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BEATRICE GOT THE BUNC

Former Resident of the Town Revises Memory of a Ridiculous Incident.

A BOGUS SCHLATTER GAVE BLESSINGS

Group of Tales by Travelers Told to Pass Away the Time Which Depict Various Phases of Human Nature.

"You have all heard of Schlatter, the Denver faith healer of course," said Ed Wilson, a former Beatrice resident who was at the Mercedien Sunday. "Well, when Schlatter was astonishing the Denver folks, and the rest of the world for all that, there was a big delegation of Beatrice people went out to get healed by him. Many went to get cured of rheumatism, some for deafness and others for all sorts of ailments. Those that couldn't raise the price to go, got those that did go to bring them back a handkerchief that Schlatter had blessed, and I'll be hanged if there were not lots of people that actually believed they were cured by him through the medium of those handkerchiefs. Of course as soon as the crazed died down they all went back to their old diseases in great shape and some of them have long since died of their complaints.

"Well, the craze got so intense that about the time Schlatter disappeared it was rumored that he was to show up in Beatrice. Some practical joker encouraged the idea, and got it pretty well advertised that Schlatter would be in Beatrice for a few days. So one night one of the jokers registered Schlatter's name at the Padon hotel. The report got out in no time, and the jokers enlisted the services of a fellow named Gus Schmidt, who in personal appearance strongly resembled Schlatter, engaged him a room on the top floor of the hotel, and had him sit at the window fronting Court street, and the word was sent out that Schlatter would bless the afflicted from that window.

"In little or no time the street was thronged by people with all sorts of ailments who verily believed Schmidt to be the real thing, and even a number of those who had made the pilgrimage to Denver to see him asserted that he was the veritable Schlatter. Handkerchiefs were sent up to him by the score, and Schmidt played his part well, but the boys had to keep the door of his room closely guarded to prevent him from getting scared and giving the snap away. Many of the people who were blessed by him from the fourth floor window of the hotel acknowledged themselves cured, and some of the people who had their handkerchiefs blessed by him believe to this day in their efficacy. The trick finally leaked out, and the jokers went into hiding for a week or two to keep from being mobbed."

Had Tried Both Systems. Henry Posson, a former Illinoisan, but now a well-to-do resident of Dundy county, Nebraska, was at the Arcade Sunday and, being in a reminiscent mood, told of an old German farmer that years ago lived near Galesburg, Ill., who was about as droll as they make them. He said: "The old fellow was a good deal of a philosopher and raised a big family of boys to whom he was constantly giving advice. He had been somewhat wild in his younger days, but had reformed. One day he was talking to his boys regarding the best methods of getting along in life, and among other things told them that honesty was the prime essential, for said the old man: 'I'll tell you boys, I had had lots of adventures. Be honest, boys, be honest, for honesty is the best policy, for I had tried both.'"

Wonderous Sight in Laramie Hills. "You people down here may not know it, but there are some curious and interesting freaks of nature up in the Laramie Hills country that are worth taking a look at," said Elmer Bowling, a stockman from the vicinity of Casper, Wyo., at the Merchants. "One of them is the Natural bridge down near the headwaters of Horse Shoe creek, some fifteen miles southeast of Douglas. It is one of the finest natural bridges in the United States, and while not as high as the famous natural bridge of Virginia, it is a heap prettier, for I have seen both of them. It is right in the heart of the Laramie Hills, and in a section of

INSTINCT DEMANDS A GOD

Rev. Dr. Smith Discusses the Spiritual Life as Necessary to Human Kind.

DR. MACKAY ON THE SPIRITUAL HELL

Power of Fervent and Continual Prayer to Win Blessing for Home and Business Life is Theme of Rev. A. J. Folsom.

In the Methodist Episcopal church Sunday morning Dr. E. Combie Smith, impressed on his hearers the innate character of the spiritual instinct and the failure that comes from its suppression. "The foundation of the spiritual man is built eternal in the heavens," he said. "That there is a spiritual life is proved by the spiritual instinct. This was never so insistent as it is today. Generations have passed and the earth has changed since the Bible, but in every age we find this instinct—in savage and in cultured man. We may find it materialized in an idol worshiped or seen, in the sun or the moon. In the adoration of his God man may go through awful perils. History shows us if there were no God we would have to make one. Man is always trying to find one.

"Man recognizes this spiritual instinct. The sinner fears it. Man in his worship demands more and more. The reality of the spirit is proved by the meaningfulness of life without it. We are conscious of this when we stare in the face human poverty and suffering. We say if the grave is all, it is too irrational and unsatisfactory. Hollow and meaningless is life if above there is no satisfaction. "If you can bring into life that light which never was on sea or land and can recognize all of life's trials and sorrows as a school to prepare us for the celestial life, then I say to you, you can stand the dark, can bear the afflictions and disappointments. If it all ends in the grave the most rational thing in an irrational world would be the discontented man.

"Another thing which shows the presence of the spiritual instinct is the discontent we find about us. We cannot look and not see how every effort leads to failure, every trial of genius leads to disappointment, pessimism and cynicism where men shut out God from the world of matter and of life. Be beloved, if you and I can link these perplexities to the universe above and cling to God through all our troubles, this light will illumine our doubts and even make the rough places a highway to our feet. O let us hold on to the light and let us recognize it is of God."

FUNERAL OF CHARLES HODDER

Shopmates and Fraternal Associates Attend in Large Numbers to Pay Their Last Tribute.

Many friends and associates of the late Charles Hodder gathered at the Seward Street Methodist Episcopal church yesterday afternoon to attend the funeral service, which was conducted jointly by Rev. J. B. Priest, pastor of the Seward Street Methodist Episcopal church, Rev. E. R. Curry, pastor of Calvary Baptist church, and Rev. William Gort, presiding elder of this Methodist district. A goodly representation of Mr. Hodder's former associates at the Union Pacific shops, where he worked twenty-five years, and the members of Alpha camp, Woodmen of the World, were in attendance. The pallbearers were: C. L. Mather, E. M. Schnellbacher and J. H. Ellisbury of the Woodmen of the World, and George McDougall, Henry Kempen, Jr., and Leonard Oberg of the carmen's union.

Mr. Hodder was 63 years of age and entered the Union Pacific shops when he came to Omaha twenty-five years ago. His last position was that of airbrake inspector of the passenger department. The body was placed in the receiving vault at Forest Lawn cemetery.

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MUST WITNESS FOR FAITH

Personal Effort for Christ Urged by Evangelist Charles Steile.

PROFESSING CHRISTIANS TOO TIMID

Christ's Mission Emphasized as that of the Greatest Teacher and Power-Giver the World Has Ever Seen.

Rev. Charles Steile emphasized the need of personal effort for Christ by Christians in his talk Sunday morning at Westminster Presbyterian church. Quoting the saying of Jesus, "Ye shall be witnesses," Mr. Steile pointed out how many professing Christians are witnesses for Christ. Most of them, he said, are like prisoners at the bar when their Christianity is in question, act in fact as if they were afraid of the whole world. Against this timidly he contrasted the zealous, missionary spirit of the socialist and the trade unionist in lesser degree. He mentioned the cards presented to their friends or chance acquaintances by the latter, on which is printed the name of their union, the office they hold in it, etc. Proceeding from this Mr. Steile said: "The first mistake of the church with reference to the workingman was in surrendering authority to supply his spiritual needs. The gospel of Christ is entirely adequate to do this. "The second mistake is in the idea that a great deal of money is needed to do the work of Christ. Jesus held just the contrary idea and cautioned His disciples to take with them neither gold, silver or brass. Men Must Be Specialists. "The third mistake is to think that after receiving that power which comes from the Holy Ghost, the baptism of purpose, all men should work in the same way. Christ never aimed to destroy man's individuality. The successful worker for God may be so in singing in the church, as a secretary, an usher, a committeeman, etc. We must admit that the popular conception of God has changed much during the last twenty years, as have ideas touching the immortality of the soul, heaven and hell, among growing Christians. The old-time material hell has passed away and a spiritual hell has taken its place—one in which man's conscience and his soul suffer. In view of these changes is there not a real demand for an ever increasing faith? "Trouble is sent to the individual by God to educate the former to nobler ideas of life. The soul can be revolutionized only through battle. Its progress is through resistance. Without the daily struggle there is no advance—no betterment intellectually or spiritually. Faith is the staying power of the universe, the strength of the individual Christian. It means the power to fall back absolutely on God when all else fails. "In religion individualism means an open road from the soul to God without the mediation of priest or pontiff. It is a battle that will go on until it conquers completely, sustained by faith in God. In Russia the contest is on now and no man can doubt but that individualism will win."

HAPPY MEETING IN HOTEL

Long-Separated Father and Son Find Each Other in Omaha by the Merest Accident.

A. J. Bennett of Hot Springs, S. D., had just stepped out of the dining room at the Murray hotel yesterday noon, and incidentally noticed an elderly man standing by the writing table. Something in the older man's appearance looked strangely familiar to the younger man, and he approached him and asked him his name. "My name, sir? My name is F. N. Bennett, and I am from Arcata, California," was the rather dignified reply. "Why, father, don't you know me?" The older man hesitated a moment and again glancing at the younger earnestly, remarked with a trembling voice, but full of emotion: "Why, bless me, my son, where on earth do you come from?" The two had not met for many years and their meeting here was wholly accidental. The father arrived here Saturday and was enroute eastward. The son arrived at the hotel Sunday noon on his return from a business trip in the west. This was their first meeting for many years, the first in fact since the trip he had started out to win a living in the world for himself, many years ago. In that interim the father had moved from their eastern home to Casper, and in the passing years all trace of the son was lost. He had in the meanwhile entered into business for himself and was prospering. The remainder of the afternoon was spent in each other's company, and last evening they again separated, but with the loving assurance that in future years their meetings should be more frequent.

PERSONAL PARAGRAPHS

B. N. May, C. E. Pascoe of Fremont and C. M. of Clinton are at the Henshaw. C. H. Traver of Sioux Falls, A. Howard of Cheyenne and E. T. Marsh of Denver are at the Arcade. N. May of Kansas City, R. A. Smith of Tekamah, E. J. Crandall of San Jose, Cal., are at the Millard. General John C. Cowin is at present confined to his house with influenza. He has had quite a tussle with the affliction, but is now convalescing. He is expected down town in a few days. S. Burnett of Seattle, Mrs. J. N. Dundock of Norfolk, E. P. Middle of Hays City, Kan., and Mrs. H. W. Ryan of Lincoln and N. Manley of Lyons are at the Her Grand. G. N. Monger of Hastings, A. J. Bennett of Hot Springs, S. D.; Kent R. Bent of Sioux Falls, S. D.; J. H. of Arcata, Cal., and A. J. Martin of Marquette, Wyo., are at the 301 N. Y. C. S. Loy of St. Paul, Neb.; D. E. Watkins of Bonesteel, S. D.; Mr. and Mrs. Chris Nelson of Eaton, Colo.; George Lowrey of Lincoln, C. Hubbar of Madison, George Holden of Denver and William Marr of Laramie are at the Merchants. E. C. Hovey of Sioux City, A. U. Dann of Kearney, H. S. Meinstein of Seattle, E. C. Whitson of Leavenworth, J. J. Edward Lytle of San Francisco, Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Hawner, Philip Hamlin of Denver, and William Krotter of Stuart, are at the Paxton.

TOO MANY PRAYERLESS HOMES

Rev. A. J. Folsom Speaks of Power of Fervent, Continual Prayer.

"Get right with God," was the subject of the sermon of Rev. A. J. Folsom at Plymouth Congregational church Sunday morning. He quoted from Galatians, fifth chapter and first verse: "Stand fast therefore in the liberty where with Christ has made us free." He said in part: "Get right with God. It is not our power to do so, but is the gift of God. How easy it is for us to drift away from the gift of God and the love of Jesus Christ. How almost powerless our lives have become. The ministry of this city have recently become amazed at the prayerlessness of our homes.

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