

GAS COMPANY'S REVENUE BEHEKED

Velguth No Worse Than Corporations That Rob Public, Says Preacher.

WHO WILL BE THE NEXT?

Rev. S. C. Lapham, Pastor of Second Baptist Church, Says Many Other Young Portland Men Lead Double Lives.

That there is no moral distinction between the crime of Bernard O. Velguth, the gas office embezzler, and the crimes of the great corporations whose millions have been stolen from the public was the statement made from the pulpit of the Second Baptist Church last evening by the pastor, Rev. S. C. Lapham.

Mr. Lapham spent several days last week in talking over the Velguth case with the leading business men of Portland and his sermon, "The Way to Hell and the Chambers of Death," embodied the opinions expressed in those interviews.

Incidentally the preacher remarked that there were others in the eligible class occupying responsible positions in Portland, and declared that at least a thousand Portland men dined each evening with their mistresses, "who next" was the question naturally suggested by his sermon.

"The revolutions of crime, its shame and disgrace, do not cease. The eyes of the nation have been turned upon our own fair city and state as the roll of our criminal statistics and law violating citizens, prosecuted and sentenced in prisons, we see thousands of the white and colored people, full of the death of a murderer, we see the bodies of men who are in the hands of the whole deadly brood.

"In our humiliation we may draw some lessons from these events. I wish to commend to you two hundred articles published in the Oregonian, as preaching two of the strongest sermons ever delivered in this city against fraud, embezzlement and the like, and I refer to the picture of the young man looking at the dishonest roll of the bribe-taker and the other the youth and the harlot, with the words of Proverb 7 printed beneath, referring to Velguth, the embezzler from the gas company.

DEFENSE OF MRS. NICHOLS

Dr. J. Whitcomb Brounger Says She Was Not to Blame.

Though Nadine Nichols cast a spell about Bernard O. Velguth and led him to embezzle thousands of dollars that she might enjoy the luxuries of life, the young man is not to be held responsible for his actions. This is from the viewpoint of Dr. J. Whitcomb Brounger, who discussed "The Woman in the Case" at the White Temple last evening.

It is as true as ever, "Broad is the way to destruction, narrow is the way." Crowded. Who is to blame for the acts of this young embezzler? First of all, he is! No juggling with words, the subject of heredity and the influence of the fact of moral responsibility. He knew better, as every wrongdoer knows better. Every man knows better than to steal, whether it be a few hundred dollars or valuable franchise worth millions.

"A business man connected with one of the largest corporations of the city said to me: 'I blame the gas company as much as Velguth; it is a crime to run a business today in a way that would make possible such a thing as the stealing of gas company by buying and selling, watering stock, increasing its capital and the whole scheme by which somebody has received or will receive a share of the gas company's profits.'

"There is such a thing as moral over-reaction. A man has no more business to jeopardize a man's integrity than to endanger his physical well-being. Every employer should make it as difficult as possible for his employees to become as easy as possible for men to do right.

SERVICES AT WESTMINSTER

Rev. Henry Marcotte Preaches on Opening of Eyes.

Illustrated by speech and song, the service and sermon yesterday morning at the Westminster Presbyterian church. Rev. Henry Marcotte, the pastor, preached on the scripture, "And their eyes were opened and they knew him; he vanished out of their sight."

"Recently we have come to know the use and power of electricity and radium," said Mr. Marcotte. "The power which these elements represent have always existed from the beginning of the world. It is only hidden and has only been developed by man, by some genius, who discovered their uses, and yet their power was more than a hundred times greater than what is now being used."

Some of Those to Blame. "Every foul-mouthed man who has placed a premium on vice in the presence of this young man, every theatrical exhibition whose theme was centered in illicit love, murder, divorce and the cultivation of the baser part; every man who has scouted temperance, every school and every institution, every newspaper, has helped this young man on his way to hell."

Other nations following in the wake of our own, will consequently advance relatively more swiftly. As citizens of the United States, then, we are politically sovereign, in the nation that leads the nations of the world, more plastic of the ages, in which the mold is being cast of governments

USEFUL LIFE LIVES

Mrs. Jacob Fleischner, Pioneer of Portland, Is Dead.

KNOWN FOR HER CHARITY

Belonged to Various Benevolent Organizations and Was a Lavish, Though Unostentatious Giver to Poor and Needy.

Mrs. Jacob Fleischner, one of the most highly respected and widely known pioneer women of Oregon, died yesterday morning at 3:30 o'clock at the family home, 311 Seventh street.

Old age and continued suffering under rheumatism, referred to both the first and made a brave fight to regain her health yesterday morning she succumbed.

What was true of the Gadarenes is true of the world today, where fast living, and vicious indulgence, and dishonest methods of securing riches, have become the order of the day. In Capernaum, however, the Lord returned after the absence of a single night, his disciples were astonished and wondered at his presence and reception was enthusiastic, for the people had heard of him; there were stonemasons there of 12 years as at the point of death, and there was the woman who for 12 years had been ailing with a disease that robbed her of vigor; and she was among the first to be healed.

CHOR OF THIRTY VOICES ORGANIZED FOR WINTER AT TAYLOR-STREET CHURCH.

Dr. F. Burgette Short Preaches on Consequences of Minor Sins. Refers to Velguth Case.

A choir of 30 voices, led by Professor H. Boyer, took part in the services at the Taylor-street Methodist church yesterday morning and night.

Continuing, he said: "Some men are accountable for their deeds both in the day and the night. This fact is in the ethical fabric of the universe, and civilized man believes in it and cherishes it as a sacred principle. This is the principle of continuity and solidarity of state and race. God's universe is dominated by the principle of continuity."

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"I call your attention to two spiritual seed-sowers of whose sin the human law takes no notice and to whom earthly courts cannot mete penalties. But when these sins manifest themselves by unlawful relations with men, then the human law comes into its own, and I refer to pride and covetousness."

Three Men Blown to Atoms. WINNIPEG, Man., Sept. 16.—By a premature explosion of dynamite this afternoon at a railroad camp 18 miles from Kenora three men were blown to pieces. Fragments of their bodies were picked up 40 feet away.

WAVE SEVEN FEET HIGH

Hay Swept Away and Hogs A Drowned in Nebraska. JACKSON, Neb., Sept. 16.—At 7:30 o'clock this morning water from a cloudburst in the northwestern part of Dakota County and the eastern part of Dixon County rushed down the valley of Elk Creek, sweeping away hundreds of tons of hay, drowning hogs caught in pens, flooding cellars, washing away railroad tracks and doing other damage, all of which conservatively estimated at \$100,000.

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OPERATIONS AWAY

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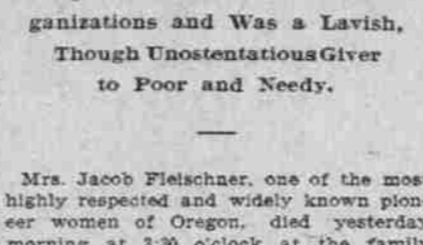
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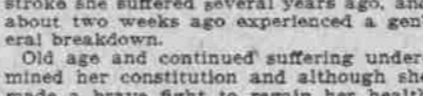
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