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To produce in this way 1,000 baby mussels costs about 20 cents. When they are full grown 13,000 of them will weigh a ton. Thus the cost of producing a ton of pearly mussels of market size (if all survived) would be, as exactly reckoned, \$2.68. Assuming a loss of 50 per cent, the cost would be 5.36.

Pearly mussels occasionally yield valuable pearls, but commercially it is the shells, utilizable for mother-of-pearl, that are importantly to be considered.

The fisheries bureau has devoted its attention wholly to the propagation of superior varieties of mussels, the shells of which have at present time a market value of \$24 a ton.

#### Giving Up.

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## NAME SECRETARIES

FINALLY CONFIRM APPOINTMENT OF GOVERNOR McKELVIE'S CODE SECRETARIES

### ALL SIX WERE UNDER FIRE

Investigation Held Behind Closed Doors and Public Knows Little About Complaints Discussed at Secret Sessions

Lincoln—Rescinding the rule for a secret session, adopted several weeks ago, the Nebraska legislature, in joint assembly open to the world, voted to confirm all of Governor McKelvie's six code secretaries.

The special investigation committee of five members which has been at work for some time looking into the qualifications of the code cabinet department heads reported unanimously in favor of confirming them. The appointments are:

Secretary of Finance Philip F. Cross.

Secretary of Agriculture Leo Stuhr.

Secretary of Trade and Commerce J. E. Hart.

Secretary of Labor Frank A. Kennedy.

Secretary of Public Works George E. Johnson.

Secretary of Public Welfare H. H. Antles.

Secretary Leo B. Stuhr was the central figure in the fight against confirmation of Governor McKelvie's appointees. His opponents mustered a strength of 41 votes, of which 6 came from the senate and 35 from the house membership. There were 88 votes to ratify his appointment.

Next to Stuhr, the secretary of public works, George E. Johnson, drew more fire on the floor of representative hall than any other of the governor's cabinet heads.

The other four secretaries slid through with only a few scattering votes against them, cast mainly by senators and representatives who wished to register their disapproval of the code law and its workings in general.

#### Paid Taxes With Worthless Check

If a man gives an unsigned check in payment of his taxes and receives a bona fide receipt for it before the county treasurer discovers that the check is no good, has he paid his taxes? This question was submitted to the attorney general by County Treasurer H. J. Curtis, of Oshkosh.

When the county treasurer discovered the mistake he sent the check back, but the taxpayer produced the receipt as evidence of having paid the bill. The attorney general ruled that he is not liable for prosecution for having passed a worthless check as he did not make any misrepresentation when he issued it, but the state goes on to say that his taxes are not yet paid and can be collected by a distress warrant.

#### Approve Judges' Salary Bill

The house of representatives has disposed of the county judges' salary bill. The scale as reported by the committee on fees and salaries was trimmed down all along the line. In its amended form, as approved in the committee of the whole, the bill carries this schedule: Lancaster county, \$3,300; increase of \$300; Douglas, \$4,500; increase of \$500; Gage and Custer, \$2,800; increase of \$300; counties of 8,000 to 16,000 population, \$1,900; counties of 16,000 to 25,000 population, \$2,200; counties 3,000 to 8,000 population, \$1,600; counties of less than 3,000 population, \$800.

#### Report on State Potato Crop

A total of 145,286,000 bushels of potatoes remains in the hands of producers and dealers, according to a statement issued by A. E. Anderson, federal-state crop statistician, based upon the January information collected for all states by the bureau of crop estimates. This is only 18,000,000 bushels more than the reserves a year ago. Of the present reserve stocks, approximately 85 per cent is held by producers and 15 per cent by dealers.

#### Introduce More Welfare Measures

With three of the "child welfare" bills out of the fifty-three introduced in the legislature, passed and signed by the governor, the special committee now handling that bunch of measures decided it was about time to bring out a few more of them. Four new measures have just been reported for the general file in the house.

#### Boxing Bill is Up Again

A decisive victory was scored by the American Legion when the lower branch of the legislature, by a vote of 79 to 15, ordered the bill to legalize boxing and wrestling matches under state provision placed on the general file. In doing this, the chamber overturned a majority report from the committee on miscellaneous subjects, and adopted the minority report signed by four members of that committee.

#### Oppose Cancelling War Debt

Members of the lower house took an unanimous stand against cancellation of the world war debt by the United States. A resolution to this effect introduced by Representatives Hoffmeister, Jeary and Mellor is to be transmitted to the Nebraska senators, and members of congress.

Attention is called to the fact that a proposal comes from overseas urging that this country wipe out an indebtedness of approximately ten billion dollars as a means of restoring international credit and production.

## IMPROVED UNIFORM INTERNATIONAL SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON

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### LESSON FOR FEBRUARY 20

#### THE WISE AND FOOLISH VIRGINS.

LESSON TEXT—Matt. 25:1-13.

GOLDEN TEXT—Watch therefore; for ye know neither the day nor the hour wherein the Son of Man cometh.—Matt. 25:13.

REFERENCE MATERIAL—Matt. 24:27; 24:42; Eph. 6:10-13; 1 Tim. 6:17-19.

PRIMARY TOPIC—Being Ready.

JUNIOR TOPIC—Being Ready.

INTERMEDIATE AND SENIOR TOPIC—Prepared for Emergencies.

YOUNG PEOPLE AND ADULT TOPIC—Christian Watchfulness.

This lesson is a part of the well known Olivet discourse, giving a prophetic view of the course of time from its utterance, just before the crucifixion to the second advent of Christ. The order of events in that time are, roughly speaking, as follows:

1. The moral condition of the world during Christ's absence (24:1-14). This is the period covered by the parable of chapter 13.

2. The appearance of the Antichrist (24:15-26).

3. The great advent (24:27-31), in which there will be mighty convulsions of nature, the mourning of the earth's tribes, and the gathering of the elect.

4. Warnings to God's people in view of the great advent (24:32-51), the time of advent unknown and unexpected.

5. Instructions to saints in view of the unexpectedness of His coming (25:1-36).

6. The judgment of the nations (25:31-46).

The present lesson is one of the two parables designed for the instruction of the saints in view of the coming of the Christ. It has a continuous application in the present time (1 Thess. 4:16-18; Titus 2:11-13).

#### J. The Foolish Virgins Took Lamps But No Oil With Them. (v. 3).

1. Lamps signify Christian profession (Matt. 5:16), and oil, the Holy Spirit (Zech. 4). Having the lamps and no oil shows that they were professors of religion without possessing its reality. As soon as a man is regenerated the Holy Spirit takes up His abode with Him. The proof that one is a child of God is that he has the Holy Spirit dwelling within him. "If any man have not the Spirit of Christ, he is none of His." (Rom. 8:9). The foolish virgins may have been of good moral character, but they were unregenerated.

2. The wise virgins possessed both lamps and oil (v. 4). They made a profession and backed it with a real life of righteousness. These are the true believers. Both the wise and the foolish virgins slumbered and slept. Their eyes had grown heavy and they fell under the spell of sleep (v. 5). This shows that as the Christian age lengthened the real and professing church would cease looking for the coming of the Lord. It is unpeppery sad that so many even of God's saints, wise virgins, should give up the expectancy of the return of the Lord.

#### 11. The Coming Bridegroom (vv. 6-12).

1. The midnight cry (v. 6). In the midst of the night when all were asleep the cry was made, "Behold the bridegroom cometh, go ye out to meet him." How sad it is that the church has lost her hope, is not waking and watching for the return of her Lord!

2. Activity of the virgins (v. 7). They all arose and trimmed their lamps. There will be great activity when the Lord comes, on the part of both the real Christians and those who only make a profession. The professing Christians will then realize that they lack that which is essential to entrance to the marriage feast.

3. The foolish request the wise to share their oil (vv. 8, 9). The revelation of Christ will make manifest the genuineness of our religion and expose the folly of mere profession. When the Lord comes it will be too late to mend one's ways.

4. The wise enter to the marriage (v. 10). While the foolish were seeking to amend their ways trying to buy oil, the bridegroom came and those who were ready were admitted to the marriage.

5. The pitiful position of the foolish (v. 11). They begged the Lord to open the door that they might enter to the marriage feast. No one can open that door but the Lord.

6. The awful judgment (v. 12). The Lord declares "I know you not." Those who put off the personal contact with Jesus until that day shall be shut out from the presence of Christ.

#### III. The Solemn Obligation (v. 13).

"Watch, for ye know not the day nor the hour wherein the Son of man cometh."

#### No One Absolute.

God has made no one absolute. The rich depend on the poor, as well as the poor on the rich. The world is but a magnificent building, all the stones are gradually cemented together. No one subsists by himself alone.—Feltman.

#### Must Deal With Sin.

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