

"REV." DOWIE'S HIPPODROME.

An Interesting Scene at the Baptist Church in this City.

LIVING EVIDENCES OF DUPLICITY.

Dowie Lays Hands Upon a Young Woman and Fails to Heal Her—Dr. Merrill's Destruction Predicted—Baptists Indignant.

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healed. Soon an elderly lady, trembling with pain, stood up, leaning on a staff, and testified that she was healed, and Dowie again triumphed. A man who had been taking notes with the paper almost touching his eyes, and straining every nerve to see, stood up and declared that his eyesight had been impaired but now he was healed. A boy also said he had been afflicted with a running ear and was greatly troubled with his eyes, but now was healed. Dowie here appealed to the boy's mother, an honest-looking woman, who replied that the boy's ear, she thought, was better as it had not troubled him for the past two days, but his eyes were not healed yet.

A fat woman arose in a strong soprano voice and asked Dowie if he'd answer a question. "Sit down," cried Dowie. "I saw you trying to rise before. Sit down. You are only going to ask a silly, foolish question." But the woman was irrepressible and she got her question out though it was drowned in Dowie's frantic scolding.

After the healer had announced that the mission was still \$300 in debt and suggesting an early liquidation, the meeting was dismissed. The "healed" ones filed out of the church in a body. There was the aged woman leaning on her staff and carefully supporting herself against the minister, her head trembling with pain; another hobbling on legs all too stiff with rheumatism; the deaf organist, whose neighbor was shouting in his ear, several more tottering ones, and dedicated to the world with a discolored scalp, on which the hair refused to grow.

The Baptists Are Indignant. A wave of righteous indignation has swept over the Baptist denomination in the city over the impostures practiced in the Dowie hippodrome. Certain members of the First Baptist church, where Dowie's meetings have been held, tell The Bee that the congregation will meet soon and formally disclaim responsibility in any way, shape or manner for these meetings.

Rev. A. M. Clark, pastor of the Calvary Baptist church, has made use of the following language: "I have been humiliated to hear reports that the Dowie mission was a sort of Baptist affair. I appeal to Christian people who have any thought of going into this organization to stay away from that kind of thing. It is a disgrace to the church and a shame to the denomination. I shall be held inside of a church or some place else. If held at all it certainly ought to be held outside of the walls of any building dedicated to the worship of God. If people are bound to carry on such business let them hire a hall."

The people of Beth Eden Baptist church are not indignant that Dowie should have been invited to preach in that church last Sunday. Dr. Wornley, of the pulpit committee, says that the pastor, in that church again and says that it was a great mistake in asking him to do so. Rev. House, now talks the same way, and declares that he had nothing to do with Dowie's mission as he was withdrawn.

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SOMETHING FOR NOTHING. The City's Method of Appropriating Private Property for Public Use. City Attorney Poppleton is stirring up quite a lively little breeze on the subject of property damages. He has discovered that many of the committees appointed to assess property taken by the city for street, alley and grading purposes have been acting contrary to the law governing such matters.

"In all cases where appropriations of real estate are made," said Mr. Poppleton, "for the city's use and the committee authorized to assess and award damages fails to make such award on every foot so taken then I hold that its action is void. Why? Because the supreme court has decided that property condemned by a city for public purposes must be paid for."

Persons owning the property appropriated, also other property adjoining it might, however, decline to claim damages on the ground that the benefits accruing to their adjoining property would more than offset the loss. An instance was cited wherein some twenty-five or thirty lots were recently taken on the opening of Newton street and no damages were awarded on them.

The Democrats are Interested. "It is amusing," murmured an old-timer, between smiles, at the depot yesterday, "to note how deeply interested Omaha democrats are in the present republican convention. Here comes ex-County Commissioner Mount, E. E. Babcock, the board of education reformers, Councilman Morearty and two or three other messbacks on their way to Lincoln. A dozen others joined the crowd that went at 3:15. What business have they there. 'We're going down to see the 'rat,' said one of them to me."

As Mount approached the little group he declared that he had no business to go to prevent Dr. Mercer being sold out. "What about Babcock, does he expect to carry the school board fight into this contest?" "I don't know, but he seems to have some deep-laid scheme in his mind. I presume he's going down to help them do and to help you know Lane has withdrawn from the race to succeed James as superintendent of the Omaha schools."

"That's not so," replied Babcock. "There's nothing between Lane and me. He stands no more of succeeding James than Mount does. I'm going to Lincoln to keep an eye on James' supporters."

A SCHOOL BOARD DEADLOCK.

Seven Members Favor Mr. James and Seven Oppose Him.

The question of electing a superintendent of the public schools is becoming badly complicated. The absence of President Goodman, who obtained two weeks' leave of absence, leaves the board tied on the re-election of Mr. James. As the board stands at present seven members are in favor of Mr. James and seven against him. The anti-James men are divided among themselves, and at present there is no candidate in the field on whom they are likely to agree. It is reported that two men, whose names could not be learned, will be in the city this week as applicants. One of them is from New York, and is said to be a man of considerable ability.

It is currently reported that there is a movement among the James men in case they see they cannot elect James, to spring George B. Lane on the board and push his election. By this move they hope to over-throw the other side who will vote for any one to beat James.

Certain Jewish families in the city are opposing Mr. James on account of alleged unfair treatment of their children, and they are bringing considerable influence to bear to defeat him. One member of the board who has been opposed to Mr. James from the beginning, said yesterday that unless some man could be found who would be a great improvement over Mr. James, he should vote in favor of the latter.

Mr. Babcock, one of the new members, said the anti-James men had enough votes to defeat James, but they would not do so unless they had some candidate at present in the field, so they forced an adjournment Tuesday night in order to gain more time. They then appointed from Cincinnati, St. Louis and St. Paul, Mr. Babcock, he said, and would soon find a suitable man. The name of George H. Lane had never been mentioned by the anti-James element as a candidate in an evening paper, and he stood so slow of an election.

A rumor has been floating about for a day or two to the effect that Mr. Points was a probable candidate for the superintendency. That gentleman flatly denied the insinuation. Said he: "I was approached on that subject several days ago by some members of the board, but I declined positively to allow my name to be mentioned in that connection. I would not have the office under any consideration."

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