

A PACK OF CARDS WAS HIS BIBLE

(Seattle Times.)

In commenting upon the sermon against cards and card-playing by the Rev. Dr. Matthews, the Times said that cards are not half as bad as they are painted and instanced the soldier whose Bible was a deck of cards.

One of the good women of Seattle, a mother who has reared a family to womanhood and manhood and whose children hold prominent places in business and social affairs of Seattle, does not agree with Dr. Matthews. Her boys and girls play cards and she doesn't believe that "they use the devil's method of furnishing recruits for gambling dens and haunts of vice," as Dr. Matthews claims.

Many years ago this good woman read the story of the soldier and his Bible and she tucked it away in her scrap book. She read the sermon in which Dr. Matthews said: "No one can play cards to the glory of God. Christians and church members are supposed to do only those things which glorify God. No devotee of whist, bridge, nor any other game of cards ever has been made a better Christian, a more spiritual person, or a more devout worshiper of God by such games."

Then the story of the soldier came back to her and she hunted it up and sends it to the Times to print, to show that even a card player may find a Bible in cards—if not "tongues in trees, books in the running brook, sermons in stones and good in everything."

The soldier's name was Richard Lee. The story as recorded before a magistrate in court at Glasgow, Scotland, is reprinted from an English newspaper and teaches its own lesson thus:

A sergeant commanded the soldiers at the church, and when the parson had read the prayers he took the text. Those who had Bibles took them out, but this soldier had neither Bible nor common prayer book, and pulling out a pack of cards he spread them before him. He first looked at one card and then at another. The sergeant of the company saw him and said:

"Richard, put up the cards. This is no place for them."

"Never mind that," said Richard. When the services were over the constable took Richard prisoner and brought him before the mayor.

"Well," said the mayor, "what have you brought this soldier here for?"

"For playing cards in church."

"Well, soldier, what have you to say for yourself?"

"Much, sir, I hope."

"Very good; if not, I will punish you severely."

"I have been," said the soldier, "about six weeks on the march. I have neither Bible nor common prayer book, I have nothing but a pack of cards, and I hope to satisfy your worship of the purity of my intentions."

Then, spreading the cards before the mayor, he began with the ace.

"When I see the ace, it reminds me that there is but one God; when I see the two, it reminds me of the Father and Son; when I see the three, it reminds me of the Father, Son and Holy Ghost; when I see the four, it reminds me of the four evangelists that preached Matthew, Mark, Luke and John."

"When I see the five, it reminds me of the five virgins that trimmed their lamps—there were ten, but five

of them were wise and five were foolish and were shut out; when I see the six, it reminds me that in six days the Lord made heaven and earth; when I see the seven, it reminds me that on the seventh day God rested from the great work He had made and hallowed it.

"When I see the eight, it reminds me of the eight religious persons who were saved when God destroyed the world—viz., Noah and his wife, his three sons and their wives; when I see the nine, it reminds me of the nine lepers that were cleansed by our Saviour—there were nine out of ten that never returned thanks; when I see the ten, it reminds me of the

described every card in the pack except one."

"What is that?"

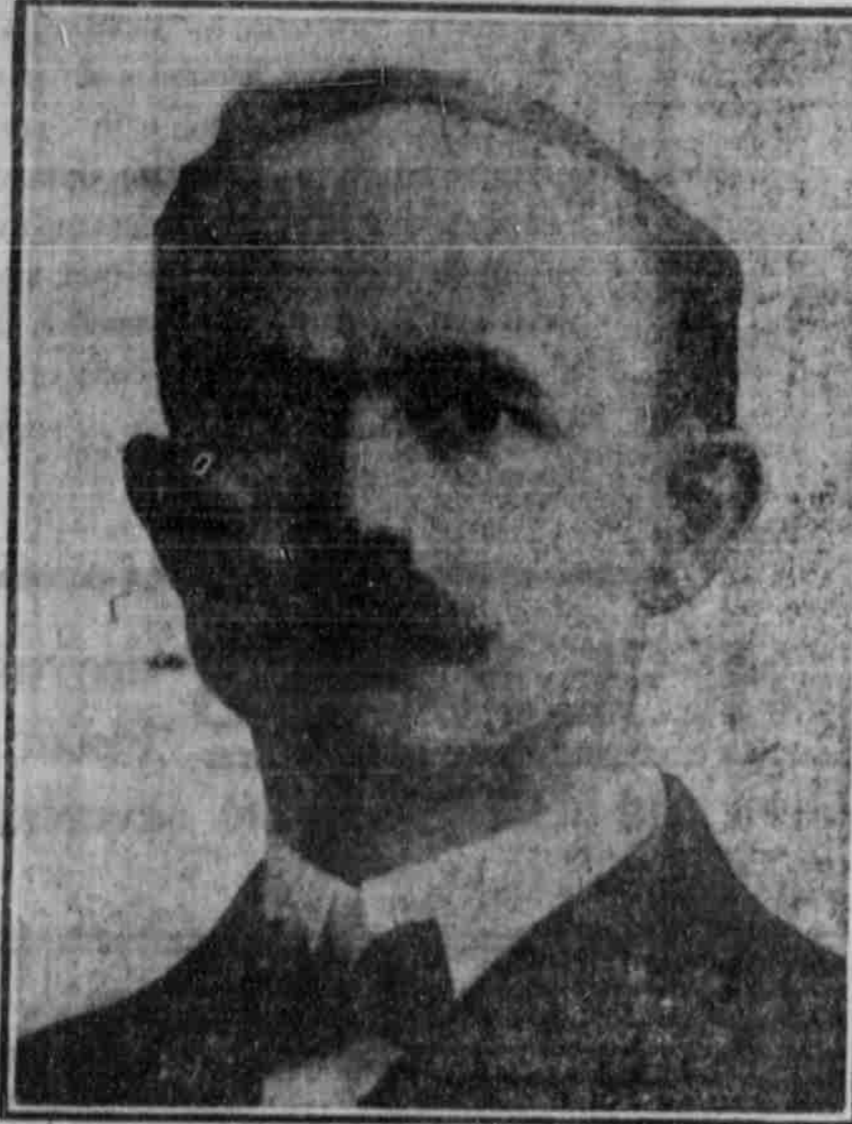
"The knave," said the mayor. "I will give you honor a description of that, too; if you will not be angry."

"I will not," said the mayor, "if you do not term me to be the knave."

"The greatest knave I know of is the constable that brought me here."

"I do not know," said the mayor, "if he is the greatest knave, but I know he is the greatest fool."

"When I count the number of spots in a pack of cards, I find 365, as many days as there are in a year. When I count the number of cards in the pack, I find 52 the number of weeks in a year. I find there are 12 picture cards in a pack, the number of months in a year, and on counting tricks I find 13, the number of weeks in a quarter. So you see a pack of cards serves as a Bible, an almanac and a common prayer book."



JUDGE BEN B. LINDSEY, THE BOYS' FRIEND.

Judge Ben B. Lindsey of the juvenile court in Denver has gained fame far and wide for his reforms in dealing with incorrigible boys. His motto is "a square deal for the child," and he is credited with the reformation of more boys during the few years that he has been on the bench than any other man in the United States. His plan is to put the lads on their honor, and his custom is to trust the little fellows to go unaccompanied to the reform school after sentence.

Ten Commandments, which God handed down to Moses on the tables of stone.

"When I see the king, it reminds me of the great King of Heaven—that is, God Almighty; when I see the queen, it reminds me of the Queen of Sheba, who visited Solomon, for she was as wise a woman as he was a man. She brought with her 50 boys and 50 girls, all dressed in boys' apparel for King Solomon to tell which were boys and which were girls. The King sent for water for them to wash. The girls washed to the elbows and the boys to the wrists; so King Solomon told by that."

"Well," said the mayor, "you have

FARMERS ARE BUYING THE AUTOMOBILE

(Prepared for The Capital Journal by R. R. Hommedieu, correspondent and press agent, 509 Golden Gate Ave., San Francisco.)

San Francisco, March 16.—The late automobile show in San Francisco has developed a most important fact, which will mean the rapid improvement of the great highways of the state. The bulk of the sales at the exhibition, and along Automobile Row, were made to what is generally termed the farmer, that is the land-owner outside of our large cities. This class includes the agriculturist, and the resident of the towns and cities which deal directly with the agricultural producing districts," stated Fred J. Lutz, president and manager of the Maxwell-Briscoe Pacific company, last Monday, when reviewing the sales of Maxwell and other cars, during show week. Lutz states that although no definite data could be ascertained as to the location of all the buyers, yet it was reported to him, as main advisor to the show committee, that 50 per cent of the sale were made to visitors to the city from out-of-town places.

"The greatest surprise was the large purchase of high-grade cars. This shows two facts—first and foremost that the agriculturist has become educated to the motor car; and that anything with the name of automobile, on four wheels, cannot be palmed off on him. The thoroughness of the investigation made before purchasing showed a knowledge of the modern vehicle that is not generally displayed even by the man of the big city, who is supposed to be thoroughly acquainted with the cardinal points of the automobile. The other great point manifested in these sales was that, although there is a feeling of stringency in the money market of the big cities, the purchasing of the high-grade cars by the agriculturist, shows that this stringency is only local and that a better feeling financially must soon prevail, as the backbone of commerce, the farmer, is in a better condition, financially, than heretofore. With so many automobiles going out into the country districts, there will be but one result—roads that would allow the speed of the teaming—and wagon horse, but which hinder the best-moving automobile, will be bet-

tered, and when such conditions are achieved, those living along such roads will realize that 'good roads will increase their income, by allowing their products to be removed more rapidly, with less loss from wear and tear of wagons and horses, not to mention a reduction in upkeep, of the automobile. It is safe to say that the benefits derived by all, the man of the city and the man of the country, from the holding of the automobile show, by the causes mentioned, cannot be estimated. This has shown that the automobile has passed the stage of being a pet luxury of the rich, and is not a vehicle of the man of affairs, whether he be the merchant of the city or town, or the 'holder of acres.'"

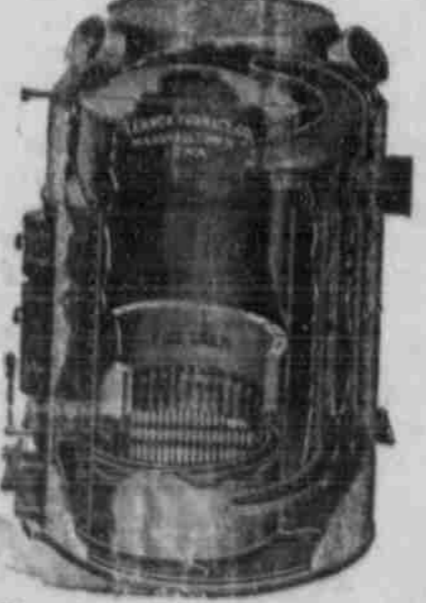
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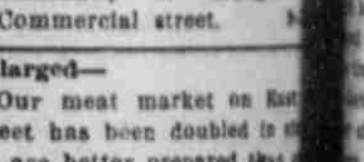
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