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## A GOOD SERMON

Rev. Smythe Tells His Members There is But One Way to Heaven--All Religions Equal.

Reverend C. M. Smythe, who delights the people each week in the pulpit at the Methodist church had for his sermon last Sunday night.

ONE FOLD ONE SHEPHERD.

"And other sheep I have which are not of this fold?"

Denominational pride is another name for religious weakness, and it is proof of a small nature. A broad and generous man is in sympathy with all the sects of Christendom, and would not impose the form of worship which he personally prefers on anyone, but insists that each man believe what he pleases, provided it results in an honest life.

God will never ask what special religious body you belong to, but whether your faith made you a good citizen, a good father, a good friend and a good man. There are no sectarians in heaven; they are all lovers of the noble and the true in every clime and in every system of religion known to struggling humanity. A Methodist, or an Episcopalian or a Baptist angel cannot be found in the New Jerusalem.

The various sects which are scattered over the earth are like so many ladders by which the people climb to the upper regions. The foot of the ladder is on the ground, while the other end rests firmly against the throne. When we die we shall leave the ladders behind, because they will have achieved their purpose and we can have no further use for them.

The path by which you reach the top of the mountain is of no consequence whatever, and if your neighbor chooses to get there in some other way you are very ungracious if you denounce him for exercising his own judgement instead of following yours. His brains belong to him and your brains belong to you. You may do as you please and he may do as he pleases. If his eyes are fixed on the summit, and he is doing what he can to attain it, God will certainly regard him with favor, and you should do no less. The bigot can see only one way and that is his own way. He lacks a very important element of character because he is not large enough to understand that different temperaments require different incentives, and that what is good for one may possibly be bad for another.

There is altogether too little charity in the world for those who do not find it easy to see things just as we see them. There are a thousand ways to do pretty nearly everything that is worth doing, and one way is as good as another. To call this man a heretic because he has his individual way of solving the puzzle of life, and that man orthodox because he happens to think as you do, is both unwise and un-Christian.

If you have a well developed soul, you can worship in any church that was ever built, or you can worship without any church at all. He is a poor kind of creature who is so prejudiced that he cannot find words with which to tell the Lord how grateful he is, whether he sits in a Quaker meeting-house or a Catholic cathedral.

It is not the building, but the idea which it imparts that is important. It is of no consequence whatever whether the clergyman wears a surplice or does not wear one; that the service is characterized by pomp and ceremony or conducted without these auxiliaries; that the edifice is the exponent of ecclesiastical architecture or only a barn in the backwoods. If you get the idea, you get all you need and all you can ask for. If you are smitten with remorse because your record has blots and smudges on it, the mere robes of the priest who thus suits you will count for nothing; and if you resolve to lead a life of integrity the preacher has accomplished the task which the Lord Almighty gave him, whether he is Methodist or Baptist.

The object of the church is not to make a man a sectarian, but to make him loyal to the truth. At least, that should be its object, and if it achieves that object, the fact that it belongs to this or that denomination is not worth a second thought.



MISS FLORA WILSON.

One of the most popular young ladies of the cabinet circle is Miss Flora Wilson, daughter of the secretary of agriculture. She has just returned to Washington after quite an extended summer tour.

You should believe in something, and that something should furnish you with noble impulses, with charity for your fellow-man, with pity for the unfortunate, and with a desire to do all that lies in your power to make this old world better because you have lived in it. That much of a creed is absolutely necessary, and when you have that much you want no more. It will give you work enough to keep you busy until death knocks at the door and sends you word that you are wanted somewhere.

A few convictions hammered out of your own sense of dependence, and the consciousness of your daily need to be watched over and guided by the invisible beings who "walk the earth both when we wake and when we sleep," will serve you better than all the theology that was ever printed in books.

If you think that one sect serves your purpose better than any other, join it by all means; but be careful that you do not worship the ladder up which you climb instead of the heaven against which the upper end of the ladder rests. And, above all, don't criticize your neighbor because he is made of different stuff and chooses to go to heaven some other way. If that neighbor is an honorable man and is doing the best his circumstances will allow, give him your good wishes ever if he goes to some other church than your own. And if he prefers to say his prayers at home or in the woods or in any of the other temples of God, still give him a helping hand and do not insult him because he cannot think as you do, or insult the ALMIGHTY because He made that man to do just as he is doing.

You cannot prescribe a diet that shall be equally beneficial to all. When you spread your banquet allow each guest to take what suits him. That is the only true hospitality. If a man has any religion at all do not ask him what kind it is and sneer at him because it is not your kind but be grateful because he and you are trying to get to the same place, though he takes one road and you another.

Jackson County has nine newspapers, with a population of 14000 people, and they say that is too many for the people to support. Let's see, that would be one newspaper for every 1555 people. Well, Lake county has three newspapers and a population of only 2800 people, and that would be one newspaper for every 933 people. From these figures it would appear that Lake County had nearly 1 1/2 more newspapers than Jackson County according to population.

## The Surprisers are

The social element of the town is becoming conspicuous. They have so many pleasant entertainments that the fad to "make things merry" at the home of some unsuspecting friend is really a fad. The latest in the surprise party line was the party at the home of Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Massingill last Friday night. The jolly party assembled at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Steele, and with well filled lunch baskets proceeded in a body to the Massingill home. All was dark within and doubts were entertained as to whether they were at home or had retired for the night. If they had retired it mattered not as it was a surprise and they would be roused out anyway. After repeated knocks at the door with no response it was feared that they were away, or playing possum, but some one suggested that the door be tried; it opened, and to the consternation and surprise of the surprisers they were confronted with numerous hobgoblins and jack o'lanterns scattered about the room. It was a complete surprise for the surprisers, while the hosts awaited their arrival with suppressed mirth.

Progressive whist was the entertainment of the evening (each gentleman guest bringing a deck of cards), and the game waxed warm until the close. Mrs. Knox and Mr. Light were declared winners and each received a beautiful prize, and Mrs. Bailey and Mr. Steele also received prizes for being out of luck. A superb lunch closed an evening of perfect enjoyment. Those present were: Mr. and Mrs. Harry Railey, Mr. and Mrs. Lee Beall, Mr. and Mrs. A. Y. Beach, Mr. and Mrs. A. Bieher, Mr. and Mrs. E. M. Brattain, Mr. and Mrs. F. P. Light, Mr. and Mrs. R. E. L. Steiner, Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Steele, Mr. and Mrs. Walter Sharpe, Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Massingill, Mrs. C. A. Knox, Max Whittlesey and F. B. Evans.

Large snow flakes smaller than a dishpan began falling Tuesday morning, and for a few minutes looked as though there would be sleighing, but the sun came out while the flakes were falling and the snow soon saw its finish. In the evening, however, snow fell and merely covered the ground when the weather cleared and a light freeze held the snow till next day.

## ELECTIONS LAST WEEK

The Returns Briefly Told--Some Republican Gains in the West --The East Holds its Own

In New York, Odell, Rep., is re-elected Governor by 13,000 plurality, notwithstanding his opponent carried greater New York City by 117,500. The Congressional delegation is 29 Republicans to 17 Democrats.

In Ohio, the Republican pluralities are overwhelming, the estimate being 100,000, the highest ever given except 1894, when the plurality was over 137,000. The Congressional delegation is the same 17 to 4, and the Legislature is strongly Republican.

In Pennsylvania, the plurality was over 175,000 for the Republican Governor. The Democrats having elected two and possibly another of the 32 Congressmen.

In Kansas, the Republicans make a clean sweep, electing all the Congressmen and the State Legislature solid. This is the most complete Republican victory since the days of Populism.

Wisconsin elects a solid Republican delegation to Congress, carrying the State by over 35,000, also the State Legislature by large majority.

Nebraska is Republican on party vote by 10,000, although the Governor is in doubt, with Legislature probably Republican.

In Colorado the Republicans elect the State ticket, but Democrats carry the Legislature.

In Montana the entire Republican State ticket is elected.

Minnesota is Republican as usual, but loses one Congressman.

Minnesota elects 8 of the 9 Republican Congressmen, with a large majority for the Republican State ticket.

Iowa gives its usual 75,000 Republican majority.

Delaware is in doubt, but will probably have a dead lock Legislature again in reference to choice of U. S. Senator.

Connecticut elects solid Republican delegation to Congress. The Republican candidate for Governor has 10,000 majority, a gain over last election, and the Legislature is Republican.

North Dakota elects entire Republican ticket by 11,000 majority.

Rhode Island elects a Democratic Governor by small majority.

Indiana holds its own in electing the entire Republican State ticket, with Congressional delegation unchanged.

West Virginia has a reduced Republican majority and the Democrats claim the election of one Congressman.

South Dakota is Republican by a good majority, with 122 of 132 members of Legislature and chance of the other ten when official count is made.

Wyoming elects Republican State and Congressional tickets. All Republicans in Legislature excepting one.

Mississippi solidly Democratic, with no opposition as usual.

The State of Washington gives 12,000 Republican majority.

In Arizona, the contest is very close with chances favorable for Republican delegate to Congress.

Massachusetts elects about same Republican delegation to Congress, with nearly 40,000 Republican majority in the State.

North Carolina Democratic, with solid Congressional delegation.

Maryland Republicans get 4 of the 6 Congressmen, no other officers being elected.

In Utah the Republicans have made a clean sweep of electing everything.

Georgia elects a solid Democratic delegation to Congress.

Idaho elects Republican ticket by 3,000.

Nevada elects Democratic Governor and other State officers, and Congressmen.

California elects Republican Governor and Legislature with good majority. The Republicans elect 6 of the 8 Congressmen.

In the other States there does not seem to be any noticeable change, and the prospects indicate not less than 20 Republican majority in next U. S. Senate and about same majority in House of Representatives.

## CORONER'S INQUEST.

Charles A. Fitch Did Not Suicide Is the Verdict--His Life Well Insured--Was a Good Man

The Coroner of Lake county, by right which the law gives him, held an inquisition into the cause of the death of Charles A. Fitch, who by the use of a drug, accidental, or otherwise, sought Eternity. The inquisition was held on Thursday, November 6th, and the jury was comprised of the following well known citizens: M. T. Walters, H. C. Whitworth, W. D. Woodcock, John McIlhinney, Chas. Umbach and George Miller. C. M. Smythe was the coroner's clerk, Farnum E. Harris, the coroner. Eight witnesses were sworn in the case. They were Dwight Johnson, foreman of the Herald office, Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Oliver, Miss Pearl Moss, Dr. E. H. Smith, Dr. B. Daly, Dr. Vinton Hall and Lee Beall.

The Physicians testified that they had found no evidence to lead them to believe that C. A. Fitch had been in the habit of using Morphine, Opium, or Laudanum up to the time of his last sickness; or that he had been addicted to the excessive use of Alcoholic beverages. They gave it as their opinion that the deceased came to his death from Morphine or some of its derivatives, and probably was the result of accident. Mr. Beall testified that Mr. Fitch had never purchased at his drug store any of the above poisons.

Dwight Johnson, Mr. and Mrs.

as to his general sobriety and pleasant manners. He was always a jolly man around the office, and a man of his temperament would be the last to be suspected of melancholia ideas with intent to destroy himself.

The jury brought in a verdict that from the evidence they believed that C. A. Fitch came to his death by Morphine poisoning and gave it as their opinion that it was the result of accident.

The remains were taken to the railroad, at Ashland, on Saturday last, for shipment to Chehalis, Washington, the Masonic fraternity of that place having requested the removal of the body, and placing it in their custody. A. S. Down took the remains to Ashland.

It is understood that Mr. Fitch had made ample provision for his family--an insurance in the A. O. U. W. and the Modern Woodmen, besides a straight insurance policy for \$5,000.

The Oregonian said that the deceased was the Fusionist candidate for State Printer in 1898. This is an error. Mr. Fitch was not distinguished in any way, other than being a good, social fellow. The Oregonian also said that Mr. Fitch was a good stump speaker, as well as an effective writer. This is also a mistake.

## A Few Stock Notes.

The Daly-Miller-Heryford Company of Warner Valley sold 25 head of beef cattle last Saturday to Louis Gerber of Lorella. Mr. Gerber also purchased 50 head of beef from Jack Barry and others at Adel. He also received this week 60 head of beef cattle from Chewaucan, purchased for him by Dell Brattain from John Farra, George Jones and Brattain Brothers. All this stock will be taken to Merrill to be fed on alfalfa for the winter California market.

Louis Gerber informs The Examiner that the Daly-Miller-Heryford cattle company's ranch in Warner valley, will in a few years, be one of the greatest cattle plants in Oregon.

C. R. Martin, Joe Howard, J. D. Carr, L. Gerber, Mitchell Bros. and J. J. Straw have purchased over 4,000 tons of alfalfa in the Lost River country. Lost river is becoming one of the best places on the coast as feeding grounds for both beef cattle and mutton sheep.

The Club dance Saturday night was a good one. Another one next Saturday night.