

BARSTON LOGS CAN HOLD HIS MAN

Elwood Chenoweth, Preacher of a Strange Religion and Alleged Divine Healer at Large.

Schiffner, the mysterious Divine healer of the Middle West, who is supposed to have died while wandering alone upon the Colorado desert, was no more strange a character than Elwood E. Chenoweth, of Eastern Oregon, who is wandering in some unknown section of the Northwest, preaching that he is God and claiming to work cures of all diseases. In a measure this claim being made good his claim that he was endowed with supernatural powers for thus far it has been impossible for the authorities to retain him as a prisoner.

Journal Special Service.) PENDLETON, Dec. 6.—As near as can be learned the strange career of Elwood Chenoweth began in this city, where he occupied the center of the stage of fame for three days.

He opened his sky-rocket engagement here by street-corner preaching in opposition to the Salvation Army. The religion that he advocated was a strange one. Although not the Great Jehovah, he was, he said, a special messenger sent upon the earth to show the true road to salvation. He took up a collection at the end of each street sermon, and upon the meager allowance thus obtained he frugally and in peace. He was considered harmless. In his orations he informed those who heard him that persecutions and troubles were coming; that much tribulation would be his lot.

His predictions quickly turned out true. There had been a burglary at Baker City. Marked coin was taken from the till in a drug store and one of these pieces of money was found in possession of his disciple in strange religion. He was arrested and taken to Baker City. That he was not guilty of the crime was easily proven, but his harping on religion brought about a charge of insanity, and he was committed to the Oregon asylum at Salem. It was while being taken there that he made his first sensational escape. Traveling in custody of the sheriff of Baker County on the O. & N. mixed train at night, Chenoweth harangued his fellow passengers and told them who he was.

They may arrest me! They may tie me and may hold me for a while! But the Lord looks after his own! They can't keep me!

THROUGH CAR WINDOW. True to this declaration he escaped that night. While the train was moving at a speed of 15 miles an hour Chenoweth bolted through the window of the coach and rolled down a soft dirt embankment into the neighborhood of the Echo country.

Chenoweth's Life at Salem Asylum. SALEM, Dec. 4.—Chenoweth, who claimed to be God and able to heal the sick, came to this city early in May and began to preach about the streets. Press dispatches in Oregon papers had for weeks been detailing the doings of this man, and he was immediately recognized. He was arrested by the police. Notification had been received at the asylum long before of his commitment, and he was at once taken there and turned over to the authorities. He was at once examined medically and then assigned to a ward.

Almost at once he appeared to forget his mission to earth, and a day or two he was as sane as the men in whose charge he had been given, and as a consequence little attention was paid him. It was this that led to his escape. He was able to climb over the wall and get well away into the country before he was suspected that he was seeking freedom. For months after his capture and return here he was perfectly sane to all appearances. At times, however, he would break into violent insanity and on these occasions he was very hard to handle. He would preach to his fellow inmates of the asylum that he was under command from God and that all he had to do to leave the prison was to call upon the Savior to release him.

Physicians Say Chenoweth Is Crazy

SALEM, Ore., Nov. 28.—Daily Journal: I am instructed by Dr. Calbreath to inform you that Elwood E. Chenoweth, who was committed to this institution November 23, 1898, and again December 12, 1901, escaped from here August 7, 1902. He is 29 years of age, is rather tall and well developed physically, and during most of the time is quite sane, often remaining sane for weeks at a time. However, he is subject to mental derangement. When he is suffering from one of his periods of insanity, he is religiously excited, believes that he is God and is disposed to talk excitedly in a very rapid and irrational manner. It is probable that he will never be free from these attacks of insanity, and that ultimately it will be necessary for him to remain in an asylum for the remainder of his life. The institution here is much better and seems to get along well so continuously that it always seems like an injustice to detain him. Still it is doubtless best for him to remain here, and that all he has to do to leave the prison was to call upon the Savior to release him.

TREMENDOUS FALL IN SILVER

(New York Sun.) In order to meet the tremendous fall in the value of silver the Philippine Commission has again advanced the government rate of exchange, fixing it at \$20. The commission believes that this high rate will temporarily cause the payment of government revenues in gold. It is probable that the rate will be further advanced to \$25 within a few months. The government is losing thousands of dollars daily owing to the shrinkage in the value of Mexican silver, and the Treasury deposits likewise suffer from the depreciation. Officials and all government employes are paid in Mexican money and are forced to buy gold weekly or lose on their salaries.

The deposits of Mexican money in the bank have depreciated from the rate of \$10 prevailing in January, to \$2.50, which is the amount now required to buy one gold dollar. Meantime the cost of living is jumping skyward. Business is paralyzed, brokers are inactive and importers are discouraged by the endless monetary fluctuations, which prevent them from putting any permanent price upon their goods. The customs receipts are dwindling far below those of October.

NEW MEXICO AND ARIZONA ARE OUT

Oklahoma Must Forfeit Individuality to Become a State and Be United to That From Which It Sprung.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 2.—At a full meeting this morning of the Senate committee on territories it was decided that the omnibus statehood bill would be reported adversely. In its stead a new bill will be drafted and reported, which provides for the admission of Oklahoma and Indian Territory combined as a single state. It is the opinion that neither New Mexico nor Arizona are as yet qualified to become sovereign states. To report the bill there will be riders which will guarantee protection for Indians and regard for the rights of the regular men. Another restriction will prevent the possibility of plural marriages in the new state.

OPEN SILETZ INDIAN RESERVE. WASHINGTON, Dec. 3.—Senator Mitchell of Oregon today introduced a bill throwing open the Siletz Indian reservation to settlement by soldiers holding land bounty warrant or special government land legislation privileges. It is not the intention of the bill to permit general settlement of the reservation, but great interest is said to be taken in the soldier settlements all throughout the Northwest, where there are many veterans with privileges but little land fit for entry.

SENATE SESSION. WASHINGTON, Dec. 3.—At this morning's session the Senate listened to the annual report of Secretary Shaw, also the report of the governor of Texas by the governor-general of Cuba. In the House Henderson approved Shepard of Texas a member of the committee on public buildings and grounds. The House then went into committee of the whole to consider Cannon's \$55,000 appropriation bill to defray the expenses of the anthracite commission.

WITHDRAW TIMBER LANDS. WASHINGTON, Dec. 3.—Senator Quarles today introduced a bill repealing the act which permits the sale of timber and stone lands in Oregon and Washington and also repealing the desert land act.

ADVOCATES PROHIBITION WAIL FROM CLUBBOM

Secretary of Illinois Committee Is in the City. They Do Not Want to Pay the License.

SAYS PARTY IS GROWING FAST SAY \$400 IS MUCH TOO HIGH

A. E. Wilson Thinks That Liquor Traffic Should Be Abolished. Clubs Think They Should Not Be Molested by Taxgatherer.

Alonso E. Wilson, secretary of the Illinois state prohibition committee, registered at the Hotel Portland with his wife and daughter. Mr. Wilson is a vigorous and logical advocate of the prohibition system. While he does not look for the entire abolition of the liquor traffic in the near future, he does think that the movement is growing.

"Many men in all parties are in favor of the movement," said Mr. Wilson this morning. "The prohibition party is not dying. It is gaining adherents every day and its full strength is not in any way to be envied by the size of its vote in a national election."

"The party is not a collection of temperance cranks, but is largely composed of thinking men who have come to the conclusion that alcoholic liquors are responsible for so much misery, crime and retrograde movement on the part of individuals, that it would be advisable to stamp out the entire business, look, stock and barrel."

"This may seem too drastic, but if there is to be any improvement in the existing conditions there can be no middle ground. If liquor is sold at all any drunkard will be able to get all the whiskey he wants. If the liquor is not to be obtained except under the same restrictions and penalties that any other drug or poison is sold under, I do not think that there will be much drinking."

His PAINTINGS FADING. The paintings which were made in the dome of the Courthouse over 40 years ago by Charles F. Wimar are fading and obliterated by the ravages of time. Only dim outlines of some of them are now discernible and it is but a question of time until all will be lost from sight.

BIDSTON HALL SINKING. PILLAR ROCK, Dec. 3.—(By telephone to The Journal.)—By forward compartment stove in by coming in contact with a hidden fire, the British ship Bidston Hall is slowly sinking toward the muddy ooze that forms the bed of the Columbia River. The Bidston Hall is heavily laden and is from Antwerp. Even should the ship be saved the damage already sustained from the inrush of water upon the cargo will be enormous.

SOME INDIANANETITIES. St. Paul Dispatch. Farrow says that Indians dislike making a night attack because of their belief that if killed in the dark they will be blind in the next world. When they claim descent from a bear, wolf or other animal, they never kill that animal. Indians have no family names. Boys are men at 15; girls marry at 12. Murder is punished by some relatives of the deceased killing the murderer. All other crimes have their prices fixed in ponies. An Indian can ride any horse twice as far as any white man, and can sit gracefully on horseback when so drunk that he cannot stand on his feet. He will ride his horse till the brute falls from exhaustion, and then will complacently sit upon it. He always mounts or dismounts on the right side. Indians have regular times for meals, but eat when ever hungry. The men, women and children seldom eat together.

AN EXCELLENT REASON. (Town Topics.) "Brown says he has an auto for sale." "I'm not surprised, I sold him mine on Monday."

MORE GAS USED. Since the electric light was introduced at Burton-on-Trent, nine years ago, the annual consumption of gas in the town has increased nearly 50 per cent.

HOT SPRINGS BATHS FOR HORSES. (St. Louis Republic.) Secretary Hitchcock of the interior department has forwarded to Livyman Simon Cooper of Hot Springs, Ark., the documents authorizing him to have the waters of Hot Springs pumped to his stable for the use of horses. The Livyman has installed large horse baths, where the thoroughbreds will receive a like treatment as given the mass of humanity that visits this resort in search of health.

ONE REASON WHY THE JOURNAL HAS RAPIDLY GAINED CIRCULATION IS THAT IT IS THE ONLY PAPER IN PORTLAND THAT DARES TO PRINT THE NEWS.

NEW ROAD TO PACIFIC COAST

To Be Known as Denver, Northwestern & Pacific

Bond Issue of \$20,000,000 Already Fully Subscribed—Surveys Being Made.

Another railroad will be built to the Pacific Coast! Contracts for the first 100 miles will be let on January 1. The full amount of the bond issue, involving \$20,000,000, has already been subscribed.

The new road is to be known as the Denver, Northwestern & Pacific. The plans have already been made out, while surveys are working with great caution and secrecy and no one has as yet been able to learn for certain the identity of the principals nor the precise purpose of their operations.

It was at first thought that the road was to be built to Salt Lake City only, but the prevailing opinion now is that the road will be carried through to the Coast. The basis for this conclusion is the fact that surveys are under way by men believed to be in the service of the promoters of this enterprise and it is asserted that an effort is being made to finance the larger proposition.

The only deviation from the straight line for the road that has been mapped will be made where it is necessary to avoid expensive grades.

MINERS RISE, EJECT FOREMAN AND WORK THE PROPERTY. SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 3.—H. B. Woodward, superintendent of the Pittsburg Syndicate Mines, 20 miles from Cotterwood Springs, Riverside County, arrived at Walter's Station this morning, having walked 20 miles across the desert. He was exhausted. He reports that the miners, led by a desperado named Joe Brazil, had compelled him to leave the property and threatened to string him up. He had to pay a \$400 license to work the property for their own benefit. The bandit then marched on the Iron Chief Mines, threatening Superintendent Greenwall. They did not make the attempt as William Ralton informed Brazil that Greenwall's men were armed with Winchester's. The Riverside sheriff and a posse are on the way to the scene with warrants.

POWERS NEW TRIAL. FRANKFORT, Ky., Dec. 3.—The appellate court today reversed the circuit court and awarded Calvin Powers a new trial. He was given a 10-year sentence for complicity in the attempt to assassinate the late Gov. Goebel.

VALUABLE WIFE. Los Angeles Chronicle. The most valuable handkerchief in the world belongs to Queen Margherita of Italy. It is made of the purest old Venetian lace, and it is in perfect condition in spite of the fact that it was made in the 15th century. It is probably worth more than \$10,000.

BIRTHS. Phillips—In Portland, November 3, 1902, to Mr. and Mrs. Edward Phillips, 3 College street, a girl.

Langraun—In Portland, November 13, 1902, to Mr. and Mrs. Robert Langraun, 136 North Twenty-fourth street, a girl.

Henderson—In Portland, November 18, 1902, to Mr. and Mrs. Gust Hartman, 245 East Twelfth street, a girl.

Hessong—In Keweenaw, November 13, 1902, to Mr. and Mrs. Paul Hessong, a boy.

Lishmatt—In Woodlawn, November 10, 1902, to Mr. and Mrs. Werner D. Lishmatt, a boy.

Blanchard—In Woodlawn, November 22, 1902, to Mr. and Mrs. Floyd E. Blanchard, 427 East Sixth street, a boy.

Nelson—In Portland, November 23, 1902, to Mr. and Mrs. Charles Nelson, 499 Larabee street, a boy.

Carlson—In Portland, November 3, 1902, to Mr. and Mrs. Gustave Carlson, 730 Corbett street, a boy.

Free—In Portland, November 27, 1902, to Mr. and Mrs. George Free, 206 Occident street, a boy.

Don't Talk to the Motorman

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THE STREAMER ON HILL'S HAT

It Always Reads "I Am a Democrat"—How He Came by It. People have become so accustomed to seeing Dave Hill, "The Sage of Wolfert's Roost," caricatured with a waving ostrich plume, on which is inscribed the mystic insignia, "I am a Democrat," that the ex-Senator would scarcely be recognized were that trademark left off in a cartoon.

THE HILL SIGN. Young Hill said: "Oh, I can sell papers, gum and cigars on your trains, if you will let me."

HE DIDN'T WEAR IT. "This story is being told in Paris," says the Westminster, "concerning a well known public man who recently was presented by a Soudanese potentate with the Labaski-Tapo Order of Merit. The recipient, anxious to display the decoration at the earliest opportunity, applied at once to the ministry for permission to wear it. While readily granting the permission, the minister inquired, with the ghost of a smile, 'Do you know what the ostrich plume is made of?'"

DO FISHES HEAR? St. Louis Chronicle. Did any one ever see a fish's ears? Do fish have ears? It has been pretty well proven that they hear. Scientists have made up a list of about 100 fishes that make sounds. Why should they make sounds unless they expect to be heard? The drum drums. The puffer croaks. Even the weakfish complains with an intonational wail when the cruel fisherman leaves it die in the bottom of the boat. Possibly fishes hear through their teeth.

POINTS FROM THE PARAGRAPHS. Knoxville Sentinel: Mr. Bryan thinks the "daily newspaper is losing its influence." Mr. Bryan publishes a weekly. Brooklyn Standard-Union: "The new potato trust will have to keep its eye peeled, or it won't amount to a hill of beans." Kansas City Journal: Mr. Cleveland will hardly be so ungracious as to send the White House a mess of ducks for Thanksgiving dinner.

A DAILY THOUGHT. (George Eliot.) It is a great gift of the gods to be born with a hatred and contempt of all injustice and meanness.

Not Too Early for Christmas

December has come, the great month for holiday shopping. The people have learned that it is better to come early. They can avoid the rush and get a better assortment.

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