

SEANCE CONVINCES ALL IN ATTENDANCE

Brilliant Lights Held Part of Medium's Power.

SINGULAR MUSIC HEARD

Strange and Familiar Faces Materialized, One Angelic Figure Hardly Describable.

Our American Adventure, by Sir Arthur Conan Doyle.

Neither Keedick, my manager, nor I had seen any of the phenomena, though both had been so mixed up with Sir Oliver and with myself. I was glad therefore, when Miss Besinet extended an invitation to them to be present.

The seance was a very remarkable one and absolutely convincing to all who were present. Brilliant lights are part of the medium's power and even before she had sunk into trance they were flying up in graceful curves as high as the ceiling and circling back upon us.

A powerful male voice then sang two songs with a vigor and charm which would be worth a handsome salary in the halls. This person explained that he was an American soldier, Dan, who had died in the Philippines. Several times, Mr. Keedick tells me he had materialized and stood, visible to the waist, awaiting in military fashion, a beautiful timbucum companion.

This varied entertainment was presided over by a very guttural and laconic Indian, Black Cloud, who occasionally shoots out an order, and is followed by a small, fat, English spirit, named Fanny, with a squeaky childish voice, who moves about, makes remarks, and in spite of the dark room, she is not in sympathy with the silent Indian and is inclined to be pert, for when he said "Squaw talk too much," she answered, "Some chiefs talk too much sometimes," which elicited a grin of contempt.

Then the faces began. They glimmer up out of the darkness, a glow comes beside them, and then they vanish. Our first one seen equally by both of us, was a truly angelic female face, so pure and sweet that a great master has ever painted such a Madonna. It had the psychic arch over the brow. Then came others with a certain suggestion of the various friends on the other side, but none so clear as I could positively swear to.

At the end of the seance a considerable apparition was built up before us representing a woman down to her waist with drapery over her head, the whole forming an absolute copy of the Katie King photograph which I am in the habit of showing in my lectures. My wife cried out, "It is the same face, the same dress, the same drapery—it is Katie King!"

Three loud raps in or on the table at once assented. A moment later an elderly man, with very white hair and nose, appeared before me, and Mr. Keedick also saw him. Mr. Keedick described him as having an imperial, but the lower part of the face was vague as I saw it. It was certainly very like Sir William Crookes, who might be expected to manifest in connection with Katie King, but I could not absolutely affirm it.

Katie King was, of course, the materialized spirit who for two years manifested in Crookes' own study in Mornington Road in 1872, 1873, as detailed by him in the Quarterly Journal of Science. It is one of the misfortunes and reproaches of spiritualism that such valuable literary and evidential documents as Crookes' own account of this all-important episode should get out of print and be inaccessible. An American publisher, Doran, has now consented to republish it on condition that I write a preface, which I have promised, though I am ashamed of the number of prefaces to psychic books which I have already turned out.

(To Be Continued.)

Pathologists to Attend.

OREGON AGRICULTURAL COLLEGE, Corvallis, Nov. 5.—(Special.)—Six members of the forest pathological bureau of Washington, D. C., will attend the winter pine blaster conference in Portland, November 22 and 23, according to a letter from A. E. Graham, state relations service, at Washington, to H. P. Barnes, chief in botany and plant pathology at the college. The pathologists will be E. P. Meinecke, Dr. J. S. Boyce, Dr. Leigh H. Pennington, Professor Ellsworth Bethel, Harry G. Lechmund and Dr. Haven Metcalf.

VIEWS ON VARIOUS TOPICS GIVEN BY CONTRIBUTORS

PROOF OF EVOLUTION LACKING

Scientists Quoted as Doubting Soundness of Darwin's Conclusions.

SALEM, Or., Nov. 5.—(To the Editor.)—Mr. Fred F. Hughes, in a communication to The Oregonian, wishes the state to pass a law making it compulsory to inculcate the principles of evolution in the minds of the students of the public schools. "It is a recognized and scientific truth," says Mr. Hughes, "that the world we live in was formed hundreds of millions of years ago by great natural forces and that man has evolved from the forms of life and has inhabited the earth, as man, probably 100,000,000 years."

That paragraph sounds very like some of the doctrines propounded by H. G. Wells in his "Outline of History." Mr. Wells himself declares the Aztec age occurred 80 to 100 millions of years ago—he does not know which. Seven hundred and twenty millions of years means absolutely nothing, of course, to Mr. Wells. But to return to Mr. Hughes' statement that man has evolved from the very lowest forms of life is certainly not "a recognized and scientific truth." It has never been demonstrated or proved. That man evolved from the very lowest forms of life was advanced as a hypothesis and still remains one. "These great fundamental truths" of which Mr. Hughes of Hillsboro speaks are not truths at all. They are mere theories, which have now been entirely discarded.

Professor Bateson, a very distinguished man of science, and the president of the British Association for the Advancement of Science, has this to say of evolution: "We go to Darwin for his incomparable collection of facts. We would fain emulate his scholarship, his width and his power of exposition, but to us he speaks no more with philosophical authority. We read a scheme of evolution as we would those of Lullacrus or Lamarck, delighting in their simplicity and courage." This certainly is a condescending praise amounting almost to contempt. At the recent meeting of the American association in Toronto, Professor Bateson delivered another lecture on this subject which was widely copied in our papers.

Another eminent biologist and philosopher, Professor Driesch, says: "Darwin attempts to explain how, by throwing stones, one could build houses of a typical style." Dr. Virchow, the distinguished German pathologist, at the scientific congresses of Munich and Moscow, of which he was president, declared: "We cannot teach, we cannot pronounce it to be a conquest of science that man descends from the ape or from any other animal. On the question of the origin of man we are beaten all along the line. All researches undertaken to find a progressive development have been without result—no man monkey is found. In vain have Darwin and his adherents sought the link which should connect man with the ape. All these illusions have vanished; hence in our day no scientific man worthy of respect dares any longer to speak of a beastly origin of mankind on the basis of fact."

WHOLE PURPOSE NAMED IN BILL

Masons Not Planning to Eliminate Private and Sectarian Colleges.

PORTLAND, Or., Nov. 5.—(To the Editor.)—Permit us to have space for a brief reply to some erroneous statements in the communication of Charles B. Moores in the Oregonian concerning the public school bill. Mr. Moores says that "proponents of this bill are now frankly declaring that the pending bill is but the first step and that the elimination of Reed college, Willamette and the colleges at Forest Grove, Newberg, McMinnville, Philomath and Albany will follow as a logical sequence." Unquestionably we denounce this statement as false in every syllable. Proponents of the school bill are Scottish Rite masons, working through this committee. These proponents have not said or intimated anything to Mr. Moores or anybody else at any time that elimination of the colleges named or any others would be sought. Proponents of this bill would contend with all the vigor of which they are capable any such proposal, and it is their opinion that the supreme council, A. & S. Scottish Rite for the southern jurisdiction likewise would oppose the slightest interference with colleges or any schools above the grammar grades.

HOW DELEGATES GROW STRONG

Influential Men in Congress Are Those of Long Experience.

PORTLAND, Nov. 5.—(To the Editor.)—If I live to vote next Tuesday I will have been a republican voter for 59 years—31 years in the state of Maine, three years in the state of Washington, and 15 years in Portland, Or. For many years I was a member, part of the time chairman, of the republican county committee of Kennebec county, the capital county of Maine. I think I can say advisedly that the great prestige and influence of Maine's representation in congress was due to the renomination and re-election to congress of men of tried ability and standing behind them as good citizens to the limit. Our Oregon delegation is a able men, who are upholding the best traditions of our state. We of the third congressional district have our honorable C. N. McArthur, I have voted for him continually. I have watched his course with great interest. He is consistent, courageous and fights for what he considers right, irrespective of what effect it may have on his political future, and has worked faithfully and successfully for the best interest of his constituents, continually growing in the estimation of his colleagues and influence in congress. Such a man deserves the support of all thinking men in these times of "isms" and befogged issues conjured up to defeat him. Voters of the third district stand by your representative. Return him to congress and your reward will be increased national prestige of your state. CHARLES B. WOOD, 253 East Fifteenth street.

BANK DEPOSITORS UP IN ARMS

Pierce Scheme to Throw Bankrupt Concern into Politics Is Resented.

PORTLAND, Nov. 5.—(To the Editor.)—In a meeting last night at Lents Walter M. Pierce, candidate for governor, advocated having the attorney-general handle the liquidation of the State Bank of Portland and other insolvent banks throughout the state. There are at least nine national or state banks in Oregon today that have failed and are being liquidated. They are located as follows: Jacksonville, Lafayette, Wheeler, Bay City, Portland, Klamath Falls, The Dalles, Prineville and two at Vale. To adopt the proposed plan would either mean ask of eight new assistants to the attorney-general or a large expense for traveling. It has always been the law that the expense of liquidating a bank is paid out of the assets of the bank, the same as the expense of liquidating any other insolvent business is paid out of the assets. Why lead the taxpayers with the expense of a lot of new officers? We, the undersigned depositors' committee, appointed at a largely attended meeting of the savings depositors of the State bank, object to having the liquidation of the State bank thrown into politics. The bank liquidation is being carried on vigorously, but with great economy. The interest collected today is more than \$3,000 in excess of the expense of liquidation, and nearly \$1,000,000 has been collected to date. The stockholders' liability is being collected with gratifying speed. At a largely attended meeting of

depositors held at the central library recently, a full report of the liquidation was submitted and carefully considered, and then a resolution was adopted thanking the superintendent of banks and his attorneys for the vigorous and effective methods adopted in the liquidation and the great economy shown.

We do not want the business of liquidating the State bank put into politics. We do not want some office-seeking lawyer whose only recommendation is that he will work cheap put in charge of our business. This liquidation involves nearly \$3,000,000. We want it handled by competent men. We do not want cheap men. We need and want the best and are willing that they be paid a reasonable amount for good work.

Do not get this liquidation into politics and into the hands of political lawyers. We need and want the services of the president of the bank. We want a continuation of the good work that is being done.

JACOB SCHWIND, Chairman, JOHN W. KASTE, Attorney.

RELIGION IN SCHOOLS APPROVED

Board on Record in Favor of Outside Week Day Instruction.

PORTLAND, Nov. 4.—(To the Editor.)—In your reply to a "Loyal American," you state "The Oregonian does not know whether the Portland school board now has a rule permitting the child to be taken away for a reasonable time for religious instruction. It has not inquired. What has the school board to do with the religious instruction of a child? Why should religious instruction be within the school board's discretion and not the parents'?"

In February, 1921, the school board unanimously adopted a resolution presented by the writer, a member, as follows: Resolved, That the board of directors of school district No. 1 regard with sympathy any well considered movement having for its purpose the religious instruction of the children, and will lend its co-operation to the religious denominations of this district for this purpose.

Schools for week day religious instruction which children from the public schools are permitted to attend, now exist in this city and in many others throughout the United States where they have not only come into being but are steadily growing in strength and numbers. The writer has before him an editorial which appeared in The Oregonian at the time the resolution above referred to was passed, inquiring the whole plan and a year's news columns have from time to time carried information along the same lines.

In the writer's belief, there is not a school district or school board in the United States which would refuse to accord to parent and guardian the right and privilege set forth in the above named resolution. Religious instruction in the writer's judgment, as well as in that of thousands of parents, is just as important as algebra or grammar, and there is no need or occasion to infringe upon the child's recreation hours for the purpose of carrying on this instruction.

When the heat and fury shown by those who are opposing the school bill shall have abated, no matter whether the measure is passed in this election or not, the people of this state and nation will surely come to the just conclusion that the safety of our nation, its ideals and standards of government truly rest upon and in our common schools and the attendance of every normal child through the character forming period of its life. WILLIAM F. WOODWARD, Director.

THE OREGONIAN HAS EXPRESSED NO OPPOSITION TO THE RESOLUTION. IT BELIEVES IT IS A GOOD THING. BUT AS IT ATTEMPTED TO MAKE PLAIN BEFORE THE LIFE OF THE RULE, IF THERE IS ONE, IS WITHIN THE DISCRETION OF THE SCHOOL BOARD. IF A MONOPOLY BE GIVEN TO THE PUBLIC SCHOOLS, THE DISCRETION OF THE BOARD ENTIRELY SUPERSEDES THAT OF THE PARENT. WHAT MR. WOODWARD OR ANY OTHER INDIVIDUAL BELIEVES WOULD BE THE ATTITUDE OF SCHOOL BOARDS IS OF SMALL ASSURANCE.

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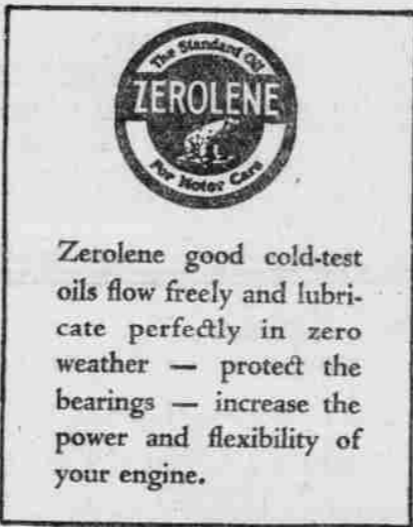
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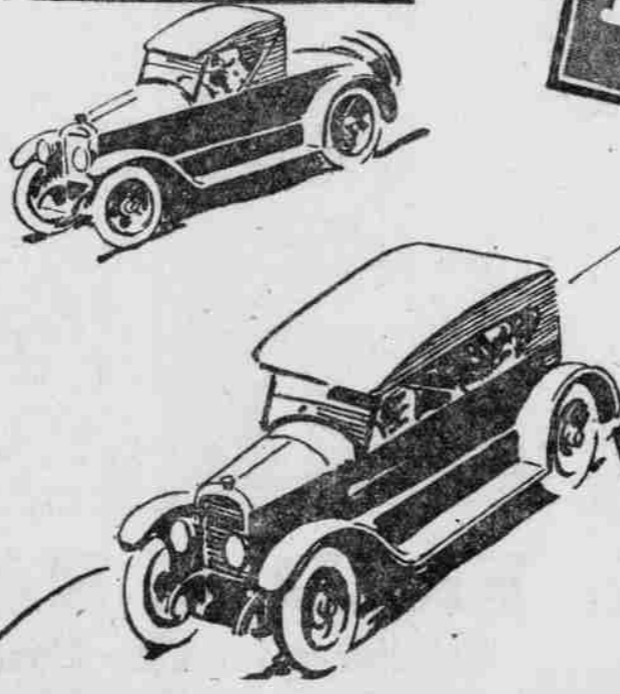
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PORTLAND, Nov. 3.—(To the Editor.)—What is present population of Portland? 2. Who for-

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