

WANING POWER OF THE PULPIT

Expounding Materialistic Questions in Preference to God's Gospel.

SHALLOWNESS OF UP-TO-DATE PREACHERS

Temples Deformed by Sensational Harangues and the Spiritual Sentiment Looked Out—A Fair Criticism of Modern Methods of Holding Hearers.

G. Morris Boyer in January Forum.

Boyer, in his "History of Civilization," says that the average intelligence of the American people is above that of any other nation. This is certainly a most flattering thing to say of the youngest of all the nations of the world.

But my point now is to account for the widespread materialism of our age. Our education is too rapid to be thorough, and a want of earnestness always accompanies a want of thoroughness.

There is an unmistakable feeling abroad—one which is not to be bled at—that the clergy are impostors, by teaching what they do not believe, and by undertaking work which they do not perform.

But my subject is the pulpit, and not the pastor, and I have said this much concerning the pastor in evidence of the fact that his purpose is to give the people a true guide. Indeed, if I understand the true motive which prompts me to write this paper, it is a deep love of the pulpit, and not a mere disposition to find fault with it.

I doubt if it is ever wise for the preacher to bring into his pulpit the "topics of the hour," the financial, political or social. The utterances from the pulpit in relation to these and other social questions have gone a great way toward weakening the influence of the clergy.

It is also true that the pulpit is a great power, and that the preacher should be a poet in the pulpit and the attitude of his thought.

But the truth is, and to say that the pulpit is a great power is materialistic rather than spiritual in its tone and feeling. The training schools are in a great measure responsible for this false idea of the pulpit.

Men and women have always been willing and anxious to be led by the spirit rather than the senses, if they can only find a leader. The pulpit is losing its hold upon the people. The pulpit can no longer appeal to the motive that it used to appeal to.

The churches and the pastors of this land have done, and are still doing, a great work for morality and religion. But this work is not keeping pace with the growth of the nation. The pulpit is losing its hold upon the people.

WILL ONLY PAY FOR FINANCE

Collection of Taxes Must Not Be Charged Against the State Twice.

WEIGHTY DECISION FROM AUDITOR MOORE

When Township Collectors Have Had Their Fees on State Taxes County Treasurers Cannot Come in and Be Paid Also.

CHADRON DIVORCE SENSATION

Mrs. Smith Hayward secures the Property and Mr. Hayward the Divorce. Chadron, Neb., Jan. 12.—The suits of Mrs. Mary E. Smith Hayward against W. E. Hayward have ended in the award of an absolute divorce to the husband and of the greater share of the property to the wife.

Developments in the Case Murder.

Nelson, Neb., Jan. 12.—[Special Telegram to THE BEE.]—In the matter of the murder here last evening the coroner's jury found a verdict to the effect that the deceased, Charles Cago, came to his death by the hands of George H. Housh, and that the latter was guilty of the murder of the first degree. County Attorney Boyd was one of the first to arrive after the killing and had entire supervision of the matter to the close.

Grand Island Printers Organize.

Grand Island, Jan. 12.—[Special to THE BEE.]—The printers of the city organized last night. W. J. Keyes was elected president; Charles Fralick, vice president; Fred Hald, treasurer; Guy Partridge, secretary; Charles Buck, sergeant-at-arms; executive committee, C. C. Baldwin, C. Keith and Charles Hurley. Another meeting will be held next Wednesday and a charter applied for from the state organizer at Lincoln.

Identified as a Bank Robber.

Kearney, Neb., Jan. 12.—[Special Telegram to THE BEE.]—The desperado, who tried to bluff the police of Kearney yesterday by throwing a couple of big six shotguns in his face when arrested, was identified this morning by Sheriff Hamilton of Dawson county as "Billy" Fry, the bank robber who was arrested in Dawson county by Lexington a couple of weeks ago. The sheriff took him back to Lexington this afternoon.

Alleged Swindler Caught.

Nebraska City, Jan. 12.—[Special Telegram to THE BEE.]—Sheriff Huberle left for Council Bluffs today armed with a warrant and requisition for J. S. Adams. Adams is charged with swindling E. C. Phillips, merchant of this city, out of \$75 seven years ago and Blackford has been on his trail ever since.

Evangelist at Elk Horn Barred.

Elk Horn, Neb., Jan. 12.—[Special Telegram to THE BEE.]—Fire tonight completely gutted the old Roanoke elevator, owned and operated by H. A. Motte. The origin is unknown. Loss, \$10,000. No insurance. It required heroic measures on the part of the citizens to save the town.

RECOVERING BY REPLEVIN.

Waterloo Farmers Seeking to Retrieve Losses by Stimmel Failure. Coroner Maul, in behalf of Waterloo farmers, has replevined from Sheriff Drexel during the past three days, goods to the amount of several thousand dollars.

Will Resign His Position.

L. E. Hicks, chairman of the Lincoln Board of Public Health, has accepted an appointment tendered him by the Baptist Missionary union as an instructor in the missionary college at Kagon, Burma, and will leave for that place before the end of next month. This will necessitate his resignation as chairman of the board, a position he has held for nearly three years.

Scarce Drill.

Entertainment by Little Girls of the First Congregational Church. The first congregational church was crowded last night on the occasion of a scarce drill by eight girls between 10 and 13 years of age. This is a new form of amusement. The participants are dressed in pink and wear pink scarves or sashes. They march counter-march and form different figures.

Bricklayers Yesterday.

The convention of bricklayers and masons met again yesterday at 9 o'clock, and after about one-half hour's discussion upon the order of business to be followed, adjourned to meet again in the afternoon, at which meeting the report of the grievance committee was submitted, they having completed their labors and adjusted all differ-

WILL ONLY PAY FOR FINANCE

Collection of Taxes Must Not Be Charged Against the State Twice.

WEIGHTY DECISION FROM AUDITOR MOORE

When Township Collectors Have Had Their Fees on State Taxes County Treasurers Cannot Come in and Be Paid Also.

CHADRON DIVORCE SENSATION

Mrs. Smith Hayward secures the Property and Mr. Hayward the Divorce. Chadron, Neb., Jan. 12.—The suits of Mrs. Mary E. Smith Hayward against W. E. Hayward have ended in the award of an absolute divorce to the husband and of the greater share of the property to the wife.

Developments in the Case Murder.

Nelson, Neb., Jan. 12.—[Special Telegram to THE BEE.]—In the matter of the murder here last evening the coroner's jury found a verdict to the effect that the deceased, Charles Cago, came to his death by the hands of George H. Housh, and that the latter was guilty of the murder of the first degree. County Attorney Boyd was one of the first to arrive after the killing and had entire supervision of the matter to the close.

Grand Island Printers Organize.

Grand Island, Jan. 12.—[Special to THE BEE.]—The printers of the city organized last night. W. J. Keyes was elected president; Charles Fralick, vice president; Fred Hald, treasurer; Guy Partridge, secretary; Charles Buck, sergeant-at-arms; executive committee, C. C. Baldwin, C. Keith and Charles Hurley. Another meeting will be held next Wednesday and a charter applied for from the state organizer at Lincoln.

Identified as a Bank Robber.

Kearney, Neb., Jan. 12.—[Special Telegram to THE BEE.]—The desperado, who tried to bluff the police of Kearney yesterday by throwing a couple of big six shotguns in his face when arrested, was identified this morning by Sheriff Hamilton of Dawson county as "Billy" Fry, the bank robber who was arrested in Dawson county by Lexington a couple of weeks ago. The sheriff took him back to Lexington this afternoon.

Alleged Swindler Caught.

Nebraska City, Jan. 12.—[Special Telegram to THE BEE.]—Sheriff Huberle left for Council Bluffs today armed with a warrant and requisition for J. S. Adams. Adams is charged with swindling E. C. Phillips, merchant of this city, out of \$75 seven years ago and Blackford has been on his trail ever since.

Evangelist at Elk Horn Barred.

Elk Horn, Neb., Jan. 12.—[Special Telegram to THE BEE.]—Fire tonight completely gutted the old Roanoke elevator, owned and operated by H. A. Motte. The origin is unknown. Loss, \$10,000. No insurance. It required heroic measures on the part of the citizens to save the town.

RECOVERING BY REPLEVIN.

Waterloo Farmers Seeking to Retrieve Losses by Stimmel Failure. Coroner Maul, in behalf of Waterloo farmers, has replevined from Sheriff Drexel during the past three days, goods to the amount of several thousand dollars.

Will Resign His Position.

L. E. Hicks, chairman of the Lincoln Board of Public Health, has accepted an appointment tendered him by the Baptist Missionary union as an instructor in the missionary college at Kagon, Burma, and will leave for that place before the end of next month. This will necessitate his resignation as chairman of the board, a position he has held for nearly three years.

Scarce Drill.

Entertainment by Little Girls of the First Congregational Church. The first congregational church was crowded last night on the occasion of a scarce drill by eight girls between 10 and 13 years of age. This is a new form of amusement. The participants are dressed in pink and wear pink scarves or sashes. They march counter-march and form different figures.

Bricklayers Yesterday.

The convention of bricklayers and masons met again yesterday at 9 o'clock, and after about one-half hour's discussion upon the order of business to be followed, adjourned to meet again in the afternoon, at which meeting the report of the grievance committee was submitted, they having completed their labors and adjusted all differ-

Do you want to help the needy a little this winter—patronize our sale.

We are offering extra inducements in seasonable goods. We give 10 per cent of sales from the largest department to Rescue Hall. You cannot miss a bargain Saturday

Saturday We Sell

CLOAK DEPARTMENTS. A table of ladies' tea gowns and ready-made suits. Choice on the table for..... \$5.00

Tinware.

We will offer extra special inducements Saturday, in China and Decorative ware, at much under cost. You can help Rescue Hall by buying. Be sure you get our prices.

Dinner Sets.

1 lot of sets of 101 pieces German china at \$15; former price \$30.00

Tea Sets.

Sets of 56 pieces at \$3.50, former price \$7. Lot 2, 56 pieces at \$4.50, former price \$7.50. Lot 3, 56 pieces \$5.75; former price \$10.50.

Toilet Sets.

1 lot decorated sets \$1.75, formerly \$2.75

Great reduction in Lamps.

1 lot complete with jar \$4.00; formerly \$6.50. 5 styles of \$15 sets, reduced to \$10. These low prices should close out all the above lots and make Saturday a busy day.

Other Saturday Bargains—Cont.

Boys' wool waists, extra weight of flannel, which have been selling at \$1.00, reduced to... 50c

FRIDAY'S SALE CONTINUED.

We'll continue Friday's prices for Saturday on notions, yarns and knit goods. Many desirable articles you will want at very low prices. Be sure and visit these departments.

SATURDAY EVENING.

From 7 to 10 we offer: Men's night shirts, made of extra heavy cotton, good value... 50c

These \$1.00 white shirts—see them!

We have about 20 dozen of fine dress shirts, made for fine trade and have sold them for \$2.00 and \$2.50 apiece. They are too fine for the times, so we have made a price that will sell them—just... \$1.00 each.

Store full of bargains Saturday.

On hand to swell the sales and help the Rescue Hall fund. It costs you nothing, so why not come in?

Do you want to help the needy a little this winter—patronize our sale.

We are offering extra inducements in seasonable goods. We give 10 per cent of sales from the largest department to Rescue Hall. You cannot miss a bargain Saturday

Saturday We Sell

CLOAK DEPARTMENTS. A table of ladies' tea gowns and ready-made suits. Choice on the table for..... \$5.00

Tinware.

We will offer extra special inducements Saturday, in China and Decorative ware, at much under cost. You can help Rescue Hall by buying. Be sure you get our prices.

Dinner Sets.

1 lot of sets of 101 pieces German china at \$15; former price \$30.00

Tea Sets.

Sets of 56 pieces at \$3.50, former price \$7. Lot 2, 56 pieces at \$4.50, former price \$7.50. Lot 3, 56 pieces \$5.75; former price \$10.50.

Toilet Sets.

1 lot decorated sets \$1.75, formerly \$2.75

Great reduction in Lamps.

1 lot complete with jar \$4.00; formerly \$6.50. 5 styles of \$15 sets, reduced to \$10. These low prices should close out all the above lots and make Saturday a busy day.

Other Saturday Bargains—Cont.

Boys' wool waists, extra weight of flannel, which have been selling at \$1.00, reduced to... 50c

FRIDAY'S SALE CONTINUED.

We'll continue Friday's prices for Saturday on notions, yarns and knit goods. Many desirable articles you will want at very low prices. Be sure and visit these departments.

SATURDAY EVENING.

From 7 to 10 we offer: Men's night shirts, made of extra heavy cotton, good value... 50c

These \$1.00 white shirts—see them!

We have about 20 dozen of fine dress shirts, made for fine trade and have sold them for \$2.00 and \$2.50 apiece. They are too fine for the times, so we have made a price that will sell them—just... \$1.00 each.

Store full of bargains Saturday.

On hand to swell the sales and help the Rescue Hall fund. It costs you nothing, so why not come in?

THE MORSE DRY GOODS CO

DEBNEY'S PATHETIC PLEA

Fullerton Wife Murderer Recites His Life Story in an Effective Manner.

WHY HIS MIND WAS MUCH DISTURBED His Home Had Been Broken Up and He Stood in Fear of Death—Closing Features of the Trial.

JUDGE TERNEY'S DISMISE.

Death of a Well Known Tecumseh Lawyer—Funeral of Dr. Harrington.

Death of a Well Known Tecumseh Lawyer—Funeral of Dr. Harrington.

TECUMSEH, Neb., Jan. 12.—[Special Telegram to THE BEE.]—Judge Byron Terney died at his home in this city this morning, aged 70 years. The cause of his death was grip, with which he had suffered one month. The deceased leaves a wife and five children. He had been a resident of Tecumseh for twenty-six years. The funeral will be held at St. Andrew's Catholic church in this city this afternoon.

Could Not Secure a Bond.

GRAND ISLAND, Jan. 12.—[Special to THE BEE.]—The county treasurer, William Cornelius, re-elected last fall, resigned today. Mr. Cornelius was caught in the Citizens National bank failure with \$9,000 of the county funds. This made it difficult to secure the bond of \$10,000 required by the county board. Mr. Cornelius was a republican, and had served a term satisfactorily.

Surprised by Their Friends.

FARMINGTON, Neb., Jan. 12.—[Special to THE BEE.]—Cyrinus Hallingshead, the B. & M. agent here, is to be removed to Crete. Yesterday he and his wife were invited to take tea at Dr. Ashby's. As soon as they left a few of their most intimate friends took possession of their house and set the tables and chairs for a party.

Two Small Blazes.

LEXINGTON, Neb., Jan. 12.—[Special to THE BEE.]—A fire started in a restaurant and grocery last evening from a defective flue. Prompt action of the fire company kept the damage down to about \$50; loss covered by insurance.

Increased the Insurance Rates.

HASTINGS, Jan. 12.—[Special Telegram to THE BEE.]—Today the new tariff book for fire insurance agents in this city was put into use. About a week ago the state organization of local boards of fire agents here ordered a raise of 50 per cent on rates on all risks, and a meeting of the local board of underwriters was called to discuss the matter. A committee was appointed to draft a protest, but the objections of the agents were not considered and the secretary of the local board was instructed to put the increased rates into effect.

Scarier Ever at Hebron.

HEBRON, Neb., Jan. 12.—[Special Telegram to THE BEE.]—After an illness of one week the infant child and only son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles B. Schwanz, died of scarlet fever this afternoon at 2 o'clock.

DEBNEY'S PATHETIC PLEA

Fullerton Wife Murderer Recites His Life Story in an Effective Manner.

WHY HIS MIND WAS MUCH DISTURBED His Home Had Been Broken Up and He Stood in Fear of Death—Closing Features of the Trial.

JUDGE TERNEY'S DISMISE.

Death of a Well Known Tecumseh Lawyer—Funeral of Dr. Harrington.

TECUMSEH, Neb., Jan. 12.—[Special Telegram to THE BEE.]—Judge Byron Terney died at his home in this city this morning, aged 70 years. The cause of his death was grip, with which he had suffered one month. The deceased leaves a wife and five children. He had been a resident of Tecumseh for twenty-six years. The funeral will be held at St. Andrew's Catholic church in this city this afternoon.

Could Not Secure a Bond.

GRAND ISLAND, Jan. 12.—[Special to THE BEE.]—The county treasurer, William Cornelius, re-elected last fall, resigned today. Mr. Cornelius was caught in the Citizens National bank failure with \$9,000 of the county funds. This made it difficult to secure the bond of \$10,000 required by the county board. Mr. Cornelius was a republican, and had served a term satisfactorily.

Surprised by Their Friends.

FARMINGTON, Neb., Jan. 12.—[Special to THE BEE.]—Cyrinus Hallingshead, the B. & M. agent here, is to be removed to Crete. Yesterday he and his wife were invited to take tea at Dr. Ashby's. As soon as they left a few of their most intimate friends took possession of their house and set the tables and chairs for a party.

Two Small Blazes.

LEXINGTON, Neb., Jan. 12.—[Special to THE BEE.]—A fire started in a restaurant and grocery last evening from a defective flue. Prompt action of the fire company kept the damage down to about \$50; loss covered by insurance.

Increased the Insurance Rates.

HASTINGS, Jan. 12.—[Special Telegram to THE BEE.]—Today the new tariff book for fire insurance agents in this city was put into use. About a week ago the state organization of local boards of fire agents here ordered a raise of 50 per cent on rates on all risks, and a meeting of the local board of underwriters was called to discuss the matter. A committee was appointed to draft a protest, but the objections of the agents were not considered and the secretary of the local board was instructed to put the increased rates into effect.

Scarier Ever at Hebron.

HEBRON, Neb., Jan. 12.—[Special Telegram to THE BEE.]—After an illness of one week the infant child and only son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles B. Schwanz, died of scarlet fever this afternoon at 2 o'clock.

Dr. AUGUSTUS VOELCKER, the celebrated chemist of London, in his analysis of a sample of our North Carolina Bright Leaf Tobacco, says: that he finds but LITTLE NICOTINE or aluminous compounds, and that it is one of the FINEST FLAVORED MILD TOBACCOS he ever smoked.

LYON & CO'S PICK LEAF GOLDEN BIRD DISTRICT NORTH CAROLINA CROP

DOCTOR SEARLES & SEARLES, SPECIALISTS CURE CHRONIC, NERVOUS AND PRIVATE DISEASES

BEFORE - AFTER

Man - Develop! REVISED

Proposals for Sewer Construction.

Children Cry for Pitcher's Castoria.