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Memory of a Ridiculous Incident.

A BOGUS SCHLATTER GAVE BLESSINGS

Group of Tales by Travelers Told to Pass Away the Time Which Deplet Various Phases of

"You have all heard of Schlatter, the Denver faith curer of course," said Ed. Wilson, a former Beatrice resident who was at the Merchants 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 there to get heated 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 mediums of those handkerchiefs. Of course as soon as the craze 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 Paddock 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 ails ments 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 ver itable 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 Many of the people who the snap away. 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 droll as they make them. He said:

"The old fellow was a good deal of a 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 her foster mother." other things told them that honesty was the prime essential, for, said the old man: Til tell you poys, I haf hat lots of aggs-perients. Pe honest, poys, pe honest, for honesty is der pest policy, for I haf dried

Wondrous Sights in Laramie Hills. You people down kere 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 Eimer Bowling, a stockman from the vicinity of Guernsey, 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

country which for rugged scenic beauty cannot be excelled in the Rocky mountains anywhere. There is an old trail running under the bridge and a covered Former Resident of the Town Revives | wagon can be driven under the bridge readily. Of recent years the bridge has become a great resort for the people of Douglas, Guernsey and all the towns up along the North Platte. I have wondered why this bridge has never been pictured or painted by the railroads, as one of the

attractions of the Laramie Hills country. "Then there is another old curiosity up there that I have never heard spoken outside that vicinity. It is an old dug-out or cave dwelling up near the headwaters of LaBonta creek. The peculiar feature is that the front of it is made largely of bottles, set in lengthwise with their butts outward. These are placed on a big log hewed down as part of the entrance pro tection, and the bottles have been cemented together with natural cement. This front was evidently made for giving light, and in its day made a pretty good window. Nobody seems to know when the cave was built. It has been in a decaying condition for many long years. It was evidently built by some old-time Hudson Bay company traders fifty or sixty years ago or probably longer. None of the oldest timers there have any recollection of when the cave was ever occupied, and even the Indians know but little about it. There is a sort of vague traction that the cave may have been fixed up by either th Mormons, or during the California fush some time in the '40s. It lies about four

five years.' Some People Can Be Mean. "You've read that story about three samples of meanness on the part of men which is having a run of the papers just now, I guess?" remarked Jimmy Hamlin, of Decatur, at the Drexel to a number of "I think it first appeared in cronies. the Saturday Evening Post. Well, I want to go on record right here that for pure, unadulterated meanness there are some women that can discount all that. There dark, can bear the afflictions and disapwas a woman in our part of the country who prided herself on her plety and ecchomy as well as generosity. She always

miles southward of the old Mormon trail.

The bottles, or what now remains of them,

are of an old nattern, and the cave has

certainly been abondoned for over forty-

hired an old soldier's widow to do her family washing, agreeing to pay her 50 invariably dock her washerwoman 15 see how every effort leads to failure, every cents for resting at the noon hour, and then trial of genius leads to disappointment charge her 25 cents for her dinner if she ate there. "That reminds me," said another, "of an

aid society of a church in my town that got up a donation party for a povertystricken and sick woman, a member of the same church. The donations were to be in even make the rough places a highway to pound packages. There were twenty mem bers of the society taking part in the donation, and when the donations arrived a the poor woman's home they consisted of nineteen pounds of oatmeal and one pound of salt.

"I knew a woman in my town over to Wisconsin," said No. 3, "who got a little girl 8 years old from an orphanage to raise and educate, and she didn't do a thing but make that little 6-year-old tot care of her baby, wash dishes, make her own bed, go to school, and then refused to feed the orphan meat, though they had near Galesburg, fil., who was about as an abundance of it, because it would tend, to make the child coarse and gross. And that same woman was a leader in her Methodist Episcopal church, Rev. E. R philosopher and raised a big family of boys | church and was constantly prating about the tender care of children. The child was finally taken away from her and returned this Methodist district. to the orphanage, and died a few weeks after, just from the treatment received by

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Purse-Snatcher Busy. As Mrs. Olsen, who lives at 314 South Twentieth street, was passing in front of the Bachelors hotel at Twentieth and Farnam streets about 8:5 last evening a youngman snatched her purse from her hand and ran away. The purse contained 33 in silver and a door key. Mrs. Olsen describes the purse snatcher as a young fellow about 30 years old and said that he was white.

## INSTINCT DEMANDS A GOD

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

MACKAY ON THE SPIRITUAL HELL

lower of Fervent and Continual

Prayer to Win Blessing for Home and Business Life is Theme of Rev. A. J. Felsom.

In the Methodist Episcopal church Sun day morning Dr. E. Combie Smith impressed on his hearers the innate charac ter 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 wor shiped 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

"Man recognizes this spiritual instinct The sinner fears it. Man in his worship demands more and more. The realty of the spirit is proved by the meaninglessness 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 are a school to prepare us for the celestia life, then I say to you, you can stand the pointments. 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 cents a day. Well, that pink of piety would we find about us. We cannot look and not pessimism and cynicism where men shut out God from the world of matter and of life. So 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 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 Curry, pastor of Calvary Baptist church, and Rev. William Gorst, presiding elder of

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, Wood men of the World, were in attendance. The pallbearers were: C. L. Mather, E. M. Schnellbacher and J. H. Ellsbury of the Woodmen of the World, and George Mc-Dougal, Henry Kempen, jr., and Leonard Oberg of the carmen's union

Mr. Hodder was 43 years of age and en tered the Union Pacific shops when he came to Omaha twenty-five years ago. His last position was that of airbrake in spector of the passenger department. The body was placed in the receiving vault at Forest Lawn cemetery.

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Personal Effort for Christ Urged by Evan-

gelist Charles Stelzle.

PROFESSING CHRISTIANS TOO TIMID

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

Rev. Charles Stelzie emphasized the need in his talk Sunday morning at Westminster Presbyterian church. Quoting the saying of Jesus, "Ye shall be witnesses," Mr. Stelzle pointedly asked how many professing Christians are witnesses for Christ. Most of them, he said, act like prisoners at the bar when their Christianity is in question, act in fact as if they were afraiof the whole world. Against this timidity 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

Mr. Stelzle said: "The first mistake of the church with reference to the workingman was in surrendering authority to supply his spiritual

"The second mistake is in the idea that

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 teaching, as a secretary, an usher, a committeeman.

"If all the employers and employes of this city should become imbued with the holy spirit Omaha would become famous in a day. The holy spirit is intended for the whole church, not for the few ministers

"Christians, followers of Jesus Christ. must speak with authority and enthusiasm. Announce and proclaim your affiliation with God in a sane, healthy and joyful manner.

"To say to the workingman, 'We can do nothing for you because you do not belong to the church,' is the same as if the authorities of an hospital should say to the patients, 'We can do nothing for you because you are sick.' If the workingman does not belong to the church there is all the more need for going forth to get him in "We want to reverse the condition found in a certain district in New York City where forty churches moved out and 300,000 people moved in."

Christ the Greatest Teacher. Mr. Steizle preached at the 3 o'clock service in the Second Presbyterian church His exhortations were devoted to showing that Jesus Christ was above and incom natible with any other teacher, of social reform.

"Jesus Christ lived in a more corrup time than this. He went through every struggle you have gone through and felt ready, because he does not believe in the Son of God.' Unless your belief is a positive belief that leads you to action you are | was the rather dignified reply.

already condemned.
"Jesus Christ was the best man demus said, Thou art a teacher sent of of emotion: God.' Jesus Christ is the court of last appeal. No one questions this, not even did you come from?" those who do not accept Him.

"Jesus differs from other teachers in that that is always up-to-date. This is because God made it. "The world has never lived up to the

words of Jesus Christ. 'Heaven and earth shall pass away, but I shall not pass away. Christianity is the result of God seeking man; all other religions are the result of man seeking God. Christ came into the world to seek and to save the lost.

Power Comes with Belief. "Christ not only gave great truths, He gave us power to live up to them. Other teachers do not. Jesus Christ offers the greatest reward. Others promise little. Christianity promises eternal life. Not alone in the hereafter does the church do us good, but in the struggle of this life it comforts the sorrowing and afflicted and Boosters brightens our lives with hope and inspira-

"A Christ of infinite power and influence He satisfies the longings of your heart. He is for women, but He is essentially for men. Christ was a manly man, the Son of God. His precious promises are not alone for the cultured and intelligent, but for every man. I say to any of you men who have not accepted Him, you can come as others have, saying 'Jesus, take me.' has said, 'Him that cometh to Me, I will in no wise cast out."

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 Ply-mouth Congregational church Sunday morning. His text was from Gallatians, 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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MUST WITNESS FOR FAITH Prayer is the key to God a grade are too prone to think that the ordinances of the church are sufficient. Righteousness of the church are sufficient. is that which is necessary to keep right

> "God is more necessary to us than money or material comfort. The one thing needed is to lift our hearts to God in prayer. God alone can satisfy the craving of the heart. He alone can fill the heart with sweetness, Mere reading of the Sciptures, genius, science and wealth can accomplish nothing The only recourse is to get on our kneed in prayer. Come to Him just as you are ome with your riches, your genius and burden of sin. Do not try to add to or take away anything; come just with your own heart to the throne of grace.

"Open your hearts that God may give us of personal effort for Christ by Christians more of His love. Seek Him with the open soul. Prayer opens the door of the hear to God. Pray continuously. The praying Christian is the working Christian. Pray your family; pray God to give you grace in the morning and in the evening. With prayer everything else will come right with

Suffering of Soul and Conscience to

Be Overcome by Increased Faith.

Rev. T. J. Mackay preached the sermon at Trinity cathedral Sunday morning. He printed the name of their union, the office discussed the progress of individualism as they hold in it, etc. Proceeding from this opposed to sacerdotalism and spoke of the necessity for an increasing faith in God. "When the spostles heard the sermon or the mount it was hard for them to realize how they were to follow the new order, in needs. The gospel of Christ is entirely such sharp contrast with the old, over throwing ideas that had prevailed for centurics. It was then they felt the necessity a great deal of money is needed to do the of more faith and appealed to the Father work of Christ. Jesus held just the confor it. There are Christians, I know, who trary idea and cautioned His disciples to never seem to feel the demand for in take with them neither gold, silver or creasing faith. They have consigned themselves to a creed and in it they bury their doubts and fears. 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

> 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 re sistance. Without the daily struggle there is no advance-no betterment intellectually or spiritually.

conscience and his soul suffer. In view o

these changes is there not a real demand

"Faith is the staying power of the universe, the atrength of the individual Christian. It means the power to fall back ab solutely on God when all else fails. "In religion individualism means an open oad from the soul to God without the mediation of priest or pontiff. It is a bat-

pletely, 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.

tle that will go on until it conquers com

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 every sorrow you have felt. Christ said, familiar to the younger man, and he ap-He that believeth not is condemned al-"My name, sir? My name is F. N. Bennett, and I am from Arcata, California,

"Why, father, don't you know me?" The older man hesitated a moment ever lived. He differed from other teachers again glancing at the younger earnestly, in that He spoke with authority. Nico- remarked with a trembling voice, but full

"Why, bless me, my son, where on earth The two had not met for many years and their meeting here was wholly acci-His word never grows old. Text books are dental. The father arrived here Saturday discarded. The Bible is the only text book and was enroute eastward. The son ar-

rived at the hotel Sunday noon on his return from a business trip in the east. This was their first meeting for many years, the first in fact since the then boy 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 California, 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 meet ings should be more frequent.

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### PERSONAL PARAGRAPHS

N. May, C. E. Pascoe of Fremont and Mills of Clinton are at the Henshaw. C. H. Traver of Sioux City, A. Howard of Cheyenne and E. T. Marsh of Denver are at the Arcade.

J. N. May of Kansas City, R. A. Smith of Tekamah, E. J. Crandall of San Jose, Cal., are at the Millard. 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. Bundock of Nortolk, E. F. Madden of Hays City, Kan.: Mr. and Mrs. H. W. Ryan of Lincoln and C. N. Manley of Lyons are at the Her Grand.

Grand.
G. N. Monger of Hastings, A. J. Bennett of Hot Springs, S. D.; Kent R. Bent of Sioux City; F. N. Bennett of Arcata, Cal., and A. J. Martin of Marquette, Wyo., are at the Murray.
C. S. Lyle of St. Paul, Neb.; D. E. Watkins of Bonesteel, S. D.; Mr. and Mrs. Chris Nelson of Eaton, Colo.; George Lowerey of Lincoln, A. C. Blahar of Madison, George Holden of Denver and William Marr of Laramie are at the Merchants.
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E. C. Hovey of Sloux City, A. U. Dann of Kearney, H. S. Meinstein of Seattle, S. M. Welpton of Lewiston, Mont.; Edward Lytle of San Francisco, Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Hawner, Philip Hamlin of Denver, and William Krotter of Stuart, are at the Paxton.

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