

# BRADFORD LEAVITT PREACHES

## Sensational Sermon at San Francisco on Snobocracy

### Says Ostentatious Displays of Wealth and Vulgar Overdressing is Ruining the Race

"The Society Columns of the Daily Newspapers" furnished Rev. Bradford Leavitt of the First Unitarian church yesterday morning with the title for a striking and somewhat sensational sermon on the growing menace of the idle, ostentatious rich. The preacher found his text in the phrase of St. Paul: "Of those who seemed to be somewhat, whatsoever they were," and he denounced the "American snobocracy of wealth" as inviting a revolution that will shatter society to its foundation.

"We are witnessing in America today the very degradation of prosperity," he declared. "Our people of vast wealth are making their country the laughing stock of the world by their imitation of the vices and sham magnificence of Europe, and they are breeding among our working classes a social discontent that is wrecking homes and lives, filling the divorce courts, multiplying suicides and preparing the way for their own wiping out. We are charged with having abandoned the old-fashioned, wholesome simplicity of our fathers, who made their country strong and great, and admired of all whose admiration was worth a thought. The charge is but too true, and the proof lies in the shamefulness of the luxury displayed by the indolent, insolent rich, whose criminal disregard of their duties to the state and to their fellow-men today threatens the national life.

"It is the misuse of wealth that I denounce. Wealth has its uses of the highest value. The sight of an honest man beginning poor and working his way up to the command of an honorable fortune is sometimes an encouragement to right endeavor; but when rich men use their wealth for display they become more dangerous than any band of anarchists.

"The evil of the modern newspaper is that it exalts this shoddy aristocracy of American gold by spreading before people of moderate means and little culture a world of silly details about the vulgar rich, the very rich and the would-be rich. I hold that the newspapers are doing a vast hurt to society by advertising the Babylonish indulgences of these low-bred follow-citizens of ours, of whom we all ought to be deeply ashamed. The details of their cheap and sordid lives; their gaudy houses, that are never homes; their weddings, with published appraisals of useless gifts; their feasts, their yachts, their balls, their immediate overdressing—all these and many more of the nauseating particulars which the society columns report are matters as to which a decent reticence would be more seemly.

"The society column, however, is a result, not a cause. It flourishes to gratify the demand of people who want to seem something else than they are. It helps to spread the notion that money is the end of life. Silly as it is, it is feeding that discontent among the ranks of the poor which is steadily deepening into bitterness, and which waits for the coming upheaval, when those who have not will overthrow the houses of the Philistines."

Mr. Leavitt quoted recent newspaper reports of the Vanderbilt wedding at Newport. "This particular form of American vulgarity," he said, "is going to be pretty thoroughly aired before it is cured. Disgusting as these reports are I dare say the fathers-in-law and mothers-in-law drink the sup of glory to the dregs. We need not stop to pity them. The evil of it all is that poor working girls are led to deprive their bodies and minds of food in order that they may, in a small, cheap way, imitate the finery they read about. Many a hard-working father is looking upon a home ruined by the extravagance bred by these society reports. Women who live in boarding houses and have little means trail long and delicate-colored gowns across the filthy streets of San Francisco in order to be thought fashionable, and thousands of men and women are ruined in these ways by the vulgarity of irresponsible wealth.

"In this process of evolving an American 'aristocracy' we are losing much that was sweet and simple and admirable in our American life. The old-fashioned, high-bred character of

the past is giving way under the strain of colossal fortunes. The greatest mishap that can befall a youth is to be born in to a rich family, for only by almost superhuman force of character can the son of the millionaire escape being made a fool of and a disgrace and a curse to society. In the words of the Master 'How hardly shall they that have great riches enter into the kingdom of heaven!'"

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## To Cut Out Grazing Land

William A. Richards, commissioner of the general land office, a thoroughly Western man, fully acquainted with Western conditions, is endeavoring to inject new ideas into the government's forestry policy, and, if he succeeds, he will do much toward softening the opposition to forest reservations in many states.

In his own state, Wyoming, the forest reserve problem is viewed in much the same light as it is in Washington. The reserves were recently enlarged, and much land included that is really not valuable for its forest cover. The stock interests of the state naturally became aroused, and protested against the arbitrary reservation of grazing lands, from which it was the intention of the department to ultimately exclude all sheep and cattle.

Commissioner Richards recently ordered several practical special agents of his office to go into the Wyoming reserves with a corps of surveyors, and to mark out new boundaries for the reserves. They were instructed to eliminate all grazing lands, which are eventually to be restored to the unreserved public domain, hence back to the use of the stock interests.

The work in Wyoming is largely experimental, but, if it proves a success, like eliminations will be made from the reserves of the other states, including Washington, where there is a considerable area of pasture land still in reserve.

Commissioner Richards takes the broad view that forest reserves were intended to preserve the timber and the water supply; not to prohibit grazing on what are properly classed as pasture lands.

In this new move he has the endorsement of Secretary Hitchcock and President Roosevelt.

#### "The Unknown."

Which will be presented at the Grand Opera house Saturday night by the Readick Stock Company, is a particularly strong drama by Jno. A. Stevens, and has proved itself an attraction of great merit by the success it attained in both New York and London.

The play is all life and action, and contains some of the best sketches of character ever seen. Everybody has heard of Jack Salt, the typical old seaman, faithful, amusing, and a true representative of Old Father Ocean ashore; in fact every character in the play is drawn so clear-cut and distinct that one recognizes with pleasure the type of humanity to which they belong and admires the skillful hand which has brought to life such delightful creations of the brain. The play is excellently mounted, the view of the East river, New York, in the first act being particularly fine, and the corresponding sets for the other acts are all picturesque and handsome. Complete scenery and effects having been built and designed, especially for this company. The acting calls for special mention as all the leading people are Eastern artists, with a well deserved reputation, and the company without exception, is so strong that it would be almost unfair to particularize any individual member. Produced under the personal supervision of Mr. Frank Readick, a delightfully interesting and high-class performance can be relied upon.

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## FOR VOTERS AND THE TAXPAYERS

### The Eddy Bill a Fatal Blow to Our Mining Interest

#### Levies a Tax on Every Mining Company Attempting to Develop That Industry

The following dispatch, which appeared in the evening papers of yesterday, is a "graft," pure and simple:

#### "The Dalles of Columbia.

"Portland, May 14.—A special board of United States engineers are at The Dalles to investigate the route of the proposed government canal through the dalles of the Columbia.

"The government appropriation for the work is \$4,000,000, part of which is available for the commencement of the work."

Referendum petitions can be found at the office of the Golden Rule Mining Company, in the McCormack building, or at the office of Ryan & Co., on State street. The time is short, and don't overlook the opportunity.

C. L. JOHNSON, Local Manager.

In this connection we give the opinion of a wide-awake mining man, as to the effect of the Eddy bill. Eastern Oregon claims, and claims justly, that the tax on corporations is a direct and savage blow at its industry, mining, and, of course, the same rule applies to Southern Oregon. Quartz mining requires considerable capital, and consequently the formation of corporations. Most of these corporations are putting their money into development work, are getting no returns and feel that it is unjust to tax them for trying to develop the resources of the country. The miner says:

"What are we trying to do?" queried the manager of one of the leading Baker county mines near the Cornucopia district, while in conversation yesterday with the Democrat man.

"I tell you that Oregon has made a tremendous mistake in passing the Eddy corporation tax bill and the portage railway bill. It is their intention to drive mining men out of the state entirely? Look at the mines in this county alone. There are miles and miles of tunnels. Those tunnels are not improvements to the property or any enhancement of value until pay ore begins to come out of the hole and go onto the market, yet, we are taxed for state, county, school and the Lord knows how many other more accounts on everything we have in sight above and below ground. One might as well drive a tunnel under this street and tax the hole for all the justice there is in this last legislative act which puts another charge upon us annually for the sake of having a name, and so much money in the business.

"Tell me why it is that New York capitalists are already turning down Oregon properties. It is simply because the state is taxed to death, and they know it. It is like a case of smallpox. Such news spreads from the Pacific to the Atlantic in financial circles like wildfire. Don't tax your mines to death, unless they take some dividends out of the ground.

"Right on top of this unjust bill your legislators make a scoop of \$165,000, which will not build one-third of the proposed useless toy of a portage railroad at The Dalles. All kinds of incorporated business in the state has to stand for this political graft. This is another reason why there is no disposition in the East to buy Oregon mining property.

"I am glad to see an effort has been made at the instance of Baker City mining men to stop this wholesale grafting and useless expenditure of public monies. If the expenses of the state are greater than its income cut off expense, but don't tax the overburdened producer to keep up a death race after phantoms that cannot materialize until you have more people, more factories, more irrigation, more brains and more money in Oregon. Let nature take her course.

"It has only been within the past year or two that New Yorkers ever knew Baker City was on the map, and such things as these bills will continue to send them to Montana, Colorado, Utah and California.

"The mines make the towns, not the towns the mines. This is only a little camp. Dry up the mines and where would be Baker City and Sumpter? Their business houses would be boarded up in a short time. The mines even have to build the roads through the country on which to do their busi-

ness. Sometimes we can't even get our mail for a week. I say temper the wind to the shorn lamb."

The Baker City Democrat has this to say of the corporation tax bill and portage road:

In reply to a general demand for an explanation of the effect of the signing of the referendum petitions now being circulated for the repeal of the corporation tax, or Eddy bill, and the portage railroad bill, let it be understood clearly and distinctly that when the requisite 4500 signatures to the petitions have been certified up to the governor, it makes the bills inoperative until the question is passed upon at the next general election in Oregon, one year from next June. The practical effect is that the over-taxed and overburdened mining and mercantile companies will be saved two years' taxes, whether they succeed in stopping the leak holes at the polls or not. Further, this action on the part of the people lays the ground work for quicker and more efficient work in the courts.

The pleasing information comes from Sumpter and Southern Oregon that the referendum petitions are

being freely signed on every hand. The people have determined to place this state in the line of progress and cease inviting capitalists and investors here with one hand and knocking them down with the other after they got them.

#### Brotherhood.

The Westminster Brotherhood of Andrew and Philip will conduct a specially prepared service at the First Presbyterian church on Sunday evening, at 8 o'clock. A men's choir and orchestra will lead the music. Mr. W. R. Baller, of the blind school, will render a violin solo. Special address to men. Everybody cordially invited.

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William S. Whitwell, the Harvard student, has been heard at Waco, Texas.

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