

Three-Fingered Jack Godwin Delivers Forceful Sermon Here

Below is the Complete Sermon Delivered by the Evangelist at Union Meeting Recently.

We will talk tonight upon the subject of the inconsistency of earthly construction and the perfection of the construction by the Heavenly Father.

In early days, centuries ago, there landed upon the eastern coast of the Western Hemisphere a man called Amerigo Vesputius. He did not discover the Western Hemisphere, but was the discoverer of America. His object in seeking a foreign shore was to provide his people with a section of God's creation where their mind would not be hampered with the authority of kings and churches; where they might serve God according to the dictates of their own consciences. Out of the adventure of that good man has grown the greatest nation known to civilization. That nation is recognized today throughout the world as the land of invention. We are recognized as one of the first, if not the first, leading nation in Christianity.

We have in this great land of ours the greatest system of transportation in the world. The cost per million tons per mile is very much less in this land than in any other nation. Our rates for transportation in the United States are less to the shipper than in any other nation in the world.

The average cost per mile of these great interstate commerce carriers is about \$22,000, and there are about 104,5 of them registered as class A railroads in the United States of America.

Railways Gods Work

I have told you from time to time some things concerning these great railways, but this is the first time I have mentioned them in a more extensive way. I pray that when I have finished that you will recognize the railways as one of God's great evangelistic moves for the uplift of the human family, and I pray that you will learn to recognize the railroad man as an evangelist, no matter what department he is connected with.

A few years ago the automobile came in; today it is one of the largest industries. A few years ago the moving pictures came in; it is another great industry. When the automobile came the people found it necessary to build highways throughout this land. Immediately all over the United States good roads commissions were organized and we began to construct highways throughout the country. Today you can start from New York with your private automobile and in a few days' time you can land in Portland, riding over hard surfaced roads 80 per cent of the distance. Yet the railroads are carrying practically the same number of passengers and the same tonnage of freight as they did prior to the automobile. Traffic has not decreased—it has increased.

Trucks and Highways

We are spending millions of dollars in the state of Oregon and in the United States building highways. If these highways were used for pleasure caravans and the purposes for which they were constructed they would last practically indefinitely. But the use of our highway is being abused until I am afraid in the future there will come laws that will take away many of the privileges of the producer which they are abusing. The saloon keeper abuses his privilege until we have prohibition. I am very much afraid that there will come into effect a movement prohibiting the use of our highways for other than pleasure and private purposes, because the roads are being practically demolished and worn out even before we have paid for the bonds issued to pay for the construction. People are getting the benefit of the whole movement by overloading the highways with excess tonnage.

I hear a man say, "this does not sound like an evangelistic meeting." Wait until we are through. If we cannot have a little education along with it, I don't think it would amount to much. If we cannot make men desirous of building up the physical with the spiritual, that God has given them, so that they may be able to make and carry expression of body and brain together, what right have we to build them separately?

We have hundreds of thousands of acres of undeveloped land in the state of Oregon. There is enough untold land in this great state of Oregon to produce provisions to feed the starving masses of Armenia, without taking one ounce from the present production of the United States, and without begging people for hundreds of thousands, yes, millions of dollars, to feed these starving Christians. Yet we go on and on paralleling our railroad with highways. Roads duplicating one another, and without developing one acre in one foot of this undeveloped land. That class of construction is to me, wasteful and a sin in the sight of God.

Now, if the millions of dollars that have been spent in Oregon that way were expended to develop the undeveloped parts of our state, we would make it possible for our returned soldiers from overseas to come down here in some of these valleys and take this land and start cultivating the soil. The new we could have a highway to his place. He could truck his stuff down to a shipping point and put it in touch with the markets.

That kind of development would increase the shipments of the railroads and double their traffic. We could reduce passenger rates; we would be able to lay the stuff down to the people in the East; we would reduce the cost of living; and it would make it possible for the people in this great

country of ours to have a saving out of that which they earn.

Topeka Churches Poorly Attended. Go to the city of Topeka, Kansas, the state capital. Do not look at the beautiful capitol building, but just off around it in each corner. On every corner around that whole park you will find a big church edifice. Each one of them trying to look greater than the other one. Station a man at the door of those eleven churches, surrounding that state capitol, any Sunday night you wish and you will not find people enough entering the doors of those churches to fill any one of the eleven.

Look at the inconsistency of God's money paid out by God's people to build wonderful buildings and have them less than half occupied. Let's look on all sides of the question. Would it not be better if we, as Christian people serving God, looking forward to heaven, taking into consideration the salvation of one soul and that soul to be made a child of God through His Son, Jesus Christ? I believe in my heart that God would say: "Sell the buildings; sell the lots; give them to the poor, and come together, showing brotherly love." Support and have a Church of God where you would have a house full of overflowing every night; then you could employ great speakers.

There are few adventurers living at this age—only a few. A fellow told me he went hunting. "That so?" "Yes." "What did you hunt?" "I went out to get a bear." "Did you get one?" "No. You know, I hunted all day. I stopped seven different places along the highway, and I didn't even see a track." Now, he was an adventurer, he was. I expect he stopped at Horseshall Falls, and Bonneville and up along the highway there. He sat down with a gun and said: "Come down, Mister Bear, I want to shoot you."

It is true that we are anxious to have a highway running from New York to Portland in 1925. I am anxious to see those people pouring through the city of La Grande in 1925. I would like to see one thousand automobiles stop here every night. That would mean \$8000 a day at least. For every car stopping in your town would have money enough in La Grande to buy highways across your beautiful valley, to every 100 acres, and help to make it productive and make a prosperous city. But, if you build alongside of the railroad track I am afraid that all you will be to ride along the highway for a pleasure trip. That is a waste of money. If you want to compete; compete far enough in the country so that you may open new territory and bring out new possibilities.

Take Part in Public Work

Now then, I honestly believe that we should begin from the platform of every church to take up every movement affecting public expenditures. To see if every dollar is going to be expended for the full benefit of the human family, whether in Oregon or elsewhere. We are all Americans, and never in the history of the world, like today, did we need the undeveloped lands of our country. All Europe is torn to pieces; in all Europe there is suffering, starving, nakedness. Children that should be the size of our boys and girls of 14 and 15 are the size of our boys and girls of 7 and 8 years, for lack of bodily sustenance to nourish them. Yet we are spending our millions and millions paralleling developed sections of the country and sections that are valueless for production.

When Jesus Christ came into the world what did He do? He made it a new world. He made the old new. He said, "Go ye into all the world." He means for man to inhabit all the world. Yet we spend hundreds of millions of dollars developing roads that do not touch undeveloped sections; but let a railroad run down there, and they will have a highway there. And as soon as the railroad gets there it pays 46 per cent of the construction of that highway. Then you say, why can't we have more money here? Because the railroad company you are working for has to pay 46 per cent of the cost of the highway paralleling their roads.

This is a railroad lecture, isn't it? Yes sir. God Almighty put the iron in the bowels of this earth for the construction of railroads and equipment. The Almighty put it in the mind of man to place a spoon over the top of a teakettle spout to see the lid raise up in order that he could get the idea of the power of steam so he could connect New York with San Francisco, Portland and Seattle.

Now you go over to the round-house, look up at one of those mountains of steel over there. Watch it roll out on the track, then see some clear-brained engineer climb those steps. He leans over to look out along the side of that mountain of metal, lays his hand on the throttle and then looks back at the train behind him and he says: "I don't know whether there are a thousand or two thousand people back there or not; I don't know whether they are Christians or not; I don't know what their destination is going to be."

If he don't run according to the orders of the dispatcher and to the books of rules there is something liable to be doing. He will pull the throttle open with his eyes upon the rail, with the lives of those people in his hand. There is not a more responsible position in the world than that of a locomotive engineer.

Oh, my job is nothing like it, for whenever a man goes to church, it is either because he is a Christian or he believes in Christianity or he wants to be a Christian. But every body gets on the train to ride. When the man on the freight train pulls that God's people may be fed. I am the throttle, he doesn't know how many unfortunate men there may be riding the rods or breakbeams; in the old coal car, or riding in a "box." Some people think it quite honorable to ride in a private car, but some how or other many of them do not ride as easy as they might.

Hidden on Engine Pilots

I have ridden the pilots of engines. Stealing my way over the railroads. I know the conditions. The engineer says: "One thing certain. If I get off the rail, or have a collision, and if I kill my passenger, they are some mother's sons or daughters. Or it may be some child of God, who is not able to pay his way and ride on the cushions, but I must be careful of everything." He makes mistakes, perhaps he is inconsistent; we all make mistakes; we are all inconsistent, to some extent, these are the inconsistencies of construction I am talking about.

God's construction; what did God do?

Out of nothing He created the Heavens and the Earth and the sea, and all life, and last of all He created man, yet in the beginning He began with the love of man. I think He studied out the plan of the earth. Like Thomas Edison I think God was a great inventor. From various minerals Thomas Edison made it possible to take a little piece of steel, a little piece of lampglass and a little piece of wax, and make it talk and reproduce the voice of man. Edison has developed and invented many things for man but he has never created anything, not thing. All that he has ever done has been to take what the Almighty God has placed here in the hands of man that he may work with and experiment with, and develop his mind and make himself what God, had placed him here for.

And the great God of the Heavens had it figured out what these things would do. Did you ever stop to think that He so distributed the minerals, and the forests and the tillable lands and the rocky peaks and the rivers and the lakes and everything that there is upon the soil that every man could be within a reasonable distance of everything that he needed, and as God created it.

Not long ago in the state of California, a fellow said: "If that is so what in the world did God put that mountain out there for? He just dumped piles of rock in the most beautiful valley there is. There is nothing up there in those hills, but it wasn't long afterward until we saw a little derrick going up on the hill. An arm was working up and down and you could hear the noise down the pipe there, as it was drilling a hole down through the earth. After a while we heard a rumble, the drill was down in the bowels of the earth. The man shouted for you to run, and soon there came an explosion of gas. The derrick shot up into the air a thousand feet and carried a ton of metal with it.

There, God had placed underneath those mountains cavities filled with gas, to light the cities, and to heat their homes, and that they might dry their fruits with. Those mountains down there have become the most profitable soil in the entire valley. When the time came for God's people to use the mountains He put into the minds of people to go after the products He gave them.

Strange Ore Discovered

In Alsace Lorraine, many years ago there was discovered a black ore. They did not know what it was at the beginning, but they began to crush it up, they tried to make use of it but failed. Finally a chemist analyzed it. He applied it to the surface of the earth and soil that had become exhausted, and that would not produce began producing. In England too, they applied it and the soil began to produce, and feed God's people. The soils of old Europe had become exhausted of phosphorus, so they began to replenish the surface of the earth from the bowels of the earth with phosphorus. England, today is the second greatest producing country according to its acreage in the world. Why, because God had buried over there in Alsace Lorraine that substance which the exhausted earth required. The world could not live without God. God said to some man, "Go get it." He went, and Holland and England are the first to use phosphorus and are now the leading producing nations per acre in the world.

When the great war came on they

asked, "What shall we do now?" In America they began to look, and they found under Salt Lake, a bed of phosphorus 75 feet deep, 50 inches wide, and long enough to supply the world for a hundred years, the man on the freight train pulls that God's people may be fed. I am the throttle, he doesn't know how many unfortunate men there may be riding the rods or breakbeams; in the old coal car, or riding in a "box."

We are lacking in that we have squandered God's money in trying to compete one with the other and in not developing God's earth as He intended us to do. Why is this? It is the lack of Christianity in the hearts of professional Christian people. We have lost the idea of Christianity largely.

Unity is Growing

These are union meetings; that is there is a unity of spirit here. Unity is growing more and more and when church recognizes church, no matter what church it may be, then men are going to recognize God, as God. Then we are going to recognize Christ as Jesus Christ. There is but one Christ. He is the only Christ who was ever crucified, who died, was buried and on the third day arose and ascended into Heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence He shall come to judge the quick and the dead.

Tonight in your heart, you know if you died tonight whether you would meet your God and be received. Your conscience tells you if the condition of your soul is right.

Have you prayed? Have you studied this over? Have you thought of it? Can you see it? Can you believe it? Dare you refuse it? It is your duty as a man, it is your duty as an American; it is your duty according to the word of God, to consider this. You owe it to your flag; it is a duty you owe civilization; it is a duty you owe the starting through out the whole world; it is a duty you owe to every creature in the whole world, that you, as an individual enroll yourself upon the Lamb's book of life.

Give God a chance to enter your heart, and be a man among men; fearless without blemish to go out into the world, and shout the praises of God. He is the greatest constructor; He gave his only begotten Son that whosoever liveth should not perish but have everlasting life.

Still Still Warm When It Landed In The Court House

ENTERPRISE, Dec. 6.—A complete still in actual operation was seized by the officers Thursday morning and Ed Boyd was arrested at a house near the East Oregon stock yard. The container into which the moonshine was trickling was brought, piping hot to the court house and later other parts of the outfit were gathered in. Three 60-gallon barrels of mash were found concealed in a pit under the floor of the house and a stove had been set up above the spot to divert suspicion. The mash was kept warm by a lighted lantern. Boyd has been arrested before for moonshining.

Other makers of booze, who try an occasional flag at the business, are kept under watch and are likely to be captured when they fancy themselves secure.

Ship Subsidy To Be Subject Of Special Presidential Message

WASHINGTON, Dec. 6.—President Harding will send a special message to congress in January recommending the establishment of a ship subsidy policy. The Harding ship subsidy message will contain definite recommendations and will take up the whole subject of American merchant marine and the methods of increasing its utility and assuring its permanence. Studies are now in progress for the preparation of the message.

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California Expects Good
Opposition From Both
O. A. C. and U. of O.

BERKELEY, Calif., Dec. 6.—Fivearsity veterans of the University of California basketball team, which won the Pacific Coast Conference title last season, are on this year's squad, which will be out to retain the title.

California expects its hardest opposition in the conference will be the University of Washington, which is reported, has every first string man of 1920 back in uniform. The two Oregon schools, the Oregon Aggies and the University of Oregon, will have strong teams, having lost but one veteran each. Nothing is known here of the strength of Washington state College.

Stanford University, which defeated California in their annual three-game series last year, is not expected to be strong this season, having lost several members of the 1920 team. Stanford's new football coach, Gene Van Gent, will also handle basketball.

Basketball schedules for the conference will be arranged when the delegates from the universities and colleges meet at Portland December 10.

California's team will leave here about December 21 on its annual Christmas holiday trip to Southern California before the conference season opens. The men will meet Pomona College, Redlands University, University of Southern California, Los Angeles Athletic Club, southern branch of the University of California and the Fresno Y. M. C. A. California expects its hardest games will be against the Los Angeles Athletic Club. Sixteen players, Coach E. H. Wright and Manager Harold Noack will make the southern trip.

Explosion On Yacht Results In One Death

PENSACOLA, Fla., Dec. 6.—One man is dead, one missing and two seriously injured as a result of an explosion Saturday night on board the yacht Glendover of New Orleans, according to advices received here. The explosion occurred when the boat was off St. Andrews, the injured being taken to Panama City. The Glendover was burned to the water's edge.

The names of the crew were not available here. Dispatches attributed the accident to carelessness by one of the crew.

The Glendover was a fast cruiser yacht valued by its builder at \$250,000. It was in government service during the war. It sailed from that port three weeks ago for a trip along the Florida coast.

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Working Women Name Planks In Platform

GENEVA, Dec. 6.—There are three planks in the platform of the new International Federation of Working Women, the organization evolved out of the second Congress of Working Women lately held here. The three objects of the women are given as follows:

To promote trade union organization among women.

To develop an international policy giving special consideration to the needs of women and children and to examine all projects for legislation proposed by the International Labor Conference of the League of Nations.

To promote the appointment of working women on organizations affecting the welfare of the workers.

Only trade unions affiliated with the Amsterdam International Federation or those with like objects are eligible to membership. The headquarters will be in London for the next two years. The officers who constitute an executive board include Mrs. Raymond Robins, of Chicago, president; and Mrs. Maud Swartz, secretary of the New York State Women's Trade Union League, as one of the vice-presidents.

SIX IN DEATH PILOT

PHOENIX, Ariz., Dec. 6.—Arrest of six persons charged with the murder of J. J. Knight, wealthy resident

of Wichita, Falls, Tex., who disappeared last July, was announced Friday by county officials here.

Knight was last seen on July 9, when he passed through Buckeye, Ariz., 30 miles west of here, on his way to California in an automobile. The car was found near Buckeye a few days after that and a few days ago bones believed by county officials to be the skeleton of Knight were discovered six miles from where the car was found. Identification of the bones as those of Knight has not yet been made absolute, according to county officials.

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