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Airships and War.

Eighty years ago Tennyson wrote of "the nations' airy navies grappling in the central blue, and even the poet, in a prophecy of aerial battleships, placed the time of their building in "the future, far as human eye could see." No such battleships have yet been constructed, but the art of building dirigible balloons has made such progress that they do not seem so fantastically impossible as a few years ago. Vice-Admiral Sir Charles Campbell of the British navy, remarked in the spring of 1906 that air fleets might eventually displace water fleets, and Alexander Graham Bell said in the spring of this year that "only very few know how near America is right now to... the construction of a practical aerial battleship. Count Zeppelin, a German aeronaut, successfully sailed about the Lake of Constance in September, and remained in the air four hours. His balloon has been bought by the German government. Early in October the British war department made a public test of a new steerable balloon, keeping it aloft and under control for two hours. On October 21 there was an international balloon race, starting from St. Louis. The controllability of balloons, properly equipped with motors, is now so evident that war experts are suggesting new methods in warfare, says the Youth's Companion. It will be no longer possible to surprise an enemy by forced marches. The balloonist, reconnoitering in the sky, can keep his general informed of the whereabouts of an attacking force on sea or on land. A French balloonist a few weeks ago discovered a Moorish army encamped in the hills several miles from Casablanca, and enabled the Europeans to surprise and rout the semi-civilized tribesmen so completely as to lead them to sue for peace.

Up in the Air.

With the increase in ballooning there looms up a danger that will have to be guarded against as fully as any other that comes up with a new method of transportation. The owner of a building has a right to the air above and the earth beneath his possession, and if an aerial ship hovers over his habitation or his business block it is apparently guilty of trespass, and this may bring its navigator into the courts to pay the penalty for his invasion. If he throws out ballast and injures property there is just as much reason why he should be sued for damages as if he had committed the act on terra firma. He might topple over a chimney and cause loss of life, and he might do many other things that would cause serious damage during his flight through the air. Unfortunately, says Boston Budget, it would not always be easy to identify the reckless navigator of the windy way. He would be a good deal like the unprincipled automobilist who, after causing a fatal or other accident, seeks safety from prosecution in flight. Fresh inventions are seldom an unmixed blessing, and we cannot even rise heavenward without being reminded that there are people below us that need to be protected.

A learned Daniel came to judgment in Newark has given two decisions in highly important cases of domestic peace which should be historic. In a case before him where a wife complained of her husband the New Jersey Supreme court decided that while it may be the duty of the husband to wash the family dishes under certain circumstances, he is relieved from that duty when, with sinister design, the dishes are piled up from meal to meal upon him. He also decided that when a husband kept only one dollar a week out of his wages for spending money his wife is not justified, either morally or financially, in suspecting him of leading a double life. Even our dignified judiciary thus contrives to get a little fun out of daily life.

The German emperor made a pleasant little speech to London newspaper men who presented him with an address. He alluded to the fact that the press has great influence and can do much to promote the peace of nations. There was nothing especially original in that statement, but it is of interest as a recognition on the part of one of the foremost of the crowned heads of Europe of the place which journalism holds in the modern world. It shows the emperor to be a progressive and tactful monarch.

The more commonly accepted signs of the quality of the coming winter are conflicting. The squirrels were never busier gathering in food for a long and severe siege. The goose-bone seems to confirm this prophecy, while the beavers are not fixing up their nests as if they anticipated any discomfort from their improvidence. In view of these contradictory tokens of what is ahead perhaps it may be well to consult the money market. This betokens a rather severe spell ahead.

A THRONE IN PERIL

One of the Twelve Stories of Solomon.

BY THE "HIGHWAY AND BYWAY" PREACHER

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SERMONETTE.

"Then Adonijah the son of Haggith exalted himself... And Adonijah feared." "He that exalteth himself shall be abased." Ten centuries before Christ spoke these words the truth found expression in this man Adonijah.

Adonijah reached high but he fell low, because his seeking was centered in self.

Man's order is seek first the things of self. God's order is seek first the things of God and all else that is for man's good will be supplied by God.

But Adonijah was not only selfish in his ambition, he was shortsighted. He did not look far enough to see that the hand of God was guiding and determining the destinies of human lives. It never occurred to him that perhaps God had other plans for the kingdom of Israel than those which centered about his own person.

It is a great discovery which the human heart makes when it comes to see that after all each human life is but a cog in the wheel of God's mighty purpose for the world. What folly that man should think that he can lift himself by mere human agencies to a place which in the purposes of God is to be filled by another. But the self-seeker forgets God. And this proves a snare to his feet and a peril to his very life.

It is a narrow vision, indeed, which is bounded by the circle of self-interest, and ambition.

In the danger which threatened, David acted with his old-time promptitude and vigor. Delay would have been perilous.

Roused out of his stupor by the call of duty, the aged king immediately set the processes at work by which the Divine will was to be wrought out. Adonijah thought he was as good as dead.

In fact the aged king had ceased to take any interest in affairs, but it is wonderful how the call of God can rouse the soul and revive the flagging energies and faculties. He gives new life and strength to those who have work to do for him. It needed but the words of Bathsheba: "Thou swarest by the Lord thy God," to quicken in David that old spirit of loyalty and obedience to the Divine will which had been a ruling factor in all his life. It beautifully illustrates the truth that where the current of life has flowed Godward it will continue to do so, even when the physical and mental faculties are on the decline.

THE STORY.

JOAB, the captain of the armies of Israel, had openly espoused the cause of Adonijah, and daily now the heir-apparent to the throne was to be seen riding through the streets of Jerusalem in regal style, and many were the admiring and approving glances which followed the gorgeous procession of chariots and horses and outrunners. It had been a long time since King David had been seen in public, and when it had become known that all efforts had failed on the part of the court physicians to rouse him out of the semi-stupor into which he had fallen, the people realized that the days of their beloved king were numbered. But sorrowful though their hearts were and reluctant to part with the great King David, they knew that soon a new ruler would take his place on the throne. No one seemed to know whether the king had chosen the one who should rule in his place, or not, and so when Adonijah, the oldest living son of David, had prepared his chariots and horses and runners to go before him, it was generally accepted that he was to succeed to the throne. And this feeling was strengthened by the action of Joab, and frequently the grizzled old warrior was to be seen riding with Adonijah in the latter's chariot.

But one thing troubled Adonijah. Up to the present time he had not won the help and indorsement of Abiathar, the high priest, a most important condition of success. He knew he could not hope to win over Zadok, who was associated with Abiathar in the high-priestly office, but he had found Abiathar more friendly to his cause, and felt that if he could get him to take a stand in his favor, the indorsement of Zadok would not be needed.

However, in consultation with Joab, he had gone ahead with his plans, and had arranged for a great gathering of his followers, at which it was expected that formal recognition of his claims to the throne would be made, but as the time approached for the banquet he grew more and more anxious about Abiathar. He felt he must have him present.

"Has any word come from Abiathar, the high priest?" he demanded from his servant one day "immediately after

his return from the daily ride through the city's streets.

"None, my lord," the servant replied. A dark frown overspread the handsome face and he started to enter the open door, when a sudden resolve seized him.

"Recall the chariot," he said sharply to the servant standing near, and in a trice he was whirling off in the direction of the high priest's house. "Abiathar shall give me an answer this day!" he muttered savagely.

A loud shout from the driver and the sudden stoppage of the chariot aroused him from his reverie. In turning a sharp corner, the horses had almost run down two pedestrians, who evidently had been so absorbed in conversation that they had not heard the approach of the chariot.

"By the gods," exclaimed Adonijah as his eyes fell on the two figures standing trembling on one side of the narrow street, "if it isn't Abiathar and—Solomon!" this last spoken with a contemptuous sneer.

Without deigning a second look in the latter's direction, he called out to the other:

"Where now, friend Abiathar? I was but this minute on my way to thy house. Come up and ride with me thither."

"Nay, I cannot. I must give the prince safe conduct home. But do thou proceed and I will presently follow and join thee." Saying which Abiathar turned and again taking the arm of Prince Solomon continued on his way down the street toward the palace of the queen, Bathsheba, the mother of the boy.

"What meaneth this?" ejaculated Adonijah with an oath. "Maketh Abiathar some league with Solomon?"

He was half tempted to turn back. Suspicion and hatred and anger filled his heart. Not until that moment had the thought of Solomon as a possible stumbling block in the way of his progress entered his mind. He did remember now that years before when the young lad had gone in royal state to Egypt to be trained in all the learning of the Egyptians, he had heard an intimation that David had said that he (Solomon) should rule after him, but the years had come and gone since then, and there had been no indication from the king that such was his purpose. Solomon had now been back nearly two years and there had been no marked favors shown him, and certain it was that as the enfeebling conditions of old age had crept in upon David, and more and more had loosened his grasp upon the affairs of the kingdom, there had been no word spoken or move made in favor of the young prince. For this reason, Adonijah had practically dismissed the matter from his mind until he had so unexpectedly run upon the prince and Abiathar that morning.

"No," he exclaimed, through his clenched teeth, after he had bidden the driver to continue on his way to the house of Abiathar, "I will not turn back. I will see what Abiathar hath to say concerning this matter."

Fortunately his anger had somewhat cooled when Abiathar reached home, and the accusation which was framing itself upon his lips was not spoken, but instead, he said, with some degree of calmness:

"Thou didst not come to me so I have come to thee."

"Yes, and thou hast done well," responded Abiathar.

"That depends on whether thou speakest well or ill of my cause. Thou canst not remain silent much longer, for but this morning I heard that the king was falling rapidly."

"It is true," sadly rejoined the high priest. "I have but just come from the palace. The old king, our good King David, did not know me. I fear the stupor of death has come upon him," and Abiathar's voice choked up as he spoke the words, for he loved David.

"And wentest Solomon with thee to the king?" asked Adonijah, anxiously.

"He did," was the terse response.

"And made claims for the kingdom?"

"Nay, nor was the king able to talk concerning the promise which it is claimed he gave years ago that Solomon should come to his throne."

"Then what of my cause? Am I not the heir to the throne?"

"Thou art."

Impulsively Adonijah stepped to the side of the high priest, and as he embraced him, he exclaimed:

"And thou wilt attend the feast at Enrogel?"

"Long live King Adonijah!" was the response.

Hebrews Preaching the Gospel. In England, on the continent of Europe, and in the United States, 750 Hebrews are now preaching the Gospel to Gentile congregations, these congregations themselves having once been of the "ancient faith." In the year 1800 there was not a single Jewish-Christian mission in existence. Today there are 32 in America, with some 80 workers; 28 in Great Britain, with 481 workers; 20 elsewhere in Europe, with 40 workers; and 9 in other lands, with 47 workers.

W. C. T. U. Work in Denver. The W. C. T. U. of Colorado supports a mission in Denver now called the Frances E. Willard Settlement. Devotional services are held every day and food, clothing and fuel distributed to the needy. Employment is found for those able to work, and a dispensary for women and children is maintained.

Jap Women Christians. A Japanese Christian woman is head nurse at the great Tokio hospital. Another Japanese Christian woman is head nurse at the Hiresima hospital. The head nurses in three Japanese hospital ships are Christians.

AT THE FIRST MEAL

PROPER DISHES FOR A SUBSTANTIAL BREAKFAST.

Leftovers of Meat Can Be Served in Appetizing Fashion—Recipe for the Making of Popovers or "Tortois."

A substantial breakfast should consist of one fundamental dish, fruit in season, one or more dishes of a lighter description for those whose appetites require an extra relish, according to Elizabeth Pyewell. Potatoes are the best to add, as there are many ways of cooking them.

Leftover of meat should always be kept for the next day's breakfast and be served hot.

Popovers, or "tortois," as they are called abroad, are excellent. They should be hollow in the inside and brought to table the instant they leave the oven, else the crust is apt to be tough.

Friday is the best day to select for fish as it comes in greater quantity and the risk of buying those kept over is less.

A good-sized rock fish may be boiled for Friday's dinner. What is left will serve as the basis of a dish for breakfast on the following day.

To one pound of cold boiled fish allow a half pint of white sauce, three cold white potatoes, three hard boiled eggs sliced, a spoonful or two of rich milk or cream and milk mixed half and half and chopped parsley. This can be prepared over night and set aside in a cool place. A few minutes will be sufficient to simmer the fish.

Take the remains of the fish free from skin and bones, break this into flakes. Put the white sauce into a saucepan with the flaked fish, three cold potatoes sliced and three hard boiled eggs also sliced. If too thick add a little hot milk. Simmer for about five minutes; place on a hot dish, and sprinkle chopped parsley on the surface.

For popovers or tortois have half a cupful of flour, two scant cupfuls of sweet milk, yolks of two eggs and whites of three.

Beat the whites of the eggs; when light add these to the yolks and beat together.

Add three-quarters of a teaspoonful of salt, next the milk, after this one and a half cupfuls of flour (sifted). Stir quickly until free from lumps. Heat the cups in the oven, grease well, pour in the mixture and bake in a quick oven.

No breakfast is complete without a cereal; those which require cooking are considered the most wholesome. Fruit in season should be eaten first, followed by a cereal.

Cleaning Portieres. The dusty portieres you wish to clean should be thoroughly shaken and placed in a washing machine in the yard and covered, not just dampened, entirely with gasoline. Throw something over the machine to keep in the fumes and leave for at least half an hour. Do not attempt to rub or squeeze out the dirt, but gently lift out the curtains, place evenly on the line and allow to drip and dry. When dry beat lightly with a rattan carpet beater. The gasoline loosens dust and dirt and the gentle beating throws it off the same as dust. You will find they are perfectly clean. Leave as long as possible in the hot sun, since heat kills the disagreeable odor.

What They Will Make. Left-over cold meat—Salads and scallops.

Cold fish or fowl—Salads. Stale bread—Bread crumbs for rolling.

Cheese—Rarebits, crackers, macaroni.

Gravies, bones, etc.—A stock pot for soups.

Stewed tomatoes—Scallops and soup flavorings.

Mashed potatoes—Breakfast balls, luncheon puddings or souffles, purées, crust for meat pie.

Vegetables—Soup.

Sour milk—Gingerbread, biscuits, cheese.

Morning Glories. Morning glories can be raised in the house during the winter. Planted in pots they will bloom in about seven weeks. Put three or four seeds in each pot and place near a window, and put tumbler over them until they begin to sprout. Let them run on a basket or piece of featherbone, and when it is nearly covered bend it over and stick the other end in the pot and there will be a circle of blossoms. Nasturtiums may be grown in the same way.

Cheesecloth a Friend. Every housekeeper knows the value of cheesecloth as a duster, but perhaps not its invaluable use in everything in the household menage where a cloth is necessary. There is nothing like it for a floor rag, it washes and dries the floors and woodwork readily and wrings out easily. As a dish cloth it is par excellence, as stains and grease do not stay in it. It cleans the windows easily and is splendid for polishing mirrors. It can be bought for five to eight cents a yard.

Pineapple and Peach Cocktail. This is a sweet course for the beginning of a dinner. The fruit is cut into small pieces, marrons are added, and sherry or lemon juice poured over. Add a little powdered sugar, mix, make very cold and serve in cocktail glasses.

NEBRASKA POINTERS

STATE NEWS AND NOTES IN CONDENSED FORM.

THE PRESS, PULPIT AND PUBLIC

What is Going on Here and There That is of Interest to the Readers Throughout Nebraska.

An occupation tax has been put on at Wymore.

John Crowley is resting thirty days in jail at Beatrice for stealing a suit of clothes.

The Methodist people of Pauline dedicated a fine new \$5,000 church, free of debt, last Sunday.

The Ainsworth State bank will in a few days be known as the Ainsworth National bank, with R. S. Rising as president and C. A. Barnes as cashier.

At Lincoln Mr. and Mrs. W. P. Lynch narrowly escaped death when a street car struck the buggy in which they were riding. The rig was demolished.

The block system will be used on the new division of the Burlington at Pleasant Dale. Switch towers will be erected a mile and a half east and west of Pleasant Dale.

The 13-month-old child of Mr. and Mrs. L. Evans, living three miles south of Steele City, died from the effects of scalds received while playing about a washing machine.

The hog cholera which has been prevalent in Nemaha county for the last few months shows no signs of abating. Several farmers have lost many of their hogs of late.

The First National bank of Wymore had \$6,000 on deposit in the Bank of Commerce, which failed at Kansas City, but withdrew the amount in full a few days before the crash came.

Merchants of Columbus say that there has never been a month that their customers had more ready cash and paid their bills more promptly than they have at the beginning of this month.

At Albion, after a deliberation of twelve hours, the jury in the case of Jennie Simpson against Orve Webb of Boone county, for alleged breach of promise to marry, returned a verdict against the defendant for \$700.

A force of fifty men began work last week laying the new 85-pound steel on the Missouri Pacific road, beginning at a point 1 1/2 miles from Falls City. They will continue from there as far as Union, in Cass county.

Mr. and Mrs. William P. Pattison of Table Rock, who have resided there about forty years, celebrated their golden wedding anniversary last week. They were married in Grundy county, Illinois, December 5, 1857.

Miss Clara Kegel arrived in West Point from Germany last week to enter upon novitiate preparatory to becoming a member of the Franciscan Sisterhood, which has charge of the Home for the Aged in West Point.

The Fairbury Electric Light and Water company has just completed the installation of new machinery, looking to better service in the future. These improvements were made necessary by the rapid growth of the town.

County Attorney Ringo of Sarpy county has made arrangements with the sheriff-elect of Douglas county to board prisoners sent from that county at 55 cents per day. Heretofore Sarpy county has been paying \$1 a day for all prisoners.

Governor Sheldon has been asked by President Fisher Harris to appoint delegates to the second annual meeting of the Trans-Missouri dry farming congress, which will be held in Lincoln January 23 to 26, and to attend himself.

A large granary and barn on the H. H. Bacon ranch, eight miles south of Cozad, was destroyed by fire. The granary contained about 3,500 bushels of corn and about 1,500 bushels of wheat. The corn was completely burned, but a large portion of the wheat was saved.

A call has been issued for a Trans-Missouri dry farming congress to meet in Lincoln, January 23-26, for the purpose of boosting dry farming methods. The governor is asked to appoint Nebraska delegates to the meeting. The call is issued by Fisher Harris of Salt Lake City.

Miss Emma R. Miller, who was recently elected by the republicans as county superintendent of Cumings county, has resigned her position as the teacher of the kindergarten and primary grades in the public schools of West Point after nineteen years' continuous and faithful service.

Of late the Burlington railway has experienced considerable trouble in the matter of coal being stolen from the cars which were in the yards at Nebraska City, and the police were appealed to, and they arrested two girls and a boy, who were loading two wagons from a car. The parents of the children will be prosecuted.

Charles Mack, clerk of Elm camp No. 29, W. O. W., Nebraska City, is missing, and it is said that he is short in his accounts with the local camp to the amount of several hundred dollars. The books are in the hands of an auditor.

The Peru box factory, which closed down at the beginning of the financial scare, opened up again last week with a full quota of men, and will continue to operate at fullest capacity in order to catch up with orders which are now in advance of the output.

The Web of Life. The web of our life is a mingled yarn, good and ill together; our virtues would be proud if our crimes whipped them out; and our crimes would despair if they were not cherished by our virtues.—Rockford.

Average Temperature. The average temperature of the entire globe is 50 degrees Fahrenheit.

Here's an Easy One. Why is it that a woman with skirts that rustle always appears nervous?

Disease-Proof Potato. A disease-proof potato has been introduced into France from Uruguay.

Boys are not always eating; sometimes they are busily engaged in looking for something to eat.

The average preacher and his congregation are like a married couple who do not get along.

If all the unrequited love resulted in broken hearts the world would about go to smash.

There are mighty few people who don't occasionally tell stories.

Do not make unjust gains; they are equal to a loss.—Herod.

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