

A BASEBALL SERMON PREACHED

SPOKANE MINISTER AND "FAN" DISCOURSES UPON RELIGION IN UNIQUE STYLE.

Spokane, April 23.—Rev. Dr. William J. Hindley, minister of the gospel and fan, preached a baseball sermon to his flock in Pilgrim Congregational church at the opening of the league season in Spokane, speaking of life as a confined rooster would expound the rules of the game. He talked of the batter, fielders, basemen, coaches, umpire and the man at bat, saying among other things:

"For the sake of the team and for the sake of the game, stand up to the plate. If you can't see out a home run, maybe you can drop a Texas leaguer back of second that will do almost as much good. But bend every effort to meet the ball and not to fan out when there are men on the bases waiting to score.

"There may be two or three men on bases, with two men out and two strikes against the batsman in the last half of the ninth. You've seen the situation right here in Spokane. Your hit, which may seem a small thing in itself, will mean victory for some one, while failure to connect with the ball results in defeat for the others as well. Fight until the last man is out; God Almighty doesn't like a quitter.

"I am a patron of baseball because I like the game; because it affords relief from the nerve-racking tension of business, and because we have no American sport that is so absolutely free from taint. If it is to be kept clean the good people must line up in front of the gate, and those in charge must be made to see that they have to reckon with the better class.

"If there is any man in the world who has my entire sympathy it is the umpire. He is ostracized by the players and regarded with suspicion by the public—and, I think, unjustly. I believe he deserves more consideration, because he is on top of the play all the time and knows what's going on every minute of the game."

IN LITTLE, OLD NEW YORK

New York, April 23.—Aroused over the killing of more than 100 persons by automobiles during the past 16 months in this city, and by the rapidly increasing number of serious accidents caused by the recklessness of the drivers of cars, a number of prominent citizens have inaugurated a movement for the vigorous prosecution of offenders against speed laws. It was felt that a condition of affairs under which more persons were killed on the streets of New York than during the entire Spanish-American war was one that demanded a remedy. It is intended to make the movement just inflated nation-wide in extent and to keep it up until the speed-criminal is exterminated or reformed. The great majority of automobilists who feel that as a class they have suffered from the excesses of a few reckless drivers are joining heartily in the crusade against the modern juggernaut. The Automobile

club of America, which is recognized as the most influential body of motorists in the country, has taken action to discourage carelessness and violation of speed laws. One of the first results of the agitation that has been started has been to stimulate the metropolitan police force to increased activity, while the local judges have done their part by dealing severely with all cases of overspeeding brought before them. Altogether it begins to look as though the diversion of running down pedestrians in New York streets may soon become too dangerous to be attractive even to the most hardened automaniac.

There is now good reason for persons with bundles to be afraid to go home in the dark in New York. Indeed Police Commissioner Bingham has issued an order to his minions of the law instructing them to arrest all persons carrying bundles late at night. The order is not directed against the person carrying home provisions for an early breakfast, but as a result of the latest fashion among thieves of wrapping up their plunder in neat bundles and strolling past policemen in perfect safety. So far the new process has not resulted in the capture of any criminals, but it has brought about the capture of a number of perfectly innocent persons and may even result in international complications. Several hundred loaves of bread, beefsteaks and the like have in vain been declared contraband by the police, until the merchants in districts where workers go home late threaten to bring suit on the ground that their trade is being ruined. The international complication was added this week when a policeman stopped a British citizen late at night and took him and the bundle he was carrying to the nearest station house. Examination there revealed the fact that the bundle contained a hat which had just been purchased and had also been badly damaged through its rough seizure by the officer of the law. The indignant Englishman threatens to take the matter up through his local counsel unless he is furnished with a new hat. Altogether the police seem to have tackled a ticklish job in attempting to stop persons from going home with packages at night, unless they be of the liquid form.

New York seems to be invention mad. Every new device in the field of scientific advance from flying machines to needles finds quick and enthusiastic reception here. This is in marked contrast to the attitude of only a few years ago when the city's attitude was one of skepticism which laughed even at the telephone to say nothing of many other inventions which it now uses. Father Knickerbocker has experienced a change of heart in this respect which bids fair to make this city the scientific center of the country. Already, for example, two companies for the manufacture of commercial airships have been organized here, and the Hotel Astor will soon have in operation here on its roof an airship station where the visitor who cares to drop in for tea by the aerial route can draw up in his air carriage. The enthusiasm for wireless telegraphy, having captured the city, has spread to the suburbs. At the Hotel Gramatan, in the fashionable Westchester residence district outside the city, the business communications incident to the operation of the hotel are conducted by wireless and the wealthy persons who make it their home have also taken up the fad of talking to friends in

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cities equipped with wireless stations or on board incoming and outgoing steamers. Another craze is for the use of carrier pigeons, many persons preferring to use these birds for the interchange of letters instead of the regular mails. Altogether the city seems to have been seized with a desire to live in the air as much as possible, and it only remains for some one to discover a way of living on it as well.

The pilfering of a full set of perfectly good-natured patriarchal whiskers—the first crime of its kind ever recorded here, according to police court records—has just led to all sorts of complications. The man who took them is in jail, although the man from whom they were taken in without a home. The loser of the hirsute adornments is particularly sad because of the fact that he had worn them for 40 years. Recently he entered an east side barber shop and having given careful instructions that his whiskers be trimmed, took advantage of the opportunity to nap. On awakening he was horrified to find that the barber instead of trimming had given him a clean shave. To add to his trouble his wife, who like himself is a believer in the Hebrew faith, refused to admit him on his return home, holding that the scriptures forbade his being shaved. He was hooted in the street and finally took his troubles to a magistrate. The barber was finally found and lodged in jail, but no solution of the problem has yet been discovered. Only nature can restore the whiskers and the barber does not appear guilty of any crime yet tabulated. The only resource of the whiskerless and homeless patriarch, say the lawyers, is in a suit to recover damages, in which event a commercial value in beards will be established here for the first time.

What is in many respects the most curious club on record has just been organized in this city. It is composed of women—in which there is nothing odd. The novel feature, however, is due to the requirement of admission to membership under which an applicant to establish eligibility must prove that she is at least 30 years of age. While such a decision is contrary to the general practice of the weaker sex, according to popular opinion, the club has already a membership of 40 with applications on file from nearly 100 additional persons. The total age of the 40 women who now compose the club membership is 3,794 years, or an average of 94 years and 85 years each. No other club in the country, it is believed can come anywhere near reaching this record. The president of the organization acknowledges to 115 years and is still able to be about. Her nearest competitor is seven years younger while the three next are aged 107 years, 106 years and 105 years respectively. The youngest member is but a mere girl of only 21 years, who will have to wait nine years before being able to sit on the board of directors, the requirement for eligibility to that office being a full century of life.

This city has a millionaires' jail. It is the most curious institution of its kind in the country is the Ludlow street jail, known more generally as Alimony Inn, where the wealthy members of the anti-alimony club who use it as headquarters enjoy themselves in luxury, at the expense of the city, in preference to paying alimony to their divorced wives. At present this club numbers 17 members, the length of whose visits will vary from one to six months. To look after their wants the city employs a staff of 24 persons, a much larger proportion than is to be found in any other jail, however exclusive. The Ludlow street jail is maintained only for persons who offend the civil not the criminal laws. If the wealthy man who is much better acquainted with the divorce lawyer than the stork fails to pay the alimony imposed on him by the judge, he can either migrate to New Jersey at a cost of a couple of cents by ferry—or 5 cents if he goes by tunnel—or he can enjoy six months in the Ludlow street jail free of cost and in the company of his kind. From 10 o'clock in the morning until 4 o'clock in the afternoon visitors are received. In the evenings card parties playing either bridge or poker are the custom, and at all times any desired luxury is available. In the yard at the rear of the building out-door exercise may be taken. To afford this entertainment, which is furnished free of charge to the prisoners, the city is expending at present \$123 a month for each member of the wealthy and exclusive colony which enjoys its hospitality. The latest member to join this club did so rather than pay \$125 a month alimony. Like the others when he is released his obligation will be discharged. Altogether this curious institution furnishes a cheap and easy way of evading the financial obligations imposed by the divorce courts and many wealthy men are glad to resort to it since it involves practically no interruption in their ordinary mode of life. Of course it is expensive for the city but nobody appears to bother about that.

The city is soon to acquire the most remarkable clock in the world, and this in spite of the famous timepieces in European cathedrals which perform in all sorts of ways in addition to giving the time of day. It would take a theatrical troupe, however to go through all the features which will be combined in Father Knickerbocker's new time-piece shortly to be installed. The feature of recording the hours will be a mere incidental to its other activities, which would make a good-sized circus

side show. One of the most remarkable features of the clock is that by the use of a barometer, a hydro-meter, a thermometer and a compass it will give hourly automatic weather predictions a day in advance, a feature calculated to appeal particularly to baseball enthusiasts. Moving pictures will be displayed behind its dial illustrating historical incidents and showing the faces of all the presidents. Another part will show a reproduction of Niagara Falls with real water, the color of which will be changed by means of electric lights. The most remarkable thing about this clock is its small size. Standing in its case it is only 12 feet high, 4 feet wide and 29 inches deep, that is only a little larger than the old-fashioned grandfather's clock. The mechanism and case will contain in addition to a piece of wood from every state in the Union, 54 feet of electrical wiring and 412 electrical connections. Altogether it will display more lines of activity than any other clock in the world.

POLITICS AND POLITICIANS

W. C. Davis of Jasper, Ala., has announced his candidacy to succeed Congressman Richard P. Hobson of the Sixth Alabama district.

Mrs. Alma V. Lafferty, the only woman member of the Colorado legislature, has introduced 15 bills all of which have passed the house.

In the recent elections in Connecticut the city of Hartford went license by an overwhelming majority, greatly to the surprise and disappointment of the prohibitionists.

Grant B. Dimick, a prominent lawyer and politician of Oregon City, has announced himself as a candidate for the republican nomination for governor of Oregon in 1910.

Friends of ex-Governor J. Frank Hanley of Indiana say that formal announcement will be made soon of his candidacy for United States senator against Albert J. Beveridge. Mr. Hanley, it is asserted, believes his battle for temperance will give him a good lead.

The Connecticut legislature has taken action which makes Lieutenant Governor Frank B. Weeks acting governor during Governor Liliestien's illness. Hitherto no provision for such a contingency has existed in Connecticut.

Former Vice President Fairbanks plans to sail from San Francisco on May 16 for a trip of one year's duration, to include in his itinerary Hawaii, Japan, China, the Philippines, Australia, Africa and a large section of Europe. His family will accompany him.

The republican state convention of Pennsylvania will meet at Harrisburg June 15, but with quite a reduction in its representation. The number of delegates is based upon the vote polled at the last presidential election, when there was apparently much less rancoring of the ballot boxes than in 1904.

Norman E. Mack, chairman of the democratic national committee, has completed arrangements for the publication of a monthly magazine, to be known as the National Monthly, and which will be devoted to the interests of the democratic party in the nation. The first number of the magazine will make its appearance under date of May 1.

Thomas Rudolph is still a practicing lawyer and local judge at the age of 95, in Shippensburg, Pa. He was recently nominated for his judicial position by the democrats and so popular was he that no candidate was put up against him by the republicans. If he finishes his term he will be 99 years old.

James R. Mann, who prevented the introduction in the house of representatives of the petition of Chicago women for a reduction of the duties on leather gloves and cotton hosiery, has represented the Second Illinois district in congress since 1897, and for several years has been conspicuous in Illinois politics. He has served as chairman of the Illinois state republican convention, and for four years he was a member of the Chicago city council.

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Jesse Lynch Williams in writing his personal recollections of Grover Cleveland in the April American Magazine, refers to the late ex-president's method of writing his messages to congress. He says:

"He once spoke of the care with which he prepared his messages at Washington. Usually he was days doing them. He kept them by him in a convenient drawer of his desk at the White House, would take them out from time to time to make annotations, to show them to Mr. Carlisle. He never did anything hastily if he could help it. To be sure, the celebrated Venezuelan message was written at one sitting, from 10:30 o'clock on the evening he returned from his fishing trip, to 4:30 in the morning; was sent to his stenographer before breakfast and despatched in its final form to the capital at 10—but he had been thinking about it all through his fishing trip. That was why he took the trip, to get away from the turmoil and see things clearly, in perspective. He was certainly one of the hardest toiling presidents we have ever had work for us. From 9 in the morning to 2 at night were his regular working hours, but many a time he was still at his desk working his way painstakingly through a mass of papers when the rising sun looked in through the windows of the east room."

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