

PEOPLE'S PULPIT...



Sermon by CHARLES T. RUSSELL, Pastor Brooklyn Tabernacle.

Doctrines of Christ Versus Doctrines of Men.

Whoever will do the will of My Father which is in heaven shall know My doctrine. Ye do not know the law of God through your traditions—the traditions of the ancients (John vii, 17; Mark vii, 13; I Peter i, 18).

Brooklyn Tabernacle, March 6.—Pastor Russell preached twice here today. His discourse on "Inferno" was delivered in Brooklyn's largest Auditorium, the Academy of Music, which was overcrowded. It was estimated in advance that this subject would draw a larger crowd than the Tabernacle would accommodate. The other meetings of the day were held in the Tabernacle. We report Pastor Russell's discourse from the text foregoing, as follows:—

It is difficult to please everybody. The duty of a Christian minister is to seek chiefly to please the Lord. "Let the words of my mouth and the meditations of my heart, be acceptable in thy sight, O Lord, my strength and my Redeemer" (Psalm xix, 14). Our ministerial friends seem to be annoyed because we preach the "doctrines" of Christ. In substance, their sentiment is: Brother Russell, do you not know that in the fashionable topics of our day doctrines are tabooed by the great ministers of all denominations? Instead, as you perceive from the newspaper announcements, it is now quite the thing to discuss political, scientific and sociological doctrines. You should give the public lectures on subjects like these: Social Democracy; Rapid Transit in Brooklyn, from the text, "Many shall run to and fro;" Female Suffrage; The Boys' Brigade; The Best Novel of the Year; The Narrow Way of the Bicycle Rider; Will the Comet Sweep the Earth With Its Tail; Can Football Survive, etc.; or occasionally, for effect, gently rake the rich on better housing for the poor, or belabor the Trusts for soaring prices of food. Such topics as these, Brother Russell, interest the Christian public in our day. And the public constitute our principal congregations when we lift our largest collections. The only people who will be interested in the doctrines you are preaching are the old fog, out-of-date folk, and you will find the majority of them poor in this world's riches. For city's sake stop teaching the "doctrines of Christ"! Doctrines were good enough in the days of Jesus and Paul and Calvin and Luther and Wesley, but the people are not accustomed to them nowadays.

I have no fault to find with my Christian brethren in the ministry of the various denominations. It is not to me, but to the Lord, that they must give an account of their stewardship—of their grand opportunities for declaring the Gospel of Christ. To their own Master they must stand or fall. It is not for me to forbid them because they follow not with us. It is for each one who stands as an ambassador of Christ and of God to follow his own convictions faithfully. Besides, I am assured that many of them are loyal to the core.

It is my understanding that, as a minister of the Gospel, I should take for my guide in this matter the instructions of my ordination. Like St. Paul my ordination to preach the Gospel was from the Lord. I must preach the message which I believe he has given me (I Timothy ii, 7). As his ambassador I must preach the Word, following the example of the Lord and the Apostles. As they avoided politics, so must I. As they avoided vain philosophy and "science falsely so called," so must I. As they preached the doctrines of Christ, so must I—whether men hear or forbear to hear. I remember the words of St. Paul to Timothy: "Preach the Word, . . . with all long-suffering and doctrine. For the time will come when they will not endure sound doctrine; but after their own preferences they shall gather teachers to themselves; having itching ears they shall turn away their ears from the Truth and shall be turned unto fables" (II Timothy iv, 2-4).

There is a Reason. There must be a reason why Christian preachers and their hearers have abandoned the study of the "Doctrines of Christ" set forth by the Apostles and Prophets. Is it not because they no longer believe those doctrines? Is it not true that the College and Seminary Professors have led the majority of the ministry afar into unbelief in the Bible, and that these ministers are gradually leading their confiding flocks into other "pastures green" than those which the Great Shepherd and his appointed mouthpieces, the Apostles, approved? Is not the Higher-Criticism infidelity of the colleges gradually penetrating even into the Sunday School Lessons and even into the High Schools of our land—undermining all faith in God's Book? But what led to this departure from the Word of God—into Higher-Criticism infidelity and into the Evolution theory, which makes void the Word of God; and into Christian Science, which puts a premium on falsehood; and into Theosophy and Spiritism, the deceptions of the fallen angels—demons? How comes it that all these unscriptural theories now flourish, whereas only a century ago God's Word was respected and its

doctrines were studied by Christian people of various and conflicting creeds? The answer is that with the increasing light of our day the creeds of the past are seen to be fallacious, irrational, by all who use their thinking apparatus. The leaders in the various Churches discovered this in advance of their flocks. They promptly and reverently set their creeds on a high shelf where the people might not so particularly notice their flaws, but might continue their reverence for them, until gradually their attention would be drawn aside and their hope and faith transplanted to Evolutionary soil or Theosophic and Spiritualistic child's play.

With the decline of Christian doctrines, including heart union with Christ and an understanding of its terms and conditions, Churchianity came in, to take the place of Christianity. Today the pride of all denominations centers, not in their doctrines, but in their institutions. The people are no longer exhorted to hold fast to the doctrines of Methodism, Calvinism, etc., but to hold fast to the System. They are no longer encouraged to think of their system as being the only one, outside of which there would be no salvation, but they are encouraged to cultivate a partisan spirit, which takes pride in their organization, its wealth, the value of its church property, the largeness of its collections, the grandeur of its music, the wisdom, learning and ability of its preachers, and the fashion and wealth of its constituency.

It is not our wish to offer a single unkind or unbrotherly criticism. It is our duty and privilege, however, to point out that the creed doctrines of the various denominations, now set on the shelf as too frail and imperfect to stand handling and investigation, are not and never were the doctrines of Christ and the Apostles. It is our duty and pleasure to show forth to Christian people to the extent of our ability that the teachings of the Bible, the doctrines of Christ, are grand, noble, reasonable, "worthy of all acceptance." To the extent that we succeed in doing this we are bringing back straying Christians from the deceptive bogs of Evolution and Higher-Criticism to the firm foundation, the solid rock of Truth—God's Word.

"The Wounds of a Friend."

"Faithful are the wounds of a friend" is the Divine assurance. We cannot, therefore, better show our friendship and Christian love to our brethren than by pulling down from the shelf their revered creeds and allowing them to fall in pieces beyond repair. If every church could be thus induced to pull down its creed-idol, the present Laodicean stage of the Church would speedily come to its senses, as suggested by our Lord. Then, instead of feeling themselves rich and increased in goods and having need of nothing, our dear Christian brethren of all denominations would realize the meaning of our Lord's words—that Churchianity as a whole today is poor and naked and miserable and wretched and blind (Revelation iii, 14-22). As Christians of all denominations we have cause of rejoicing that we have outgrown the trundle-bed creeds of the past and that we can no longer wrap ourselves comfortably in the narrow bigotry of error. The Lord caused this to be written in the long-ago through the prophets, saying, "For the bed is shorter than that a man can stretch himself on it; and the covering narrower than that he can wrap himself in it" (Isaiah xxviii, 20). If in connection with this growth which has come to us and by which we have nobler conceptions than had our forefathers of the rights of man under the Golden Rule, it is a cause for rejoicing. Even though the transition has been accompanied by a great falling away into Higher-Criticism, Infidelity, Evolution, etc., nevertheless even these errors are in many respects preferable to the blindness and bigotry. Happy are we, dear friends, if, the eyes of our understanding being opened, our hearts are led to a closer walk with God, a more careful and prayerful study of his Word, and to a subsequent growth in grace and in the fruits of the holy Spirit.

Do some inquire for clearer specification respecting the features of the creeds put upon the shelf, which we think should be no longer cared for, but allowed to fall? We answer that of course there are good features in all of our creeds—truths which will never fall. But with these truths are mixed the errors which are, as the Proverb says, "Dead flies [that] cause the ointment to stink" (Ecclesiastes x, 1). There is plenty more of the ointment in God's Word. It is indeed the "balm of Gilead" and pure—without the corroding fly of error. This is what we all want, whatsoever our denominational name, and the sooner we get it the better for us, for the Cause and for "the brethren," whom we love to serve.

I give an illustration: Those of us who are Calvinistic may well hold fast to some of the precious Scripture teachings so long revered, but we want to cast out quickly and effectively the gross error which teaches that all the non-elect, instead of having hope for a blessing through "the elect," are to be everlastingly tormented. Those of us who are Arminian in doctrine have much that is precious, but need also to cast away

from us the thought that our loving Heavenly Father is merely good-intentioned and lacks the power, the ability, to make his benevolent desires effective towards any except a small handful of humanity. Our Disciple friends should cast aside the thought contained in their teachings that only the water-immersed experience forgiveness of sins and reconciliation to God and salvation from eternal torment. Similarly those of us who are Baptists, while holding to the precious truths which so long have comforted and strengthened us, should insist now on casting away as unscriptural and irrational the thought that has long perplexed us, namely, that no others than the water-immersed could be members of the Church of Christ, heirs of glory, and be saved from damnation. Once we get these absurdities removed, not only from our heads and hearts, but also from our professions, we shall be ready and anxious to have the doctrines of Christ on these subjects. Then we will search the Word and have God's blessing in finding its harmonies. "He that seeketh findeth; and to him that knocketh it shall be opened" (Matthew vii, 8). So long as we hold to the fallacies how can we seek or pray for or find the Truth?

The Value of Doctrines. The word doctrine signifies teaching. The doctrines of Christ, therefore, are the teachings of Christ; the doctrines of men, the teachings of men. What the Church needs today is, to receive into good and honest hearts afresh the doctrines of Jesus and the Apostles—allowing these to displace the doctrines which Christendom now holds but esteems, and which were formulated in a time of less light than the present. Instead, therefore, of discouraging each other in respect to the study of the doctrines of Christ, we should, as Christians, become more earnest in the study every day, hoping and expecting that in the wonderful light of our time God would be able to make clear to our understanding the harmonious interpretations of his Word. We should study to find the relationship between Election and Free Grace. We should clearly understand what is meant by baptism and what kind of baptism is necessary for our induction into the Body of Christ as members. On every line we should be looking for the harmonies, instead of rejoicing in the errors which have long divided us into hundreds of sects and parties.

However, in some respects sectarian energy is better than federated death. Might we not even say that if all the creeds were dashed to pieces and each Christian stood forth unshackled as respects denominational bonds, the result would be a great improvement so far as individual thought, study, and relationship to God would be concerned? In a word, each Christian should have his own creed, his individual faith; and none should do more or less than to assist his mind to a full understanding of the Word of the Lord in respect to every subject.

Doctrines of Men. All doctrines which cannot show a foundation and full authority in the teaching of Jesus and the Apostles and Prophets, are doctrines of men. The teachings from above come to us through heaven-appointed channels. The jargon which prevails in Christendom in respect to Christian doctrines proves that they are of human origin. The Scriptures alone furnish us

Briefly stated they declare, "To us there is one God, the Father, and one Lord, Jesus Christ" (I Corinthians viii, 6). To us there is one Holy Spirit; to us there is "one Church of the Living God, whose names are written in heaven"; to us there is "one Lord and one faith and one baptism; one God and Father of all" (Ephesians iv, 4-6). However impossible these statements may have appeared during the "dark ages," they are no longer so. The light of Divine Truth is now shining. God has not only put into our possession wonderful Bibles, and wonderful helps for Bible-study, but has also given us the ability to read, to study the Word critically. And he is pleased now to assure us through the prophet that we are living in the time when "the wise shall understand" the "mystery hidden from past ages and dispensations," which could not be understood previously without working an interference with God's eternal purposes.

What, then, dear friends, shall we do? Shall we float on ingloriously, daily, hourly coming closer and closer to the great cataclysm which is swallowing up so many now in infidelity, called Higher-Criticism? Or shall we accept God's Helping Hand, the doctrines of Christ, and know the Truth and be made free from the error and be brought into fellowship with our Redeemer on the highest plane? Let us, as the "wise virgins" of our Lord's parable, wake from sleep and trim our lamps, and, in the light thereof, see God's wonderful riches of glory as they stand revealed on the threshold of the New Dispensation—the Millennial reign of Christ!

In conclusion: Our Lord admonishes us along the lines of this discourse as follows: "I counsel thee to buy of me gold tried in the fire, that thou mayest be rich, and while raiment, that thou mayest be clothed, and that the shame of thy nakedness do not appear; and anoint thine eyes with eye-salve, that thou mayest see" (Revelation iii, 18).

Meanness to a Blind Man. A man with dark glasses over his eyes touched the conductor on the shoulder as the car neared Euclid avenue and East Fifty-fifth street. "Pardon me," the man said, "but if you're the conductor I want to ask a favor. I'm blind, and I want you to lead me over to the curb when the car stops, if you'll be so good." "Not that I minded the little bother of doing that for him," remarked the conductor when he got back on his car, "but 'tain't right to let a blind man go around all alone like that at night trying to find his way around in the dark."—Cleveland Plain Dealer.

SOCIETY

Pleasures of the Week. A number of friends surprised Mr. and Mrs. Frank Davis two miles east of Battle Creek last Saturday evening. The entertainment was in honor of the twentieth wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. Davis. A large number of Norfolk relatives were present at the celebration. Music and an elaborate five course dinner was enjoyed. Many gifts of silver were presented to the bride and groom.

Henry Uecker entertained a large number of friends and neighbors at his home five miles northwest of the city Tuesday evening. Music and refreshments were enjoyed by all the guests. The entertainment was in honor of Mr. Uecker's birthday.

Miss C. B. Ocuppaugh upon her return from the east entertained a number of friends at a very pretty luncheon. Her rooms being prettily decorated for the occasion with sweet peas and lilies, gave the table a most pronounced mid-summer air.

A number of friends perpetrated a surprise party upon Mrs. W. S. Fox Thursday afternoon. Mr. and Mrs. Fox soon leave for their new home at Spaulding, Neb.

Mrs. S. Burnett gave a dance and card party at the railroad men's hall Wednesday evening in honor of her daughter, Mrs. Orr of Missouri Valley.

Mrs. Weaver, Mrs. Meredith and Mrs. Stitt entertained a number of ladies at the home of Mrs. Weaver Wednesday afternoon at a Kensington.

Miss Villa Adams entertained over fifty guests at a box social given at her school house last Friday night.

Mrs. B. C. Gentle entertained for Mr. Gentle's sister, Miss Gentle of Creston, Ia., Friday afternoon.

Mrs. P. H. Salter entertained a very few ladies at 1 o'clock luncheon Thursday afternoon.

Mrs. D. Mathewson entertained a small company of ladies Wednesday afternoon.

Personals. Mrs. J. W. Gibson left Norfolk today to join her husband at Grand Junction, Colo., where they will make their home. Mr. Gibson is manager there for the Gibson Lumber company and Halsey Gibson, a son, has a position with the same company, at Hosiass, Colo. Mr. and Mrs. Gibson have been residents of Norfolk for twenty-one years and they have a large number of warm friends here who very much regret their departure from the city. For twenty-one years Mr. Gibson was yard manager in the lumber yard of L. C. Mittelstadt and he was most efficient in the faithful performance of that work. The attractive home of Mr. and Mrs. Gibson on Koenigstein avenue, has been rented by Mr. Evans of Creighton, who is moving to Norfolk. Miss Lois Gibson, who is in the New England conservatory of music, will join her parents as soon as her year's work is finished in Boston.

Mrs. J. C. S. Wells and Mrs. C. H. Reynolds visited at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Willis McBride in Elgin during the week.

Mr. and Mrs. S. M. Braden have returned from southern California.

Weddings. At the home of Mr. and Mrs. N. L. Taylor, University Place, Neb., February 23, their daughter, Selma, was married to Bernard George Japs of Minneapolis. The bride formerly lived in Norfolk with her parents.

Wayne Normal Notes. The Young Men's Christian association, Young Women's Christian association and Catholic club held a joint meeting last Sunday afternoon. The address was made by Rev. Mr. Kirkpatrick.

The first 1 o'clock Saturday talk of the term was made by Mrs. Pile. Professor Bright will speak this week at 1 o'clock.

Basketball has been discarded for baseball and tennis. The grounds outside are being put in shape and everything being got ready for the outdoor work.

Last month over thirty students took the examinations. This is the first they have held this year, but from now on they will be given each month. It saves the students much time, which is an important matter with them.

Hoskins. Charles Ohlund and his crew are at work over at Carroll. Rev. G. Gruber has been visiting relatives in the southern part of the state.

Miss Blessing of Coburn visited at the Crouch home this week. Frank Sederstrom of Wakefield has moved onto the Swanson place south of town.

F. C. Schroeder and family leave today for Denver, Colo., where Mr. Schroeder has bought a farm. John Strasser attended a banquet given by the Odd Fellows at Emerson Tuesday night.

Ed Behmer has moved into the Henry Krause house and Mr. Krause will farm Mr. Behmer's place this year. Robert Green has moved into the Schermer house, Mr. Schermer going on a farm.

Luther Swanson has been having quite a time this week with an ulcerated tooth. Charles Green has gone back to his

claim in South Dakota. Otto Swanson was down from Magnet over Sunday. Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Gleason leave today for Mr. Gleason's claim near Red Owl, S. D. Ernest Behmer has bought J. F. Crosby's residence property.

A LIMIT, EVEN IN DANCES.

Millie De Leon's Performance Too Much for a New York Policeman.

New York, March 12.—Millie De Leon, "The girl in blue," who has been performing at a New York roof theater in an "eccentric dance," was a prisoner in the West Side police court today, charged with offending public decency. Policeman Christian, who witnessed her performance, told Magistrate Krotel today that the dance had shocked him.

"She had some clothing up around the shoulders," he said, "but less from that down to the skirt. The latter reached to her knees." "After she had finished part of her dance," the policeman continued, "she seemingly stripped garters from her legs and threw them out to the audience as souvenirs."

The lawyer who appeared for Miss De Leon told the court that if the dance was so indecent Miss De Leon would promise to stop it right off. "Well, if she does, I will dismiss this charge," said the magistrate. Miss De Leon promised and hurried out of court.

MAY YOHE SUES FOR DIVORCE.

The Once Notorious Actress is Now Living in Portland.

Portland, Ore., March 12.—Alleging desertion in New York five years ago, May Yohe, notorious on two continents and participant in several escapades with prominent widely known men, brought suit today for divorce here from Putnam Bradley Strong of New York.

Mrs. Strong, better known to the world as May Yohe, was married to Strong in Buenos Aires, October 3, 1902, and declares she was deserted by him in New York, November 27, 1905. She came to Oregon November 5, 1907, and is now bringing suit for divorce, though for the last two weeks she has been in Portland.

May Yohe met Strong, who was then an army officer in Hongkong, and is said to have traveled to South America with him, where she married him. In 1907, on her arrival from the east, Mrs. Strong lived in Portland under the name of Mrs. Fellows. A child was born to her September 1, 1908, which was adopted by a Portland druggist who gave the lad the name of Robert E. Thomas.

PEARY TO LECTURE ABROAD.

Will Make Eight Public Addresses in Addition to Those Before Societies. New York, March 12.—Commander Robert E. Peary will deliver eight public lectures in his stay abroad in addition to his programmed address before the geographical societies of London, Edinburgh, Paris, Berlin, Vienna, Rome, Brussels and Antwerp. Six of these lectures are to be given in Great Britain, one in Paris and one in Berlin.

Start to Pave About July 1.

It now looks as if Norfolk's paving will get started about July 1. The special election to vote bonds for paving the street intersections will not be called, according to City Attorney Barnhart, until the time allowed for property owners to express their choice of materials has elapsed. This period will expire about April 10. Then the bond election will have to wait until notice calling the election has been published for four weeks. This will bring the special bond election about May 10.

Three weeks then must be allowed to advertise for bids on the paving contract. This will take things up to the first of June. And most contractors require about thirty days in which to get material and equipment on the ground to do the work.

So this would bring the actual beginning of the paving work, at the earliest possible moment, about the first of July.

Maybe the start will give basis for Norfolk's Fourth of July celebration. And in the meantime, sewer, water and gas connections from the mains up to the lot lines must be made in the paving district, so that the paving will not be disturbed after it is once down.

The city clerk will serve notices on property owners within a few days—just as soon as thawing frost will permit work—to get these connections made. Within ten days after notice is served, the connections must be made, or the city will do the work and assess the charge against the property.

Start New Depot June 1.

M. & O. Officials Will Be Here Soon to Inspect Things.

W. R. Cahill, superintendent of the Nebraska division of the Union Pacific, who was here in his special car in company with Assistant Superintendent A. S. Skimmerhorn and Roadmaster Thomas Wade, returned to Omaha after a day's visit in which they looked over the situation in regard to a new lease for the C., St. P., M. & O. road. The lease of the Union Pacific depot by the M. & O. road has expired and it is believed a new lease will be agreed upon by the roads. The depot has been maintained jointly by the two roads.

A number of the M. & O. railroad officials are expected in the city from St. Paul next week to look over the situation for the new depot, which, according to railroad officials here, will be started about June. The depot which is being built at Central City is said to be about completed and construction of the new Norfolk depot is next on the list.

Advertisement for CALUMET BAKING POWDER. Why it Pays To use CALUMET. INSTEAD OF CHEAP AND BIG CAN BAKING POWDER. You simply cannot get as good results from the cheap and big can kind—the baking cannot be as evenly raised—it cannot be as delicious—it cannot be as pure and wholesome—because the quality is not there. And it cannot be any more economical. Calumet is medium in price—the standard 1-lb. size costs 25c. Less of it is required and the baking is certain to be better. Try one can—if not satisfactory your money will be returned. Calumet Received Highest Award—World's Pure Food Exposition. FREE—large handsome recipe book. Send to and all found in round can.

FRIDAY FACTS.

Dr. C. J. Verges was at Hoskins. Miss Ida Hagel went to Alliance. H. G. Schulz went to Meadow Grove. A. J. Wilcox of Gregory was in the city. F. G. Coryell went to Pierce on business. Mrs. H. Miller of Hoskins was in the city. J. B. Donovan of Madison was in the city. W. Rickabaugh of Wayne was in the city. W. C. Ahlman was at Battle Creek on business. Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Hooper of Gregory were here. Miss Ethel Weatherholt of Hoskins called on friends here. Mr. and Mrs. Frank Haase of Hadar called on friends here. James A. Jordan of Presko, S. D., was in the city on business. Miss Pauline Fechner of Stanton was in the city visiting with friends. Mrs. Herman Radneuz and daughters of Hoskins were in the city calling on friends. Mr. and Mrs. Herman Neuman and daughter of Stanton were in the city calling on friends. Mrs. Morris and Mrs. Niles of Battle Creek were in the city to attend a meeting of the Eastern Star. Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Cole have moved from 308 North Tenth street to 1218 Nebraska avenue.

The regular joint social meeting of the hose companies will take place at the city hall this evening. A regular meeting of the B. Y. P. U. will be held at the residence of H. G. Brueggeman this evening.

A meeting of the Damascus commandery, No. 26, will be held tonight for work in the Black Cross degree. The five bowlers who have challenged five of the bankers' bowling club for a contest at the Kaufman's alleys will have a chance to show what they can do with the ten pins tonight, when the game will be contested. Zuelow, Stafford, Asmus, Hulac and Hauptli will hold down the bankers' end of the game tonight.

William Klug was awarded the contract for the construction of the stable for the fire team. The stable is to be built on the rear of the city building. The street commissioner has employed a carpenter who, with the aid of Driver Monroe, will construct the frame part of the addition. Mr. Klug's bid for the cement work was \$85.

Rev. Dr. D. K. Tindall has been chosen a delegate to represent the Methodist Episcopal church at the Men's National Missionary congress at Chicago May 3-6. The congress will be composed of 5,000 delegates from the various evangelical churches and institutions of the nation. It will be held in the great Auditorium. This congress grew out of the laymen's missionary movement, and the laymen's missionary movement is the outgrowth of the student volunteer movement.

Shep Took Bull Dog's Ear. Norfolk Bull Dog Comes Out of Fight the Worse for Wear.

A most amusing incident of animal life happened on Norfolk avenue Saturday when a quiet shepherd dog was attacked by a bull dog and came out of the battle carrying in his mouth the short ear of the bull dog. The shepherd dog, which belongs to M. Green, was coming up the avenue when the bull dog, belonging to Mr. Hull, in full harness and brass studs shining, with loud snorts and growls, leaped upon the shepherd dog. Shep was taken unawares and his chances for a short time looked very poor. From the whirling of teeth and hair, however, the shepherd suddenly made his way slowly to the top and then quickly fastened his teeth into the bull dog's ear. The latter gave a painful yelp and the shepherd quietly left him lying on the walk and went his way carrying the ear, as a trophy of the battle, in his mouth.

The bull dog limped painfully away and, broken down in spirits, endeavored by all means which he could to lick the place where his ear had once played a prominent part in his good looks.

Running Fight With Robbers. Beatrice, Neb., March 12.—Three robbers at 1 o'clock this morning blew open the safe of the Bank of Virginia, Neb., and escaped after engaging in a running fight with citizens who were aroused by the sound of the explosion. It is not known how much money was taken but President A. W. Nichol, who lives here, says the sum in the vaults was not large. The entire front of the building was demolished. John Westcott, telephone operator

at the Virginia exchange, who sleeps in the building next to the bank, was aroused by the shock and alarmed the citizens. The robbers had completed their work by this time, however, and though a number of shots were exchanged on the streets so far as known no one was hurt. Charles Hall of Virginia is cashier.

Bloodhounds have been sent from here to Virginia, which is a few miles from Beatrice, and special efforts are being made to keep the scene of the robbery clear to give the dogs a good scent in hope of capturing the men.

SATURDAY SIFTINGS.

E. W. Zutz returned from Ewing. H. S. Thorpe had business at Elgin. Father Gibauer returned from Pierce. Miss Laura Turner of Pierce called on friends here. Misses Ruth Inhelder and Grace Brande of Pierce were in the city. Mrs. Boeckelman and daughter, Miss Ida Boeckelman of Pierce were in the city. Mrs. H. G. Huebner of Pierce is in the city visiting with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. Miller.

George M. Hinks, representing the Corn Belt Land company of Winner, S. D., was in the city transacting business. Mrs. C. A. Blakeley returned from Fort Wright, Wash., where she has been visiting with her daughter, Mrs. Mapes, for the past month.

Otto Pillar of Stanton was in the city calling on relatives. Mr. Pillar expects to move to Portland, Ore., his future home, within a few days. A letter from Ed Brueggeman, who is now in Arizona, states that he is on his way to California, where he will visit with his brother, who resides at San Francisco.

Ed Becker is moving from South Fourth street to South Third street. The W. C. T. U. will meet at the Baptist church at 2:30 Tuesday afternoon.

John Rovee, hailing from Seattle, was fined \$7.10 in Justice Eiseley's court for being drunk. The Woman's club will meet with Mrs. George Williams Monday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock.

Clyde Smith telegraphs Norfolk friends from Nevada, Mo., reporting the death of C. A. Smith there. John H. Pettijohn of Valentine is in the city and has accepted a position at the C. J. Fleming drug store.

Miss Flossie B. Powell of Sapulpa, Okla., has accepted a position as teacher in the Norfolk public schools. Mr. and Mrs. H. P. Brubaker have moved to Bazile Mills, where Mr. Brubaker takes charge of the Brooks harness shop.

The left foot of A. C. Oake, 1111 Madison avenue, was badly bruised as the result of a trunk falling from a wagon which he was unloading.

A. Buchholz, administrator of the Oscar Uhle estate, and Attorney Burt Mapes will go to Madison Monday, where Judge Bates will approve the bills of the Uhle estate.

A sharp competition between the grain elevators at Hadar is reported. The Farmers elevator there, it is said, has bought about all the corn at that place for the past week.

While supplying his engine with water at a tank at West Point James T. Peacock, a Northwestern fireman, fell into the tank of the engine and his face and ear were badly bruised. A broken hook caused the accident.

The Dineen versus Watkins case kept the court busy at Madison all day Friday and Saturday morning. The Wigton versus Elseffer case will probably end the court for the week. The Urruh case comes up first Monday, when the jury is called. After that the Ingham case is due. Judge Welch and most of the attorneys expect to come to Norfolk tonight.

Chief of Police Marquardt is looking for boys who have damaged a number of plate glass windows in Sires' meat market and the People's store. The offenders, according to the chief, are in possession of a glass cutter or some other instrument with which they have been cutting the plate glass windows of business houses this week. When caught they will be punished to the full extent of the law, says Chief Marquardt.

Beeman-Schwenk. At Omaha at 10 o'clock Wednesday evening occurred the wedding of Miss Nelle Schwenk of Norfolk and William Beeman of Wayne. Mr. Beeman is a prominent business man of Wayne, now engaged in the grocery business. Miss Schwenk is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Schwenk of Norfolk and is favorably known here, where she has lived practically all her life. The young couple went to Wayne Friday morning to start housekeeping.