

BUSINESS OF SAVING SOULS

Rev. Edgar M. Wilson Lays Down Standard for Christian Missionary.

TELLS OF CONDITIONS IN FAR OFF INDIA

Caste System Among These Mohammedans and Polytheists Great Obstacle to Spreading Gospel of Christ.

The annual collection for foreign missions was taken in the First Presbyterian church Sunday morning and in closing his sermon on the Indian mission field, Rev. Edgar M. Wilson, returned missionary, said:

"There are several ways in which missionary work is looked at which I will not go into, but I wish to impress on you only one. Missionary work is not to be regarded as a duty; it is not to be regarded as an expediency, it is not to be left for those especially interested in it; it is to be regarded as a business. I do not mean that the commercial spirit should enter into it, that it should be secularized, but that we should give the work of carrying the gospel the same careful business planning we give to any other enterprise.

Rev. Mr. Wilson told of the language difficulty which the missionary meets, how that including the mountain states, 500 languages and dialects are encountered. He stated the popular idea of the seclusion of the women, saying that this was true only in the northern portions of the peninsula.

"Every way you look at the country," he continued, "you find an immense diversity. There is about as much unanimity as is found on the continent of Europe.

In speaking of the religion of India he paralleled Mohammedanism, which is a definite—with our definite god, a time of beginning, book and form of worship; and Hinduism which is all indefinite—with no definite founder, time, form or belief—a conglomerate of Hinduism could be divided into three distinct aspects: theosophical, its forms and religious rites; and the caste system.

Most Are Polytheists. "Other than the Mohammedans, all Indians are polytheists—they believe that all things are parts of God—even that a man's actions are not his own but the inspirations of God. This strikes at the very basis of responsibility. The Hindu worshiping an idol, says: 'Yes, there is but one God.' He means that all things are part of that God.

"Transmigration is another universal idea of these people—the present condition depending on the actions of a previous life. This belief has much to do with preventing the people exercising the spirit of pity, for they believe that suffering was only the punishment for former wickedness.

The speaker told of the diversified gods worshiped, running from an unmarked stone to great carved idols and the gatherings at these and the pilgrimages thereto. Identification of the gods was much in vogue as it was thought to place the gods under obligation. Pilgrimages were made all over the country to various holy places which abounded, Benares being the greatest. Juggernaut another, was not the horror of popular idea, but death.

"The caste system is the most hindering thing in the life of India and stands more in the way of Christian work than any other. To become a Christian we must believe that the convert accept every man as his brother. If this were not required four converts would be made where one is now."

Originally there were two castes, Brahmins and the rest, the latter and the servants, but these had subdivided until now there are more than 3,000 castes of Brahmins alone.

Rev. Mr. Wilson gave some figures of conversions. In his district there were seven churches, 130 communicants and 2,000 adherents. In the Madras presidency there had been an increase in the last ten years of from 16,000 to 70,000 among Protestants.

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NO TRUTH IN MERGER RUMOR

Story of Oregon Short Line Taking O. R. & N. Denied by Bancroft.

LATTER MAKES TRIP TO KANSAS CITY

New General Manager of Union Pacific Will Reside in Salt Lake City and Make No Official Changes.

W. H. Bancroft, general manager of the Union Pacific and vice president of the Oregon Short Line, leaves today in his private car for Kansas City. Mr. Bancroft yesterday would not tell the nature of his business here. Mr. Bancroft is one of the most affable men in the world on any subject but railroading. In referring to his recent appointment as general manager of the Union Pacific Mr. Bancroft said no changes would be made in the personnel of the officials under him. The new appointment simply adds to his field of responsibility. "I shall continue to make my home in Salt Lake," said Mr. Bancroft, "but the headquarters of the Union Pacific are in Omaha and will continue to remain here. This is the natural place for them. The changes will compel me to make trips over the road quite frequently but I will be able to attend to the business of the road as well from Salt Lake as from Omaha. I have the utmost confidence in the ability of the men here and at Salt Lake I will of course be in closer touch with the Short Line system."

No Truth in It.

When asked if there is any truth in the oft-repeated rumor that the Short Line will take over the Oregon Railway & Navigation railroad between Huntington and Portland, he said: "No. That proposition so far as I know, is purely newspaper talk. The rumor has been printed a great many times, but there is nothing of that kind in prospect now."

Idea of Hospital Car.

About six months ago when Mr. Bancroft's new private car came out of the shops it was reported that one of the valets coaches on the Oregon Short Line would be thrown out of use and that it would be converted into a rolling hospital. The car was to be fitted up with the finest surgical instruments and carry a supply of drugs, antiseptics, medicines and bandages which might be needed in case of an emergency. Extra beds and other equipments for the use of the injured were to be added to the car so that the victims of an accident could receive immediate attention without having to be transferred some distance to a hospital and perhaps suffer by the delay in proper attention. While Mr. Bancroft admitted that such a plan has been under consideration the idea of fixing over a disused car for the purpose has been abandoned because it was believed that the coach was not suitable. What may be done in this regard in the future Mr. Bancroft would not say. The eastern roads and has proved effective in saving many lives and limbs and it may be adopted on the Harriman system. Mr. Bancroft expressed himself highly pleased with Omaha and its business future. He spent considerable time yesterday in looking over the city. While he has passed through the city many times he has never before spent much time here. He believes the future of Omaha is of the brightest.

BEGINS PROTRACTED MEETINGS.

Rev. G. H. Mains of Walnut Hill Methodist Church Starts Revival. The sermon by G. H. Mains, pastor of Walnut Hill Methodist Episcopal church, yesterday morning, was in the nature of a revival sermon, preparatory to the special services which were begun yesterday and which will continue for a week. The pastor will be assisted in these special services by the Rev. W. E. Wetzer, a former pastor of the church. Mr. Mains chose a text from John 11: 28: "Take ye away the stone." It was his intention to show the members of the church some of the things which hinder the progress of revival. Those who were classed under the general heads of worldly atmosphere, indifference, neglect, personal animosities and unbelief. "There are many things," said Mr. Mains, "which enter into the lack of spirituality on the part of church members to that extent which Godliness is desirable. If the church members do not first warm up it is rather too much to expect that those outside the pale of the church will be interested to any great degree. Prayer is one of the essential things in promoting a revival and a work of grace in the hearts of those who desire to live better lives. This is the time of the year when most churches are engaged in protracted efforts and the pastor bespoke for his congregation, earnest prayer and thought upon those things which conduce to the welfare of the church and a closer walk with God."

HARVEST DEPENDS ON THE SEED.

Rev. C. W. Savidge Urges People to Live Righteously. Rev. C. W. Savidge, at the People's church yesterday, chose for his text: Hosea, 10:12, "Sow to yourselves in righteousness, reap in mercy; break up your fallow ground; for it is time to seek the Lord, till He come and rain righteousness upon you." "There are only two kinds of sowing," said Rev. Mr. Savidge, "righteousness and sin. If we sow good seed we are going to reap a good harvest. We will reap just what we sow. The Lord shows, by this text, that there is going to be a great harvest of those who sow in time so that our harvest may be good. "Chief Donahue says the Sunday dances should be closed for fear the young girls of our city will reap a crop of sin, and he wishes his official skirts cleared. "We are not farmers, but we can understand what God means when He says, break up the fallow ground. The ground, as every farmer knows, must be turned before the seed will take hold and grow. By plowing the fallow field is prepared to receive the seed. The human heart must be treated in the same manner. It must be prepared to receive the seed of salvation. A great many revivals are failures for the reason that ministers lose sight of the fact that the heart must be prepared for the seed to enter into the soul. God requires us to break up our own fields. He does not do it without our assistance. "A great many will say, 'but how am I to prepare my heart to receive the seed?' I would say that a good plow to use is your own mind. Consider your sins. Think of what the harvest will be if you do not. Take a pencil and paper and write down your sins. The sins of omission and the sins of commission. You probably will find them many when they are all listed. The most awful sin a man can commit is to love another woman more than his own wife and the same is true of the wife. See if you have not omitted to love the Lord and turned your attention to other lovers. I think it a good plan to turn to God and tell Him that we have been plowing our affections elsewhere and ask for His forgiveness. If all the people in Omaha who profess to love God would praise God as they should this city would be stirred to the center as no city ever was stirred before."

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AT THE PLAYHOUSES.

"The Minister's Daughters" at the Krug.

A modern melodrama, built on lines somewhat similar to "The Two Orphans," introducing a sister who can see and one who is blind, and surrounding them with the necessary pitfalls and devices of evil, leading them through the slums of a large city, and plunging them into the vortex of crime and misery, from which they finally emerge unscathed in mind or body, is "The Minister's Daughters," which draw two large audiences to the Krug yesterday. It has three thrilling and realistic acts, and a peaceful denouement in the fourth. The company having it in hand is fully equal to the requirements of the piece, and the performance goes with a snap. "The Minister's Daughters" will be the bill until after Wednesday night, with a matinee on Wednesday.

"The Sultan of Sulu" at the Boyd.

At the Boyd yesterday afternoon and evening two large audiences assembled to hear the last performances of "The Sultan of Sulu," and were richly rewarded for their attendance. Frank Moulan declined to sing, as he claims exemption from Sunday work under his contract, and Fred Frear led the bunch through a very successful performance. Mr. Frear is a clever comedian, and although he is long associated with the part of Hadji, he finds little real difficulty in assuming the character of the sultan. Other changes necessary in the cast, owing to the pushing up of Mr. Frear are not such as mar the excellence of the entertainment.

Vaudeville at the Creighton-Orpheum.

Three spots stand out high and bright on the bill at the vaudeville house for the current week. One of these is a little comedy presented by Mr. Al Filson and Miss Lee Erroll, under the title of "The Black Cat." It is a story of a young prospector who believes in signs and has adopted a black cat as a mascot. The cat dies, the grub runs out and the husband and wife are without food, and desperate. They resolve to hold up the passing stage, but before embarking on their criminal enterprise the wife insists that the husband bury the black cat. He demurs but finally to appease her goes out to plant his latest failure as a mascot, and strikes the lode he has been looking for. The story is simple enough, but it allows the introduction of a great deal of excellent comedy, and every advantage is taken of the chances offered. Mr. Filson is a good comedian, and Miss Erroll supports him well. Another of the high places is the illustrated songs of Werden and Gladish. Mr. Werden attends to the stereotyping, projecting pictures of his own making to illustrate the songs sung by Mr. Gladish. The songs do not amount to much, but the pictures are beautiful, and are exhibited with such taste that they form one of the most effective features shown at the Orpheum during the present season. Ziaka and King mingle some clever tricks of the hand with comedy of a wholesale character, and are well liked by the spectators. It is at a loss to say which he most enjoyed, the magic or the fun. The other acts on the bill are Marsh and Sartella, singers and dancers; La Carmontella, contortionist; the Roanins, acrobats, and the Avers, "frag" artists. The melodrama pictures are good.

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PERSONAL PARAGRAPHS.

Ed P. Spencer of Harvard and Otto Zetterow of Valley City are at the Murray. H. W. Updell of Denver, Mrs. W. H. Pratt of Fremont, George Black of Lyon and H. F. Herrington of O'Neill are at the Hotel Grand. H. C. Pershing of Pierce, C. D. Clark, Minnie La Vars of Evanson, Wyo., C. H. Brown of Lawton and M. J. Armistead of St. Paul are at the Millard. Sam Carhart's family face is again to be found behind the desk at the Murray. Mr. Carhart returned yesterday noon from an extended visit in the north and east and is much improved by his outing. J. H. Slattery of Shelton, C. A. Bates, A. K. Ward of Roscoe, Walter Scholt of Denver, C. A. Truex of Wichita, H. H. Wallace of Tekamah, Dr. J. M. Jensen of Hooper, F. A. Harris of Boulder and J. H. Bemis of Saratoga are at the Merchants. T. E. Williams of Aurora, B. C. Bufum of Laramie, Chas. W. Garbutt of Sheridan, C. McDonald of North Platte, O. L. Vincent of Manville, Wyo., J. H. Hatcher of Fort Union, J. W. Pore of Misoula and A. U. Daum of Kearney are at the Paxton.

ADMIRAL DEWEY FOR PEACE

Man Who Sunk Spanish Fleet in Manila Bay Adopts Motto of Andrew Carnegie. Admiral Dewey is somewhat of a humorist. While in the east during the past two weeks Mr. Edward Rosewater presented the autograph album of his little granddaughter to several men of distinction for their autographs, and among these were Admiral Dewey and Andrew Carnegie. Mr. Carnegie wrote: "Yours for peace;" then added the telegraphic cipher for regards, "73," indicating the end, and signed his name. (Mr. Carnegie as well as Mr. Rosewater, is a veteran telegrapher.) When the little book was handed to Admiral Dewey, the man who got up before breakfast and sunk the Spanish fleet in Manila bay and whose business is war, he wrote just under the line inscribed by Mr. Carnegie: "I'm for peace, too. George Dewey."

LOOK FOR MOVE THIS WEEK

City Hall Officials Anticipate Developments in Suburban Lighting Matter.

MAY ASK WELSBACH TO REDUCE PRICE

One Official Says If This is Done Gasoline Lighting Contract for Two Years is Almost Certain.

This week may witness developments in the suburban lighting matter. Wise ones at the city hall say an effort will be made to have the Welsbach company reduce the price per gasoline lamp from \$30 to \$25, or on a par with the terms proposed by the electric light company for thirty-two power incandescents. "Provided this can be effected," said a city officer, "there seems to be little or no doubt but that the gasoline lighting contract will be made for two years, as the gas company is desirous that this be done. "The electric light people, through their emissaries, are representing to various improvement clubs that the consummation of a gasoline contract means neither gas mains or electric light lines into the outlying districts for at least two years more. They say that both the Omaha Gas company and the Welsbach Street Lighting Company of America are largely owned and dominated by the United Gas Improvement company of Philadelphia, the parent trust, in which Randall Morgan is the big figure. Arguing along this line the electric light people say that the gasoline lamps will be kept in as long as possible because of the greater profit, no royalty being paid, while that now paid by the gas company cuts the remuneration for each lamp down about \$14 a year. Therefore, they assert, the extension of gas mains and installation of lamps in the suburbs will be retarded as long as possible. "The gas company is openly championing the proposed Welsbach contract. The chief slogan sounded against incandescents is that they have been proven archaic for street lighting and inefficient because of constant deterioration of the filaments."

NATIVE SON OF OMAHA DIES

Willard K. Sweeney Passes Away at Dundee After Five Years of Suffering. Willard K. Sweeney, son of W. F. Sweeney of Dundee, died at his father's residence, 429 Davenport street, at 5:45 yesterday afternoon, after a siege of illness due to nervous prostration covering a period of five years. Mr. Sweeney was born in Omaha April 18, 1870, and spent his entire life in this city, or at Dundee. He was one of the most popular young men with all who knew him and his long illness had been a source of much grief, as the news of his death will be. He was graduated from the Omaha High school with honors. While a student there he was active and prominent in all school affairs, and was editor of the school paper. Leaving school he accepted a position in the First National bank and later resigned that to become manager of the Brunswick hotel, owned by his father. He left the hotel and entered the newspaper business through the reformation of The Bee, where he did faithful work for three years. He possessed good literary talent and other qualities which combined to make him a useful reporter. He was much interested in geographical, railroad and maritime affairs, of which he studied considerably. Mr. Sweeney was in recent years a member of the Dundee stricken with the fatal illness which made him an invalid for five years. He had been prominent in athletic affairs of the Young Men's Christian association. The funeral takes place tomorrow afternoon at 2 o'clock, under the direction of H. K. Burkett and interment will be in Prospect Hill cemetery.

LOCAL BREVIETIES

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