

U. of Wisconsin President Calls Bryan Atheistic

Replies to Commoner's Charge He Is Unfit as Teacher Because He Holds to Theory of Evolution.

Madison, Wis., Feb. 17.—E. A. Birge, president of the University of Wisconsin, today replied to assertions of William J. Bryan, made here a year ago, and repeated recently, that he is an "atheist" and an unfit teacher for students because of his acceptance of modern science, including the theory of evolution.

Mr. Bryan had objected to expressions of President Birge that his teachings were causing injury to religion because of his attempt to unite the teachings of the Bible to "discredit scientific hypothesis," and he had declared that "when the people of Wisconsin have enough money to pay the salary of a university president, they expect to find some one who will not ridicule the religion of the parents and grandparents of the students."

Officer for Forty Days. In a letter to the Rev. E. S. Worcester, pastor of the First Congregational church of which President Birge has been an officer for 40 years, he reiterated expressions made to Mr. Bryan following his speech to students here declaring that he had "never found it necessary to justify religion to science or excuse science to religion."

"I have accepted both as equally divine revelations and both as equally wrought into the constitution of the world," President Birge said. "I have believed that wisdom and might are God's and I have equally believed that science reveals to us how that might and that wisdom are expressed in the operation of the world."

Ground for Objection. "Mr. Bryan seemed to dislike especially my objecting to his uniting religion to a 'discredited scientific hypothesis.' I think that the history of the church gives good ground for my objection. In the 15th century people were told that the doctrine of a round world was 'atheistic' and a century or so later the Copernican astronomy was called 'atheistic.' In the 19th century evolution in like manner was called 'atheistic' by men of whom Mr. Bryan is a belated follower."

"Did such teachings help religion in the past and is there any good reason to think Mr. Bryan will succeed where his predecessors have failed during four centuries? Another thing that seems to trouble Mr. Bryan is the fact that I told him that his teachings were 'atheistic' rather than the teachings of evolution. I had a real meaning and purpose in thus calling the attention of Mr. Bryan definitely and sharply to the religious harm that may come from his teachings."

Harmful Effect. "Now, if St. Paul was right, if God is to be sought for and found in the teachings that 'are not far from everyone of us' then those who urge us rather to look for God's creative activity in the remote past 'do err, not knowing the scriptures nor the power of God.' They are turning the seeker for God from the right track and putting him on one that is only too likely to lead him away from God."

"The harmful effect of such teachings was clearly seen in many of those who used to oppose evolution. They told me that we bear an image of God because of God's work in the creation of a remote ancestor, but they never thought of telling us that God sent forth His spirit and created in His image you and me and every baby that is born. They talked as men who had never found God, who is daily and hourly giving to all of us life and breath and all things."

"It was the presence in Mr. Bryan's speech of this attitude of mind that called out my protest to him."

File Petition to Take Over Pyramid Company's Assets. The state department of trade and commerce asked district court late yesterday for an order to take possession of all the property, records and effects of the Pyramid Mutual Accident company, that it may collect the company's assets and liquidate and wind up the company business.

The department alleges that an examination of the company showed that if it continued business the venture would be "hazardous to policy holders, creditors and the public."

Says Divorcee Married Illegally, Asks Annulment. Ralph Agee wants the court to annul his marriage to Lula Agee on the grounds that her former divorce decree was not operative at the time of their marriage, according to a petition he filed in district court yesterday.

Agee charges that his wife married him before her divorce had been operative six months.

Congregational Church to Be Formally Dedicated March 5. The new Central Congregational church, Thirty-sixth and Harney streets, will be dedicated formally Sunday, March 5. The services will start at 11 a. m. A dinner, to be held March 2 for members and friends of the church, will mark the opening of the dedicatory exercises. Dr. Charles F. Aked of Kansas City, lecturer and religious worker, will be the principal speaker.

Olds Refuses to Take Stand Against Family. Edwin Olds, sued for divorce by Mrs. Mary Olds, refused to take the stand yesterday. He declared that he "wouldn't testify against his family."

Amsden Changes Stores. Don B. Amsden, for years buyer and manager of millinery for the Brandeis stores, has acquired the millinery department of the Thomas Nipatrik & Co. store. Mrs. Amsden, who has been chief designer with him, will be his associate in the new undertaking.

Brother Took More Than His Share of Car, Part Owner Says

"Brother Against Brother"—not the stirring melodrama, but a suit filed in municipal court yesterday by Clarence Haley, single, city street department employee, living with his parents, 2767 South Ninth street, against his brother, Michael W. Haley, married, city fireman, living at 918 Hickory street.

Clarence and Mike bought an automobile together in 1919. Mike has taken more than his just half of the privileges and benefits of the bus, Clarence declares. He figures that Mike owes him exactly \$279.10, for which he asks judgment.

Their car was damaged in an accident last November and Mike collected and kept \$175 and then sold the car for \$20, Clarence alleges.

State Witness in Fogg Case Faints

Bernice Wiler Falls in Corridor After Testifying Against Walter Stevens.

"Bernice Wiler, witness for the prosecution in the trial of Walter (Finger) Stevens for alleged complicity in the murder of Frank Fogg, fainted yesterday after leaving the witness stand. She was taken into the county attorney's office and revived."

Mrs. Grace M. Russell, called to the stand by County Attorney Shotwell to testify that she had seen Stevens gazing into the Fogg drug store on the night of the murder, became angry when cross-examined by Richard Organ.

"Are you related to Frank Pierce?" inquired Organ. "Most certainly not," snapped Mrs. Russell.

"Have you ever been addicted to the use of drugs?" "That's an insult. No," almost shouted Mrs. Russell. "How old are you?" "Over 21. That's a personal question."

Mrs. Russell said she was a "citizen at large," when asked by Mr. Organ for the location of her home.

'Cyclone' Miller Pays \$2.50 for Assault

"Cyclone" Miller, box lunch man, was charged in police court yesterday with striking his former employee, Ernest Roberts.

Miller admitted striking Roberts, but charged him with making uncomplimentary gestures while he was talking to three salesmen at 1818 St. Mary's avenue. He struck Roberts for the gestures, he said.

Then he discharged Roberts, he said, and Roberts went over to a competitor and began selling lunches to his former customers. This, added to the gestures, was too much, he said.

Miller was fined \$2.50. Roberts has also filed suit for \$1,000 damages.

District Officials of War Vet Bureau in Omaha. A trio of officials from the St. Louis district office of the War Veterans' bureau arrived yesterday at the Bellevue vocational school from which Dexter C. Buell, director, is said to have resigned.

They are Arthur C. Johnson, rehabilitation chief; E. L. Hinak, auditor, and E. R. Decker of the claims department.

Ray Matthews, district officer, will be here Saturday, and M. E. Head of St. Louis, ranking chief of the whole organization for this district, will come next week.

Woman Faints in Police Court When Husband Fined. H. C. Patterson, 1702 South Seventeenth street, was charged in police court yesterday with pocketing \$9 in a sale for his employer, C. S. Hemstreet, 2570 Leavenworth street, local manager of the W. S. Buck Mercantile company.

Mrs. Patterson, who has just been released from a hospital, fainted as they were being led out of the court room. A collection was taken to pay the fine of \$5. Patterson maintained that Hemstreet owed him \$70.

Reward Offered for Poisoner of McDearmon Prize Airedale. "Mack," the prize Airedale of the T. H. McDearmon home, 4822 Capitol avenue, is disconsolate and sits all day mourning beside an empty Victrola box.

The cause of his grief is "Poppy," another prize Airedale, dead from poison given by an unknown hand.

The McDearmons have offered \$100 over the death and have offered \$100 for information leading to the discovery of the poisoner.

Woodrough Rules Against Testimony of Informer. Testimony of an informer was ruled unjustifiable against an offender of the Harrison drug act in federal court yesterday when Charles York, 612 North Seventeenth street, was arraigned for trial before a jury in Judge J. W. Woodrough's court.

"Under the law, the court cannot sustain this evidence as strong enough to put the case to a jury," Judge Woodrough said.

One Rich Man Named Jail. "Trusty" Another Wants to Be Frank McGinty, serving 30 days for contempt of court in a divorce proceeding, and C. L. Stull, "doing time" in a liquor case, the wealthiest prisoners in Douglas county jail vie with each other for jail favors. Stull has been made a "trusty" and McGinty has not.

"I don't see why they don't trust me too," says McGinty.

Convicted of Manslaughter. Israel Ballard was found guilty by a jury in District Judge Fitzgerald's court of the slaying of Ada Johnson last November. The jury returned a verdict of manslaughter after deliberating 18 hours.

U. S. May Abandon Military Defense of Philippines

War Department Considering Withdrawal of Troops, Even Before Ratification of Pacific Treaty.

By the Associated Press. Washington, Feb. 17.—Military defense of the Philippines may be completely abandoned by the United States, even before ratification of the four-power Pacific treaty.

The step is known to be under consideration in the War department. If it is carried out under pressure for further reduction of the strength of the army the garrison which has been maintained in the islands for defensive purposes ever since the first American troops landed under Dewey's guns in 1898, will be cut to no more than a police force to support the authority of the insular government.

Should this policy be finally adopted, it will be based on the contention that the treaty guarantees the security of the islands from attack by any signatory power and that they should be left to the protection of international good faith. As an evidence of its own complete good faith, such action by the United States, it was said, would have striking emphasis.

The possibility of aggression against the islands by any non-signatory power is regarded as so remote as not to deserve consideration.

In any event, it was said the provisions of the naval limitation treaty setting up a status quo agreement as to defenses of the Philippines or other islands covered by its terms, prevents establishment of fortifications adequate to repel an invader bent on occupation of Manila.

Two Mexicans Released in Scott Murder. One Still Held. Selo Fergo and Petro Lopez, Mexicans, arrested and quizzed by police in connection with the murder of Patrolman James Scott, were released yesterday by Chief of Detectives George Garmelo, arrested at the same time, is being held for further questioning.

A staff physician at the Cudahy Packing company did not corroborate the statement made to police by the man that he had been injured while working in the packing plant.

National Cash Register Head Sees Dawn of Prosperity. Frederick B. Patterson, president of the National Cash Register company, who is making a tour of the United States and Canada, brought a message of optimism to Omaha when he opened a two-day convention of salesmen at Hotel Fontenelle yesterday.

He declared the dawn of a general prosperity is near, but added that neither big nor little business can afford to wait for it.

Bigelow Not a Candidate Unless Office Seeks Him. If it is a case of the "office seeking the man," Anson H. Bigelow will be a candidate for United States senator in the new progressive party this year, he stated yesterday.

"I have been told that leaders of the party have signed my petition," he added. "But I am not seeking the nomination."

Son of Land Commissioner Named Receiver of Bank. Lincoln, Feb. 17.—(Special.)—J. E. Hart, secretary department trade and commerce, announced today that the district court had appointed Ray Swanson receiver for the failed Homer State bank. Swanson is the son of Dan Swanson, state land commissioner.

Stanton Farmer Kills Wife and Then Ends Own Life. Stanton, Neb., Feb. 17.—(Special Telegram.)—Frederick Renna, a farmer living near here, shot and killed his wife and then killed himself. No cause for the tragedy is known.

St. Lawrence Frozen. Ogdensburg, N. Y., Feb. 17.—The St. Lawrence river was frozen from bank to bank today for the first time in several seasons.

Bumper Crop Assures Lower Price for Ice

A bumper ice crop this winter assures lower prices next summer, ice dealers of the city agree. Ice houses of packers and wholesale dealers are stocked to capacity. The Omaha Ice and Cold Storage company is the only plant which will resume harvesting if another freeze comes.

Frank R. Mockler, general manager, announced yesterday that new ice prices would be announced this spring.

"We have already cut the price from 70 to 60 cents a 100 to housewives and from 88 to 56 to meat markets," he said.

All ice companies operating in Omaha made similar comments on the ice situation.

Girls' Friendly Societies Unite

Nine Branches to Be Consolidated at Admission Service Here Today.

Nine branches of the Girls' Friendly society in eastern Nebraska will be consolidated into one diocesan organization at the admission service to be conducted at Trinity cathedral today at 4 by Bishop E. V. Shayer, Miss May Case Marsh of New York, national extension secretary of the society in America, arrived in Omaha yesterday to assist in the consolidation. Membership in the Nebraska organization will total about 500.

The society, which is international, has branches in different churches and is one of the largest of its nature, having over 500,000 members in the English speaking colonies throughout the world. There are over 51,000 members in the United States.

The aim of the society is to develop the character of the girl. The slogan is "Bare no one another's burdens." The four cornerstones of the organization are social service, education, recreation and religion, and the entertainments given once every week involve these principles.

Preceding the organization ceremonies will be given by Miss Marsh, Miss Alice Fry, president of the Church School league of Nebraska, and Miss Eleanor Sprague, deputy to Mrs. Philip Potter, president of the Nebraska Church Service league. Delegates are expected from churches in Columbus, Plattsmouth and Lincoln.

Youth Who Begged as Mute to Be Held Here for Father Charles Satterby, 18 of Creston, Ia., answered Judge Foster's questions in police court with apparent case yesterday morning, though a subscription card taken from him stated he was both deaf and dumb.

Satterby was arrested Thursday by Special Officer George Carey in the Peters' Trust building, where he was making a systematic canvass. Judge Foster ordered him held by the juvenile authorities to be turned over to his father, a farmer, living near Creston. The lad had solicited 85 cents when arrested.

BRANDEIS TODAY Mat. & Ev'g. THE DRAMATIC SENSATION THE BAT Matinee, 50c to \$2; Ev'g's, 50c to \$2.50

EMPRESS Two Shows in One FOUR NIGHTS, "A Study in Sculpture," HALL & DEXTER, "What's It All About?" MARSHALL & CONNER, "An Episode of Jazz," GLADYS GREENE, "Vaudeville's Daintiest Dancer," "AT THE STAGE DOOR," photography attraction.

"OMAHA'S FUN CENTER Gayety Mat. and Night Today Good Res'vd Seat, 50c His Latest Novelty Review JEAN BEDINI'S SISTER SHOW TO "PEEK-A-BOO" "TWINKLE TOES" Musical A Superior Company of Burlesk and Vaudeville Stars, and a REAL BEDINI BEAUTY CHORUS LADIES' TICKETS, 15c-25c—EVERY WEEK DAY

MOON STARTS TODAY TOM MIX in "Sky High" ROUND ONE "THE LEATHER PUSHERS" Each a Complete Story

Rustic Garden TONIGHT BOYD SENTER Saxophone King SPECIAL MUSICAL PROGRAM in conjunction with CARL LAMP'S ORCHESTRA Admission, 40c—Includes Tax

SUN LAST-TIMES TONIGHT "WHY GIRLS LEAVE HOME" TOMORROW "A Connecticut Yankee"

Strand FINAL DAY Saturday Night

17 Men Indicted in Get-Rich-Quick Ring at Chicago

Leslie Harrington and Associates Charged With Operating Confidence Game by Grand Jury.

Chicago, Feb. 17.—Leslie Harrington and 16 others who were alleged to have helped him in "borrowing" a sum estimated at as large as \$7,000,000 from poor investors, mostly foreigners, were named in true bills returned by the grand jury yesterday, according to officials in the state's attorney's office.

All named, it was reported, were charged with operating a confidence game and evidence was heard which, it was predicted, would result in the voting of 14 more true bills tomorrow.

Similar action was expected, according to officials of the state's attorney's office, against Raymond J. Bischoff, on whose operations Harrington was said to have modeled his own, and into whose affairs an investigation has been in progress for several days.

In his testimony before a referee in bankruptcy, Bischoff has estimated his liabilities at \$4,500,000, with assets of less than \$1,000,000 in cash. Others, however, have estimated Bischoff's liabilities at approximately \$7,000,000—all collected in the form of loans during the past two years.

At the same time the belief was expressed by those in the state's attorney's office, who were familiar with the course of the investigation that the losses of the thousands of poor investors who trusted their money to Harrington and Bischoff might be as much as \$14,000,000.

Editors Will Meet. Lincoln, Feb. 17.—(Special.)—The Nebraska Press association will meet in Lincoln, February 23, 24 and 25.

LAST TWO TIMES MATINEE TODAY 2:15 Early Curtain TONIGHT at 8

DUGAN and RAYMOND in "An Ace in the Hole" SAM MANN in "Home Made Justice" Sophie Kasner SILVER, DUVAL & KIRBY Prosper & Mari Nellie & Josephine Jordan JIMMIE LUCAS With Francine

Today's Winner of Two Free Seats Is Auto No. 1005

Cherniavsky Trio Monday, Feb. 20 CITY AUDITORIUM Auspices Omaha Business Woman's Club

Tickets on sale Friday and Saturday, February 17 and 18; Monday, February 20, at Box Office. Tickets, \$1.50, \$1.00 and 50c, plus war tax.

At the Stage Door

RIALTO FINAL DAY MAE MURRAY in Peacock Alley

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Assortments Are Most Pleasing

All the Shapes That Fashion Favors

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You may have the idea that the price of a suit or overcoat is the thing you are most interested in this spring; you may come to us and say so. We know better than that.

What you're really interested in is the quality of the clothes; the materials, making, style. We know you want to get the best quality; you want it priced as low as possible, naturally. But don't let yourself be fooled by price.

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