

PRAYERS ON HOLY GROUND

Bryan and Waidensall Worship on Top of Mount of Olives.

SPOT WHENCE CHRIST ASCENDED TO GOD

Americans Meet in Palestine, Stand in Footprints of Savior and Read the Story of His Ascension.

Robert Waidensall, co-founder of the Omaha Young Men's Christian association and senior secretary of the international committee of the North American Young Men's Christian association, spoke at the Sunday morning service in St. Mark's Lutheran church. It was his first address in Omaha since his return from his tour around the world.

"We need not be ashamed to be Lutherans," said Mr. Waidensall. "I have traveled through nearly all the countries in the world and the Lutherans are everywhere. In some of the greatest nations Lutheranism is the state religion. This is true, of course, in Germany, where Emperor William and all the members of the royal family are Lutherans and where most of the people belong to the same church. It is also true in the Scandinavian countries."

Mr. Waidensall told of meeting W. J. Bryan in Palestine. The old proverb of fellow countrymen in a strange land was exemplified and Mr. Bryan and his wife and children with Mr. Waidensall made a congenial company in seeing the interesting historic and ecclesiastical monuments of this holy city.

They ascended the Mount of Olives and there stood upon the very spot whence, the scriptures relate, Christ ascended into heaven before the astonished eyes of His disciples. Mr. Bryan was deeply moved by the sacred associations of the place.

For a time the little party of Americans stood in sacred silence and then Mr. Bryan suggested to Mr. Waidensall it would be fitting to have a prayer service on this spot most sacred in all the world to Christians.

Mr. Waidensall agreed. They sat down, while Mr. Bryan read from the chapter of Acts the account of the ascension of Christ. When he had concluded Mr. Waidensall offered a prayer.

Mr. Waidensall told of some of the great men of the earth whom he had met and by whom he had been entertained. Among these was the son of the king of Sweden, who gave up his claim to the throne in order that he might become a minister and marry the girl of his choice, who was not a member of royalty. He found him a pleasant man and an ardent Young Men's Christian association worker.

"I feel more convinced, if possible, than ever before that the greatest thing is to be a Christian," said Mr. Waidensall. "A broad view of the world over the last 2,000 years shows it is the men of God who have left their impress. Go through the great art galleries of Europe, the pictures of Christ, of His apostles, of His ministers and the saints and martyrs whose pictures are preserved by the great painters and sculptors."

Address to Y. M. C. A. Mr. Waidensall addressed an overflow meeting at the Young Men's Christian association in the gymnasium Sunday afternoon, giving an interesting exposition of the work done by the association as evidenced by him in his recent trip of eighteen months around the world.

Mr. Waidensall was one of the original founders of the association in Omaha in 1897 and spoke of the gratification felt by him at the growth of the organization. The work started in a small building on the present site of the Millard hotel, which was then bought for \$2,000 and had been used as a saloon.

In prefacing his talk on his recent trip to foreign lands, Mr. Waidensall read portions of letters of introduction and greetings taken by him and also from 100 letters of Godspeed and greeting received from fifty foreign men of prominence in as many tongues.

"I want to say that the Young Men's Christian association is entrenched," said he. "There is no power of government that will ever drive it away. No government wants it to be driven away, as the association is loved by all. The Young Men's Christian association is co-operating with all its intensity to help missionary work, but denominations are not distinguishable in the foreign work."

"The greatest open door to the church of Jesus Christ is among the boys and young men of this and other lands. In closing I will say I have been in this work for thirty-nine years and it is my greatest wish that I could remain thirty-nine years more."

An informal reception was held by Mr. Waidensall at the conclusion of his address and the services. Rev. L. Groh, D. D., a colleague of Mr. Waidensall, pronounced the benediction.

NEW PASTOR IS WARMLY GREETED

Rev. Julius Schwarz Preaches First Sermon at German Presbyterian.

Rev. Julius Schwarz began his pastorate at the German Presbyterian church, 33 North Eighteenth street, Sunday morning, succeeding Rev. August Hilkmann.

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who went to the German Presbyterian church at Glenview, Neb. Rev. Julius Schwarz came to Omaha from the German Presbyterian church at Connersville, Ind. A large congregation greeted him at the morning service. The words "welcome" were conspicuously displayed at the entrance of the church and over the pulpit. The pulpit was prettily adorned with flowers and potted plants and a special choir rendered music for the occasion inclusive of which was a hymn to the air of "America," composed for the occasion, one stanza of which was:

Purcheles und ohne Reue
Werd jeder Tag Dir neu.
Unser Gebet soll sein:
Gott seg' der Kraft verleiht
Und in Dir stärke sein.
Hallelujah.

Rev. M. Schwarz spoke in German from the text, "Guarding Against Fear," as found in Luke 21:27. "Fear not little flock, for your Father's good pleasure is to give you the Kingdom." He admonished his new congregation to have no fear because of the smallness of their church for "where the spirit of God dwelleth there will He make manifest His works unto the faithful, be they few or many," said he. "God moves in mysterious ways and His greatest works are the result of small beginnings. The love of Jesus Christ is just as potent here in Omaha as elsewhere and we have but to follow His footsteps to inherit our Father's kingdom. Let us all unite in the work of bringing souls to Christ. There is much for us to do. We should not fear because we may be small in numbers that we cannot do much, for with God's help we can do the greatest good. In this great city there are many souls that need to be brought to Christ, and it is our blessed privilege through the grace of Jesus Christ and prayer to do a great part. Be not afraid of doing good. There is no courage so great as that which labors for the betterment of those things we find about us. As we strive to do God's will we will be strengthened by Him and thus enthused for even greater works in His cause."

PLEA MADE FOR CLEANER MORALS

Dr. N. H. Burdick Appeals for Revised Standards of Living.

A note of warning against the present standard of living was given by Dr. N. H. Burdick, D. D., yesterday morning at the Second Presbyterian church. "Wanted—Some Revised Standards," was the subject and Dr. Burdick said:

"We have been satisfied too long with comparing ourselves among ourselves and measuring ourselves by ourselves. It is time for us to take God's standard and measure ourselves and see how far short we have fallen. The standard has been lowered in our civic life, our home life, our church life."

"Men imagine today they are elected to office to please the people. Today we have the spectacle of a man occupying a high position who thinks he must leave the laws unenforced because the men who elected him want a wide-open town. Those voters who failed to go to the polls and vote for the right man are as much to blame as those who went there and voted for the wrong one."

"Another thing indicating our relaxed standard is the driving sympathy some people have for the criminal element and the actual admission they exhibit for the wrongdoer. Omaha is about to be disgraced by the spectacle of her arch-criminal appearing on the stage of a theater in the role of a hero. Hundreds and thousands of boys and girls, men and women will see and be harmed by this thing which is a disgrace to the decent people of the city."

"The great, lurid posters upon the billboards showing women chained to railroad tracks, knives, desperate deeds and buckets of blood, attract the youth of the city and fill their minds with this glamor of sin. Obscene and suggestive postal cards and pictures are displayed in the windows of some of the shops and contaminate the minds of all who see them. What are we forced to submit to these things? For the simple reason that we do not rise up and protest. When all the people of Omaha who stand for decency oppose a thing that thing must cease to be."

"The standard has been lowered in our homes. There is no longer the reverence for the aged there used to be. The father is referred to as 'dad,' the governor, or 'the old man.' The marriage tie is no longer regarded in the sacred manner it once was. For every three marriage licenses granted in Douglas county there is one divorce. A lot of the boys and girls of the community ought to be taken in hand by their parents and purged of the silly, sentimental nonsense that is apt to lead them blindly into a relation for which they are not prepared."

"The standard in the church is not what it used to be. Members give a few cents a year and a few moments a week to God and think they have done their duty. The time is ripe for us to measure ourselves with God's measure and to raise our standard higher."

CRY OF RICH ONLY A MOCKERY

Inconsistent When Source of Their Power is Considered.

"Is not the cry of men of high finance a little out of place when it is considered how they have fattened their purses at the expense of the public?" asked Canon Bell at Good Shepherd church Sunday morning in a sermon which had for its text the sixth chapter of Micah, part of which says: "Oh, my people, what have I done unto thee? And wherein have I wearied thee? Testify against me." "It comes with as good grace for the rich of today to cry against this country as for the Jews of that time to cry against God."

"We hear a cry from the bazaar king all the way from California to Washington men in this city help him to get relief from congress when he asked for a protective tariff of 3 cents a pound. He got it, and then raised the price 3 cents. Now he is rich and is crying, 'Why are you going to investigate us when we gave you such prosperity?' forgetting Uncle Sam gave him his protection."

"The purity and safety of the women of this country and many other great benefits we enjoy are directly traceable to Jesus Christ. A man said to me last week, 'Men of business have had their day and you preachers are mooning them. Your day is over. We are builders of character cannot be recompensed in money. Men will soon come to recognize character more than they do today. Vast exposures have shaken confidence in some of the great men of affairs and people will soon look more at the character of a man than at his wealth.'"

"It is right to ask God how much you shall give or how many times a year you must go to church when you profess to love Him? You would not do that to the woman you loved, for if you asked how many times a week you had to come to see her you would not do very well with her. Love is the inspiring argument in our hearts and if we love God we will not ask Him how many times we must come to church, but how many times we may come."

"The violence of the rich of today is astounding. In Florida and other millionaires are lifting their voices in lamentation of woe, asking the government why their affairs are being investigated. They are holding men as slaves with guns, lash and whip to get the turpentine out of Florida, and yet they cry at the injustice of an investigation."

"We find everywhere similar slavery of

little children, but the minds of men are becoming so enlightened they will no longer stand for such abuses."

PLAN OF THREE-DECK CARS

Proposition for Shipping Sheep Considered by Managers of Western Roads.

Railroad men in Omaha differ in opinion as to the advisability of making triple deck cars to handle sheep in the western country. The suggestion was made at Chicago Friday at a meeting of the Wyoming Wool Growers association by A. J. Knoll, treasurer of the National Wool Growers association and manager of the Chicago Stock Yards. His suggestion came as a surprise to the railroad men who had gathered at the convention on invitation of the association and the managers were not able to state off hand whether the idea would be practicable or not. Mr. Mohler of the Union Pacific said it was worthy of consideration.

Railroad men who have returned from the meeting say it was harmonious and suggestions from each side were received in a kindly spirit and all seemed determined to work to the interests of all in solving the problems which are mutually annoying and expensive.

Some railroad men claim the sanitary condition of the sheep would be too bad in a three-deck car and that it might tend to smother them. They have to stand up anyway and they would be too much crowded to get good ventilation. J. A. Eyer, livestock agent of the Burlington, says it would be impracticable as the car could not be built high enough to accommodate three decks. He also says the loading problem would be a serious one which would have to be considered.

"That was the greatest meeting of representative stock men and railroad men I ever saw and everything was harmonious," added Mr. Eyer.

ONE POINT WHERE LID IS WEAKE

C. H. Steller, Thirteenth and Howard Streets, Arrested by the Police.

Only by the use of a misleading blind was the "lid" in Omaha held open for the benefit of the thirty Sunday. Like stolen horses, which are declared to be the best, beer and stronger "boozes" was said by the police to attract with unwonted charm in a room over the saloon of C. H. Steller, Thirteenth and Howard streets, where Sergeant Hayes and Officer Woodruff found Steller in charge, dressed in a house lounge robe.

Acting on information secured by the police, Woodruff went to the house in citizen's clothes and knocked at the street door. From an upstairs window Steller protruded his head to see who sought admittance, and recognizing no troublemaker of the law, admitted him. Woodruff found a room richly supplied with liquor. The arrival of Hayes alarmed Steller and he asserted he had the beverages stored there for his own use. He was placed under arrest, however, charged with keeping a disorderly house, and five cases of bottled beer with large quantities of whisky were taken to the station with him. There were a number of arrests for drunkenness during the day, but the "jags" were evidently accumulated from goods purchased the day before.

CHECK ARTIST IS ARRESTED

Fred Schneiderwind Picked Up as Man Who Has Been at the Work.

Fred Schneiderwind, 402 North Fourteenth street, was arrested Sunday by Detectives Drummy and Maloney as the young man who has been passing forged and otherwise worthless checks on business men in the city during the last few days. In working the swindle, several names were used, but the description of the swindler tallied in each instance. Schneiderwind was recognized as a check worker, who has operated in Omaha before. He was charged with forgery and the police have four cases against him, the victim in each having identified him.

PUBLIC BURIALS AT VIENNA

City Takes Over Stocks of Undertakers and Will Reduce the Cost.

VIENNA, March 10.—(Special.)—The newest form of municipal trading which the city of Vienna intends to enter on is the undertaking business. Five years ago the mayor, Dr. Lasger, expressed his favor of the municipalization of all that belongs to burial on the ground that the best of the municipality could do for a citizen who had paid rates all his life was to see that he was well buried.

Arrangements have been made by the municipality to take over the business and stock-in-trade of the largest undertakers in Vienna and the civic authorities claim that the cost of municipal funerals will be less than the undertakers charged, while they hope that a profit will be realized which will go to the credit of the rates.

DEVELOPMENT OF SERBIA

English Companies Secure Concessions for Exploration of Natural Resources of Country.

BELGRADE, March 10.—(Special.)—An English company is to receive one of the best and most liberal concessions ever given by the Serbian government to foreign capital. They will be exploring for coal, fruit and canning factory. The concession is to confer a sort of monopoly for thirty-eight years. The company will have a capital of \$1,500,000, and the management will be entirely in English hands.

Another English concern has secured a tolerably liberal concession to work a copper mine, which, according to English copper experts, should produce some very rich ore.

PERSONAL PARAGRAPHS.

A. T. Ferrell of Lincoln is stopping at the Henahaw.

George M. Reed of South Bend is a guest at the Paxton.

O. C. Daniels and wife of Lincoln stopped at the Millard over Sunday.

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SUNDAY AT THE THEATERS

New Musical Comedy at the Boyd Makes Hit with Audience.

ARTHUR DRAGON HAS ABLE ASSISTANTS

"The Crisis" at the Burwood, a Good Vaudeville Bill at the Orpheum and Nat Willis at the Krug All Please.

"The Time, The Place and The Girl," a comedy with music, book and lyrics by Will M. Hough and Frank H. Adams, music by Joseph E. Howard, at the Boyd theater. The principals:

Pedro, an organ grinder... Herbert Howard
Dolores, widow... Ida Emerson
Molly Kelly, a nurse... Lucia Moore
Bud Simpson... John C. Howe
The principals: Theodore T. Hook
Laurie Farnham, a black sheep... Hail
Margaret Simpson, "The Girl"... Hail
Tom Cunningham, a rich man's son... Hail
Charles H. Bowers
Arthur Dragon, a spoiled child... Hail
Willie Talcott, a spoiled child... Hail
A Chaffeur... Joseph Clarkson
A Cool Heaver... George Johnson
Police Sergeant... C. C. Honnell
A Guide... Barney McConnell

It wouldn't be exactly right to say that Arthur Dragon is the whole show, for there are several other elements to be reckoned with in deciding the reason for the popularity of this pretty musical comedy which was seen for the first time in Omaha at the Boyd last night. Mr. Dragon certainly has a heavy load of responsibility thrown upon his shoulders, as he is the center of attraction, but besides him there is plenty of catchy music and winsome Violet McMullen to claim a share in the success of the comedy. The cast carries a number of excellent voices, and few musical comedies produce as large a proportion of captivating airs in their musical numbers.

The play takes the audience to a sanatorium in the Virginia mountains to which fate sends Tom Cunningham, Happy Johnnie Hicks, Margaret Simpson, with whom Tom is in love, Molly Kelly, who captures the heart of the gambler, Hicks, Laurie Farnham, a black sheep and divorced husband of Molly, and a few others. After they get there a smallpox quarantine makes them all prisoners for two weeks.

The result of Tom Cunningham develops qualities of character that bring Margaret to him. Happy Hicks wins his true love after seemingly blighting his chances by assuming a charge of assault on her brother of which his friend, Tom Cunningham, is guilty, and she goes to him.

Arthur Dragon's rich vocabulary is shown off at its best from the lips of "Happy" Johnnie Hicks, the gambler. All through the three acts his wit flows freely in monologue and dialogue, and there is a laugh in almost every expression. It would be hard to imagine a better Margaret Simpson than pretty little Violet McMullen, and she captivated the hearts of the audience in her love song with Johnny. "Don't You Tell," Lucia Moore is not far behind her as Molly, and Ida Emerson made a hit in two or three of the musical numbers. Charles H. Bowers has a good voice and this makes up for a lack of positiveness in his acting.

Chorus numbers are among the top liners in the musical program, and the chorus is composed of a bevy of pretty girls and handsome young men with good voices. The chorus work culminates in Miss Emerson's numbers, "Uncle Sam's Best Girl" and "Dixie, I Love You," in which patriotic airs are introduced with telling effect.

This comedy will be seen at the Boyd Monday and Tuesday evenings.

"The Crisis" at the Burwood.

A drama made from a novel by Winston Churchill is sure to have an immense amount of high pressure patriotism in it, and the total dynamic force of "The Crisis" in this regard is almost beyond computation. His play of "The Crisis" is a story of revolutionary days for an hundred years, to their abode in Missouri, is as logical as any of his other efforts, and his touching the old colonel with the love for his country and a fidelity to the institution has grown up under his hand. That Virginia Carver should have the prejudices of her time and surroundings is also reasonable. And Stephen Bryce is probably as near as Mr. Churchill could get to the spirit of the Massachusetts young man of the day. Clarence Colfax is put forth as a type of the southern young man of the day, but it may be doubted if there were many just exactly like him. The finest character in the play is Judge Whipple, the sturdy old lawyer, who made no secret of his abolition tendencies, and who took up arms at all ungrudgingly and kindly, a true-hearted gentleman.

Miss Pettie is a charming Virginia. She makes the little maid a pliant, vivacious girl of the south, just such as have been sung in poetry and toasted time without end. Dainty and sweet, with truth at its base in her mind and honor in her soul, despite her environment and the silly prejudice that grew from it, Mr. Morrison realizes the limitations of Stephen Bryce, but makes him as much of a man as is possible, and Mr. Todd does the same for Clarence Colfax. Mr. Hartford brings to the role of Judge Whipple his finished art and plays the role with evident satisfaction. Mr. Davies handles Colonel Carver with good effect and Mr. Phinney is practically perfect as Hopper. The rest of the parts are cast so as to get the best results from the play, which is very effectively staged. It is certain to prove very popular during the week.

Vaudeville at the Orpheum.

The offering at the Orpheum theater for this week is of the true "variety" order, embracing numbers by almost every variety of entertainment. There is singing, dancing, comic trick bicycling for those who like lightness and activity, short comedy sketches for those who prefer something with a plot, and a decided treat for the literary inclined, who have some knowledge of Dickens' characters. The variety is wide and well balanced and seldom is anything of greater real merit presented on the vaudeville stage than the work of Edwin Stevens and Miss Marshall in "An Evening with Dickens," when several famous characters conceived by that author in his books are represented. The work of Edwin Stevens and Miss Marshall in "An Evening with Dickens," when several famous characters conceived by that author in his books are represented. The work of Edwin Stevens and Miss Marshall in "An Evening with Dickens," when several famous characters conceived by that author in his books are represented.

"David Copperfield," "Bleak House" and "Old Curiosity Shop" atmospheres are resurrected from the days of the illustrious writer and reproduced on the stage. Wilkins Micawber, Uriah Heep and Agnes from "David Copperfield," Grandfather from "Bleak House" and Estlin Swiveller and the Marchioness from "Old Curiosity Shop" are the characters depicted with a faithfulness and reality that places the number in the front rank on the bill.

A comedy cycling act by St. Onge brothers, one of the features of the program, Cyclone acts have grown to be monotonous, but this has sufficient novelty and comedy to make it a strong attraction. A hit is made in the use of two stage hands who do their parts well and produce much laughter.

A sketch by May Edouin and Fred Edwards called "A Bachelor's Dream" has a clever thought. Harry Hawwood, a bachelor due to be married in a week, dreams asleep and in his dreams former sweethearts visit him, each showing a certificate of marriage. He has no recollection of having married them, and as the dream also represents that he has just

been tied up with his real fiancée, his dilemma is most distressing. His relief upon waking to find it nothing but a dream is easily imagined. Miss Edouin does the parts of five different characters very skillfully.