

Sydney Oliver, who has been appointed governor of Jamaica to succeed Sir Alexander Swettenham, was born in 1859, graduated at Corpus Christi college, Oxford university, and in 1832 entered the colonial office. In 1890-1891 he was acting colonial secretary of Britich Honduras, in 1895-1896 he was auditor general of the Leeward islands and was later private secretary to the earl of Selborne, secretary of the West India royal commission, colonial secretary of Jamaica and acting governor of Jamaica. In 1898 he was sent to Washington to assist in the negotiation of reciprocity treaties on behalf of the

# DOOM FOR DERELICTS.

BUILDING FOR ATLANTIC.

Revenue Cutter No. 17 Will Be Assigned to Sink Those Floating Hulks Which Are a Menace to Navigation.

Washington.-Officials of the reveexpectations of her usefulness. She row. will be the first craft of her kind to largely increased.

NEW BRAND OF DESTROYER | to the new destroyer must be done by guishing for sport. the revenue cutters, which are neither nue cutter service are looking forward with no more idea of typifying title character of the prairie dogs has been to the completion of the new derelict than that which is given a convict in misrepresented to them. destroyer, revenue cutter 17, with high the penitentiary or a brick house in a

become part of the service, and when in many ways, she will also be assign- or two. They are spry enough to completed, some time next year, the ed to the other cutters in the service. arouse the sporting blood of the Britability of the "watchdog" branch of She will have a steaming radius of ish, but when wounded drop into their the treasury department to cope with | 0,000 miles without stopping to coal, holes or if dead their fellows quickly dangers and emergencies that now will be provisioned for much longer drag them in. It is mere pot-hunting seriously strain the bureau will be cruises than she will ever be likely to shoot them, but to entrap 2,000 of At present all the work that will fall | powerful derricks, the most improved the venders.

life-saving apparatus and with a magazine in which will be high explosives in sufficient quantities to blow half the battle ships in the world out of the sea. The gunpowder and dynamite, however, will not be spent to destroy life, but to save it.

The ships that she will attack are those that have outlived their usefulness and have passed from the service of civilization to the class of human enemies. The half-sunken derelicts that float silently up and down and across the paths of commerce, claiming as victims the finest ships, with their crews and passengers, will be the prey of No. 17, and no mercy will be shown when these mysterious foes are found. It is expected that in lifesaving work the new revenue cutter will prove as valuable as in the more sensational and noisy pursuit of dere-

Her field of operations will be comparatively restricted, with Nova Scotia on the north, the Bahamas on the south and the mid-Atlantic on the east. Her duty will be to keep the paths of ocean commerce clear, and the field is large enough to occupy all the time of her swift engines. The other side of the ocean will be patrolled by the ships of Great Britain or the powers of the continent.

When storms along the seaboard imperil passenger ships or there is other work cut out for lifesavers, revenue cutter 17 will be summoned by wireless if she is at sea, and by land wire if in port, and will hasten to the scene. That she will give a good account of herself in every emergency the revenue cutter officials feel certain, and are concerned now only in expediting the construction of the sadly needed

LORDS BUY 2,000 PRAIRIE DOGS.

Britishers, Seeking Sport, to Stock Hunting Preserves with Them.

Huron, S. D .- Two thousand prairie dogs at three dollars each at shipping point have been contracted for by English lords who have exterminated the rabbits and hares on their shooting preserves in England and are lan-

Mrs. Nellie Madden, of Waukon, built nor equipped for such service. Wis., having contracted to supply When No. 17 is launched she will in all this number of the dogs, has withprobability get a name, for one can drawn her farm north of this city hardly imagine a successful launching from the market, believing its value without a naming, and neither the sec- has enhanced immeasurably by the deretary of the treasury nor the chief | mand for prairie dogs, with which it is of the revenue cutter service would overrun. It is believed the English wish to humiliate the new ship by noblemen have bucked up against ansending her out among her sister ships other Yankee game, and that the

The animals are the size of an overgrown rat, live in communities, their As the new destroyer is to be unique | holes connected with outlets every rod to make, and will be equipped with them will afford a nice problem for

SAYS POTATOES HAVE SOULS.

Mystic Maeterlinck's Announcement Gives Vegetarians Brainstorm.

Paris.-What are the vegetarians to

eat now? They abhor flesh because they refuse to slaughter pensive beeves, playful lambs and joyous calves. Now Maurice Materlinck has carried consternation into the vegetarian camp and has greatly disturbed their digestions by his book on the intelligence of plant life.

Maeterlinck thinks he proves that plants are as purposeful, as reasonable, as conscientious as most humans, even as most vegetarians. In general the vegetarians are mystics and so they worship Maeterlinck. What are they to eat if, as he insists, cereals have souls, green peas have a purpose in life and potatoes have white sweet souls?

Prince Troubetskoi, the sculptor, who is a vegetarian, had a talk with Maeterlinck on this puzzling subject at the salon. Troubetskoi has sincere scruples against tasting meat, against slaying sentient beings to devour their flesh. His distress was almost tragic as he questioned Maeterlinck, who could console him only with:

"Never fear, prince. He who lives must eat."

But he did not say what, so the princely sculptor is at his wits' end to choose a food which will sustain life, but which gives up no life in be coming food.

"BOARD WALK" IS TO GO.

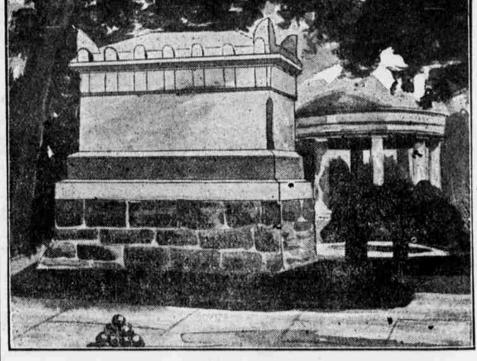
Blocks of Tile Will Displace Famous Wooden Atlantic City Promenade.

Atlantic City, N. J .- A block of the famous boardwalk paved with tile imported from Holland, where similar paving is in use, will be one of the novelties for the summer visitors of to pass their opinion on wooden block and concrete as a footway for the esplanade.

The experiment in making a change in the flooring of the walk is being tried with the object of discovering some paving substitute that will better stand the travel of the thousands of promenaders than the planes now in use.

The wear on the board floor is refuse to stand for the planking when it becomes in the least bit worn or splintered from wear, the yearly bill for lumber and laying is becoming an item of heavy drain on the finances of the resort.

Where Heroes Sleep.



Monument to the unknown dead and the Temple of Fame in the national military cemetery at Arlington here sleep about 17,000 soldiers who died in war for the Union. It is consecrated ground to which thousands come every year from the north, south, east and west to honor those who gave their lives that the country might live.

CRUSOE ADVENTURE.

University of Chicago Instructor Will Take Up Residence on One of Tortugas to Study Strange Bird for Carnegie Institute.

Chicago.-Robinson Crusoe's adventhe coming season, who will be asked tures on his desert isle in the Pacific them until the Carnegie institute ocean are to have a sequel in real life. Prof. John B. Watson, a member of the psychology department of the University of Chicago, left the other day for a desolate and uninhabited he declared he knew almost absolutely isle in the Gulf of Mexico, where he will live, attended only by a servant,

in the interests of science. His destination is not recorded on many maps, the island being out of the path of commerce, unpeopled, and enormous, and as feminine visitors for the most part barren of vegetation. It is a member of the Dry Tortugas group and is 70 miles off the west coast of Florida. The nearest point accessible to the island is Key West.

Prof. Watson's purpose in his visit man to cook and care for his experito the island is to study a species of mental luggage.

birds believed to be extinct in many parts of the world, and of rare value to zoologists and psychologists. Scientists have made repeated observations on the islands off the east coast PROF. WATSON, SCIENTIST, PLANS of Florida, and expect rich findings by Prof. Watson.

Little is known of the birds which he will study. It is believed that those which nest about the island have kept away from mankind for centuries, and his observations may solve some of

the missing paleontological links. For a long time these birds have excited wonder among zoologists, and no attempt has been made to study asked Prof. Watson to make the investigation at its expense. The psychologist set out with all the knowledge about the birds attainable, but nothing about them.

Prof. Watson has attained note recently by his experiments with white mice. He has worked to prove that they have an extra sense not found in man. This is a sense of direction, in addition to sight, smell, feeling, taste and hearing.

He obtained a leave of absence from the university and will be gone for a length of time. He took with him a

## SAMSON'S HEROIC DEATH

A STORY OF THE PERIOD OF THE JUDGES IN ISRAEL By the "Highway and Byway" Preacher

Scripture Authority:--Judges 16:

### \*\*\*\*\* SERMONETTE.

The Triumph of Evil .- "Our god hath delivered Samson our enemy into our hand," was the boast of the Philistines. They saw in the downfall of their powerful enemy an evidence of the favor of their god Dagon, and a proof of their own prowess. And that is as far as they could see or understand. Evil always is half blind. Its vision is limited by the horizon of the physical and temporal. It eliminates the true God as a factor and places superstition and pride upon the throne of reason. Evil does not recognize God as a controlling factor in the affairs of life; it does not understand that it overreaches itself and brings about its own destruction.

But from the Divine viewpoint, evil triumphs over the good because sin is permitted to usurp the place of God in the heart and life. The fortress of the heart is impregnable until the little side door of sin is opened to admit the enemy. Samson was a defeated man from the moment he let the earthly love usurp the place of God, and the final yielding to the importunities of Delilah was but the inevitable outcome of such unholy alliance.

"Let no man say when he is tempted, I am tempted of God; for God cannot be tempted with evil, neither tempteth He any man; but every man is tempted when he is drawn away of his own lust and enticed. Then when lust hath conceived, it bringeth forth sin; and sin, when it is finished, bringeth forth death."

Recovered Strength. - But while evil in its blindness was glorying in the fall of the mighty Samson, the mercy and forgiveness of God were being bestowed upon a repentant sinner. What evil can do to a man is nothing to what God can do for him. Samson shorn and blind and in the power of the enemy may yet rise above the miserable conditions into which his sin has plunged him. He may again become the instrument of righteousness to the condemnation and judgment upon evil.

"If we confess our sins He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness." The prison house at Gaza became Samson's confessional. The Philistines could shut out the light of day from his eyes, but they could not shut out God from his heart. They could bind his limbs with fetters of brass, but they could not chain down his spirit and prevent it from reaching out and finding the forgiving and restoring God.

After all, how circumscribed are the powers of evil. How the servant of God ought to realize the possibilities which lie within him as he links his life with that of God.

To fall into sin is grievous. but to remain in the condition where sin has cast us is inexcusable, unpardonable. Here is where Samson's faith, spoken of in the eleventh of Hebrevis, shines out the brightest. Though the physical eyes were never to see again, not so with the eyes of the soul. Faith touched the blindness which had come from sin and the soul looks up and sees the God that giveth strength to the humble and restoreth them which be of a contrite spirit, and so we find the latter end of this man Samson was better than the first; that he rose above defeat to win a crowning victory. So may it be with every child of God.

\*\*\*\* THE STORY.

(C AMSON blind and in fetters! ) was the message which spread swiftly throughout the land of the Philistines, and into the borders of the land of Judah.

"Samson blind and in fetters!" "Surely, Dagon, the god of the Philistines, hath heard our cry and hath delivered him into our hands," exclaimed the Philistines.

"Surely," bitterly cried the Israelites, "our God hath forsaken us, and delivered us into the power of the enemy!"

And Samson, the erstwhile champion of Israel and Israel's God, and the unconquerable foe of the Philistines, sat in anguish of body and spirit the noise of crashing timbers as Samin the prison house at Gaza grinding. grinding, grinding; while the clank of his chains kept doleful, heartless time And the house fell upon the lords, and to the movements of his hands.

pierced his eyeballs with their red- which he slew in his life.

hot fron, was almost enough to drive him mad! Yes, the humiliation and despair as be heard the clanking chains and felt the brutal blows which welded the heavy fetters on hands and limbs cut to the very depths of his soul! But all that excruciating ordeal was as nothing now to the anguish of soul he endured as the accusing voice of conscience cried out in his heart and condemned him. He, the Nazarite to God; he, the chosen one of God to deliver and judge Israel; he, the mighty champion who had never known defeat during all the 20 years he had judged Israel, come at last to this! Could it be possible?

He shook himself to see if he were awake, and it was not all a hideous dream, but the clank of the chains came as an answering voice. He lifted his trembling hands to the sight-

"Oh, God!" he cried, "how could I have done this thing?" And in the agony of his despair he beat upon his breast until the ring of the rattling chains echoed and reechoed through the prison house.

Like a flood there swept across his soul the memory of his wrongdoing. How he had allowed himself step by step to be drawn into the power of that wicked woman. How he had sought his own ease and pleasure and had forgotten his high calling and obligation. And, worse still, how he had fallen so low as to reveal the sacred secrets of his God to the heart of a profane and profligate Philistine woman.

During these meditations, when it seemed as though his very soul would be crushed by the burden of his gullt and his God had forsaken him forever, there came into the prison house a company of the lords of the Philistines, whose elation was manifested as they looked down upon their old enemy and taunted him with the humiliation of his position and gloried in his weakness. At last they tired of this diversion and turned to go, saying as they did so:

We must needs offer a great sacrifice to our god, Dagon, for see how he hath delivered into our hands our enemy.'

The words aroused Samson, and long after they had departed he kept repeating them over and over and saying to himself:

"Nay, it was not the god Dagon, but my sin that brought me to this place. Shall Dagon, indeed, receive the glory?" And he buried his head low between his knees as he realized how grievously he had compromised the cause of his God. And even while he was thus bowed there came whispering to his soul that with his God there was forgiveness and mercy.

"Oh, God!" he cried, as he lifted his sightless eyes toward heaven, "let this thing come to pass that I may yet show that it is to God that victory belongeth! Let not these uncircumcised Philistines forget that the God of Israel and not the god Dagon rul-

From that moment something like peace came to Samson, and as the days came and went the repentant heart of Samson reached out in faith and took fresh hold upon the God to whom his life had been consecrated. Thus there grew up in his heart a new hope and confidence, and the old thrill of his strength and power came back to him.

At last the great day of the feast and sacrifice to Dagon, the god of the Philistines, arrived. Multitudes crowded into the great amphitheater, and other thousands filled the roof overlooking the arena. Then came the cry for Samson that he might make sport for them, and while they waited impatiently a messenger was dispatched to the prison house to fetch him. What a shout that was as they saw the form of their old enemy come groping into the arena before them! How different from the old Samson who had withstood the armies of the Philistines and had, single-handed slain thousands of their strongest men. There he was in their power, forced to make sport for them, and right royally did they cheer his every feat and shout in his ears:

"Now doth our god Dagon find pleasure in Samson! Now are we avenged for all that Samson hath done unto us!"

height, Samson turned to the lad that had led him into the arena and said: "Suffer me that I may feel the pilfars whereupon the house standeth, that I may lean upon them."

And while the tumult was at its

The shouting ceased as he reached a position between the two main pillars which sustained the weight of the roof. Eagerly his hands groped about until they touched the great wooden plers. All eyes were turned upon him now in wonder to see what next he would do, and a breathless expectancy filled the place.

Suddenly upon the stillness which had fallen rose the voice of Samson as he lifted his face towards heaven; and the eager multitudes leaned forward to hear what was said, while the crowds in the rear, realizing that something unusual was transpiring, pressed toward the front.

"O Lord God!" rang out the words, clear and loud, "remember me, I pray thee, and strengthen me, I pray thee, only this once, O God, that I may be at once avenged of the Philistines for my two eyes.'

A shout of derisive laughter rang out from the people as they cried: "He prayeth to his God!" But the sound thereof was quickly drowned in son bent himsel! between the pillars. and they went down like bits of straw upon all the people that were therein; Yes, the agony of those moments so that the dead which Samson slew when, in fiendish glee his captors had at his death were more than they

MISCELLANEOUS NEWS NOTES HERE AND THERE.

## ITEMS OF GENERAL INTEREST

Social, Agricultural, Religious and Other Matters Having Reference to This Commonwealth Alone.

Burlington's new depot at Ashland will be built at once

Auburn has already taken steps for celebration of the Fourth of July.

David City's new hospital, complete in every respect, has been completed. Some fatal cases of diphtheria have

occurred in the vicinity of Humboldt. The superintendent of schools of Clay county has tendered his resigna-

Patrick Langdon, a Fremont county boy, was killed by a horse falling upon him.

Ashland is spending a good deal of money this year to improve the looks of the city. Counterfeit silver dollars were quite

Sutherland. A stranger named Wilson was nabbed by officers at Hastings for passing

freely distributed in the vicinity of

bogus checks. State Treasurer Bryan has issued a call for warrants tfrom 149,175 to

150,280 inclusive. Peter Bednar, living south of Wymore, captured two old wolves and

seven young ones. Thieves who broke into a hardware store at North Loup were soon after captured by the use of bloodhounds.

At Concord, the house occupied by Chris Tidderman and family was destroyed by fire. Two children were rescued just in time to save their lives.

Mrs. Charles Dunlap, living ten miles north of Arapahoe, dropped dead while arranging a window curtain in an upstairs room of her resi-

The third district of the Rebekah association will be held in Nebraska City Jne 7, and it is expected there will be between 150 and 200 delegates in attendance. The Young Women's Christian As-

sociation of Lincoln secured almost

\$28,000 of the required \$40,000 for the new Young Women's Christian assosiation building. The Polk County Fair association is making big improvements in the fair grounds and is going to make the

grounds so attractive that they will draw people from every part of the state. M. J. Hughes, the West Pointer, who was so seriously injured by the cars at Colfax, Ia., some weeks ago, in a letter to friends at West Point,

states that he is on the road to speedy recovery. Mrs. C. E. Weldman of Lincoln, wife of ex-Captain Weldman, will start a divorce suit, it is predicted, as soon as her husband returns from the Panama canal zone. He is chief of the

fire fighters at Colon. After listening to the commencement address by President G. C. Creelman, thirty-six graduates of the state university agricultural college received their diplomas at assembly hall at the state farm.

Mrs. Minerva, plaintiff in the damage suit against the saloonkeepers, at Beatrice of two years ago, is not satisfied with the verdict for \$2,000 returned by the jury in the district court and has filed a motion for a new trial.

Secretary Whitten of the Commercial club, Lincoln, and a number of business men are planning a commercial jaunt into Union Pacific territory. The excursion will start about May 27 and the business men will be out for four days.

Ed. Kemper, a colored man of Beatrice found a pocketbook containing \$1,500, which belonged to a German farmer living near town. The purse and money were turned over to him and he rewarded the colored man for his honesty by giving him a dime.

Two Johnson county young men, Lee Parrish and Elmer Damon, were brought to Tecumseh from the western part of the state to face serious charges. They are accused of forgery and Parish is charged with passing forged checks. Soth pleaded not

W. L. Stum, representing the Iowa Leaf Tobacco company of Sac City. Ia., has contracted with farmers at Oconee to plant thirty acres of tobacco. The seed has already been sown. Mr. Stum thinks the land there is excellent for tobacco culture and has' confidence in successful outcome.

Rev. E. Van Dyke Wight, president of Hastings college (Presbyterian). has tendered his resignation to accept a call to the pastorate of the Presbyterian church at Middletown, N. Y.

It is expected that G. E. Leon, cashier of ex-Senstor Cady's bank at St. Paul, will be appointed state bank examiner within a short time.

Long Pine has five saloon applications for licenses to sell liquors. The temperance people have filed remonstrances against each one of the five applicants and will carry them to the supreme court if necessary.

The jung in the case of John Hamlin at Grand Island returned a verdict of murder in the first degree and decided that Hamlin shall suffer death. Hamlin was tried for the murder of Rachel Engle, a 17-year-old girl, who was shot in August, 1906, and lingered until January, 1907, before she died. Hamlin is about 49 years old.