

Sermon Yesterday

Rev. Rydquist of the First Lutheran church last night preached to a large audience on the subject of "Regeneration." He said in part:

In the animal world also there is a regeneration going on. The primeval mastodon of the American forests became extinct long ago, showing that a bulky form however powerful has given place to cunningness and speed. The elephant of the tropical jungles is becoming extinct for the same reason. There is the law of the survival of the fittest at work throughout the ages differentiating and developing new species. Thus the vegetable as well as the animal world is altogether different today from that of primeval times, and the development has not been a degeneration into higher more more suitable forms.

Is man unchangeable, or does he conform to this same law of regeneration? Some try to tell us that the ape is our ancestor. There is no doubt but what a man can degenerate so low, that such an ancestor might be suspected and the saying of one of the modern poets come true, "There is only a step between man and the brute." But that step only is too great to be stepped even in theory. The descent of man can therefore not be traced to the ape unless we do like Darwin manufacture a connecting link, which in the course of time has been lost without leaving as much as a trace behind it; not even a petrified foot print to prove that it did exist outside of the mind of Professor Darwin. There is also another fact that can not be explained on the basis of a natural development only, and that is the great difference between the races; the differences of color, form, etc. In the comparatively short period of time the human race has existed these differences could not arise from natural causes only. Scientists who do not wish to recognize supernatural influences upon man have tried to solve the mystery by stating that we have not all descended from a common stock, but from two or three different pairs and localities. But common sense asks this question, which is easier to believe in these hypotheses or in the plain truth of a supernatural influence? The Bible reveals to us what no science nor theories of human knowledge can, that there has been a creation of man. That this creation was perfect; that the first man was created in the image of the Creator, beautiful to behold, with heart and passions pure and holy, intelligent, wise, and the crown and glory of creation. Paradise was his home. In that beautiful Garden of Eden he should develop ad infinitum. There were no bounds to his development. Life had no bounds, his virtues none. But evil came as an influence from without and entered into all his relations, brought degradation, misery and death to man. He had been warned, but he heeded not the voice of God. He had strength to resist temptation, but he chose to fall; he had to bear the consequences. For centuries man labored beneath the burden of the curses. God was to him only the avenger. Cain and his descendants wandered like fugitives from justice. The sons of Ham went out after the regeneration of the flood more degraded than their fellow brethren. Slowly man learnt to kiss the chastising hand of Providence and to approach him in prayer for forgiveness and blessing. Slowly the curses were changed into blessings. Labor is no longer a curse but a blessing. The curse pronounced on the first woman is today

looked upon as a duty of love. The sons of Ham are emanating from eternal servitude into liberty and civilization. This has had its great influence on man in general. He has been regenerated and is being so. There seems to be a natural law in all nature and that law is regeneration. Man is now exempt from this law, but develops according to it.

The religion of Jesus Christ is a living religion. It grows and develops in a living way, and it shall embrace all peoples. It is not bound by nationality, language, or form. It has shattered all bonds man has tried to place upon. It is the same religion as of old, only better understood today, better illuminated by an enlightened understanding. A century ago or less the wrath of God was thundered from the pulpits, it was sinners in the hands of an angry God. Today the theme is sinners at the feet of Jesus. Heaven and eternal blessedness are presented, the reward of Godliness is held up, and more souls are won for Christ and his kingdom, than were ever frightened there.

A VALUABLE ACQUISITION.

Sheriff Thomas Linville, who is soon to relinquish the burdens of office, has been casting about for something useful and productive of revenue to engage his time after he shall do so; and to this end he has just negotiated the purchase of the well known property of Henry Fiester and wife, in Pacific County, Washington, it being the donation land claim of these old people (the original patent for the same, signed by President Hayes, passing with the title) to which he added another purchase of sixty-five acres adjoining, making in all, a tract of 630 acres. For this fine body of land he paid \$4000 cash. The property lies about one mile above Ilwaco, on the Wallcut river, and is well timbered, though there are about 250 acres of tidelands upon the tract, which will necessitate some dyking. He will log the timber out himself, or sell it off, in due time, and the prairie land he will prepare for stock purposes, and enter upon this latter line as a permanent business. He will not give up his home in Astoria, but will live here and run his stock there, and gradually improve the place until he has made it one of the best paying properties in this neighborhood. He returned home yesterday.

"SAME OLD STORY"

Charlie Haddix went a-fishing yesterday. At daylight he donned a frowsy old cap, a red sweater, and a canvas suit, and with a pair of long rubber boots, he sailed for Green Mountain, on horse back, and went his merry way for fifteen miles, pre-determined to catch all the speckled beauties in the mountain streams that meander round about Olney. He stayed all day long and timed himself to enter the city after darkness had fallen but was overhauled by a friend to whom he humbly confessed that he had captured "four mountain trout," but the friend was from Missouri and Haddix had to show up, and when he opened up his fishing basket, there were but four miserable little measley trout, too small to wiggle and too near the spawn-age to come under and definition whatever, and only that they were dead, the friend would have turned him over to the fish commissioner.

WILL OPEN DANCE HALL.

The Bumble Bee saloon in precinct No. 7, which with a number of other thirst joints, must go out of business on account of the recent election decreeing this precinct dry, will be immediately remodeled and changed to a dance hall. The proprietor announces that he will serve only soft drinks, to the thirsty public.



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DROWS IN RIVER

Columbia Claims Another Victim Last Saturday.

BOAT CAP-SIZES IN COLUMBIA

Charles Isakson, Living at 1328 Franklin Avenue, is Drowned in North Channel—Eliason Rescued Just in Time.

With their boat bottoms up in the breakers that roll high and strong near North Head, and weighed down by their boots and heavy clothing, Charles Isakson, a fisherman of this city, and John Eliason of Ilwaco, battled heroically for their lives late Saturday afternoon, and in the end, the sea proved victor over Isakson, drawing him down to death, and almost claiming Eliason, who was rescued just as he was giving up the unequal struggle by fishermen in another boat.

The circumstances, as near as they could be learned last night, are these: Isakson and Eliason, his boat puller, were fishing in the North channel for the Combine, and as the waves were very strong, their boat was overturned. For some time the men struggled in the water, before their plight was seen by another fishing boat in the vicinity. As far as possible the fishing boat was headed toward the almost exhausted men. Worse than the water or the waves that buffeted them, the fine meshes of the net which had dumped into the water, entwined themselves around the fishermen in the water, and hindered their movements. Isakson managed to keep above the water until the boat was but a short distance away, and it seemed that safety had arrived, when suddenly he sank from sight, and when the rescuers reached the spot, there was no trace to be found of him. Eliason had given up and sank also, but as he arose for the last time, he was seized unconscious, and dragged into the boat. He was removed at once to Ilwaco, where he was soon brought back to life, and consciousness. A search was made for the body of Isakson yesterday until dark, but no trace of the body was discovered at last accounts.

Isakson lived with his wife in a small cottage at 1328 Franklin avenue. She is prostrated by the news of her husband's death. The deceased was a member of the Finnish Brotherhood in this city, and also of the Foresters' Lodge in Hancock, Mich. He was about 40 years old.

BASEBALL GAMES.

Warrenton yesterday met her Waterloo at the hands of the Skamokawa baseball team at Skamokawa in a ragged game lasting only three innings by a score of 14 to 0. At the close of the game the Shamrocks of this city played the winners a close and exciting game lasting five innings, and ending with a score of 3 to 2 in favor of Skamokawa. An error lost the game for Astoria, as they led until the last inning, when a bad throw to first base, brought in two runs for the Skamokawa lads. On next Sunday the Shamrocks will probably play the Skamokawa team on the A. F. C. grounds in this city.

ETOLIA TOTAL LOSS.

YARMOUTH, N. S., June 10.—The steamer Etolia, from St. Johns, yesterday for Barrow via Sydney, C. B., struck a dangerous ledge near Cape Sable in a thick fog early today and was seriously damaged. Tonight the condition of the Etolia was so bad that the crew launched a boat and succeeded in landing on a small island near the lighthouse. The captain stayed on board. The vessel will probably be a total loss.

PETRL FISHERMEN ARE VERY BUSY

Great Variety of Gems Are Being Found in Lower California— Pearls of All Colors and Sizes.

Adrian Cornejo, a prominent pearl fisher of lower California, says that the pearl fishers along all the coast of the gulf are doing an excellent business this year. In this part of Mexico there is more variety in the color of the pearls found than in any other part of the world, and comprise black, gray, red, blueish green and yellowish. Mexican pearls are fast gaining a good reputation in the world markets. In Paris, which is the center of the pearl trade, there are no pearls more in favor than those from Mexico.

There is now about as much prospect for pearls in the gulf of California as there is hunting for mines throughout the interior of Mexico, and the entire gulf coast is closely inspected by pearl fishers or prospectors. The best pearls are to be found in the bottom of the pearl beds. Therefore old beds that were some time ago supposed to have been worked out have lately been raked over, sometimes with gratifying results. One of the finest gray pearls ever found was encountered in one of these deserted beds. Among the most valuable pearls to be found in the gulf of California are those of a reddish color. They have an exquisite luster, and many of them are large and of the most perfect shape.

FUNERAL IS HELD.

The funeral of the late John Anderson, the fisherman drowned near the mouth of the river a short time ago, took place yesterday afternoon from the Pohl undertaking parlors, Rev. Rydquist officiating. The interment was in Greenwood cemetery.

ACCIDENT IN PORTLAND.

Yesterday about 4 o'clock two electric cars crashed together in Portland at the crossing of Union and Holiday avenues. Several persons sustained serious injuries, though none are fatal.

DONIS-WADE.

A pleasant home wedding occurred at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. R. J. Kirkwood, at 738 Duane street, at 2:30 o'clock yesterday afternoon, when the Rev. G. E. Rydquist, pastor of the First Lutheran church, joined in holy wedlock Mr. Alexander S. Donis, head pressman of the Morning Astorian, and Mrs. Charlotte Leyden Wade, of this city. There were but a few guests present, including John and Henry, brothers of the groom, and Miss Katie Donis, his sister, all of Portland. After the ceremony the party sat down to a superb wedding dinner that was incontrovertible proof of the house-wifely attributes of the handsome bride. Mr. and Mrs. Donis will settle in Astoria at once and pursue the even tenor of their way, with every quality for making and retaining friends.

WINDS UP AFFAIRS.

NEW YORK, June 9.—The executive committee of the San Francisco relief committee of the merchants' association of New York met yesterday for the purpose of winding up its affairs. It was decided that the treasury should at once forward to James D. Phelan a draft for the funds now on hand, which, with interest to date at 3 per cent amounts to \$5,548.31.

ONLY THOUGHT SO.

BOSTON, June 10.—Thirty-four Christian Scientists were injured through the overturning of a large sight seeing automobile in the Brighton district today. Every person on the car was injured. The automobile was descending down a hill when the break broke and the machine ran away down the steep grade. At the bottom of the hill the car jumped, and tore through a fence and overturned. Most of the party sustained nothing more than serious bruises and scratches.

BURIED YESTERDAY.

The funeral of the late N. J. Jorgensen who died last week of rheumatic fever, was held yesterday afternoon from the Norwegian Lutheran church in Uppertown. The interment was in Greenwood cemetery. The deceased was aged 19 years and 10 months.

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