

Miracles Being Performed Today, Dr. Smith Avers

Phenomena in Bible Are Traceable to Natural Causes, Says Pastor, Who Admits Subject Is "Delicate."

Rev. Frank G. Smith, before a large audience in the First Central Congregational church last night, discussed the miracles recorded in the Bible and their "literal historicity."

Dr. Smith expressed the idea that this was the most delicate of all difficult subjects he has handled in the series so far.

"A miracle," he said, "is something that occurs and seems to you wonderful and which you cannot explain by any wisdom at your command."

"For example, the story of the widow's oil and meal in the time of Elijah. When it is stated in the Bible that the oil and meal did not fail, it does not say it was miraculously multiplied."

The 10 plagues in Egypt, the crossing of the Red sea on dry land, the manna and quails in the wilderness, the bringing of water from the rock and the crossing of the Jordan are mentioned by Dr. Smith as miracles explainable from natural causes.

He then turned to the positive side of the problem and declared that there are numberless miracles in the world today.

"Not only was the burning bush a miracle but every flower and every bush that grows in an inexplicable mystery and wonder unsolvable to our puny understandings," he said.

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Albert Eggers, 2962 R street, was arrested yesterday afternoon by Detectives Keane and Carter and is being held in the South Omaha jail on a charge of investigation. It is alleged Eggers is one of two young men who held up and robbed J. Swickel in his grocery store, 2646 Y street, the night of March 3.

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Dr. Smith Gives Replies to Questions on Bible

First Central Congregational Pastor, in Forum Conducted in The Omaha Sunday Bee, Answers Queries on Location of Hell and Heaven, Faith in Prayer, Existence of Adam and Eve, and Many Others.

Rev. Frank G. Smith, whose series of Sunday evening lectures in the First Central Congregational church, Thirty-sixth and Harney streets, is attracting wide attention, is answering in The Omaha Sunday Bee questions on puzzling points of the Bible and Christianity.

Questions may be addressed to "Bible Editor, The Omaha Bee." They are placed in the hands of Dr. Smith and the questions with Dr. Smith's answers are printed in The Sunday Bee.

If you have any questions to put to this noted divine, send them in as early this week as possible and look for the answers next Sunday.

Following are Mr. Smith's answers to questions received last week: Six Questions Submitted. Question 1—Please explain Hebrews 11:3. "By faith we understand that the worlds were framed by the word of God, so that things which are seen were not made of things which do appear."

Answer—Concerning Hebrews 11:3. We cannot search out God. We can only know many of His ways by faith; the word of God here clearly means God himself or the power of God that He could transform His power into that which we call matter and out of it make the worlds which are clearly in accord with the very last discovery of science, namely that the atom is not the unit of matter but that the atom is composed of electrons in motion; in other words the common conception of unseen powers that are not matter, but we do not understand them. They are part of those secret things that belong to God alone.

Study of Bible Urged. "I don't want to tell anyone how he shall regard the miracles. Let each man read the Bible diligently and prayerfully and then decide for himself. Views may differ on the miracles but the fundamental thing is to love and trust and serve God and to love and trust and serve our fellowmen."

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CASTORIA For Infants and Children

House Committee Hears Complaints Against Merger

Legislators Guests at Dedication of Papillion Courthouse—400 Citizens Oppose Annexation.

Memories of Col. Peter Sarpy and other early-day characters of Sarpy county were brought back Saturday at Papillion through their children and children's children, who held out entreating hands and pleaded with the house committee on privileges and elections that they be permitted to maintain their traditions and name of that county. They asserted these were threatened in the Douglas county annexation bill, now in the hands of the committee.

Q—The Bible says there was a flood and every living thing perished except those that were in the ark. Now it is impossible to create or destroy water? Where did the extra water come from and where did it go?—Ed Cutta.

A—This is a very old traditional story, in some form it existed long before the Bible was written; the flood probably did not cover the whole earth, but only so much of it as primitive men saw and knew at that time which was a very small portion; it is quite generally believed that the flood was due, in part at least, to a readjustment of a portion of the earth's crust to its cooling interior; this caused a vast portion of land to be submerged by the adjacent ocean; this of course was accompanied by tremendous rains as told in the story and affords a quite reasonable explanation of this great disaster. Of course, you cannot create or destroy anything, but you can change its form; so you can produce water by condensation and you can eliminate water by evaporation.

Explains Revelation. "Q—Does the 'mother of harlots' refer to a church, and if so, to what one? Who are the 'harlots'?—W. R. Burbridge.

A—The question concerning the 'mother of harlots' is taken from the seventeenth chapter of Revelation and the fifth verse. The book of Revelation is apocalyptic in its nature and one that no one can explain or interpret with absolute certainty. Certain historic facts, however, are easily accessible that throw light on its pages. It is well known that in certain countries in early primitive times the reproductive forces of nature were deified and worshipped in grossly immodest rites. The early Canaanite sanctuaries were practically great brothels legalized and authorized by the sanction of what they called their religion.

In the Old Testament there is abundant evidence of the difficulty the early Hebrews had when they first entered Canaan to keep their people from becoming entangled with the iniquitous practice in the name of religion which made such a powerful and insistent appeal through the natural lust of the flesh. From this there grew the habit of speaking of all idolatrous worship or all impure practices, even in the worship of the true God, as whoredom or harlotry. It is true that some have interpreted this passage to mean the Latin church in those dark ages when her lapse from the higher ideals of her earlier faith and practice brought on finally the reformation and the birth of the Protestant church.

My own opinion is, however, that this is a narrow interpretation. I think it is a picture of all individuals or institutions or nations who yield to the self-urge and descend into habits and practices that are low and groveling and that lead to death and destruction instead of following the divine-urge that leads to life and light and peace and good will.

Answering the question of W. Steensma concerning man's possible immortality, would say that great truths are not proven by single proof texts, but a couple of very good and comforting passages are John 17: 2, 3, and John 11: 25, 26. The passage in Acts plainly indicates that as men turn to Jesus Christ and catch His spirit and do His will, their lives will be redeemed and exalted and that only by receiving His spirit and doing His will can the restoration of all things take place in the world.

200 Lose Lives When Ship Sinks

Small Steamer Bound From Salamis to Piraeus Founders in Gale.

Athens, March 11.—A small steamer with 400 persons aboard, bound from Salamis for Piraeus, ran into a heavy gale and foundered. About 200 lost their lives, the others being saved with difficulty.

The passengers consisted for the most part of naval officers and men from the garrison at Salamis, who were proceeding to Athens for the weekend.

Rear Admiral Voucaris, minister of marine, has gone to Salamis to hold an inquiry.

Stone and Pillard Welcomed to Omaha

After several years absence from Omaha, Joe Hurtig has brought back with him some popular stars in burlesque, George Stone and Etta Pillard.

Old-timers in the audience, who remembered this popular team, greeted them with applause such as is seldom heard in the Gayety.

Stone and Pillard rank with the topnotchers in stage dancing. They introduce the difficult steps seldom seen in the audience, and keeps his performance moving at top speed.

While forced to a minor position by Stone, Sam Wright is a comedian of no mean ability. Marty Seamon carries prominent character parts.

Boy Runs Into Auto; Skull Is Fractured

While playing in the street Saturday afternoon with two other boys, Joseph Barnell, 6, 2573 Dodge street, was knocked down by a car driven by C. J. McKenzie, manager of the Rome hotel. His skull probably is fractured. He was attended by Dr. C. B. Foltz, and taken to Nicholas Senn hospital.

Mckenzie was driving north on Twenty-sixth street and was turning west on Dodge street when Joseph, who was being chased by his playmates, ran into the bumper on the car. Mckenzie was arrested for reckless driving.

Less than a year ago, Marion, 10, son of Mrs. Myrtle Barnell, was killed in a similar accident.

Saunders County Raided for Liquor

Federal, State and County Officers Make Score of Arrests in Big Drive.

Wahoo, Neb., March 11.—(Special)—Federal officers from Omaha and Lincoln, aided Sheriff Tom Carroll, cooperating with Police Officers Dan H. Templeton and Fred Lowden of Wahoo police force, and County Attorney E. S. Schiefelbein, began to draw in the dragnet that they have been throwing around Saunders county dealers in booze they started at Wahoo.

By officers Templeton and Lowden, the raided the Palace cafe, arresting the proprietor, George Armitos, and Gus Cadis and then proceeded to round up seven more around town. The following Wahoo residents pleaded guilty and were fined \$100 in Police Judge B. J. Gibbs' court: George Krouny, John Carlstrom, Henry Russ, Carl Holly, Joseph Pucko, Frances Mildred Pucko, Glen Sanders and Gus Cadis, each for one sale of liquor. George Armitos pleaded guilty on two counts and was fined \$200.

Those from outside the county seat arrested were John T. Sholtz, Colon, fined \$200 for sale and possession; Riley Gamble of Mead, fined \$100 and 60 days in jail for sale and possession; Bernard Harris, Mead, and Edell Wainard, Valparaiso, \$100 each for possession, and John C. Tomach, Prague, \$200 and 60 days, suspended sentence, for sale and possession. Stills were found at the Harms and Tomach places. Postoffice Ingraham, Ashland, received 60 days in jail for possession.

The federal officers plan on taking five or six of the parties to Lincoln for federal prosecution. It is reported that this is the beginning of a campaign to stop the sale of booze in Saunders county.

Man Who Wounded 946,023 British Five Is Killed

Desperado Shot Down by Deputies 100 Yards From Scene of Attack.

Nashville, Tenn., March 11.—Louis Douglas, desperado, who shot and seriously wounded five persons who were attending a death watch at Spencer, Van Buren county, Thursday morning, was shot to death at the home of a tenant on the property of Sam Haston, one of the victims, by armed deputies.

The man's death ended a two-day chase with bloodhounds which wound up within 100 yards of the place where he attempted to wipe out an entire family because he had been caught stealing from a corncrib.

Friday night Douglas entered the home of a man named Manus, where he was later killed, and demanded food. He was still armed with the slougun with which the five persons were shot. Manus fed him.

Douglas asked Manus to "fix it up with the Hastons." He said he would come back again to find out the answer.

Deputies were notified and secreted themselves in the house. The desperado knocked on the door about 5:30 P. M. He entered the room still carrying the shotgun, but was shot before he could move the gun to his shoulder.

Creighton Parade Postponed

Parade of Creighton university students, which was to have been held today noon in connection with the launching of the university's financial campaign, has been postponed until tomorrow noon, because of funeral services being conducted today for M. R. Murphy and Rev. William T. Kinsella, former librarian at the university.

New York Merchants Begin Move to Darken Noted "Great White Way"

New York, March 11.—Fifth avenue without bright lights—the most famous shopping thoroughfare in the world, heretofore its nightly promenade of thousands of window shoppers—darkened except for an occasional patrolman and the soft-footed gentry who shun the bright lights.

Governor and Mayor to Be at Cutter Dinner

List of Invited Guests for Complimentary Dinner Includes Prominent Omaha Men.

Governor Bryan, Samuel Avery, chancellor of the University of Nebraska, the regents of the state university and of Creighton university, the mayor and prominent business and professional men of Omaha will be among the guests at the dinner which will be given in honor of Dean Irving S. Cutter of the University of Nebraska college of medicine, at the Omaha club next Wednesday evening.

Dr. Cutter last week was elected president of the Association of American Medical Colleges.

The list of invited guests for this complimentary dinner follows: Charles W. Bryan, Samuel Avery, chancellor of the University of Nebraska; John R. Webster, Philip H. Sawyer, Walter Lewis, George H. Seymour, F. W. Judson, William LaVerne Bates, William B. Warner, regents of the university.

Federal Judge J. W. Woodruff, District Judge W. A. Becker, Dr. D. E. Jenkins, president of the University of Omaha; Burkhead, T. C. Byrne, W. J. Coad, regents of Creighton university; ex-Senator Gilbert M. Hitchcock, Senator R. H. Rosen, Mayor LaPlante, Gen. Walter Duncanson, commanding general, Seventh Corps area; W. A. Davis, J. B. O'Rourke, chairman of the Chamber of Commerce; C. C. George, U. S. Chamber of Commerce; Carl Gray, U. S. Chamber of Commerce and president United Pacific system.

Charles E. Black, postmaster; Dr. A. Mitchell, trustee of the American Medical association; Dr. Benjamin F. Bailey, president of the Nebraska State Medical association; Dr. G. W. Dishong, vice president, Douglas; E. M. Clark, Jr., Dr. H. J. Van Vleet, dean of Creighton medical college; Dr. A. C. Hinkle, dean of Creighton dental school; Dr. Rev. E. V. Shaver, bishop of the Episcopal church; Rev. Homer V. Stunz, bishop of the Methodist Episcopal church; J. H. Beveridge, superintendent of schools; W. C. Wray, U. S. district attorney; J. M. O'Donnell, secretary Buckingham; Joseph Barker, John L. Kennedy, H. H. Baird, John Latenser, John L. F. Jackson, W. E. Burley, J. W. Hoover, E. M. Clark, Jr., E. L. Burke, W. A. Frazer, Harry Monahan, U. S. Circuit Court Judge, W. B. T. Belt, J. E. Davidson, P. H. Davis, George Barnhart, Byron Hawkins, W. R. Watson, Joseph Polak, H. C. Lester, Dr. E. A. Long and the following members of the faculty: School of Medicine, University of Nebraska; Doctors A. M. Milroy, A. S. Stokes, A. B. Jenas, Harold Gifford, H. M. McChasney, J. E. O'Brien, J. B. Davis, LeRoy Crummer, J. M. Banister, F. S. Owen, C. M. Poynter, A. E. Guenther, H. C. Peck, H. C. Peck, H. C. Peck, Alfred Shaick, Edwin Davis, C. A. Hull, A. J. Brown, J. B. Fotts and W. P. Galt.

Chicago Manager of Harding Company Dies

Word has been received by Charles Harding, president of the Harding Cream company, that Frederick Moles, 65, wealthy Chicago produce broker and Chicago manager of the Harding company, died of heart failure Saturday at his cottage in Miami, Fla., after a short illness.

Mr. Moles was a pioneer in the commercial butter business in Chicago and was an active member of the Chicago Mercantile association.

According to Mr. Harding, Mr. Moles, who joined the Harding company 22 years ago, had been ailing for the past five years and spent his winters near Miami.

Mr. Moles is survived by his widow and two daughters.

Over 30 Persons Questioned by Morehouse Grand Jury

Bastrop, La., March 11.—(AP)—The Morehouse parish grand jury investigating outrages in the parish by masked bandits last summer and fall held no session Saturday having adjourned late Friday until Monday morning.

The jury was organized last Monday morning and in four days it examined more than 30 persons.

It has not been announced how many more witnesses it will call before it begins its deliberations, but it is believed only a few more will be summoned.

Hastings Man Held on Complaint of Boys

R. L. Brown, Hastings, Neb., was arrested Saturday night on a charge of impersonating an officer, after Daniel Maule, 626 South Nineteenth street, and Harry Kennedy, 621 1/2 South Nineteenth street, had appeared at the police station and accused the man of having represented himself to let them walk the streets.

The boys said that the man approached them, displayed a piece of metal, which they were unable to see distinctly, and then threatened them with arrest. When the boys objected, he told them that for a "small amount" he could overlook their misdemeanor.

Six Boys Arrested for Theft of Street Car

Darrell Redmond, 15, 2550 West Broadway; Charles Fancher, 16, 2422 West Broadway; Charles White, 15, 1807 Avenue B; Ray Haight, 15, 3101 Avenue H; Marshall Fields, 16, 1264 North Twenty-ninth street; and Wayne Ellsworth, 14, 2322 Avenue C, were arraigned in Bluffs juvenile court on the charge of stealing a street car.

It is alleged that the youths took the car which was a single truck type from the barns at Twenty-eighth and Avenue A, and ran it west along the main line on Avenue A. Police say they jumped from the car at Thirty-second street, leaving it in motion, and that only action of a citizen in boarding it and shutting off the power prevented a collision.

Turk Proposals May Furnish Base for Peace Treaty

Constantinople Probable Site of New Conference; Kemalists Demand Equal Rights in Any Concessions.

Constantinople, March 11.—The allied high commission informed Adrian Bey, Angora envoy, that the Turkish counter-proposals in all probability will furnish a satisfactory basis for peace. Constantinople probably will be acceptable as the site of a new conference.

With respect to independence, Turkey demands that the allies do not seek any concessions from Turkey which Turkey does not seek from the allies.

The assembly objects to the convention on the ground that it is an anomaly from the regular treaty.

The phrasing has been changed in the allied commercial amnesty conventions, which are acceptable. The Turks' refusal to grant amnesty to 150 Turks fighting Angora in behalf of the allies finally is acceptable to the latter. For five years the Turks agree to employ allied judges in the courts.

Ismet Pasha, who signs the summary as minister of foreign affairs, recalls that the allies agreed to return to Turkey the munitions and arms seized up to the armistice. Ismet notes that this shows there are no profound differences to establish peaceful relations with the allies.

Ismet, in concluding, mentions that the Turks agreed: 1.—To open the straits to world commerce and warships. 2.—To demilitarize the zone. 3.—To abandon strategic islands in Asia Minor, all of which are prejudicial to national defense, in favor of the interests of the allies, claims to Karagatch to be abandoned, as that city is prejudicial to the economic life of Adrianople.

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State Drawing Net Around Woman on Trial for Murder

Chemists Testify Three Husbands Victims of Poison—Fourth Mate in Hospital, Partially Paralyzed.

Chicago, March 11.—Mrs. Tillie Klimek, alleged wholesale poisoner, is beginning to comprehend that she is on trial for murder and that the state is weaving a tight net around her. Hitherto she has sneered and giggled at the testimonies, but today, after doctors, undertakers, grave diggers and neighbors told her activities and the sudden deaths of her husbands and others, she jammed her body well back in the chair and began paying attention to the proceedings.

Physicians and chemists testified that her third husband had died of poison. She is on trial for this killing. The experts also said chemical analyses showed her first and second husbands died of poisoning and that her fourth, now in a hospital, has been on the verge of death from the same cause. He is partially paralyzed by the poison.

Assistant State's Attorney Edward J. Lyons testified that Mrs. Klimek has confessed to him she obtained the poison from her cousin, Mrs. Nellie Sturmer-Koulik, and sprinkled it on some meat she was serving her husband.

Mrs. Klimek has already confessed that she advised Mrs. Klimek to divorce her husband, but the latter replied: "No, I will get rid of him some other way."

The other way, the state contends, was the poison route.

Engineers' Union Illegal in Canada

International Brotherhood Is Operating in Restraint of Trade, Judge Holds.

Winnipeg, March 11.—The International Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers is an illegal organization, operating in restraint of trade, and has no standing in Canadian courts, Justice Galt of the court of king's bench, held today, dismissing a suit brought by a member to compel an accounting by a former officer.

In his decision Justice Galt said in part: "In Canada we have retained the act of 1871, with its original and the provision which was not in the English act, that our act should not apply to any trade union not registered under the act. Under section 2 of our act it would appear that parliament considers all trade unions to be unlawful combinations 'but for this act'."

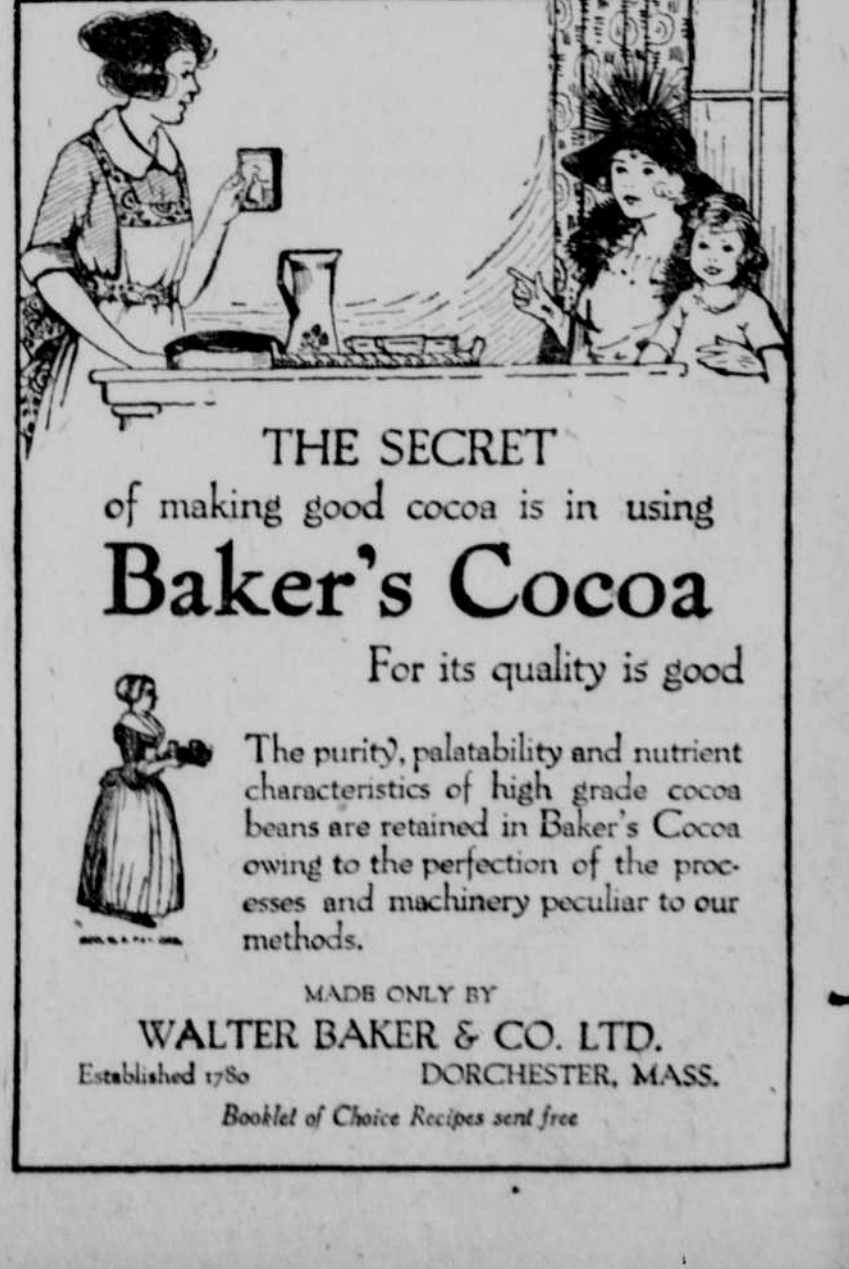
"They are in direct restraint of trade and render the plaintiffs an unlawful trade union to the extent of preventing them enforcing rights in a court of law. It is unnecessary to decide whether or to what extent they could have enforced their claim against the defendant if they had registered their organization under the trade union act.

The defendant's counter claim is entirely without foundation. The evidence given by him on examination for discovery shows he had no authority to sue on behalf of those who he purports to represent, and the master's report shows nothing due him."

Detectives Disguised as Women Arrest 35 in Denver Grabbing Raid

Denver, March 11.—Thirty-five persons were arrested Saturday when Detectives Lawrence Cook and the police anti-riot department and Chauncey Fowler of the welfare department donned feminine clothing and invaded a pool room operated by Dick Pavia. Charges of gambling against 11 of the men will be filed by the police and Pavia has been charged with running the place.

The hall has been under surveillance several months. The scheme for the raid was devised when it became known that last week a woman had gained admittance while in search for her husband, the police said.



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