

CONVERSION OF SAUL IS THEME

REV. MR. VAN ENGELEN DRAWS LESSONS FROM WELL-KNOWN BIBLE STORY.

Acts 26:19: "Wherefore, O King Agrippa, I was not disobedient unto the heavenly vision."

"Next to the life, death and resurrection of the Lord Jesus Christ, the most important event in the history of the church and of the world is the conversion of Saul of Tarsus.

"Saul's parents were wealthy, refined and influential citizens of Tarsus, and were devoutly religious. Saul proudly claimed Tarsus as the city of his birth. It was a free city, exempt from Roman land tax, even coined its own money and had complete jurisdiction over its own citizens and strangers residing among them.

"We must think of Saul of Tarsus as combining in himself three nationalities. He was a Roman citizen, as had been his father before him. This exempted him from dishonorable punishment and accorded him the privilege of appealing to Caesar. He was also a native Hellenist, thoroughly familiar with the Greek language, the medium of the world's best literature and highest knowledge. Above all he prided himself in being a Hebrew of the Hebrews, of the stock of Abraham, of the tribe of Benjamin, and belonged to that strict religious set, the Pharisees.

"The foundation of his splendid education was no doubt laid by his devout parents in giving him careful and thorough training at home. Whether such strict Jews would send their son to the university at Tarsus is somewhat doubtful. That he was thoroughly familiar with the literature and learning of the Greeks is apparent. According to his own testimony he was brought up at the feet of Gamaliel. This meant that he was a graduate of the rabbinic university at Jerusalem, presided over by this renowned Hebrew scholar. This curriculum was in many respects narrow, technical and wearisome. Much time was consumed in elaborate treatises on 'washing hands,' 'dressing coats,' and other matters pertaining to the elaborate Jewish ceremonies. They were taught endless commands and prohibitions, and much time was spent over casuistic trifles and sophistries. Creeping things were unquestionably unclean to the Jew, but no man was said to be fit to occupy a seat in the Sanhedrin who could not by subtle sophistries get around the law and produce 150 arguments that it was proper for a Jew to eat them. We will understand Paul's writings, and all oriental writings, better if we remember that they were strangers to Aristotle's logic and knew nothing of his major and minor premises. Eastern logic consists wholly of analogy, allegory and illustration.

"In his noble traits of character Saul of Tarsus towers high above many of his fellows. He was very conscientious, devout and religious. In his scrupulous observance of the letter of all Jewish law he was blameless. He was intense, eager and fiery in temperament and exhibited a marvelous energy in any undertaking. He was pre-eminently a heroic nature, and this trait of character was only strengthened and intensified after his conversion.

"This well-trained rabbinic scholar is confronted by the teachings of the humble followers of Jesus of Nazareth. All they allege is so contrary to his pre-convinced notions and

Pharisaic prejudices. One thing is certain, a man of his disposition will not take a neutral, non-committal attitude. If he is averse to this new doctrine he will oppose it very bitterly. With unrelenting zeal he will seek to wipe out this heresy as he considers it, from the face of the earth. So for four or five years he champions a most cruel persecution of the followers of Jesus. He roams everywhere like a wild beast, doing great havoc to the church. No doubt the lighted face of Stephen, in whose martyrdom he participated, haunted him all these years, and he could never forget how this dying servant of Jesus prayed for his enemies in his expiring moments. He was doubtless having an inner struggle with himself, as he tried to justify his heartless course. Having scattered the Jerusalem church to the four winds of the earth, and having terrorized the Christians throughout Palestine, he now undertakes to extend his cruel methods away up into Damascus. Armed with letters from the high priest, we find him, accompanied by an escort, approaching the city of Damascus, the 'Pearl of the East.' Its groves and flower gardens, watered by the Abana and Pharpar, must have burst upon their view like a paradise.

A Heroic Experience.

"Suddenly at noon a most brilliant light burst forth from the skies, and in the midst of this blaze Saul beholds the most august human form of Jesus of Nazareth. He also hears a voice saying, 'Saul, Saul, why persecutest thou me?' Saul answers, 'Who art thou, Lord?' And the answer is, 'I am Jesus whom thou persecutest; but rise and enter into the city, and it shall be told thee what thou must do.' Blinded by the light Saul is then led by the hand of Damascus, and continues three days without sight, neither eating or drinking. These were days of humble penitence and earnest prayer. Oh, how the past would rise up before him, and how he contemplated the enormity of his sins. Then came relief when Ananias, a disciple of Jesus, came in and said, 'Brother Saul, the Lord, even Jesus, who appeared unto thee in the way hath sent me that thou mayest receive thy sight and be filled with the holy spirit.' Ananias also commanded him at once to be baptized and wash away his sins, and immediately sight was restored and Saul confessed his Savior openly and at once identified himself with Christ's humble followers and began to proclaim Jesus as the Son of God.

"This wonderful experience furnishes the only psychological and ethical grounds for the life labors and writings of the Moses of the New Testament. Twenty-seven years after its occurrence he refers to it as he stands before Agrippa and testifies: 'I was not disobedient to the heavenly vision.' Before this experience he exhibited noble traits of character which are only intensified in his after life. In many respects Saul, after his conversion, stands in strong contrast with himself before his conversion. Before he was moral, but self-righteous, proud and formal. Now his heart throbs with love for God and humanity, and his only weapon is convincing argument. Before he was self-centered, now he is Christ-centered.

"We naturally regard Saul's experience as very unusual, and in a sense that is true, and he, too, was a very unusual man. The essence of his experience, however, a transforming miracle of grace, is something that every person experiences when he comes into saving relations with God through Jesus Christ. No other person ever duplicated Saul's experience, and we shall not look for similar outward manifestations, but to all who live under the gospel there comes a heavenly vision of the life teachings and redeeming work of Jesus Christ. Like Saul, we may and we ought to make a prompt and hearty response and obey the vision. With him we ought to say to our Savior, 'Lord, what wilt thou have me do?' and then in humble penitence we ought to implore His mercy and trust in His redeeming love and at once obey Him, and confess Him as our Savior and immediately begin to live for Him and serve Him."

WASHINGTON NEWS THE MISSOULIAN'S SPECIAL SERVICE.

Washington, April 25.—A new land district to be composed of sections of Montana, North and South Dakota, to be known as the Marmath land district, with headquarters at Marmath, N. D., is sought by a bill introduced in the senate by Senator McCumber of North Dakota. The composition of the triple-state district is described by the senator as follows:

Commencing at a point on the boundary line between North and South Dakota where the west line of range 100 west of the fifth principal meridian intersects said boundary; north along the west line of said range to the north line of township 136; west to the boundary between North Dakota and Montana; north along said boundary to south boundary line of Dawson county, Montana; west to the east line of range 105 east; south along east line to the boundary between Montana and Wyoming; east to the boundary between Montana and South Dakota; north to the south line of township 111 north; east to the boundary between Harding and Perkins counties, South Dakota; north on boundary to boundary between North and South Dakota; west on boundary to the place of beginning. A register and receiver of the office to be appointed by the president.

Of a total of 150 cases of smallpox which broke out in Montana from November 1 to March 1 last, four occurred in Missoula city and 12 in Missoula county, but none of the large number of cases resulted fatally. Butte city had the largest number of cases, 30; Fergus county, 29; Rosebud, 19; Silverbow and Gallatin, 14 each; Powell county, 12; Sanders county, 10, and smaller numbers for the remaining counties of the state, Carbon, Flathead and Yellowstone counties having the smallest numbers, one each.

The United States supreme court, to which application was made recently by attorneys for the Butte Consolidated Mining company for a dismissal without hearing of the appeal from the Montana court of Samuel Barker against the company, has decided to first have a hearing of the controversy before judgment is passed. Because of an already crowded calendar the court will not reach the case until next October.

Three privates of the Sixth infantry were recently tried by court martial at Fort Missoula for disobedience of the army regulations, and their punishment made public. For giving whiskey to a military prisoner at the post, Louis New of Company I, was fined \$30; Private Lee R. Hunt, Company M, three months' imprisonment and \$30 fine for permitting two prisoners under charge to receive whiskey, and Private George J. Reichel, Company I, \$50 fine, six months' imprisonment and "to spend Sundays of his confinement in solitary cell on bread and water," for absence from Fort Missoula from the morning to the afternoon of March 19 and disobedience of orders from his superiors. The reviewing authority remitted that part of the sentence calling for Reichel's solitary confinement and subsistence on bread and water on Sundays, but allowed the six months' imprisonment and \$50 fine to stand.

By the order of the war department the following court martial will conduct trials of military offenders at Fort Harrison, Montana, beginning April 27:

Major John B. Beacom, Captains S. J. Bayard Schinde and Henry C. Bonnycastle, First Lieutenants William G. Fleischhauer, Howard G. Davis, Herman Glade and Augustus F. Dannemiller, Second Lieutenants Robert H. Willis, Jr., and Harry Hawley. All are of the Sixth infantry, and Hawley is judge advocate of the court.

By far the most interesting book

that comes from the government presses now is the monthly bulletin of the bureau of American republics, which deals with events and affairs in North and South America. Formerly this publication was not held in high repute, because of its somewhat unattractive features, but within recent months it has obtained for itself a widespread fame. It was then published in three languages, English, French and Spanish, but this triple system, which was a waste of money, as Americans could not read the French or Spanish, and vice versa, has been abolished and the bulletin is separately issued in the language with which they are most familiar. For instance, Americans are supplied with the English version only, and the Spanish and French volumes to those mastering that dialect and using it exclusively. Whereas in the past the dry reading matter in the booklets was set off with but a few pictures, the bulletins now are literally crowded with the most excellent photographs of diplomats, topographic landscapes, street scenes, harbor works, etc., in North and South America. In fact, the bulletin is fast coming into prominence and bids fair to equal in interest and content the most up-to-date magazines. The international bureau is daily in receipt of congratulatory letters from all parts of the world on the appearance and quality of the bulletin. These come from Europe, Latin America and the United States. It is also finding a place on the reading tables of high class society clubs. A professor in one of the leading universities of the United States recently asked Director Barrett of the bureau for two additional copies monthly so that he might pass them around and meet the demands for them from the students. A manufacturing and exporting house wants six copies to supply the requests of the office staff. A congressman desires that it be the official publication going out of Washington that is "thoroughly appreciated by those receiving it."

Interest in the bulletin is added by the fact that the cover of each is in different color. The April number is in red and is considered one of the best numbers both in appearance and contents that has been issued. The proceedings of the Pan-American scientific congress in Chile last December, which gave such an impetus to Pan-American peace, friendship and commerce in the western hemisphere, are interestingly reviewed and photographed. "King Cotton" is a subject of a highly interesting article, and especially treating of its present development and future in the American republics. The bulletin is running a series of articles on municipal organization in Latin capitals, and the April number treats interestingly of the historic city of Havana, Cuba.

The near possibility of direct and efficient international wireless communication between the capitals and important cities of any two republics in the western hemisphere, is the keynote of an article on wireless in the American progress. In this article the rapid progress made in the construction and equipment of wireless stations in all parts of North, Central and South America last year is noted.

One hundred miles below the equator is the city of Para with 200,000 people, which is described by a former consul of the United States. Para is the starting point for river navigation on the Amazon for a distance of 2,300 miles and the shipping port for the bulk of the rubber production of the world. One hundred and fifty river steamers and over 100 of the largest transatlantic liners make it their destination. The article is a revelation to the average American.

Another feature of the bulletin is a series of articles descriptive of the coats of arms, holidays and flags of the American countries. Trade and commerce are also interestingly treated.

CHANGE IN TARIFF EFFECTIVE

NEW RATE ON NORTHERN PACIFIC HAS EFFECT UPON MISSOULA SHIPPERS.

A few days ago a new freight tariff went into effect on the Northern Pacific which affects shippers in Missoula and vicinity considerably, in that it quotes a lower rate on less than 100-pound lots of merchandise from eastern points. Heretofore all shipments of goods emanating at St. Louis and east have been subject to a straight second-class rating without regard to their general classification. According to the new rate sheet all commodities, whether of 100-pound weight or under, will be governed by the rating as shown in the authorized classification.

According to the newly authorized joint proportional standard tariff shipments originating in Chicago or St. Louis are subject to the same rate in each separate class, and shows a general all round reduction over the former freight tariff from St. Louis. By the terms of the new rate sheet Omaha now has the same rates as St. Paul, another reduction over the former rates. According to the original tariff Omaha shipments were subject to the following rates for each of the four classes: \$2.73, \$2.31, \$1.92 and \$1.63. The present rate is \$2.36, \$2.01, \$1.65 and \$1.42. Shipments from Kansas City are now subject to the same rate as St. Paul and Omaha. The old freight rates from Kansas City were \$2.56, \$2.18, \$1.79 and \$1.54.

Shipments from Chicago and points east of Lake Michigan in carload lots are reaching Missoula daily and are being given manifest fast runs from Chicago through. The cars are delivered to the Minnesota transfer at St. Paul by the C. E. & Q. and are immediately sent forward over the Northern Pacific without the delay of an hour. The service from Chicago to Missoula is improving every month, and the shipments are correspondingly increasing.

BASEBALL

STANDING OF THE CLUBS.

Table with columns for National League, American League, Northwestern League, and Coast League, listing clubs, wins, losses, and percentages.

At St. Louis—St. Louis 4, Chicago 5. At Cincinnati—Cincinnati 1, Pittsburgh 2.

At Detroit—Detroit 3, Cleveland 0. At Chicago—Chicago 1, St. Louis 0.

At Milwaukee—Milwaukee 2, Kansas City 1. At Columbus—Columbus 4, Louisville 1.

At Toledo—Toledo 6, Indianapolis 3. At Minneapolis—St. Paul 6, Minneapolis 5.

At Spokane—Aberdeen 3, Spokane 4. At Seattle—Seattle 3, Spokane 5. At Tacoma—Tacoma 1, Vancouver 0.

At Los Angeles—Morning game: San Francisco 8, Vernon 3. Afternoon game: San Francisco 5, Vernon 6. At Portland—Los Angeles 6, Portland 7.

At San Francisco—Morning game: Sacramento 3, Oakland 5. Afternoon game: Sacramento 2, Oakland 1.

At Ogden—Helena 8, Occidentals 2.

SPORTING FORECAST

The declaration of J. J. Jeffries that he will fight again has cleared the pugilistic atmosphere so far as the heavy-weight championship is concerned, and fistic interest in the English boxing arenas, where the more important aspirants in this class, except Jeffries, will soon be engaged. This week Sam Langford will clash with Sandy Ferguson in Boston, after which Ferguson will depart for England to arrange matches there. Langford sails a week or so later, and is now matched to box Ian Hague, the heavy-weight champion of England, on May 24.

COUNCIL MEETING TONIGHT.

An adjourned meeting of the city council will be held tonight to attend to unfinished business. The principal matter of business will be the opening of the bids for the work to be done on Improvement district No. 2, which includes University avenue.

Words to Freeze the Soul.

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St. Petersburg Is to have a modern system of drainage and water supply by compulsory construction under government supervision.

VAUDEVILLE AND THEATER

At the Grand. Kolb and Miller, celebrated German comedians, are billed at the Grand theater for the first part of the new week. The team is presenting "The Man That Lives Next Door." Walter



The Leading Store for Fashionable Silks Splendid Bargains in Silks Today

Figured Messalines Beautiful figured satin Messaline, in all the new spring shades, such as wisteria, reseda, vieux rose, taupe, etc.; regular \$1.50 value; Monday \$1

Soft China Silk China silks, 24 inches wide, very soft and pliable, very suitable for spring waists, dresses, etc.; regular 42 1/2c 60c value

Oriental Kimono Silks This silk comes 33 inches wide, figured with very dainty Oriental designs; just right for kimonos at this season; a regular 95c silk for 75c

The New India Silks The new India silk, a soft, clinging silk in 16 different shades, 27 inches wide, 85c value; Monday 49c

Habutai Silk Oriental Habutai Silk, a new and attractive silk; comes 27 inches wide; regular 65c value 45c

\$2 Black Taffeta \$1.50 36 inches wide, very heavy, fine and deep lustered, soft texture and first-class wear is assured; remember this is a regular \$2.00 silk for \$1.50

Sale on House Furnishings

We have an enormous stock of housefurnishings of every description, carpets, linoleums, rugs, curtains, draperies, portieres, in fact everything you can possibly need to brighten up the house; no matter what you want you can be sure of getting the best there is at Schlossberg's. Space does not permit us to give prices, but today there will be a sale on our entire stock of furnishings; special prices will prevail on everything in the department. Now that this is house-cleaning time you will find a visit to the store today will save you money—Come.

Table with columns for SPECIAL, listing Women's fine quality union suits reduced today to 40c or 3 for \$1.00, and Children's Mexican school hats, fancy colorings, always 65c, price today 50c.

AT THE BIJOU THEATER

Monday and Tuesday Evenings

One of Thomas A. Edison's Famous Productions The Religious Subject

"STAR OF BETHLEHEM"

A Picture the Children Should See

Beautifully illustrated love song, "There'll Come a Day," by Ed Levasseur

"THE CHINAMAN"

Brimfull of laughter-evoking power

"BERNARD PALISSY"

A marvel of color and illusion. Palissy, the famous painter and inventor of the ceramic arts, is portrayed in fascinating fashion in this picture. It shows how, in order to attain the aim to which he has devoted his life, he goes hungry and even sacrifices his furniture to sustain the fires of his furnace in proving his convictions to the world.

No chance for a blue time at the BIJOU.

Montague and company will give "The Under Dog," a dramatic play in one act. The remainder of the bill is announced as interesting and clever.

The program for the evening performances at the Bijou theater gives promise of being very interesting. If one may judge from topics, the picture entitled "The Star of Bethlehem," of religious theme, is in strict accordance with the Biblical story of that name. "The Chinaman" is capable of evoking laughter in abundance. The scientific subject "Bernard Palissy" is exploited in agreeable fashion on a colored film of unusual length and beauty. The picture portrays the life of the famous painter and the great difficulties he had to circumvent in order to prove to himself and the world the truth of his convictions. The illustrated love song, "There'll Come a Day," will be sung by Ed Levasseur.

The Lyric. The Lyric's repertoire of pictures for this evening's entertainment is purported to be one of the very best ever displayed to the attendees of this popular picture theater. "Kenilworth," the feature subject of the program, is a true and interesting reproduction of Sir Walter Scott's famous novel of that name. Two pictures of comic men and a beautifully illustrated song comprise the remainder of the bill.

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CALIFORNIA EXCURSIONS Via Oregon Short Line R. R. From Butte and Anaconda

Table listing excursion routes and prices: San Francisco and return, via Ogden \$45.90; Los Angeles and return, both ways via San Pedro line 47.40; Los Angeles and return, both ways via Ogden and Southern Pacific 47.40; Los Angeles and return, going San Pedro line, returning via Ogden and Southern Pacific, or vice versa 47.40; Tickets on sale May 6 to 13, June 1 and 2, June 24 to July 10, July 27 to August 6; San Francisco and return, going via Ogden, returning via Portland, or vice versa \$55.50; Los Angeles and return, going via San Pedro line or via Ogden and Southern Pacific, returning via Portland, or vice versa \$66.25; Tickets on sale May 6 to 13, May 20 to September 30. All of the above tickets will carry going transit limit October 20. Final return limit, October 31. Stop-overs allowed in either direction within these limits.

RESERVE BERTHS AT ONCE

We check your baggage through to destination at city ticket office, 2 North Main street, Butte, Mont. F. D. WILSON, D. F. and P. A.

W. H. SMITH IS HURT IN STABBING AFFRAY

As the culmination of a quarrel which they had in the Mint saloon, on West Main street, and which was continued on the sidewalk in front of the place, W. H. Smith, said to be a young railroad man, was cut with a knife, while his assailant, John Spangler, is under arrest at the county jail. According to the stories of eye-witnesses, the two men had been drinking in the saloon with a crowd of friends, all of them being under the influence of liquor, and a quarrel arose between them. After a few words had passed the trouble was thought to have blown over, and the crowd started for the sidewalk. The quarrel was renewed outside and Smith is said to have struck Spangler, who in the meantime had drawn a pocket knife, on the nose, causing that organ to bleed. Spangler then stabbed Smith in the abdomen, inflicting a cut about two inches in length. Smith was taken to a room in the rear of the Oxford saloon, where the cut was sewed up.

Spangler left the scene, but was later arrested at his home on the north side by Under Sheriff Miller and Deputy Sheriff Larson, and taken to the county jail.

CONDUCTORS CHANGE.

The passenger conductors of the Rocky Mountain division have been requested to signify whether they desire to stay with the division or go to the Idaho division when the change in terminals is made from Trout Creek to Paradise. The change will give three of the Rocky Mountain men to the Idaho division as a result of the mileage which is affected in the change. As usual, the men will probably sign in the order of their priority, the older men first. Last night there had been but one announcement; Conductor Berry has expressed his intention of remaining with the old division. With the shortening of the division there will be no long lay-over for the passenger men; they will run west one day and back the next.

Reconstructs your whole body, makes rich red blood. Drives out impurities that have collected during the winter. Hollister's Rocky Mountain Tea is a family tonic. 35 cents. Tea or Tablets. G. F. Peterson and David G. Smith.

LICHTI CIGAR STORE IS ROBBED AT NIGHT

Some man, at present unknown to the police, broke into Frank Lichti's cigar store on Higgins avenue early yesterday morning and got away with the cash on hand, which was \$100. The man was evidently frightened away from the place before he had completed his intended haul.

It was noticed by the ice man in the early morning that the back door of the store was standing open, and he notified Patrolman Theriault, who, upon investigation, discovered that the door had been forced and that a panel had been broken from the inner door, and a rope or bar which worked the door, had been lifted from its usual place. The robber had free access to the store and had robbed the cash register. He had also placed a number of pipes in a box, preparatory to carrying them off, but was probably disturbed, as they were left on the show case. An electric light which is usually left burning in the place during the night had been turned out and the place left in darkness. No clue was left by the thief.

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