

POOR SAVE EARTH FROM VICE-DECAY

Dryrot of Nations Begins Among the Wealthy Classes.

INFECTS RICH FIRST THEN WHOLE SOCIETY

Dr. Muckley Shows That God Had More Faith in Common People Than Others—From Them He Picked His Leaders.

At the First Congregational church last night Rev. E. S. Muckley spoke on the subject, "Where Men Are Found," using Matt. 22:9, "Go ye therefore into the highways, and as many as ye shall find, bid to the marriage," for his text. He said in part:

"When Lincoln said that God must surely love the common people because he made so many of them, he spoke with more wisdom and a keener appreciation of the ways of God than even he himself suspected. God made the common people to predominate because he wanted to get as much manhood into the race as possible.

In nearly every race except that of the Jews the common people were suppressed and their manhood depreciated by the selfishness of those who exploited them. But Christ came to discover the common people and lift them to the place of their sovereign rights. He consoled with the masses rather than the classes. For doing so he lost his life. But he did so because there was the place to find the quality of manhood capable of receiving the truth. There he found a wealth of soil worthy of cultivation for the eternal harvest. There the truth-seeds of our Lord found the greatest soil depths and produced the richest harvests.

Salt of the Earth.

"The truest worshippers of God, the most normally religious, have always been found among the common people. And even in times when the truest religion seemed forsaken by the masses and truth seemed buried beneath the rubbish of error and superstition, the common people have always been found among the common people. Here has always been the

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salt of the earth. I am glad Mark told us that "the common people heard him gladly." This has always been so. It is interesting to study the reasons for this. The vices of the world do not originate with the common people. They originate with the ruling classes. Vices are handed down, not passed up. The courts of kings have been the hotbeds of vice and crime. The debauches are grown in these hotbeds of the so-called upper strata of society and then infect the lower. Nations have died at the top first.

Vices Among Rich.

"The most dangerous vices of today are those of the rich. For money can make vice take on a refinement, the very glitter and glamor of which gives vice a charm so bewitching that sometimes even virtue is tempted to apostatize for it. But if the public were permitted to look in upon the orgies of some of the functions of New York's four hundred, the blush of shame would diffuse our faces to be followed by the pallor of fear for our social institutions. "In these so-called upper circles of society (to me the lower circles) money draws the curtain before the most vulgar forms of vice. But when the common people begin to imitate the vices of the rich it can only take on the vulgar form before the public. So vulgar is vice when it reaches the ranks of the common people that virtue and self-respect shrink from it with a wholesome horror, so that the rank and file of the common people are saved from its worst degradation.

Found Leaders Among Masses.

"Therefore manhood has its best chance among the common people. When God has wanted a great leader he has usually gone to the ranks of the obscure. An article in the press recently pointed out the fact that most of the presidents of the United States were raised from the ranks of the poor. Lubbock, in his essay on "Ambition," tells us: "It is remarkable and encouraging how many of the greatest men have risen from the lowest ranks and triumphed over obstacles that might well have seemed insurmountable."

Won Fame on One String.

"Christ discovered the common people. He saw in their simple lives less of sham and show. He knew how to lay hold of the dormant principles of manhood and make sovereign men. He can even take the outcasts of society and redeem them. "Tacchini, the famous Italian violinist, won his greatest triumph on an instrument of one string. With assumed clumsy touch he broke these strings of his instrument while the assembled throng first smiled, then uttered, then laughed, then hissed. But there was one string and Tacchini left the poet who described the scene tells us:

"But that one string was enough for a genius to vindicate both himself and his instrument, for on that one string

he brought forth such wealth of melody that people wept and bowed their heads to pray. So Christ can take broken lives and find a hidden virtue upon which he plays, the while he is redeeming a life and obtaining an awe-stricken world with the wonder of his achievement."

STORY OF THE PRODIGAL SON.

Rev. Harold Pattison Speaks on the Spirit of Sin.

"The 'Far Country,' the first of three sermons on the parable of the prodigal son was the subject used by Rev. Harold Pattison of the First Baptist church of Hartford, Conn., at the White Temple last night. Rev. Mr. Pattison is touring the Pacific coast and will be at the White Temple again next Sunday and the following Sabbath day. He will also preach at San Francisco and Los Angeles while on the coast. His sermon yesterday morning was 'The Three Tests.' In his sermon last night he said in part:

Difference in Stories.

"The story of the prodigal's progress reminds us of that story, dear to our childhood, 'Pilgrim's Progress.' While the 'Pilgrim's Progress' describes a journey from the city of destruction, the prodigal's progress describes a journey to that city. In the opening verses of this parable we see the prodigal's great desire to get hold of his father's possessions. 'Give me the portion of goods that falleth to me.' 'We are prepared to like this young fellow. He may have been a trifle gay, but he was good-hearted. That is our first impression. But look at him a little closer, and you will see that his spirit is one that chafes at all restraint. He must have what he wants and he must have it now. What is this spirit that makes men restless, urges them to take the powers which God has given them and use them according to their own will? What is this longing to get away from a man's mother's apron strings, and hurrying all bonds, do whatever he pleases? It is the spirit of sin. The best definition of sin I have ever seen is this: 'Sin is the placing of self-will or self-consciousness above the claims of love and duty.' 'Whence came this spirit? Two places in the Scripture tell us: 'The book of Genesis says it came from the serpent's whisper, and Christ says it came from the 'Far Country.' Both of these will be found to be the same.

Wants Cash and Separation.

"The son not only desired to get his father's possessions, but he wished to get away from his presence. Ah, but we must remember that he was in a far country long before he ever crossed the threshold of his father's house. His heart had gone wandering long before his legs. It is not space that makes distance. A husband and wife may sit next to one another, and yet be far apart. This young man was sick of home, which is much different from being homesick. The spirit of sin sent the prodigal away from home, and a more powerful spirit, the spirit of love, will bring him back.

Let us hasten to catch up with the young man. We find that he has wasted his substance. There is a pleasure in sinning, but it all comes at the beginning. Some of us preachers have made a mistake in talking about the results of sin, as though they were all misery. There is a pleasure in sin, or else, the threshold of the saloon, gambling house and brothel would not be so well worn. Sin is expensive.

"The worst about sin is not only that it is expensive, but that it is a waste. Truly does Benjamin Franklin say: 'What would maintain one vice would support two children.' How many a man has known the waste of sin, a missed opportunity, a broken home, a broken-hearted wife or mother. Every

man who sins, sooner or later realizes that there is nothing in it. And now note the inevitable coincidence. There arose a mighty famine. In his dreams about the far country he did not reckon with the famine. The Devil forgot to mention it. For the first time in his life he began to be in want, and was driven to a degrading employment. So he went and fastened himself like a leech upon a citizen of that country. 'Let no one think that the occupation of herding swine is in itself degrading, but it was degrading for this young Jew, because it was beneath what it was his privilege to do. Any man who is doing less than God meant him to do is thereby losing his life and spending his substance out of sight of God.'

PUNISHED ON EARTH.

Dr. Dyott Declares Thousands of Souls Live Daily in Hades.

Beginning his sermon on the story of Lazarus and the rich man and the repentance of Dives when in hades, Rev. Luther B. Dyott, D. D., pastor of the First Congregational church, last night told of the meanings of the words "sheol," "hades" and "gehenna" and the origin of the word "hell," which he declared to be a condition or state as much as a place.

"It is of this hell on earth that I speak—men, women and children who are in hell here and now. Some of them here in Portland. What are our churches doing for them? Some of them have been more sinned against than sinning. All have some good in them. From their torment they are longing, no doubt, for something better than their wretched lives. Instead of finding them that we may expose and punish them, instead of saying what they should suffer by law, let us find them and improve their surroundings.

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August Excursions.

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YALE ALUMNI TO BANQUET PROF. PHELPS

William Lyon Phelps, professor of English literature at Yale, is in Portland and tomorrow night will be the guest of honor at a dinner given by the Yale Alumni association at the University club. Professor Phelps, together with Mrs. Phelps and Rev. Harold Pattison, pastor of the First Baptist church of Hartford, Conn., is making the Columbia river trip today. Tomorrow he and Mrs. Phelps will be informally entertained and given an automobile trip over the city. A good many of the Yale men from throughout Oregon will

ARLETA WOODMEN'S NEW BUILDING



Woodmen Hall at Arleta.

Arleta camp, No. 805, Woodmen of the World, is to have a new hall at Arleta, completed by September 1. The building will be 36 by 66 feet and two stories high. The upper floor will be used for lodge purposes only, and the cost used for lodge purposes only, and the

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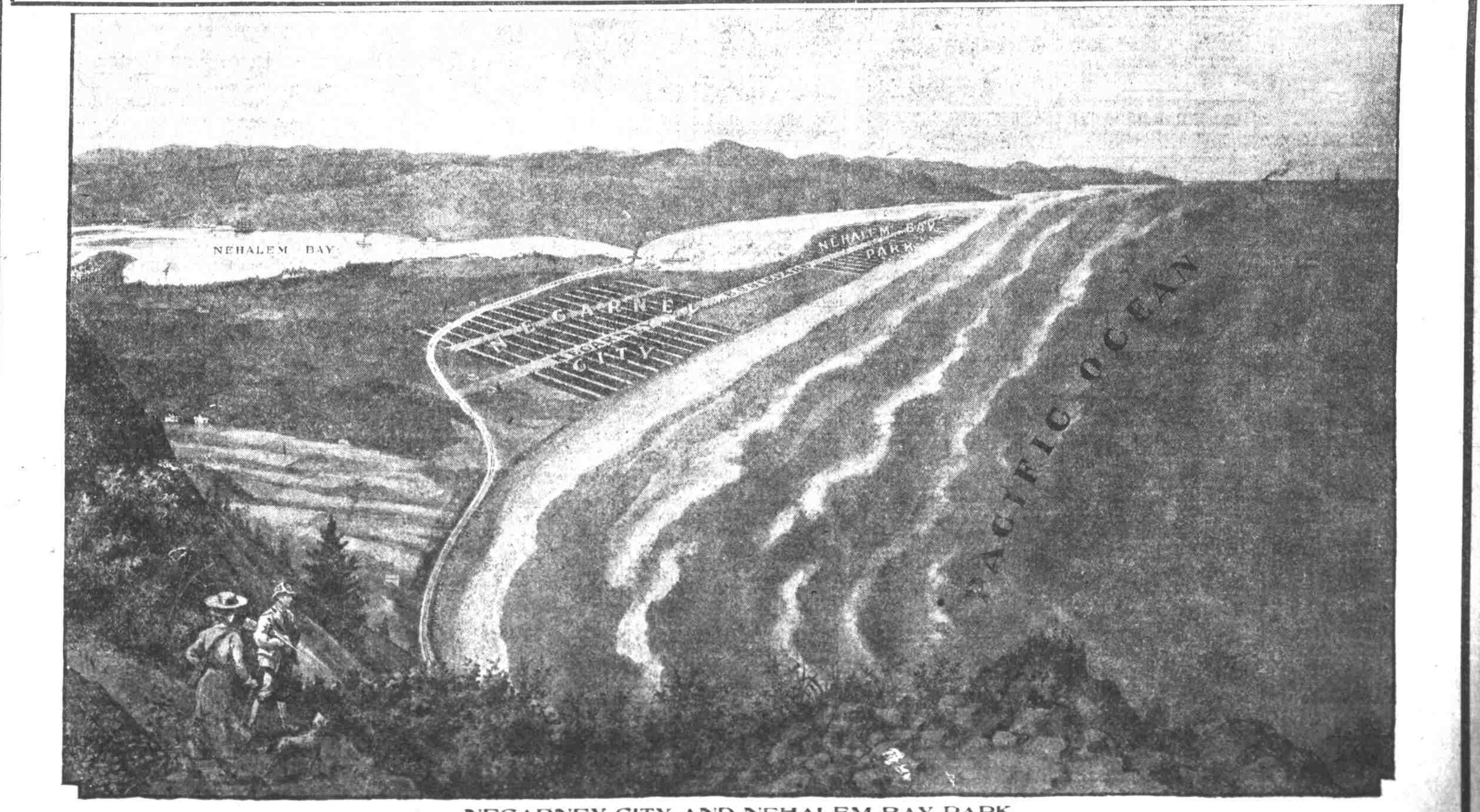
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