FRIDAY FACTS.

C. J. Fleming went to Omaha, B. T. Reid has returned from Wyoming

Clark Story of Pierce was in the city.

Dr. H. T. Holden returned from Hos-Mrs. Frank Klug of Stanton was in

the city. Ferdinand Conrad of Hadar was in the city.

C. E. Burnham went to Omaha on business.

Mrs. Frank Haase of Hadar visited friends here.

calling on friends.

Mrs. August Huebner of Hadar called on friends here. Fritz Hans of Stanton was in the

consin, where he has purchased farm fifteen other properties. business trip in Chicago.

was here visiting friends.

dance here last night. Mr. and Mrs. Charles Braasch of Hadar called on friends here.

Mrs. August Schroeder and children of Hoskins were in the city.

where she is visiting with friends. Rev. Mr. Brauer and daughter of Keystone, and near Custer. Hadar were calling on friends here. Mrs. Carl Albert and daughter of Hoskins were here visiting friends.

stock to the South Omaha market. tending a meeting of the examining investors. board of dentists at Lincoln, has re-

turned. Mrs. F. J. Taylor and Miss Bethine West, who have been here visiting Aged Minister in Fashionable Church with their sister, Mrs. C. J. Fleming, have returned to their home at St.

Paul. Neb. Spencer Butterfield is in the city with his father, W. H. Butterfield.

Lutz meat market.

back at work today. lington, at Madison, a son.

A large crowd attended the dance at Marquardt hall last night.

Christian church. Miss Inez Viele has gone to Nio-

teacher in the primary grades.

An epidemic of mild tonsilitis is ters were granted.

completed.

W. H. Persons, formerly of Aurora, Ill., has bought the livery business of Louis Dudley, to take possession later. family and has occupied the residence at 1208 Madison avenue. Mr. Dudley will operate a hack line exclusively.

be contested on the local gridiron Sat- with, or such other disposition as the this morning that they had reached a blustery morning, is surely a hardship understood the entire matter. Once in urday afternoon. Although Neligh convention may make. The report verdict at 8:20 o'clock this forenoon. to endure. asked a postponement of the game, says in part: the local team said the game would "We believe that railroad values

ing and John E. Risk of Battle Creek. formity. sistant geologist; assistant engineer; states."

taken over by the larger corporation, says: and one company will then rule the "It is proper to say here that the telegraph world. According to one plan of valuing the lands by the state well posted in telephone and telegraph was the state's method, while the railbusiness the independent company and way companies adopted the plan of the Postal should have a working appointing land experts to appraise nounced. agreement as do the Bell and Western the properties. This latter plan is Union, but he believes the offices deemed by the state to be unreliable.

benefit to the companies.

BLACK HILLS COMBINE.

Mines Will be Merged for Development Work on a Large Scale.

Deadwood, S. D., Nov. 19.-Black company just organized by Robert is made." Bunce of London. The company is capitalized for \$3,500,000.

The plan of the company is to ac-Robert Schulz of Pierce was here developed mines of the Hills for an copper properties which may enter Twenty years would release Morrison city, having just returned from Wis- tract agreements have been made for Refining and other companies that will live. So the judge sentenced him to

W. A. Witzigman returned from a 000 in development work the coming year, which means that a dozen economies to be effected by the con-Mrs. J. D. Atkins of Warnerville or more properties will be thoroughly solidation and the earnings of the William Page, John Becker and the work in several camps and not International Smelting and Refining Frank Parr of Stanton attended a confine itself to any one formation. Properties have been taken on the Homestake belt, both on the north and south extensions; in the old Carbonate district, nine miles northwest of Deadwood; in the Rochford dis-Mrs. Peter Krantz went to Hoskins, trict in the Central hills; at Pactola, Galena, Bald Mountain, Bear Gulch,

The Black Hills, it is generally believed, has other Homestakes which First addition, Norfolk. can be found by systematic and deep Thomas Bell of Lusk, Wyo., will be development work, such as the new here tonight. Mr. Bell is shipping company proposes to carry on. The stock of the company will be held by Dr. C. S. Parker, who has been at-Black Hills men and a few eastern

PASTOR SOBS AS HE QUITS.

Defends His Daughter.

Butler, Pa., Nov. 19 .- While tears addition, Norfolk. coursed down his cheeks and sobs from Ames, Ia., visiting with his Oller, the white haired minister of Hayes' addition, Norfolk. brother, G. D. Butterfield. He is en- the fashionable First Presbyterian route to Denver, where he will visit church, presented his resignation at W. D., \$750, lots 4 and 5, block 7, Dor- and disgraced her forever, and in the a congregational meeting. And while sey Place addition, Norfolk. A new front is being built on the the minister, prior to his resignation, reviewed his pastorage of twenty-sev-A. C. Stear, who has been ill, is years and dwelt on his pleasant relations with his flock until recently. Born, to Mr. and Mrs. William Dar- many members of the congregation vere in tears.

This ends one incident in a controversy which threatened for a time There will be baptismal services fol- to disrupt the congregation and devellowing the sermon this evening at the oped one of the most exciting scand- side Terrace addition, Norfolk. als in the church history of the town. No reference was made to the pas-

brara, where she will be engaged as tor's beautiful daughter, Nellie, nor to T. M. Gillespie, the rich treasurer Major E. H. Phelps has concluded of the Standard Steel Car company, his work inspecting the Norfolk na- who were refused letters of transfer, tional guards and has gone to Stanton, which caused Mr. Oller to declare that where he inspected the company there. he would not preach until these let. as a lie Fraulein Anna Kroebel's yarn Omaha, J. Leppla, assistant superin-

abroad in Norfolk, according to some | The case came to a climax when ride in which his wife, then Miss Alice put the taboo on the rumor that the of the physicians, who have from two Mrs. Gillespie, armed with an incrimi- Roosevelt, is alleged to have indulged Northwestern is soon to restore the to three and more cases each on their nating letter, appeared before the in during a reception in her honor old South Platte division and he is church session. Miss Nellie Oller and by the emperor of Corea. After a few days' delay and after Mrs. Gillespie's husband were sumthe snow had been cleaned away from moned in consequence. The officers seriously, he asserted, as nothing of Mr. Leppla, and then he added with a that the Lord Jesus Christ should bethe buildings in course of construct of the session said that they had conthe kind took place or could have taken laugh, "I only wish there were." tion, carpenters and masons have fessed their guilt and had been abol- place. He said he never knew or Officials at the Northwestern headagain taken up their tools and com- ished according to the discipline of heard of the author of the story, but quarters here are also inclined to dis-An invitation has been received by Gillespie from insisting on a letter agination and said it had afforded the as they know, the change is not conthe Norfolk board of education from to another congregation. Mr. Ollet subject of it a great deal of amuse-templated. It is admitted, though the school board of Wayne inviting insisted that his daughter be given ment. the Norfolk members to be present at the same and the officers of the sesthe dedication of the new Wayne sion refused. The minister defended either drunk or crazy when she wrote the line is growing and shaping so school building, which has just been his daughter against accusations and the book credited to her," was his that it will ultimately necessitate the resigned.

FOR FEDERAL VALUATION.

Points Out Difficulties.

gress should authorize an inventory humorous aspect. A committee apportioning the be-valuation of railroad property in the odist church met at the First Meth- ing a proper basis for the assessment odist Episcopal church Thursday, of taxes and the making of rates is The News: "Guilty." Among those present at the meeting the substance of a recommendation were: Rev. J. E. Houlgate, Madison; contained in a report submitted to the of robbing the Farmers State bank of arose and built the fire and, leaving Rev. J. F. Poucher, Stanton: Rev. J. convention of railway commissioners Hadar January 18, last. W. Kirkpatrick, Wayne; Rev. C. M. by Commissioner Staples of Minneso-Preparations are completed at the committee does not discuss the quest ment and without work on Sundays.

must be authoritatively established with the evidence all afternoon and Examinations for positions as store- before there can be such supervision all night long. keeper and gauger in the civil service and administration both by state and It is rumored that on the second or so. Mr. Hoppen intends to move were held at the local postoffice under national authorities as will do the ballot the jury stood 7 to 5 for ac his show here into a more appropriate supervision of V. V. Light Thursday, greatest justice to both the carrier and quittal and that at one time they building and will fit the same up with our destiny as eternal glory or eternal Only three filed for examinations here, the public. One of the chief objects of stood 9 to 3 for acquittal. This, how-They were: J. W. McLary, John Dem- our organization is to promote uni- ever, has not been confirmed.

Another list of examinations for good "This is, it seems, impossible to acpositions has been listed by Mr. Light complish without having a reliable for December 14 and 15. Among them valuation of the railway properties, to Judge Welch that a verdict had are: Entomologist at \$1,600 per an- and we believe that the federal gov- been reached. The judge went imme- again been sold to Mr. Compton of St. num, in the Philippine service; assist-ernment is better equipped to con-diately to the court house. ant, class 2, naval observatory; as-duct this work than are the several

general mechanic; junior animal hus- Present methods of valuing railroad since the trial began, Morrison disproperties are unreliable, according to played nervousness. He bit his finger Much interest is shown among tele- the committee, which illustrates this nails and trembled perceptibly. His phone men of Norfolk in the recent point by submitting figures given in face wore a downcast expression in David Raymond, a half breed Indian, merger of the American Telephone the case of two of the railways just sharp contrast to the hopeful front he was brought to Dallas by the Rev. and Telegraph company with the valued in Minnesota. In one case the had put up throughout the trial. Western Union company. A well market value of the lands owned by known telephone man here says he the road was fixed by its officers at was handed to W. B. Chilvers, clerk county, and taken to an Omaha hosbelieves that it is only a case of time \$41,832,000, while the state's estimate of the district court, who read it. It pital for treatment. The young man when the Postal company will be of value was \$19,000,000. The report found the defendant guilty as charged. on the Saturday previous had attempt

should be consolidated. The telephone "In a state case tried in 1895, cercompanies, according to him, should tain terminal lands in St. Paul innot handle long distance calls except volving 325 acres were valued by ex- the prisoner brought in. Motion was to places which are not reached by perts at \$1,281,387, \$2,562,744 and \$6, made by Barnhart of the defense for to buy, a classified ad. will find the telegraph. Such working agreement 977,125 respectively. In the same a new trial, which Judge Welch over person.

phone companies, he says, would save valued at \$3,036,464, \$3,482,521, \$4,- thoroughly considered. much bookkeeping and be of financial 218.062, \$4,862,610 and \$5,520,250. In Morrison then held a whispered con 650 and \$9.096 937.

port says, shows the necessity of a the table. valuation of railroad properties be made by the federal government. Ef- judge asked. Hills men are interested in the plans fective governmental supervision of of the Black Hills Development and the carriers, it is pointed out, will and ask no sympathy." Financial corporation, a new mining not be possible until such a valuation

Copper Merger Earnings.

New York, Nov. 20.—Consideration quire twenty-five to thirty of the best of the earning power of the various twenty years to life imprisonment. exchange of stock from the first mil- the proposed copper combination was at 48, and good behavior might make lion shares. Thus far the company given by the financeers working out it 42. He would not be reformed. Soenter the proposed merger is between The company plans to spend \$1,500, \$25,000,000 and \$30,000,000, based upon 13-cent copper. Their estimates of developed by deep shafts. It will do United Metals Selling company, the company and other properties.

Real Estate Transfers.

Transfers of real estate for the past week, compiled by the Madison County Abstract and Guarantee company, office with Mapes & Hazen, Norfolk:

Myron Twiss to Matie A. Suiter, W. D. \$1,600, lot 12, block 2, Durland's Ella Hopkins to Leonard L. Frye.

W. D., \$550, lot 3, block 7, Meadow McDonald of Omaha November 30. Grove. Eleanor Green to Edward Jilg, W.

D., \$11,200, s1/2 nw1/4, and n1/2 sw1/4 J. J. Clements, sheriff, to Kate Arm-

S. Haves' addition, Norfolk, W. D., \$120, lot 1, block 8, C. S. Hayes'

John F. Klug to Henry J. Brunning,

Michael Welsh to Sadie Eldridge. Jens Jensen to John G. Ostdick, W. D., \$2,750, lot 8, block 12, Madison.

walk's First addition, Norfolk.

LONGWORTH DENIES IT.

Says Story About Former Alice Roose

velt's Ride Too Absurd. Cincinnati O. Nov. 20 .- Congressman Nicholas Longworth denounced noon enroute back to Chadron from

the church. This did not deter Mrs. complimented her upon her vivid im- credit the rumor saying that, so far this he gladly does by applying for

style of summing up the case.

self thinks of the story is known only fices here say that if the split is ever statement that she considers it too in coming. Washington, Nov. 20 .- That con- absurd for belief, but not without its

nevolences for the year of the Meth- United States with a view to provid- Morrison Found Guilty; Thirty Years. The News: It was reported here that Pierce, Neb., Nov. 20 .- Special to the family of J. M. Wathern of Boone

Taylor, Rev. C. W. Ray and Rev. D. ta, in behalf of the committee on ty years at hard labor in the peniten- notified the parents and they were taxes, of which he is chairman. The tiary, without any solitary confinehigh school building by the students tion of a division of the values of After more than twenty hours of de sessions were entirely burned. Neighto give the Neligh and Norfolk foot railway properties according to their liberation, during which at times, it bors immediately did their duty and ball teams a rousing reception after uses for state and interstate purposes, is reported, the majority swayed over afforded shelter for the suffering famthe game which will, unless it rains, leaving that for the future to deal toward an acquittal, the jury reported ily. This, coming as it did on a cold

The jury had been out since before

Dennis Malone was foreman of the At 8:20 this morning word was sent

into the courtroom. For the first time last two months.

roll call. Judge Welch then remanded the blew out one of his eyes. prisoner to jair until later in the after-

eminently satisfied with the verdict. Motion for New Trial Overruled. At 10 o'clock Judge Welch ordered

between the two telegraph and tele- case, 235 acres in Minneapolls were ruled. He said the case had been

the same case, lands of another coun- versation with his counsel and county were valued at \$4,113,010, \$8,017, sel asked how soon sentence would be pronounced. The judge said he was The experience of Minnesota, as ready. Morrison was ordered to stand well as that of other states, the re- up, which he did, resting his hand on

"Have you anything to say," the

"Nothing, only that I'm not guilty

The court then gave Morrison a lecture. He pointed out the fact of his previous criminal record, declaring that he could not be reformed. He said that the statute provided from has taken over twelve big properties the details of the merger. It was ciety would not be protected enough with a total of over 4,500 acres. Con- stated that the power of the Copper from him, with twenty years left to thirty years.

Good behavior may reduce it to twenty.

Morrison Does Not Flinch. Morrison took the sentence unflinch Forty days was allowed for filing

bill of exceptions. On the way back to the jail Morri son whispered in an undertone to De tective Searle, "Are you going to the

Madison Girl to Marry.

penitentiary with me, you dirty cur?

Madison, Neb., Nov. 20.-Special to The News: A shower was given last night to Miss Roxey Wills, daughter of Will Wills, who is to marry Charles

Gets Judgment of \$5,000 Against John Wiegard for Assault.

Albion, Neb., Nov. 20.-Special to The News: In the district court of strong, S. D., \$120, lot 1, block 8, C. Boone county, which has been in session this week. Judge Hanna presid-Kate Armstrong to Oscar A. Richey, Ing. Miss Catherine Kramer of Petersburg was allowed \$5,000 damages in the case of Kramer vs. Wiegard. In Oscar A. Richey to Minnie Richey, September, 1907, Miss Kramer alleges foreknew our Lord Jesus as the on shook his voice, the Rev. William E. W. D., \$400, lot 1, block 8, C. S. John A. Wiegard of Petersburg, criminally assaulted her with force, which has ruined her fair name, character fall of the following year she sued J. A. Wiegard in the county court for Q. C. D., \$1, part of se1/4 sw1/4 18-24-4. \$1,500 for the maintenance of the child she alleges Wiegard is the father of and won the case. In the case men-E. M. Ziesche to John Krueger, W. tioned here she has sued Mr. Wiegard under-priesthood, his subordinate kings D. \$2,500, part of lot 6, block 3, Pase- for \$5,000 damages for the ruination during the Milleunium, of her name, character, etc. The jury Louis Lederer, guardian, to J. S. returned a verdict, charging Wiegard Mathewson, G. D., \$2,100, lots in Hill- as she alleges. Attorney W. R. Patrick of Omaha and A. E. Garten, counsel for Miss Kramer, and H. C. Vail for Wiegard.

Fremont Tale a Pipe Dream.

Fremont Tribune: While in Fre mont between trains vesterday afterconcerning the sensational horseback tendent of the Black Hills division, It was too preposterous to be taken "There's nothing in the rumor," said of the call. Hence it was necessary

that the change will probably come "The woman, whoever she is, was in the course of time as business along restoration of the old order of things. Exactly what Mrs. Longworth her- Employes of the company at the ofto her friends, but at least one of made it will not occur within a year, Mr. Persons has moved here with his Commissioner Staples, of Minnesota, them bears out Mr. Longworth's while it may be considerably longer

Burn Out of Home.

Albion, Neb., Nov. 20,-Special to was burned out of house and home James Morrison has been convicted early this morning. The young son for a few moments, returned to find The prisoner was sentenced to thir the house in flames. He immediately compelled to flee in their night clothes Their house and entire household pos

It is understood that Paul Hoppen noon yesterday and they struggled proprietor of the Lyric theater at this place, will soon open a theater in Petersburg in the course of a week an electric piano and modern furnish ings. The business is now requiring more room.

The stock of groceries and queens ware recently purchased from E. L. Cook by Mr. Augustin of Shelby has Edward. This stock of goods has The prisoner was ordered brought changed hands three times within the

Attempted Suicide.

Dallas News: Last Friday morning Blair Roberts from the Keha Paha The jury filed in and the verdict country in the southern part of Tripp Each juryman answered "yes" on ed suicide with a shotgun. In the attempt he shot off both jaws, and

A short time ago the young man noon when sentence should be pro was arrested on a charge of horse stealing, and it is reported that the Judge Welch seemed relieved and unsuccessful attempt to take his own life came from a fear of conviction and a term in the penitentiary.

> end entirely satisfactory. If it's property that somebody ought

PEOPLE'S PULPIT...



Sermon by CHARLES T. RUSSELL Pastor Brooklyn Tabernacle.

Sunday, Nov. 14.-Pastor Russell, of Brooklyn Tabernacle, preached today from the above text to a large and attentive audience as usual. He said:-

Throughout the length and breadth of this land of liberty, young and old understand full well the significance of election. Councilmen, aldermen, mayors of cities, county officials, State officials, United States Congressmen, Senators, the President and Vice-President are chosen or elected from amongst the people to their various official stations. They are chosen with a view to the blessing that will accrue to the electors by the exercise of their official positions. How strange, then, that we who are so familiar with these things should read into our text so very different a view of election!

The thought should naturally suggest itself to us that if God is electing or selecting a Church in the present time, it must be with a view to the use of that Church subsequently to serve in some manner the interests of the remainder of the world, from amongst whom they were elected. And this is just what the Scriptures teach; namely, that Christ Jesus himself is the Head, the Captain, the Chief Ruler, and that this "elect" company are, figuratively speaking, his "members," his associates, his under-priesthood. The Scriptures tell us that this selection is according to Divine foreknowledge and foreordination. They tell us that God who would occupy the glorious position of Prophet, Priest, Mediator and King of the world during the Millennium. They tell us also that the same God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ foreknew us also and "predestinated" that there should be a Church class selected from amongst the world. to be their Redeemer's associate, his

The Elect Now and Hereafter. The Church is spoken of as God's 'elect" now, before the election has been finished: before the testing is completed; before the called have been proven faithful and worthy. These are "elect" in the sense of having been nominated-"moved and seconded." God moved that they should be elected, and "called them with a heavenly calling," It remained for the called ones themselves to "second the motion" by presenting themselves in full consecration of heart to the Lord. But this was not sufficient; for the invited ones were recognized as imperfect and unable to come up to the requirements come their surety and agree out of his own fulness of merit to supply all of their lack, their imperfection. And such the merit of his sin-atonement-

sacrifice finished at Caivary. Making the Election Sure.

Keeping before our minds that the heavenly Father made the motion or the call, that we seconded it by accepting the call upon its terms of faith and consecration unto death, and that our Lord Jesus is our surety who will make good our unintentional blemishes, what shall we say of the prospects of our being elected and at whose door shall we lay the responsibility if we are not elected? Surely the unchangeable God who nominated us has made every provision for our election and will co-operate. Surely our Redeemer, our Surety, our Advocate, will give us every assistance in the way and, according to his promise, cause all things to work together for our good. Just as surely, therefore, the entire responsibility for failure would lie at our door. And this is what St. Peter in our text declares,

"Make your calling and election sure." From this standpoint we have a special interest in our own election, such as we never had before when we misour ignorance we thought that St. Peter had written foolishly about our making the election sure; for according to the erroneous theory which we had "swallowed" without proper mas tication, God was doing all the electing himself, and had unalterably fixed suffering, long centuries before we

This erroneous view blinded our mental sight from all the various incentives which now are so precious and so helpful. What had God elected us to be and to do? To sit upon a cloud and to play upon a harp and to sing to all eternity, cheerfully looking over the battlements of heaven to see our dear friends writhing in torment,and striving bard to praise God for it all and to think of his course in our election and their damnation as the ex-

emplification of Justice and of Love? We read indeed in the Scriptures respecting a Kingdom, for which our Lord taught us to pray, "Thy Kingdom come; thy will be done in earth as it is done in heaven." yet the thrai dom of error upon us was so tense that we recognized not the inconsistency between these promises and our false hopes. Now, thank God, "the mystery" is revealed to us in God's Word and by his Spirit, and we perceive that the Millennial Kingdom is to be a reality and that its blessing to mankind in general, "to all the lamilles of the earth," is to be most thorough, most systematic, most complete, and in the

Kings to Be Elected.

ELECTING KINGS.

"Brethren, Give Diligence to Make Your Calling and Election Sure" (Il Peter i, 10).

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this matter of our election, after learning that the office for which we are running is a combination or priesthood and kingship! The elect are to be priestly kings, or, otherwise styled, "a Royal Priesthood." Their glorious service is to be for a period of one thousand years, during which they will be kings and priests unto God and will rel; n over the earth (Revelation xx, 4; 1 Peter II. 9). They will not "reign on the earth" in

ing earthly courts and thrones; their, knowledge and, as the Apostle says, a resurrection "change" will constitute them heavenly or spirit beings; they will be invisible to mankind, as now the "Prince of this world" is invisible and as the holy angels are invisible. But they will possess heavenly power and authority and wisdom and grace. By these glorious attributes they will be able to serve God and humanity by a reign of righteousness, whose uplifting or restitution influences (Acts) iii, 21) will begin with the living generations, but eventually extend to "all the families of the earth," who have been going down for the past six thousand years into the great prison-house of death-"prisoners of hope," however, because of the promise of God's Word and the redemption sacrifice of

My beloved hearers, if your hearts are not moved by this message of God's grace and this information respecting his Kingdom and of your prospects of becoming kings and priests in that Kingdom, it is because you do not ceeding great and precious promises" aware that this whole message by long covered by the rubbish of "the dark ages" that it was lost to our to see the length and breadth and Plan of the Ages.

The Value of Earthly Crowns. Consider for a moment what fabulous prices have been paid for earthly crowns! Thousands of lives have been them lasting hatred from others who their endeavor to be of "the very elect." aspired to the same position and who considered that their right to it was as good or better.

What comparison should we institute as between the value of such a crown ing." Next add godlikeness-general and the "crown of glory," honor and immortality which God has promised to his elect-to such of them as make their calling and their election sure! Has God placed too high a valuation upon the heavenly crown, in demanding that those who would share it with the Redeemer must prove their loyalty to him and to the principles of righteousness, and to the spirit of love, to the extent of laying down their lives in his service and in "doing good unto all men as they have opportunity, especially to the household of faith?"

Our Lord asked wherein would be the profit to any man if he were to gain the whole world and lose his own soul-lose his future life. For the purpose of our present topic we might ask a modified question, namely. If one should gain the empire of the whole earth and all of its riches, and if another should gain this heavenly ele ion to the heavenly Kingdom of one thousand years and to subsequent eternal blessings with the Lord, which of these would choose the better part-which would show the real wisdom, and which would be the foolish one? But the contrast increases when we note that the dominion of earth cannot be secured by our sailing through bloody seas, and that a mere competency of earthly wealth is attained by only one of a thousand who strive for it day and 1 It. Surely from the standpoint of the rather's Word all earthly honors are vanities, in comparison with the heavenly glories and blessings which may be surely attained by the "called" of this Gospel Age-if they will but follow the Divine directions.

Terms and Conditions of Election. In our context St. Peter tells us upon what terms the called and accepted may make their election sure. After calling our attention to God's exceeding great and precious promises he tells us that they were given us to per Lord desires and prove ourselves the intent that they should operate in our minds so as to influence our lives, in harmony with the Divine will; and that thus we may "become partakers of the Divine nature, after having escaped the corruption that is in the world through desire." - selfishness, hist iverse 4). He proceeds to amplify, and urges that such as have this hope shall give all diligence to the matter of adding to their faith virtue or fortitude. That is to say, faith of itself is very good as a start, but God requires more than this. As a condition of our acceptance for election be requires that our faith shall be of a strong kind, giving us fortitude for all of life's affairs; for all of our Covenants with the Lord; for a faithful endurance of opposition, contradiction, What an interest we properly take in etc., that thus we might be copies of

O Our Lord Jesus Christ, as God has or dained all of "the elect" must be (Ro-

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Not only must we have a strong faith combined with fortitude, but we must also add "knowledge." We required some knowledge of God and of our Lord Jesus and of the Gospet message before we could come unto the Lord at all, but the Apostle is not referring to this, our earliest knowledge. He is addressing Christians who have .. already taken the first steps. He assures us that they need knowledge to enable them to go onward in Christian development-knowledge in addition to their faith and fortitude. We have nothing to say against worldly knowledge, scientific knowledge, etc., when these do not cross or interfere with the Divine Revelation, but we are confident that the Apostle did not intend to refer to worldly knowledge, but to the greatest of all scientific knowledge

-the knowledge of God. How shall we know God? By study of his character. Our Lord Jesus it was who declared. "This is life eternal. that they might know thee, the only true God, and Jesus Christ, whom thou hast sent (John xvil, 3). This knowlthe sense of being earthly beings, hav. edge at the present time is a secret "hidden mystery," which can be known only by those who put themselves into a certain attitude of heart and mind and conduct toward the Lord and his revelation. We are to study God's character-to learn respecting his Justice, his Wisdom, his Love and his Power, by studying his revelation-the Bible. In it we see his dealings past, and his promises respecting his dealings future. And a correct apprecia-

tion of these gives us a knowledge of God's character as exemplified therein. But since this knowledge is not stated in terms for the world to understand, it follows that only those in proper condition of heart and enlightened by the holy Spirit can receive this knowledge. It is taught only to the pupils in the School of Christ, "The secret of the Lord is with them that fear him; and be will show them his Covenant." Other Graces to Be Added.

The Apostle continues his advice as to things necessary to be added by those who would make their calling believe the message-because your and election sure. They must keep faith does not properly grasp the "ex- adding, and the adding must be little by little and day by day. The knowlof God's Word (Il Peter i, 4). 1 am edge we gain of God through his Word should lead us to greater moderation Jesus and his apostles has been so (translated, temperance, in our common version). "Let your moderation be known unto all men" (Philippians iv. sight for a long while, and sadly we 5), moderation or balance in thought, missed its encouragement to faithful- in word, in action. God's people may ness. I am glad, however, that now be called extremists by those who are the eyes of understanding are opening not begotten of the holy Spirit and who know not "the mystery." But even height and depth in the great Divine they should be able to charge immoderation only on the one score-our immoderation, our faithfulness to the Word of the Lord and to our Covena it of self sacrifice as followers in the footsteps of Jesus. Our lives should be so moderate as respects business sacrificed and millions of money, to and pleasure and food and raime st. gain an earthly crown. And thousands etc., that we should be examples of who paid this price knew well that wisdom and moderation to all-extre a-"uneasy rests the head which wears ists only along the same lines that the crown." They knew well, too, that Jesus and the Apostles were counted its tenure would be precarious and extremists by those who knew not, nelthat the attainment of it would bring ther did understand "the mystery" of

> Patience must not be forgotten. in addition to moderation, "Let patience have her perfect work, that ye may be perfect and entire, wanting nothgoodness, benevolence, benignity toward all. Add next brotherly kindness-in the natural family relationship, and also in the spiritual family, the Church. "Love as brethren" (ought to love). "We ought also to lay down our lives for the brethren." Still further the Apostle urges that while all of the foregoing are elements of love we superadd love itself in the fullest sense toward the Lord, toward the brethren, toward humanity, toward the brute creation and toward our enemies. While all of these cannot be loved in the same degree, all should profit by the spirit of love in

our bearts for all. "Ye Shall Never Fail."

Now comes the climax of the advice to those seeking to make their calling and election sure (verse S). "If these things be in you and abound, they make you that ye shall neither be barren nor unfruitful in the know a of our Lord Jesus Christ," And then as our text declares, if these things abound and if we give diligence to the making sure of our calling and election and do these things, we shall of securing our election. God seeketh such for joint-heirship with their Redeemer in the Kingdom. God "seeketh such to worship him as worship him in spirit and in truth."

The grand consummation of our election-our Kingdem honors and glories-is specifically referred to by St. Peter in the next verse, saying, "For so an entrance shall be ministered unto you abundantly into the everlasting Kingdom of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ." If, dear Brethren, we believe these things, let ha permit them to control our lives-our words, our deeds and our thoughts. Surely we can well afford to be considered foolish along lines of the sacrifice of earthly interests, if thereby the can develop the character which rthy of a share in his Kingdom

How many things, both just and unjust, are sanctioned by custom!-Ter-

The Joy That Killed.

A senator was praising the humor of a certain congressman.

"His humor, however," he concluded. "is rather grim. I told him the other day about a mutual acquaintance who had died, a man he had never liked "'And his wife is dead, too,' I said.

He himself died on Monday; his wife died two days later. The papers didn't say what killed ber."

" 'She was tickled to death, I guess, said the congressman grimly."