

SENSELESS WORDS

Religious Craze Known as "Gift of Tongues" Gains Foothold at Los Angeles.

ORGIES ARE HELD DAILY

Prominent Surgeon and Daughter Are Victims—Whites and Blacks Translate Their Jargon in Scriptural Language.

LOS ANGELES, CAL., Oct. 21.—(Special.)—Six months ago a frenzied, religious delusion, known as the "gift of tongues" struck Los Angeles and up to this time has enmeshed approximately 800 people.

The sect found its beliefs and demonstrations upon the second chapter of the Acts of the Apostles wherein it is told that there descended upon the 12 apostles cloven tongues of fire giving them the power to speak with other tongues.

Meetings are held daily in at least three places of churches in Los Angeles. All-day and all-night sessions are frequent and in each meeting the main feature is the holding forth in "unknown tongues" by the more devout members.

Whites and Blacks Mixed. The largest membership of the cult is now found in what is known as the Azusa Mission, the nearest church to the city.

The Rev. Joseph Smale was at one time pastor of a leading Baptist church. During his pastorate a split occurred and a number of the wealthier members withdrew under the leadership of Robert J. Hundette.

In the People's Church, Sixth and Mateo streets, presided over by Rev. T. G. Atterbury, believers in the "gift of tongues" have attained an ascendancy over the pastor and here, also, disapproval of the movement by the staid members has caused a split.

Nicknamed "Tangled Tonguers." The pastors in general throughout the city are not taking kindly to the growth of the "Tangled Tonguers," as they are called by scoffers, and nearly every Sunday some minister speaks against the delusion from the pulpit.

The Azusa Mission has conquered more serious opposition than that of the regular ministers. Complaints to the police have been frequent and the police or daughters were enmeshed in the movement and by others who live in the neighborhood of the church and who object to the all-night shouting of the enthusiasts.

Forty of his followers accompanied the arresting officers and Prentice to the Courthouse, where the leader was taken before the lunacy commission, presided over by Judge G. A. Gibbs, of the Superior Court.

Prentice was discharged from custody, Judge Gibbs remarking that if the leader were sent to the insane asylum, it would be as good as gone for sending his 400 or 500 followers there also.

Surgeon and Daughter Converted. One of the most amazing converts is Dr. Henry S. Keyes, directing surgeon of the Emergency and General Hospital of this city.

Dr. Keyes is not a wild-eyed fanatic in appearance. He is a tall, fine-looking man who speaks correctly and is seen at once to be a polished man of the world.

nizes the scrawl as "Gese" or "Donol Priau," spoken in Palestine. He claims to have been Mohammedan. One night he strolled into a "Gift of Tongues" meeting, as his story runs, and to his amazement heard a woman he did not know call out to him in his own tongue and apply to him the "burial name" which every Mohammedan religiously conceals.

Oriental Scholar Puzzled. On the other hand, Baba Bharati, another Oriental scholar, who makes his home in Los Angeles, has been called in by Dr. Keyes to scrawl. He declares it is neither Hindoo, Persian, Arabic, Chinese, Japanese or Sanskrit and that the characters do not look like those of any Asiatic language with which he is at all acquainted.

It is coincident with the conversion of Dr. Keyes there came the public reputation of the "Gift of Tongues" by Miss Maud Snyder, a woman of 21, who had been converted by Miss Snyder, a member of the Baptist Church, and is the daughter of refined parents. She was a "Gift of Tongues" convert for 14 days, having declared she had moved back during that period she was hypnotized. Telling of her experiences Miss Snyder said:

"I was sitting in the church listening to the leaders, and I do not recall that I was thinking of anything in particular. Suddenly I began to shake violently. It is impossible for me now to repeat what I said, but I lost control of my faculties and shook off the chair to the floor. There I could do nothing but scream, sing and shout.

"I had no control of words. I was conscious of what went on around me, but I could not get up. The first sensation was in the hands, which tingled like receiving an electric current. My friends afterwards told me that I jabbered senselessly and barked like a dog. I have no recollection of what words I spoke."

Because Parents Lacked Faith. It was announced by the leaders that Miss Snyder would receive the gift of the Spanish tongue and go forth a missionary into Mexico. When it was found that her words were unintelligible it was declared that she had received a "stammering tongue" because of the lack of faith of her parents.

The Azusa Mission is a building apparently designed as a warehouse. The rough walls are whitewashed and the commonest of chairs seat the 500 people for which the place has capacity. Whites and blacks crowd the place in equal numbers.

There are numerous "specialists." One buxom negro wench, every evening, sings in an unknown tongue. The "songs" are about more than 100 and the words are senseless jargon. Often a negro baritone will join in absolute discord.

Old Lady Does the Cataleptic Trance. An elderly woman, well dressed and having a sweet face and soft gray hair, makes a specialty of a cataleptic trance. The trance is preceded by a series of "hallelujahs." This woman frequently maintains an attitude of benediction, standing with one arm outstretched, head thrown back and eyes closed, for an hour and 15 minutes.

There are numerous members who speak in jargon and then translate their words into scriptural language. One who refers to herself as Sister Evans is a sales girl and fashionably gowned. She claims to have been the first to receive the gift of tongues.

In all the six months the frenzy has been at its height there have been no translations that are convincing to one whose mind is in normal condition. It is a peculiarity of most of the "languages" that the syllables spoken are exactly the same in number as the syllables in the English translation—a similarity that it would be almost impossible to find between the English translation and the actual rendering of a scriptural verse in a foreign tongue.

In spite of the sound arguments of those who remonstrate with the more intelligent of the converts, the movement bears signs of a progress undaunted by attacks from pulpit and press. It is increasing their efforts, while scores of fanatics from other sections of the country are arriving in this city to aid them.

GOOSE LAKE RESERVE. Forest Service Will Reserve Timber, Grazing and Water.

OREGONIAN NEWS BUREAU, Washington, Oct. 21.—The Goose Lake Reserve, was recently proclaimed by Presidential proclamation signed August 21. This reserve is situated near Goose Lake, which extends into Oregon from the Idaho border at Calistoga.

The country which it embraces is a very rough except along the water courses, being mainly of volcanic character, with surface of lava flows, scoria, or solid basaltic fragments of "rim rock." Climate, physical structure and soil conditions effectively preclude development as an agricultural area.

There are two main types of forest— that represented by the lodgepole pine areas, and that of the Western yellow (bull) pine and sugar pine areas. Much of the latter has been cut for local use, and the lumber industry is being protected by the inferior lodgepole pine.

The Goose Lake reserve is quite irregular in shape, and comprises about 80,000 acres.

OLD'S, WORTMAN & KING STORE NEWS THE DIFFERENT STORE Monday's Supplement Fete d'Automne Appendix to Sunday's Store Page

A Worth-While Saving in Today's Sale of Rich, Beautiful Taffeta Silks at 67c Fifth Street Annex—First Floor.

One of the most remarkable values offered this season by any Western Silk Store. The silks are all new as the morning, very smart weaves and in all wanted colorings.

Portland's Dress Goods Store Offers Extraordinary Values Today Annex, Fifth St., First Floor.

Read the detail: the special prices last three days—the sale opening this morning continues Tuesday and Wednesday. The fabrics constituting the monster offering are all the new, smart, down-to-date stuffs that fashionable dressers are calling for daily.

The growth of this great business has caused wonderment all up and down the Coast—but not in Portland. To you who know the Store, the wonder is it's not grown larger still. It deserves growth. It's a store of deeds—not mere words: it's a store of immense stocks, splendid variety, of fair prices, considerate attention—a careful store all thru.

Asbestos Table Mats IN A SPECIAL SALE. PROTECT THE POLISHED TABLES—PAY 69c TODAY FOR A \$1.35 SET OF ASBESTOS MATS.

Save your highly-polished dinner table by buying a set of Asbestos mats with slips of fine white linen, stamped in pretty floral designs—three in a set, of oblong shapes; sizes 9x11, 9x12 and 13x17. Regular price \$1.35, at set, special 69c.

Men's Furnishings Special Values: Sixth Street Annex, First Floor. INTERESTING PARAGRAPHS FOR THE MASCULINE READER THAT POINT THE PATH TO SAVINGS.

Men's \$1.50 Golf Shirts \$1.05—A line of men's Golf Shirts in plain blue Oxfords, satin striped Madras and fancy effects; 1 pair cuffs; regular value \$1.50—special \$1.05.

Glove News With a Bargain Trend First Floor. Ladies' 85c Lisle Gloves for 35c —Ladies' two-clasp fine lisle-thread Gloves, in gray, white, biscuit, green and mode; regular 85c value; special sale price—the pair 35c.

Venise Appliques Special Values—First Floor. A Line of Beautiful Venise Appliques, in white and cream, with colored embroidered centers, in the new blues and percuty shades; are from 4 to 9 inches wide, and priced at the yard \$5.00, \$8.50 and \$10.00.

We Want More Salesfolk HELP WANTED In nearly all departments—permanent positions, with good pay and humane hours await applicants who've experience. Apply to Superintendent this morning.

PRIZE ORCHARD OF VALLEY THOUSANDS OF BOXES HARVESTED NEAR SALEM. Most Modern Methods of Culture and Spraying in Vogue on the Wallace Ranch.

SALEM, OR., Oct. 21.—(Special.)—The apple harvest on the Wallace orchard, near this city, where is located the largest commercial apple orchard in the Willamette Valley, is now in progress and a splendid lot of apples is being gathered.

There are ten acres of apples of other varieties. These apples will all go East to some of them to England, and all bear an Oregon brand. The Wallace orchard is one that shows in a noteworthy manner the good results of thorough spraying, careful thinning and other needed attention.

PERSONAL MENTION. NEW YORK, Oct. 21.—(Special.)—Northwestern people registered today as follows: From Portland—H. E. Harris, at the Imperial; A. W. Oebosch and wife at the Ashland.

PICKERS SHORT AT HOOD RIVER HOOD RIVER OR., Oct. 21.—(Special.)—The scarcity of apple-pickers continues to be a serious condition. Of course, they would have kept much longer in cold storage.

Today's Stirring Specials in Jewelry and Handbags Annex—First Floor.

25c Gold-Plated Beauty Pins 17c Pair—Gold-plated Beauty Pins, in a variety of designs, with well-made pins and catches; our regular 25c values, special at, pair... 17c.

LEATHER GOODS Women's \$2.00 Leather Handbags \$1.35—A line of new deep-shape Handbags, all leather-lined, fitted with coin purse, in black, brown and green; regular value \$2—special \$1.35.

The Olds, Wortman & King Store is the best shopping place in Portland for the rich—because of its rich goods. It's the most necessary store in Portland to those who must count the costs, because 'tis the store that sells inexpensive goods fairly—and at the best possible prices at all times—and its special values are genuine bargains.

Homefitters Who've Curtains or Portieres to Buy

Will read this good news of special savings with interest and respond promptly. The reductions are drastic, the bargains remarkable. Take elevator to Fourth Floor.

Special Sale of Tapestry Portieres

Fine Tapestry Portieres, in handsome combinations of colors, in stripes and figures; a big selection, but only one or two pairs of a kind.

Special Sale Linen Scrim Curtains Very Pretty Linen Scrim Curtains, in ecru, with plain center and delicate linen lace insertion and lace edge to match.

Our \$4.50 value—special at, the pair... \$3.40 Our \$5.00 value—special at, the pair... \$3.75 Our \$10.00 value—special at, the pair... \$7.45

HITS A FLOATING MINE RUSSIAN STEAMER SINKS NEAR VLADIVOSTOK. One Hundred and Eighty of Passengers and Crew of Conster Are Drowned.

LONDON, Oct. 21.—A dispatch received here from Vladivostok by Lloyd's Agency says the Russian wooden coasting steamer Warjagin struck a floating mine and foundered October 20. Some of her passengers and crew were saved, but 180 persons were drowned.

CHASES ANOTHER RAINBOW Gompers Talks of Preventing Cannon's Re-Election as Speaker.

OREGONIAN NEWS BUREAU, Washington, Oct. 21.—Finding it impossible to prevent the election of Joseph G. Cannon to the Sixtieth Congress, President Samuel Gompers of the American Federation of Labor, has determined to prevent Cannon's re-election to the Speakership when the new House of Representatives meets and organize.

There is only one possible means by which Gompers could prevent Cannon's re-election to the Speakership, by forcing the certain Republican to vote for the Democratic candidate, and history has never recorded an instance where a Republican majority has elected a Democratic Speaker, and if never will. No Republican is going to vote for a Democrat for Speaker. To do so would be to commit political suicide, and it is better for the fearful members to vote for Cannon and retire with honor than vote for a Democrat and experience two years of awful ostracism in Congress.

The curious glitche animal known as the bat has long perplexed all students of animal life. As far as can be discovered, these creatures are useless to the owner, if not to other hands, by collecting bits of straw, grass, or of all kinds, they seem to be an intolerable nuisance.