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TIDE TABLE. For the Week, Beginning To-day.

Table with columns: DATE, HIGH WATER, LOW WATER, and sub-columns for A.M. and P.M.

YESTERDAY'S WEATHER. Local weather for the twenty-four hours ending at 5 p. m. yesterday, furnished by the U. S. Department of Agriculture weather bureau.

TODAY'S WEATHER. Portland, Ore., March 5.—For Western Washington and Western Oregon: Rain or snow; slight changes in the temperature.

It has been decided by the courts in San Francisco that the trolley system of electric propulsion may be introduced on one of the streets there.

Judge McBride contemplates having introduced at the next session of the legislature an amendment to the present tax law, which will forever dispose of the difficulty of enforcing the collection of taxes.

The East Oregonian of the 2d inst. gives the information that a Mr. Hunt, representing the Chicago house of Sheldon & Co., book publishers, is in that city, and that he is touring Oregon interviewing county superintendents and public school principals on the subject of text-books.

This was the sum of Mr. Braekhus' eloquent plea for bigotry and superstitiousness. This thundering sermon had the effect of rousing the susceptible conscience of Mr. Steen, the shepherd of the Bethany congregation, who yesterday ordered the society to vacate the premises, and gave his sheep a warning not to have anything to do with it.

I am grieved and ashamed to witness such an exhibition of fanaticism among my countrymen in this nineteenth century. Can it be possible that people who claim to have common sense can consider a well-meant effort by a lot of workmen, living as they do in a spiritual desert, to enlighten themselves, to broaden their views of life, to foster their social instinct, to cultivate their sense of brotherhood and good-fellowship—can any one, I say, consider such an effort the device of the devil?

The proposal to have congress enact a law legalizing verdicts by a majority of the jury in civil cases is a reform which experience shows to be expedient. It is somewhat at variance with the general rule which is maintained to

analyze evidence, when it is remembered that the decisions of judges are rarely unanimous. The benefits resulting from majority verdicts in criminal cases would, however, be greater. Owing to the complications of criminal practice, through new trials and the straining of evidence very minutely in favor of the defendant the chances of conviction are very problematical on the strongest testimony, but the best thing the defendant has in his favor is the requirement that all the jurors shall agree. A very little good management on lines well understood by lawyers results in a jury disagreeing. Were a majority verdict permissible a comparatively small number of misunderstandings would arise, and defendants would be generally inclined to accept the first decision given as likely to be as favorable to them as any that would come from a new trial.

The London Times, the chief mouth-piece of the unionists in England, claims that with Gladstone's retirement the cause of home rule for Ireland will be dropped. The Times clearly overlooks the fact that all of Gladstone's colleagues, including Lord Rosebery, who, it now seems certain, is to succeed the Grand Old Man, are committed to the policy of home rule, and that there will be no abandonment of this program. The liberal majority would quickly be dissipated were the cause of Ireland a dead issue. The liberals would not hold together for a week. The Irish nationalists are pledged to some form of autonomous government, and the electorate of Great Britain has been won over to the proposed change. There could not now, with even the faintest degree of consistency, be a change of face, considering the action of the commons in passing triumphantly the measure proposed by the government last year.

"HOLY HUMBLED." Another Citizen Who Correctly Measures Mr. Braekhus' Powers.

Astoria, March 5, 1894. Editor of The Astorian—Dear Sir: Mr. Braekhus and his preaching unceasingly among the Scandinavians these days. The majority of the members of Bethany church of Uppertown are thoroughly convinced that he is a messenger from God, whose mission it is to wake them up from their sin-sleep. They are worked up to a keen sensibility of the danger in which their souls are placed by constantly coming in contact with the children of the world. In short, they are brought to a very high standard of holiness—no high, indeed, that a good many of them have found it necessary to sever their connection with the literary society "Minerva," which until now had held its meetings in the basement of their church. This society was organized a few months ago among the Scandinavians of this town. They were offered free hall in the basement of the Bethany church, whose members were, in fact, very anxious to have them there. The constitution provided that the society should be strictly non-religious and non-political, and nobody can say that that rule has ever been transgressed. This was done in order to secure the aid and membership of all Scandinavians, without regard to faith or opinions. The Society Minerva made rapid progress under the excellent leadership of L. O. Belland. Everybody took a lively interest in it; the best of order and harmony prevailed—in fact, the society filled a long-felt want. All seemed to have a sense of its educational and social influence. Then came Mr. Braekhus. During one of his trances he made a bold front against the society, which he declared to be of the devil. While the word of God was being preached upstairs, the devil was permitted to sit down in the basement, and knit his net to catch the children of God in, and free of rent at that. There is written: "My house shall be called a house of worship, but ye have turned it into a lion's den. We to the shepherd of God who permit such devilment to go on in their midst; drive the devil out; chase him out in the river and let the fishermen catch him in their nets."

that it was because they ran a literary society in the basement (he would have said yes and amen to that), but because they were buying and selling and probably gambling there, just exactly like the churches do nowadays during their fairs.

I sincerely wish, and I feel convinced, that this attack by Mr. Braekhus on the Scandinavian literary society Minerva will rather strengthen it than otherwise; and that they will do all in their power to break the fog of ignorance and bigotry that Braekhus, Steen and others are trying to spread among the Scandinavians of this city.

ED. LUND.

THE BRAEKHUS CONTROVERSY. Dr. Janson Makes Additional Remarks Upon the Subject.

The following communication will be found both interesting and instructive: Editor of The Astorian: In your Sunday paper there appeared an article signed "A Citizen," being ashamed to sign his own name, in which "Citizen" takes upon himself the defense of Mr. Braekhus. It is entirely devoid of any argument, and hence not worthy of notice; but for the benefit of "The Citizen" himself and his like, who can only regard an object in one light, I shall make a few additional remarks to my former article. Like a good Christian, when at a loss to find any argument, he becomes personal, and by insinuations against my ability and my faith, he hopes to draw the attention away from the real facts of the case. From the writer's statements it is evident that he does not understand the meaning of the word "monomaniac." Allow me to enlighten him on the subject, if the capacity of his brain is great enough to grasp one sound thought. Monomania is the derangement of a single faculty of the mind, or with regard to a particular subject only. One who is afflicted with it is a mono-maniac, or commonly spoken of as a crank. He simply suffers from one delusion, out of which he cannot be reasoned by any adequate methods for the time being.

This being the case, I doubt very much whether, by the closest examination before or after death, we should be able to detect any structural abnormality of the brain or any part of the nervous system. No, worthy "Citizen," in these cases we base our diagnosis not so much on the physical examination as on the actions of the patient. I do not think there requires any medical science to come to a definite conclusion in this case. You have only two alternatives to choose between—the man is either an impostor, or else he is not responsible for his actions. In that event I prefer to think him the latter, as I should hate to think that any of my fellow-beings could be so heartless and devoid of all morals as to resort to such religious mockery. As to the theory that he is inspired by the Holy Ghost, none but an ignoramus and a religious fanatic will accept that, and to one of these I classify my worthy "Citizen."

In the second chapter of the Acts of the Apostles we have an example of the apostles speaking under the influence of the Holy Ghost. They all spoke in language to suit the occasion. Parthians, Medes and Elamites, etc., heard these Galileans speak in their own tongue, so as to be distinctly understood. Our friend Braekhus does not speak anything but Norwegian, and not very good Norwegian at that. Further, these persons in the scriptures who were baptized by the Holy Ghost could drink poison, take up serpents, raise the dead, etc. Will our friend give us these proofs of being inspired by the Holy Ghost?

As to my being a Christian, if idolatry and Christianity are synonymous terms, I do not desire to be classified as one. I evidently aspire higher than my friend, "A Citizen," as I do not look for my God in Bethany church. What "Citizen" speaks of as wisdom I consider as common sense, and I think it is the duty of every man, who thoroughly understands the situation, to speak up and condemn such sacrilegious rites as those practiced by Mr. Braekhus.

"A Citizen" asks me why I do not resort to hypnotism in my practice? How do "Citizens" know that I do not? To some extent I have practiced it myself, at least enough to convince me of the powerful effects which hypnotic suggestions may exert upon the body and mind. Even if I did not resort to it, it would not be because I did not have faith in it, but because I was not capable of using it right. A person may, for instance, criticize music, and still not be able to play any instrument himself. When "Citizen" says that I must be afraid there will be quite a few converts, he is right—converts who will sooner or later be ripe for the insane asylum. It may surprise "Citizen" to know that the statistics of our asylums show that in about 85 per cent of our insane women the insanity is directly or indirectly caused by religious excitement. Being a physician who advocates prevention in preference to cure, I am anxious to see such an abominable practice as that resorted to by Mr. Braekhus stopped.

E. JANSEN, M. D.

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