

PEOPLE'S PULPIT...

PRESENT YOUR BODIES.



Sermon by CHARLES T. RUSSELL. Pastor Brooklyn Tabernacle.

Chicago, Jan. 2.—Pastor Russell of Brooklyn Tabernacle, New York, preached here twice today to large audiences.

The opening of a New Year is like the opening of a new ledger. It is a favorable time for determining what should be disposed of in the profit and loss account and for putting into effect resolutions governing the New Year.

The world, the flesh and the Adversary—all exercise influences contrary to our Vow or Resolution to the Lord to be dead to the world and to self that we may be alive with Christ and share his glory—suffer with him, that we may reign with him.

A Christmas Vow or Resolution.

A Christian, like other men, can be benefited by such Resolutions to himself, which should be sacredly kept, in proportion as he respects himself and would be respected.

The proposition, in the language of the Savior, was that he should take up his cross and follow Christ; and that as a reward he should have in the present life tribulation from without, but the peace of the Lord within, and in the future life experience a share in the First Resurrection.

While stating the conditions clear and distinctly, through his Word the Lord did not urge consecration, but said rather that each should sit down first and count the cost. After having counted the cost, whoever chose to accept the proposition did so by making a Vow unto the Lord—a Consecration Vow of full submission—the full surrender of the will.

It is well indeed to show our appreciation of God's grace by songs of thankfulness and praise, but we are to remember that not merely poetic cadences are our acceptable songs, but that from the proper standpoint life itself is the proper hymn of praise to be continually rendered to the King of kings.

The Psalmist's answer, prophetically represents the attitude of heart of all the faithful. Each is expected to say, "I will take the Cup of Salvation and call upon the name of the Lord" (Psalm cxvi. 13).

"I Will Pay My Vows."

Let no one lightly undertake a Vow unto the Lord. It carries with it weighty responsibilities. It would be better every way that none should take the Vow without first understanding the matter and entering fully into the spirit of the resolution he makes.

Apostle's illustration, why should the sow that was washed return to wallowing in the mire? Why should we, after having renounced the world and received the begetting of the Holy Spirit, and after having tasted of the Word of God and the powers of the Age to come, lose the precious taste and appreciation of these, and return in craving to the beggarly elements of the world?

"My soul, be on thy guard, Ten thousand foes arise; The hosts of sin are pressing hard To draw thee from the prize."

Much of our success in keeping our Vow of Consecration depends upon two things: (1) The clearness of our grasp of the situation when we made our Vow and the thoroughness of our intention; the amount or weight thereof; the will power exerted for righteousness.

(2) An additional feature of great weight in the matter is the degree of our knowledge. It is in line with this thought that the Scriptures declare, "My people perish for lack of knowledge."

Mr. and Mrs. David Masten of Evanston, Wyo., who were here visiting friends, have gone to Creighton, where they will visit with relatives.

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A Vow unto the Lord.

1. Our Father, who art in Heaven, hallowed be Thy name. May Thy rule come into my heart more and more, and Thy will be done in my mortal body.

not hope to understand. It is the pleasure of fellowship in his sufferings, as St. Paul explains. And a part of the pleasure connected with that "cup" is the associated hope of drinking with our Lord of his other cup of joy and glory and blessing in the Kingdom, as he promised.

"The necessity of partaking of this 'Cup' of the Lord is shown by the Savior's words to two of his disciples who inquired, saying, 'Lord, grant that we may sit with thee, one on thy right hand and the other on thy left hand in the Kingdom.' Our Lord's reply was that they little realized what this high privilege of sitting in the Millennium Throned with him would cost. He inquired, 'Can ye drink of the cup that I shall drink of?' (Matthew xx. 22) 'The cup of suffering, ignominy, dishonor, death'—and to be baptized with'—not the baptism into water, but into that which is symbolized by the water—a baptism into his death.

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Miss Alice Ogden left for Aurora, Ill., where she will attend school. She was accompanied by her father, who will visit with relatives in Illinois for about ten days.

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TUESDAY TOPICS.

Ed Bruggeman went to Sioux City, Mrs. Warner of Meadow Grove was here.

A. Buchholz went to Brunswick on business.

M. Inhelder of Pierce was in the city on business.

John D. Haskell of Wakefield was here on business.

M. D. Tyler and Burt Mapes went to Madison on business.

J. W. Langley of Columbus was in the city on business.

Mr. and Mrs. George Barr of Stanton were here visiting friends.

Dr. P. H. Salter went to Plainview to perform an operation Tuesday.

Misses Martha and Lydia Goetsch of Stanton were here visiting friends.

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Born, to Mr. and Mrs. Jacob Horst, a daughter.

A large delegation of the Norfolk Elks went to Battle Creek Sunday, where they attended the funeral of their brother Elk, Owen O'Neill, who died in Utah. Funeral services were conducted by Father Walsh at the Catholic church at Battle Creek, he delivering an impressive sermon. Father Walsh also paid a very pretty tribute to the Elks.

S. F. Erskine is suffering from rheumatism.

A masked ball is scheduled for tonight at the railroad men's hall at the Junction.

A special meeting of Mosaic lodge, No. 55, is called for tonight for work in the M. M. degree. Refreshments will be served.

terday for being drunk and charged with drawing a knife on J. A. Munson, a restaurant proprietor on South Fourth street, was fined \$12.50 in Justice Eiseley's court.

Mrs. Joseph Plant has gone to Omaha to visit her husband, who is confined in the Clarkson hospital at that city suffering from rheumatism. Some weeks ago Mr. Plant went to Excelsior Springs, Mo., for treatment.

A warrant is out for the arrest of Thomas Bennet, Harry Grey and Hoyt Schelly. The men are charged with jumping their board bill, which amounts to \$85. The warrant was issued on request of Mrs. F. Ralston, who keeps a boarding house on South Third street. The men had been in Norfolk about three months.

The following officers were installed at the meeting of the Damascus chapter, No. 25, Monday evening: J. W. McClary, high priest; D. Rees, king; S. G. Dean, captain of host; E. J. Rix, royal arch captain; H. H. Hartford, master first veil; J. B. Maynard, master second veil; W. R. Hoffman, master third veil; A. H. Viele, v. r.; G. T. Sprecher, secretary; L. C. Mittelstadt, treasurer; C. F. Eiseley, tyler.

David Smith did not make his trial airdrop flight in Norfolk Monday, as scheduled by him. Neither did he put in an appearance at the Ahlman garage, where several parts of his machine are still waiting to be fitted to those parts which he took with him to Devere, Neb., to exhibit to his relatives as a Christmas surprise some time ago. Mr. Smith made a statement before leaving that his machine would be a success and that a flight would take place January 10. Now a number of people who are in a position to know say he went home to pick several acres of corn which he still had in the field and which he would endeavor to put on the market for sale with a view of raising money to pay for the completion of his machine. Mr. Ahlman has written to Smith but up to this time no word has yet been received from him.

Railroading as is Railroading. After many weeks of as trying a strain as was ever endured by any railroad man, General Superintendent S. M. Braden is back in Norfolk from the Chadron division where, with W. B. Golden, E. Sly and J. Leppia, he has been fighting the worst winter for railroading ever known in the west.

Going for days and nights at a time without sleep, and fighting with every means known to railroading against snowstorm upon snowstorm that blocked miles and miles of track with hills of packed ice train-high, Mr. Braden earned the admiration of the people of western Nebraska and north-eastern Wyoming, and was given a vote of thanks by a committee of Wyoming state officials for his ceaseless energy in getting coal to towns suffering from fuel shortage and hay to towns suffering for live stock feed.

Snowplow after snowplow was mashed in the huge task of trying to bore through mountainous drifts, engine after engine was stalled between drifts out on the prairies, away from communication and often without coal or water.

70 Miles of Snow With a Hole Through. Over one stretch of prairie there is today seventy miles of snow with a hole through it, and that hole had to be bored three times. On three different occasions, after it had been opened by snowplows, wind came along, corkscrewed into the drifts along the right-of-way and swept the track full again, piling up the snow as high as the top of a train.

The snow became caked and hard as the frozen earth itself. A section man, swinging a heavy pick, was able to sink his sharp point only a few inches into the solid drift. And that was the sort of drifts the snowplows had to go against.

Thousands of head of sheep have perished and steers in the range country have been cut down by lack of feed and the tremendous strain of climbing through deep drifts. Many a "critter" has made feed for the wolves.

It has been a hard blow to the live stock man in that territory. Concerning the experience, the Fremont Tribune says:

With the departure from Chadron of General Superintendent S. M. Braden, Master Mechanic S. C. Graham and ex-Chief Dispatcher W. B. Golden, inspector of over, short and damaged freight, the greatest battle ever waged by the Northwestern against fierce storms and blizzards and the accompanying evils came to a victorious end. For several weeks four ex-chief dispatchers, S. M. Braden, W. B. Golden, E. Sly, J. Leppia, assisted by a corps of dispatchers, put into use every means known to railroaders for freeing a road from the effects of deep-drifting snows. Sunday evening they succeeded in opening up the Lander line from Shoshoni to the terminal, and their work was finished. Messrs. Braden, Golden and Graham came east in General Manager Walter's private car, Mr. Braden stopping at Norfolk, and Mr. Graham going on through to his office in Missouri Valley.

Cuts Filled With Snow. The story of the fight with the elements as told by Mr. Golden is extremely interesting. For a stretch of seventy miles, from Harrison, Neb., to Casper on the Northwestern, and then another stretch from Casper to Lander on the Wyoming and Northwestern, the storms during the past month were the worst in the history of the road. The line is full of cuts and the cuts for a month past have been full of snow. Big rotary plows, wedge plows and gangs of men with shovels have been kept at work night and day bucking and digging a path through the snow. Once a slight thaw during the day followed by a freeze in the night made the drifts like heavy sand, and two rotaries were put out of commission the next day while attempting to clear a way through a cut.

Freight and passenger trains were often tied up for hours at a stretch. When it was necessary to hold a passenger train the dispatchers in every

instance succeeded in having the tie-up occur at a good-sized town where all the passengers could find accommodation. A bigger factor, almost than the storms and one that the dispatchers were called upon to cope with, was the lack of food for stock on ranches in the Wyoming territory about Casper and Lander.

Stock Dying. "Thousands of sheep are dying in that region this winter," said Mr. Golden this forenoon. "The ranchmen had made no provision for an early and severe winter, and when the storms set in in early December they were impossible for the railroad to get trains loaded with hay and grain from the east for their relief, and when, by giving them preference to all other trains, they were finally gotten to towns in the stricken district their carcasses could not be hauled on wagons to the ranches."

Knocked Lights Off Coaches. Last Tuesday occurred one of the worst storms of the winter in that region. The Lander line was completely snowed under and not until yesterday was it open again to the terminal. In one of the cuts the drifts on either side of the tracks were so deep that they knocked the rear lights off the last coach on a train. In several places the plows cut through drifts eight feet deep. The snow drifted over the fences, and stock walking on the surface sometimes wandered onto the railroad right-of-way and fell off the edge down onto the tracks. Engine crews were given strict orders to keep a watch for stock on the tracks.

Got Water From Drifts. One of the most trying ordeals the dispatchers contended with was keeping a water supply for the engines. The weather was so cold that the tanks would freeze up. In some instances engines ran out of water mid-way between stations. There was then nothing to do but for the crew to get up on the drifts and shovel snow into the tank on the tender. In this manner enough water could be secured to use in making the run to the next tank.

Got Vote of Thanks. Through the past month Mr. Braden has been a tireless worker in his efforts to clear the congestion west of Chadron. For days at a time he labored with scarcely any sleep and his great energy has been a source of much comment and admiration not only on the part of railroaders who worked constantly, but also on the part of the citizens of the snowbound district.

Elgin. The infant child of Mr. and Mrs. G. H. Wilcox is quite ill.

George N. Seymore went to Neligh and Clearwater on business.

J. W. Skeen has purchased the residence property owned by W. S. Valentine, and will occupy the same.

Elgin merchants enjoyed an exceptionally good holiday trade, notwithstanding the almost impassable conditions of the roads.

Hard coal is a scarce article in town. Some who had in a good supply for the winter are loaning to their less fortunate neighbors.

E. C. Ward has bought the racket store owned by F. M. Whitmore and is selling out the stock at reduced prices. Mr. Whitmore is undecided as yet what business he will engage in.

J. W. Skeen is in the Big Horn basin looking after some land interests which he has there.

Mrs. Skeen is visiting with friends at Albion during the former's absence.

U. G. Robinson has sold his property in the north part of town to Frank Fritz, who recently moved here from Oklahoma. Mr. Robinson and family will locate in Belgrade, Neb.

The general farm sale of Harvey Andrews, northeast of town, was a success, everything selling for a good price. Mr. Andrews and family will leave in a few days for Colorado, where they expect to make their future home.

Mr. and Mrs. L. K. Johnson are the proud parents of twin babies. They are girls.

Antone Selting and Miss Francis Vanticher were married Tuesday at 10 a. m. at St. Boniface Catholic church in Elgin. Father Renner officiating. The Selting and Vanticher families are well and favorably known in the community. The bride and groom are held in high esteem. They will live on a farm in Dakota owned by the groom.

South Dakota Bulletins. White Lake will have a municipal waterworks plant with a reservoir holding 85,000 gallons.

Prof. E. C. Perisho, dean of the state university at Vermillion, was operated for gallstones and is doing well.

A movement has been started in Phillip county for a division of the county. It is the largest in the state. The business men of Pierre and Ft. Pierre have filed a complaint against the excessive coal rates from Wyoming points.

the saloon interests narrowly escaped being hit by a beer bottle which was thrown through the window of his bank.

The suit which Messrs. Savage and Pierson of Sioux Falls saved against Minnehaha county for fees which they claimed to have earned as tax ferrets, has been temporarily withdrawn. The claim will first be put up to the board of supervisors and if refused, suit will be started. These men claim fees to the enormous figure of \$239,769.

Plan Neligh Library. Neligh, Neb., Jan. 12.—Special to The News: Bids on the proposed new public library for this city were opened last week and contracts let for the same. The bid of H. H. Bellows company of Auburn, Neb., were considered the best submitted, and the contract awarded to them. The revised bid was for the amount of \$4,800, and the original for \$6,000. The letter figures were those accepted. Work on the structure will begin as soon as weather permits. According to the president of the library board, J. P. Boyd, the building must be completed by August 1.

Cheese Factory for Dorsey. Dorsey, Neb., Jan. 12.—Special to The News: Dorsey is to have a cheese factory. The Dorsey Cheese company was organized Thursday with a capital of \$5,000 and the contract has been let for the machinery to be installed before April 1, 1910. R. L. Wyman, a practical cheese manufacturer, has been engaged to superintend the factory. Directors were elected as follows: M. T. Elliott, F. B. Pine, Roy Pilger, John Movak and Scotta Stevenson. They elected the following as officers: M. T. Elliott, president; O. O. Newman, vice president; Fred Pilger, secretary, and Scotta Stevenson treasurer.

Ainsworth. Ainsworth, Neb., Jan. 12.—Special to The News: The normal light is over. Ainsworth did not win, but she made a good fight—one that every Ainsworth man and woman may be proud of, and now extends the heartiest congratulations to Chadron, the winner. There are no more spots on Brown county. In a contest of this kind we put up the best fight we can with the best nature going. If we win, we are happy, if we lose, we do not grudge.

Ainsworth is enjoying the sensation of having three brides at one time. J. O. Beatty of this place and Miss Josephine Peters of Coleridge were married last week, but are at home now. The bride was one of our popular teachers last year. The groom is a member of the firm of Burwell & Beatty, furniture and hardware dealers and undertakers. Mr. Beatty is a licensed embalmer, a talented musician and is the newly elected corner of Brown county.

Oscar Worley, the night operator at the Northwestern station here, was married Thursday at Gordon to Miss Essie Johnson, daughter of Rev. J. A. Johnson, former pastor of the M. E. church at this place. Mr. and Mrs. Worley are keeping house in the rooms over the depot formerly occupied by Agent Troxel. They were attended at the bridal ceremony by Evan Johnson, a brother of the bride and Miss Cyla Moseley of this place.

Wilbur W. McAndrew and Miss Ruth Hedrick were married Sunday morning at the home of the bride's mother in this city. The bride was raised here and is one of our most popular young ladies. She was a teacher for a number of years, and is a graduate of one of the kindergarten schools in Chicago. For the past year she has been deputy county clerk. The groom is a son of W. D. McAndrew, an old settler of this place. He served five years in the army, being stationed in the Philippines some two or three years of that time. These young people have known each other nearly all their lives, and it is a romance that began in short dresses and a barefoot boy.

W. H. Remy one of the oldest of Brown county settlers, is quite ill at his home north of town. Two of his daughters, Mrs. Ed Troxel of Hay Springs, and Miss Louis Remy of Indianapolis, are at his bedside.

Word comes from Grand Junction, Colorado, of the birth of a fine baby boy to Mrs. Nora Herron Blachstone. The mother was raised in Brown county and has many friends here who are extending the heartiest congratulations.

Colonel Robert Martin has been seriously ill during the past week but is better now.

A new boy at the home of William M. Elys came about 9 o'clock Sunday morning. The mother and child are doing well and Will is wearing the smile that will not come off.

Battle Creek Woman Asks for Divorce. Madison, Neb., Jan. 11.—Special to The News: Suit was commenced in the district court of Madison county Saturday by Mrs. Elise Walter against her husband, Henry Walter of Battle Creek, for a divorce, custody of her six minor children and reasonable alimony. Mr. and Mrs. Walter were married in 1884 at Clinton, Ia., and for the last three years have resided on a farm near Battle Creek. Mrs. Walter alleges in her petition that her husband has been unfaithful, and that he is given to the excessive use of intoxicants, and that, for the last three years, she with her children has been compelled to support herself and family by working upon a farm while her husband passed his time away in Battle Creek.

The west Point high school basketball team defeated the Madison high school aggregation at the opera house Saturday evening by a score of 24 to 12. The visitors reached the city about 6 p. m. and left on the passenger going north the same evening, at 8:30.