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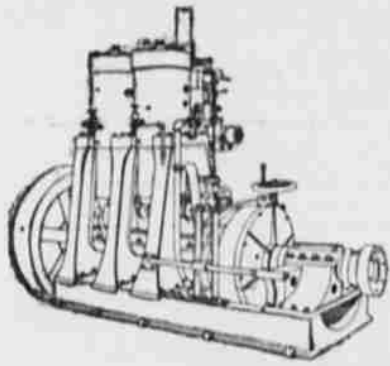
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## BOTH SIDES OF THE QUESTION

Sermon to Fishermen By the Rev. Mr. J. A. Edlund Last Sunday.

### EVILS OF STRIKES SET FORTH

Discouragements and Encouragements in the Daily Struggle for Bread—Eloquent Words to be Heeded by All.

In the Swedish Lutheran church last Sunday the pastor, the Rev. J. A. Edlund, preached a common sense, practical sermon to the fishermen of Astoria. The church was crowded to the doors and everyone in the congregation paid close attention to the words of the minister.

The text was: "And Simon, answering, said unto him, Master, we have toiled all the night, and have taken nothing; nevertheless, at thy word I will let down the net," etc.—Luke, 5:7.

The subject was "Discouragements and encouragements in struggling for daily bread." The Sunday evening previous to the opening of the fishing season it has been Mr. Edlund's aim to speak more directly to the fishermen of Astoria, and last Sunday he took for his theme the story of Simon's ill luck on the sea of Galilee and his disgruntled and discouraging story to the Master after toiling all night fruitlessly. Art has beautifully illustrated the Master's sermon to the fishermen on the shore of Galilee and the preacher carried home his lessons with conviction. The command was "put out into the deep and let down your nets for a draught." Commands are worthless unless obeyed. Simon obeyed, and the catch broke the nets. It was so great. Obedience to higher authority is the key to success in all walks of life. After the dark night Simon and his companions met with wonderful encouragement when they followed the divine injunction.

The preacher then went on to say in part: "The question of what shall we eat, and what shall we drink, and wherewithal shall we be clothed has in all ages agitated the human heart more or less, and will face us as long as we remain mortal. We complain of hard times and trace the cause of such times to different political parties, which is true only to a certain degree. I am no politician, but have a mind of my own. As a true American patriot I favor republican principles, but for all that I do not believe that all the Lincolns, Grants, Garfields and Logans in the world could have averted the financial crisis of the past few years. The true cause of the hard times we have experienced has been wild—I may say crazy—speculation, more than anything else. What we as a people need is more piety and common sense in our struggle for daily bread.

"The discouragements of the modern fishermen are many. There are some things we call storms, which have done much towards discouraging our fishermen. Think of the number of lives that have been lost on this river and the property that has been ruined in storms, besides the agony brought to many families! Again, here is a reduction in the prices of fish. You have counted on so much increase during the season and now you cannot meet your expenses. Then there is some times a small run of fish during a period in which you expected to catch a multitude of fishes—another discouragement for which you were not prepared. Snags in the river have irritated and discouraged many of our fishermen. They tell me there are men called thieves who are desirous of an opportunity to get a part of another's net—not even a fisherman can steer clear of the drags among the human race, and 'man's inhumanity to man makes countless thousands mourn.' Sickness comes and you cannot perform your duties as a fisherman, as the hardships require a good constitution; or sickness in your family discourages you.

**STRIKES.**  
"I will mention another discouragement before I proceed to talk about encouragement. I only wish to say a few words about strikes. It might perhaps be better for me not to say a word about strikes, because they belong to those problems in the development of the history of men which I do not know much about. As it is difficult to make an estimate of the time in which we live, because we have not seen the ripe fruit of the tendencies which make our age differ from those of the past, in the same measure it is difficult to say what the outcome will be of such phenomena as strikes.

"As far as I have been able to ascertain, strikes have originated in this century in our country, and if strikes originated to this country I do not know; but it is not improbable that these strikes are native American, but I can hardly explain that, since the first strike spoken of in this country was among some sailors in the city of New York, in 1807.

"To my mind it is a reproach, both to employers and employees, that they

are not able to agree about wages, but that the laboring man will take recourse to such radical measures as to force the employers to pay what the employees demand is most unjust, and if this be so, then remember that the laboring class will have to suffer for it in the future. Friends, let me tell you candidly, and most seriously, that I believe in retribution, and that 'whatsoever a man soweth, that shall he reap.' Is it the result of universal education and a more enlightened mind, that the laboring class will demand such exorbitant prices for the use of its muscle that those who need its services will not agree to pay what it insists on having for its labor?

"But you tell me that the rich people do not pay labor as much as they are able to pay, and that the rich only oppress the poor. Now let me ask you a question. Which would you prefer to live in—a country where there are many millionaires, or in a country where everybody is poor? I wonder if there is a single fisherman in my audience, or in this city, who would invest \$1,000 in some establishment, if he knew beforehand that he could not make this sum grow somewhat. If he was positive of doubling his money in some investment in five or ten years, he would not hesitate a moment to invest it.

"Now, for my part I believe that the more our laborers strike the more it will discourage our men of means from investing their money, because they do not see that it pays to do so. I claim that the laboring class injures itself by strikes, and when I would dissuade any one from striking, it is not because I take the part of the rich man, but because I do not want the laboring man to injure himself. I do not claim to be either all-wise or infallible in my arguments, but I know one thing to be absolutely true—that what I have said has been spoken out of pure love to my fellow men.

**ENCOURAGEMENTS.**  
The preacher then showed the bright side of the struggle. "We have good reasons to believe that we will have better times, for judging by past events, when crises have come on they have not lasted forever. Hard times help us, by teaching us to make a right use of our means when we have plenty. A laboring man's real estate, or wealth, is his health, and if he has this we need not pity him. Courage to face life leads to prosperity. Those who are always whining and complaining make themselves and others miserable. Like the disciples, obey the commands and success will follow. You fishermen are often encouraged by a large draught of fishes, so that your nets are nearly broken, and then you complain that you cannot dispose of them, but it only goes to show that the fish have not all been killed off by the traps seine and wheels, as some think. There are undoubtedly as many fish in the river now as ever, and through propagation they can be increased. A contented spirit is the greatest encouragement in life."

After wishing the fishermen a prosperous season, and calling upon them to observe Godliness, cleanliness and morality, and urging them to preserve their health, the preacher closed with an eloquent appeal for the higher life.

### REAL ESTATE TRANSFERS.

The following deeds were filed for record at the recorder's office yesterday: United States patent to William Peterson, east half southeast quarter and south half of northeast quarter section 1, township 6 north of range 7 west, 160 acres..... 1.00  
United States patent to Ward Lent, west half of southeast quarter and east half of south west quarter of section 25, township 6 north of range 7 west, 160 acres..... 1.00  
United States patent to Orville A. Bonnis, east half of north-east quarter, southwest quarter of northeast quarter and northeast quarter of southeast quarter of section 25, township 6 north of range 7 west, 160 acres..... 1.00  
C. J. Hall and wife to H. A. Shorey, lots 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 10, 11 and 12, block 1, Columbia addition..... 1.00  
Margaret A. Dunne and husband to Laura Gale Dunne, lot 2, block 3, Ocean Grove..... 1.00  
Mary A. Jordan and husband to E. C. Adams, lots 39 and 40, block 133, Mary Ann Adair's south addition..... 1.00

### THE MARKETS.

San Francisco, April 8.—Hops—9c and 12c.  
New York, April 8.—Hops—Quiet.  
London, April 8.—Hops—Unchanged.  
Portland, April 8.—Wheat—Valley, 76c; Walla Walla, 74c and 75c.  
Liverpool, April 8.—Wheat—Dull; No. 1 Northern spring, 6s 2d.

### S. P. OFFICERS.

San Francisco, April 8.—The directors of the Southern Pacific today re-elected all the officers by unanimous vote.

## DEATH IN THE FIERY FLAMES

Disastrous Fire At Knoxville, Tennessee Wipes Out Lives and Property.

### HOTEL INMATES SUFFOCATED

Fire Spreads to Other Buildings—Help Arrives on the Fast Train—List of Casualties Not Complete.

A. E. WEEKS, Locke, N. Y.  
W. R. HOPKINS, St. Louis.  
ROBINSON, Pulaski, Tenn.  
S. E. WILLIAMS, Springfield, Mass.  
Knoxville, Tenn., April 8.—Never in the history of Knoxville has the city suffered such a loss by fire as it did today, following the breaking out of flames at an early hour this morning in a grocery store adjoining the big Knox hotel.

The hotel and adjoining buildings were soon in flames and the very heart of the city, including some of the largest wholesale and retail houses in the city south, were destroyed. The loss is estimated at from one to one and a half million dollars, with about sixty per cent of insurance. The loss of life is uncertain, as the register of the hotel, in which fifty-six people were sleeping, was burned. The proprietor of the hotel says he had five or six guests who have not put in an appearance. A. E. Weeks, of Locke, N. Y., a drummer for a Rochester stamping company, is known to have perished in the flames. R. W. Hopkins, a St. Louis drummer, was last seen in the burning building in a suffocating condition. W. H. Keppart, ex-secretary of the chamber of commerce, saved the life of John Bogie, an old farmer, by dragging him to a window and letting him out on the roof of another building. Keppart jumped one story and was uninjured. When the firemen thought the inmates of the hotel had escaped a woman with an infant in her arms rushed to the rear windows and screamed for help. A net was stretched and the woman was asked to drop the child out, but as the smoke almost choked her, she told them that if some one had 50 lbs, both would die. The woman was finally rescued by the firemen.

From the hotel building, which is five stories high, the fire spread rapidly. A stiff wind made the flames very ugly and the fire department was inadequate. In the wholesale hardware house of W. W. Woodruff & Co. a large dynamite explosion occurred and scores of people were hurt by flying glass and brick. It became necessary at last to have the walls of one building blown down by cannon to stop the mad career of the fire.

The city authorities, realizing that the fire department was unable to conquer the flames, telegraphed to Chattanooga for assistance. An engine was placed aboard a flat car and started on a run of 111 miles, which was made by Engineer Robbins in 100 minutes, breaking the record.

A cabinet maker named P. G. Dyer fell dead on the street from fright. A man named Robinson, from Pulaski, Tenn., is supposed to be another victim. He was registered in the hotel and has not been seen since. A large force of men is at work clearing the debris tonight and searching the ruins. Street traffic is entirely suspended.

Knoxville architects received orders today for plans for eleven buildings to take the place of the ones burned. All the buildings are to be replaced at once. The losses as given tonight amount to one million one hundred thousand dollars.

In addition to the destruction of several smaller buildings and losses to small dealers, heavy losses to plate glass were caused by the intense heat and water.

It is more than probable that John C. Bogie, the old gentleman hurt in the hotel, will die. He inhaled the flames and cannot speak nor swallow. The last man to leave the burning building says he has positive proof that five or six persons were burned. He ran over three or four men in the hallways who were suffocated. John, a railroad baggage agent, came down from the fifth story of the hotel hand over hand on the water pipes before the fire department arrived. Only one of the guests saved any of his effects.

The list of dead so far reported is as follows: A. E. Week, Locke, N. Y.; W. R. Hopkins, St. Louis; Robinson, Pulaski, Tenn.; S. E. Williams, Springfield, Mass. Nine men were injured.

### OFF FOR HONOLULU.

San Diego, Cal., April 8.—The cruiser Philadelphia sailed for Honolulu today with Admiral Beardslee on board.

### FARMER SUICIDES.

Los Angeles, April 8.—James Smith, a supposedly prosperous tenant farmer on the ranch of J. S. Killan, near

El Monte, committed suicide last night by hanging himself to a tree in his yard. There is no known cause. Smith came to El Monte last fall from Oregon.

### DURRANT APPEAL DENIED.

San Francisco, April 8.—The attorneys for Durrant today asked the supreme court for a writ of error. The petition was denied and the attorneys will now appeal direct to the United States supreme court for a stay of execution pending the preparation of papers for an appeal.

### FLOOD SITUATION.

Is Practically Unchanged—Many Refugees Supplied and Many Not.

Memphis, April 8.—The telegrams received tonight from the floods of the Mississippi delta report the situation unchanged. A heavy rain accompanied by a strong northwest wind has prevailed all the afternoon. Information from the lower lake crevasse says the break is 1700 feet wide, and every effort is being made to tie the ends of the levee. The town of Lulu is entirely shut out, except by telegraph. Today was ration day for the destitute refugees, and a more poverty-stricken hard to picture. Only those who were at the place of distribution would be hard to picture. Only those who were known to be actually in need were supplied. The news had become current among the negroes that the government had sent rations, and many who were yet able to take care of themselves were grievously disappointed at not finding their names on the relief roll.

At Helena the river has fallen two feet and eleven inches since the levee gave way on Sunday. The back water in the southern part of the city is at a standstill. Many flood refugees are being taken to Helena, and the number in that city will now probably reach 3,000. The relief committee is doing good work and no complaints have been made. The river is falling at all points between Cairo and Helena.

### STARVATION IN ALASKA.

Provisions Short in the Mining Regions and High Prices Prevail.

Seattle, April 8.—The steamship Mexico arrived in port this morning from Alaska. Reports from the new discoveries on the Klondyke continue to tell of marvellously rich finds. There appears to be grave danger that starvation will run some of the miners in the Yukon a very close race before the supplies of provisions reach them this year. There is no flour at Forty Mile, and no bacon at Circle City, and scarcely any of either at Klondyke on the upper river. Freight costs \$1 a pound from Circle City to Klondyke. At Klondyke flour is \$50 a sack, butter \$1 a roll, beans 15 cents at Forty Mile, 30 cents at Klondyke; sugar 25 cents a pound at Forty Mile, none at all at Klondyke. Only 20 pounds is allowed to the man at Forty Mile. Coffee and tea are \$1 per pound. What beef was taken in last season was sold at 50 cents per pound. Whisky is 50 cents a glass at Klondyke and Dawson City and cigars 50 cents.

### CYCLERS MAD.

San Francisco, April 8.—Officers of the California Associated Cycling Clubs have made the announcement that the California Associated Cycling Clubs have assumed control of the cycle track racing in the state of California. They have been impeded to this step by the refusal of the League of American Wheelmen to recognize existing conditions in this state and to adapt its rules thereto.

### TOO MUCH ALCOHOL.

San Diego, Cal., April 8.—One sailor on the cruiser Philadelphia died today, two others are in a dying condition, and several others are desperately ill. During the night they tapped a chest of wood alcohol and stole large quantities, which they mixed with eggs and condensed milk and drank with the result stated.

### DYER GETS THERE.

Providence, April 8.—The returns received today indicate that the republican candidate for governor, General Dyer, was given a large majority in both houses of the assembly and a majority of 67 in the grand committee.

### ANOTHER DIRECTOR.

Washington, April 8.—The president has appointed John T. Brossard, of Nebraska, a government director of the Union Pacific railroad. He succeeds R. R. Nelson, whose term has expired.

### KILLED BY A STREET CAR.

Portland, April 8.—Grace Wade, a three-year-old girl, was run over this afternoon by a street car on Eighth and Glisan streets, and instantly killed. Her body was frightfully mangled.

## SOUTHERN PACIFIC IS IN ASTORIA

Opens An Office for the Handling of Passenger Business to the Sea.

### STRAW POINT TO THE WIND

The Great Corporation, the Burlington and Others evidently Much Interested in the Astoria Railroad.

The Southern Pacific Railway Company has entered Astoria formally for business. This movement was anticipated about a year ago by the Astorian, when it predicted that the Southern was the prime mover behind Mr. Hammond in the building of the Astoria & Columbia River Railroad.

Mr. J. P. Jones, passenger agent of the Southern, in company with Mr. C. O. Terry, passenger agent of the Burlington, arrived in the city yesterday and appointed Mr. Curtis Trenchard the well-known express and shipping agent, local passenger agent of the Southern Pacific in this city. Undoubtedly the Southern is getting ready for the handling of business when the new line shall be completed. The Burlington is not asleep in the matter, and the well-known fact that it is rapidly building through the Black Hills an independent line to the coast lends color to the report that she is also interested in the Astoria road. Nothing could be more probable, as the Burlington has always been a progressive and enterprising railway. She is always at the front, always in the lead, the first to adopt modern methods, and never takes a step backward. The Southern Pacific, as is well known, is the largest and richest corporation on the Pacific coast. It has been a factor in the development of this country, and is rapidly gaining ground in Oregon. It is beyond a question of doubt an assured fact that other trans-Missouri lines and Eastern trunk lines are interested to an extent in the Astoria road, which will open up the best harbor on the Pacific coast. With these railroad connections will come manufacturing to develop Oregon's natural resources. Pay rolls are what Oregon needs, and they cannot come too soon.

### TO ANNEX HAWAII

San Francisco, April 8.—The steamer Monowai arrived this evening from Australia via Apia and Honolulu, with the following advices:  
Honolulu, April 1.—President Dole gave out the information today that William A. Kinney, a local lawyer, had been selected to go to Washington as an annexation commissioner. He is to leave here on the 7th inst. C. A. Spreckels, who controls the Spreckelsville plantation, has discharged every white man on the place, with the exception of two, and has put Orientals in their places. An attempt to reduce expenses is given as the reason. There have been no new developments in the Japanese immigration trouble.

### APPOINTMENTS CONFIRMED.

Washington, April 8.—The senate in executive session today confirmed the following nominations:  
Theodore Roosevelt, to be assistant secretary of the navy.  
Thomas W. Critzer, West Virginia, chief assistant secretary of state.  
Benton B. McCruy, of Michigan, to be secretary of the United States legation in the city of Mexico.  
Captain A. S. Croninshield, to be chief of the bureau of navigation, department of the navy.  
Brigadier General Frank Wheaton, to be major general in the army.  
Captain Robert Craig, signal corps, to be major.

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