacation class in piano music. Telephone 292. 1w d&w

RIVER GIVES R. R. COMPANY MUCH ANXIETY

SUDDEN CAVE IN OF 400 FEET OF BANK LAST NIGHT BROKE CALL FOR HELP.

From Tuesday's Daily. Last evening shortly before 7 o'clock a hurried call was sent from the scene of the recent ravages of the Missouri river on the Iowa side to this city for assistance in fighting back the waters of the river that have for a month past been threatening the land adjoining the Burlington tracks and menacing the whole Iowa bottom.

A Burlington switch engine was working north and west of Pacific Junction a few moments before the alarm was given and had just gone over a portion of track that was suddenly swept away by the giving way of the sandy soil and a large break made for the entrance of the river waters.

The engine crew signaled for help and a message later called for all the men available to be hurried to the Iowa side for use in carrying on the fight to check the stream. A large number of the shopmen responded to the call and were taken over the river where they remained the greater part of the night assisting in handling the rock and other material used to repair the break that covered some four hundred feet.

The present break is north of the one that occurred two weeks ago and is an indication of the determined effort that the river is making to cut into the Iowa side and which, if successful would sweep the main channel of the Big Muddy down through the bottoms, wiping out thousands of acres of farm land and threatening the Burlington interests.

The situation is reported to be improving today but a constant watch is being maintained by the Burlington officials who are on the job in case any other development shows up to threaten the safety of the land along the Iowa side of the river.

PURCHASES NEW CAR

From Tuesday's Daily. Rev. A. F. Ploetz, of Derby, Iowa, who was here for a short time the last of the week before returning to his home purchased one of the handsome new Cleveland automobiles of John F. Gorder and with which he made the return trip to his charge in Iowa. Mrs. Ploetz, who has been here assisting in the care of her sister, Miss Louise Gorder, who has been very poorly, is expecting to leave on Thursday for the new home in Iowa.

Attorney William Deles Bernier and Charles G. Hart of Elmwood, were in the city today attending the final settlement in the estate of Mary Hart, deceased, which was heard before Judge Beeson.

They Did Not Die in Vain!

Such heroes, such men, such AMERICANS—that if every one of them could have his choice again of living under a compromised flag or dying for the cause he knew was right—not one would fail to answer "Here" to the roll call of supreme sacrifice.

A nation pauses in reverence before the shrine of eternal memories.

LONG LINES OF BLUE AND KHAKI

returned to us, but, alas with blank files, "Somewhere in France" thousands of our boys are resting—peaceful in the knowledge of a deed well done.

The splendid traditions of Bunker Hill, Gettysburg and San Juan were nobly upheld at Chateau Thierry.

On Decoration Day we honor the memory of those who made the supreme sacrifice. Their glory lives eternal.

This bank will be closed all day, Monday, May 31st, in silent tribute to those who once filled the now blank files.

The First National Bank,

Plattsmouth, Nebraska

"The Bank Where You Feel at Home"

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