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THERE'S MUSIC IN THE AIR.

The Congregational Choir of 1864 Draws a Crowded House. ANOTHER MOTOR FOR MANAWA. It is Being Planned For Omaha's Benefit—Death of E. M. Hall—A Row on the Row—Personals.

The Old Choir Sings Again. The Congregational church was crowded yesterday morning to its full capacity. Every pew was filled, chairs were placed in the aisles, the gallery was crowded, standing room even was in demand and many persons were unable to attend the service at all.

It was a peculiarly interesting service and one suggestive of many tender bits of sentiment. It was most surprising that so many could thus be got together again, who a quarter of a century ago, used to unite their voices in song worship in this church.

Most of the faces were familiar ones to nearly all in the large congregation. Some of them have been seen here by occasionally during the years that have passed. Seeing them together could not but suggest to all the changes which these years had brought.

Yesterday morning about 5 o'clock, a fire carrier found a stove hot on Willow avenue. The name of J. P. Maher is upon the inside. The owner can get his property by calling at the police headquarters.

A large party came over from Omaha yesterday morning with their friends from the Bluffs adjourned to Palmer's grove, where the day was passed in the enjoyment of the usual picnic pleasures.

The ladies of the Woman's Christian Hospital will meet this afternoon at 2 o'clock at the residence of Mrs. E. L. Shugart. Business of importance will demand a full attendance of all interested in the work of this worthy institution.

Saturday morning a little daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Cooper, on Benton street, met with an accident by which the bones of the left arm were badly broken. The fracture was reduced by Dr. Lacy, and the little one is as comfortable as could be expected.

The elegant medals for the senior and junior prizes, captured by Sadler and Dodge at the Spirit Lake regatta last week, are on exhibition in the windows of the Council Bluffs Carpet company, on Broadway. They are very handsome, and must be seen to be appreciated.

Mrs. E. B. Bowman, wife of the deputy county treasurer, died yesterday afternoon at 6 o'clock. She had been ill for some time, and death was not altogether unexpected. The funeral will take place to-morrow afternoon at 2 o'clock from her late residence, corner of Second avenue and Tenth street.

On Friday next the Sunday schools of Macedonia and vicinity will meet at that place in convention. Interesting exercises will be held in Tompkins grove. Hon. B. F. Clayton will act as president of the day, and the superintendents of the various schools attending will assist. A grand time is anticipated.

The grounds now occupied by the Boat club at Lake Manawa have been purchased by Mr. Maloney, who will immediately begin improvements thereon. This has necessitated a change of base by the club. A site is already settled on, which, when put in proper shape, will be much better suited to boating purposes than the present one.

A little child died yesterday morning at the corner of Knepper and Statesman streets, of scarlet fever. The symptoms did not at first present an aspect until Saturday evening, when Dr. Campbell was called. The premises have been placarded and other precautions taken to guard against a spread of the disease.

At last a local naturalist has come forward with a classification of the "What is it," which has been for more than a week on exhibition at THE BEE office. He says it is a carnivorous vertebrate and belongs to the order Lutra Canadensis. That settles it. It is not a member of the order Defonctibus Magnumphus, as has been quite generally supposed. Who is there that will now ask "What's in a name?"

Personal Paragraphs. George H. Champ is in Chicago. S. H. Thomas, of Eau Claire, Wis., is visiting his friend, N. W. Green, of this city.

Miss Bessie Hulbert, of Omaha, is visiting with Miss Nellie Clark on Willow avenue.

Miss Maud Oliver is spending a week with her friend, Mrs. Kingsworth, at Sioux City.

Mrs. Dr. Simons, of Leadville, is in the city visiting her father, Mr. J. Mueller, and her many friends here.

Colonel Champion S. Chase, of Omaha, was among those who listened to the 1864 church here yesterday.

A. T. Ellwell will return from Chicago to-day, but his family, who accompanied him, will remain for a week visiting with friends.

Rev. G. W. Crofts will now take a short vacation, and services will be suspended at the Congregational church for three Sundays.

Walt Smith, son of M. E. Smith, Harry Nutt, Leonard and Ned Everett and several others left Saturday evening for Okoboji lake.

The condition of the Rev. W. H. W. Rees is in no way improved, but, on the contrary, has grown steadily worse. A full run of malarial fever is now expected.

George H. Brown left last evening for Sacramento, Cal., to settle up the estate of his brother, who met with an untimely death some weeks ago on the Central Pacific railroad.

Mrs. Edmundson, wife of Dr. William Edmundson, of Denver, a brother of our respected citizen, J. D. Edmundson, arrived in the city yesterday morning en route east, and will spend a short time visiting at Mr. Edmundson's home on Willow avenue.

Secretary Baker will sever his connection with the Y. M. C. A. very soon, and will then go east to take a course of practical training in association work. Mr. Baker is a young man of ability, and having chosen this field as his life work will prepare himself fully for its duties.

fine when he woke up in the morning and went out to hunt up more bugs. During the night "there was a sound of revelry" in the "row" which culminated in a row, only pronounced the other way, at No. 183, and when Captain Dyer appeared a party by the name of Jones seemed to be furnishing the music. It was a free-for-all in which Jones and two thoroughbred fliers were entered. Dyer was not entered until the home stretch was reached, when he cut across lots and headed the field on Ball was furnished and the parties will appear in court this morning. W. E. Hobbs furnished bail and was also released.

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Divine Surprises. There was a goodly sized congregation at the union service last evening. Rev. Dr. Phelps, of the Presbyterian church, preached, his topic being "Divine Surprises." He chose as his text Isaiah 52:14, "As Many as Were Astonished at Thee." He spoke in substance as follows:

This strange word, astonished, is used at least eight times in the scriptures, namely: Ezra was astonished at certain wickedness of the people and princes of Jerusalem when he saw the wall of the city. Job was astonished at his friends. They were astonished at what was supposed to be his wickedness. Ezekiel was astonished at the coming sufferings of his people. Nebuchadnezzar was astonished when he saw the fall of his kingdom. Daniel was astonished, for one hour, at the coming humiliation of the proud Nebuchadnezzar as revealed to him in a dream, when the great ruler was cast out with the beasts of the field and ate grass like the oxen, until his hair grew like eagle's feathers and his nails like eagle's claws. Belshazzar and his lords were astonished when they saw the fingers of a man's hand writing these fearful words on the palace wall. The other instance of the use of the word is here, where many are said to be astonished at the Lord Himself.

The word seems, therefore, to mean astounded; very greatly astonished. The theme which I wish to present from this text is the divine surprises to man. They are sometimes very great. A worm crawling along, or across, the path of man, may be suddenly astonished at him, if he is capable of such feeling. Astonished at what man is, and at what he does. God may be far higher in the scale of being as compared with man, than man is, as compared with the worm. He is, in that sense, no wonder that we are astonished at Him, both at what He is and what He does.

We do not often, if ever, seek to surprise the worm at our feet, but God seeks intentionally to surprise us. We often seek to surprise our friends, for their or our delight; or our enemies for their harm. He, undoubtedly, has His purpose, in intentionally surprising us. It may be to give us greater pleasure, or to stir up our indignation, or to something to which we need to attend.

Let us glance through the bible for a few moments, with this in view, and we will find intentional divine surprises to man abounding there.

Among the instances named by the speaker were: Cain, fleeing from the murder of Abel, astonished at the Lord's calling to him; the flood, as it came suddenly on the old world; the destruction of Sodom and Gomorrah; haste on that fatal morning; the sudden confusion of tongues at Babel; the swift succession of surprises that came to Job; Abraham's call; Hagar in the wilderness and her dying child; Jacob finding his son and long thought dead, and finding him to be ruler over Egypt; Joseph's brothers' astonishment when he revealed himself to them; Moses at the burning bush; Israelites and Egyptians, both, at the Red sea; the manna; the serpent; the brazen serpent; the opened Jordan; David's anointment to be king while yet a lad, keeping his father's flocks; Human honoring the Mordecai whom he expected to destroy; and others from the old testament, the new testament, the astonishment of Zachariah at the announcement of the angel to him; of Joseph and Mary at the annunciation; of the shepherds of Bethlehem; the doctors, at the child Jesus; the multitude, fed at the sea shore; the multitude, fed at the sea shore; the multitude, when Jesus walked on the sea, and when he stilled the storm, when He was transfigured before their eyes, when He washed their feet. His appearance after his resurrection to Mary, to the two going to Emmaus, and to the others, were all surprises; so at the death of Stephen, at the conversion of Saul, and to John in Patmos.

The prophecies are surprising, both in the manner and circumstances of their being given, and in their fulfillment; notably such as the destruction of Nineveh, the destruction of Babylon, and the crucifixion of Jesus. We are all astonished at his work; its beauty, simplicity and adaptation and wonderful power.

He often astonishes us by revealing to us ourselves, or others; by answering our prayers, by his wonderful care and protection, and in making all things work together for our good.

We are astonished at His works, too, e. g., a drop of water, as seen with a microscope; or the ocean; the human body; the movements of the heavenly bodies with infinite precision as illustrated by the recent eclipse of the moon, the sun, and the heavens, as seen with a telescope. But in redemption all his other works are outdone.

To that the text refers. Multitudes are astonished at the condescension and humiliation of Jesus, and at their results. "The Lord hath made bare His holy arm in the eyes of all the nations, and all the ends of the earth shall see the salvation of our God." Jesus predicts an astonishment, which has yet to be in store for us, in his future coming in the clouds of heaven, sudden and swift as the flashing of lightning from one part of heaven to the other; involving, too, the resurrection of the dead, of earth and sea, at His call. At the judgment, too, all are to be surprised at his rewards and punishments, as depicted in Matt. 25.

But still beyond all his works is the Worker, Himself. He, infinite, eternal, and unchangeable, in His being and all His attributes, presents, even more than His works, lines of study, in any and all of which we will continually find more and more to astonish us, forever.

Lost—Yesterday, a pocketbook, containing valuable checks, either at Lake Manawa or on the train. My name is on the inside of the book. A liberal reward will be paid for its return. Frank Levin, 602 Broadway.

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attractions, which drew fully five thousand persons, there was the game of ball between the Council Bluffs and the C. E. Mayne teams on a \$200 wager. Those who have an idea they have ever seen the game played as it ought to be should have witnessed this one. Talk about slugging. Three balls were turned outside by the infuriated batters. Talk about losing one's head. While the Maynes were in the field the ball was lost just outside the diamond, and the whole nine could not find it until three tallies were scored. This error, with another equally as bad, lost the visitors six runs and the game. It was a get-to-thero-any sort of a game, and lacked every element of good ball. The umpire screamed himself hoarse and gave his last decisions by signs. Two short-hand scorers were kept busy recording the runs, and when the home team pulled ahead Radio had to hire a man to help him laugh. But it was a great game, and the home team won it by the very heavy score of 18 to 16.

There was also a swimming match in which there were several entries. The course lay from Manawa beach to the C. E. Mayne dock. But three of those starting made the entire distance, and the first was won by Phil Arnold. A dance at Omaha beach during the evening drew many to that side of the lake, as did the bathing there and at Manhattan beach. The carrying facilities of the motor line were severely taxed to accommodate the crowd. The constant attendance here more than warrants the faith of the people that Manawa is destined to be the greatest pleasure resort in the west.

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