

PROTEST FROM THE PULPIT

The Plan to Turn the City Wide Open Denounced.

Rev. John Stephens Takes the Proposition for the Subject of His Sermon.

City Officials Denounced for Their Willingness to Surrender to the Sporting Fraternity.

The pulpit has taken alarm at the proposition to turn the city "wide open" to the gambling fraternity and last evening Rev. John Stephens fired the opening gun in what promises to become a vigorous campaign on the part of the churches against the proposition on the part of some of the police officials.

At Simpson Memorial Methodist Episcopal Church, at the corner of Hayes and Buchanan streets, the pastor delivered a lecture on "Shall We Make San Francisco an Open Town?" taking his text from Paul's first epistle, sixth chapter, tenth verse: "Love of money is a root of all kinds of evil."

"I have never in the revised version of the scriptures," said the speaker, "for there are many kinds of evil, and each has many numerous roots, but if you will trace the different forms of evil you will find that the love of money is a root to them all, and that it bears a gigantic tree of vice. I believe there is not one of the ten commandments that is not constantly broken because of this all-sacrificing love of money."

"I sometimes think that our politicians and office-holders would like to strike the word 'not' out of each of the commandments and make them read: 'Thou shalt steal.'"

"The newspapers, I take it, are the photographers that record the sayings and doings of a community. For some days the CALL has stated that a plan is being matured by some of our officials to throw the city wide open to gambling. Some of you may be surprised to learn that gambling is not wide open here now, from horse racing to the nickel-in-the-slot machines that stand conspicuously on the corners of the city streets. I do not know that this plan to welcome the gamblers includes brass bands, illuminated arches and the like, but I believe it permits them to conduct their games openly and without fear of interference."

"It is amazing that anybody should have the audacity to propose such a plan in this progressive city, that anybody should have such an utter disregard for the moral welfare of our people. Parents in San Francisco are so ignorant and so desperate straits to keep their boys and girls in the right path, and one would suppose that those who have the welfare of the city in their control would lend their aid to developing and maintaining a police force that would be strong enough to keep the city wide open to the very men who are corrupting our children, and bit them welcome to carry on their nefarious callings."

"Chicago once was a wide-open city, but laws have been adopted and enforced that have changed all that. Other Eastern cities that have been wide-open in the past have stopped to it, and now the gamblers, like lost spirits, have no place to go, but it is proposed to have them swoon down upon us."

"And so San Francisco is to be thrown wide open to the vice and sin of the world here to-night whose inmates are listening for the footsteps of somebody who has been ensnared at these gambling tables. But these officials propose to make it even worse. The police are to be put in the night to be dragged down, for the promoters of this scheme are not content with what has already been done to corrupt the youth of the city, but they want to corrupt the police force."

"They only offer one excuse for making this a wide-open town—that it would bring money here. Suppose it were so; suppose gambling did bring plenty of money to us. No amount of money could compensate us for making this wide open town with its attending crime and vice and suffering."

"How often do we hear that gambling is a pre-eminently our national vice—and apparently with good reason. It seems to have taken hold of all classes. It seems to be infectious, an epidemic. Our business houses seem to be going into the lottery business, while even the churches have been free from this temptation."

"I ask you how far is the practice of playing cards at home and in society responsible for the gambling habit? I have read statements of police authorities that their primary school of gambling, there is another aristocratic class of gamblers, and that is racing, but there is no form of the vice more destructive than racing. The gilded saloon may be a fashionable resort, but it is just as demoralizing as the grogery."

"Dr. Stephens closed with an appeal to his hearers to do all in their power to prevent the plan to turn the city 'wide open.'"

PREDESTINATION A FALLACY. Man's Sinful Will and No God's Sovereignty Shut the Heavens' Door.

The sermon of R. v. H. T. Shepard yesterday morning was on "Predestination." He said: The two great truths of God's sovereignty and man's free will "go side by side, but never meet." Paul stated both truths and never sought to reconcile them. Modern philosophy has failed alike to reconcile them and to shake them.

and that failure of election to eternal life can result alone from man's willful rejection of his offer. If he is man's all-powerful and loving father his sovereignty would more reasonably influence him to compel all men to accept Christ and to go to heaven. Universalism is weak in its failure to allow to man's free will full power to do wrong and to incur—in consequence in another world, but it is more biblical and more Christian than views of Calvin, Augustine and Edwards, which doom innocence to hell.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS.

Annual Meeting of the Bush-Street Congregation Yesterday Afternoon. Educational Society Formed.

The annual meeting of the members of the Bush-street Congregation was held yesterday afternoon and the following officers were elected for the ensuing year: J. Smith, president; P. Stern, vice-president; L. Stern, secretary, and B. Reiss, treasurer. L. Blum, A. Altmeier, S. Frohman, B. Blackman and M. Davis were chosen as directors.

Rev. D. Meyerson, cantor, was re-elected for the twelfth consecutive term, and a unanimous vote was granted to the rabbi, Dr. Meyerson, and Cantor Meyerson for their labors during the last holidays. Particular stress was laid upon the efficient and dignified manner in which the services were conducted.

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For Two Years He Has Been Pastor in a Congregational Church.

Has Built Two Handsome Churches and Has Met With Great Success.

OAKLAND OFFICE SAN FRANCISCO CALL, 308 Broadway, Oct. 2. A special council of the Congregational Church has been called for next Tuesday for the purpose of formally installing Rev. E. S. Chapman, D.D., as pastor of the Market-street Congregational Church.

COMMITTED SUICIDE.

The Body of Charles West Found in the Hills Near Colma.

The body of Charles West, agent for the Albion and porter brewery, was found in the hills back of Colma yesterday morning. Beside the body was a 38-caliber pistol with one chamber empty, which told the story. West committed suicide, the bullet passing through his heart.

HER NARROW ESCAPE.

Mrs. Mary O'Connor or Stabbed in the Abdomen by Her Husband.

Mrs. Mary O'Connor, a woman about 55 years of age, was taken to the Receiving Hospital last night by her daughter to be treated for a knife wound in her abdomen. She has been separated from her husband, Daniel O'Connor, a corn doer, who has been living in a lodging-house on Mission street, near Third. Some time ago he was arrested for threatening to kill her, but he promised to behave himself and was released.

At the First Lutheran Church last night the Rev. Dr. Nelander was installed as full acting pastor. Dr. Nelander has been preaching at this church for the past six months, previous to which he acted as pastor for the Swedish Lutheran Church on Mission street.

the nation is not in the navy or the army or in a world of commerce. It is not the English soldier or scholar or king who is to perpetuate the nation, but the spirit of righteousness and sacrifice of which the contrite heart is at once the symbol and the expression. He cannot expect to be a part of the nation's universal judgment. It creates the law of retribution. Upon God's great photograph is indelibly imprinted the record of our lives.

STAMENES TO SAIL.

STEAMERS TO ARRIVE.

SUN, MOON AND TIDE.

UNITED STATES COAST AND GEODETIC SURVEY. WATERS AT FOOT OF MARKET STREET, SAN FRANCISCO, CALIF. PUBLISHED BY OFFICIAL AUTHORITY OF THE SURVEY.

October 1897. Monday, October 25. Sun rises 6:29 Moon sets 6:04 AM Sun sets 6:29 Moon rises 6:04 PM

NOTICE TO MARINERS.

A branch of the United States Hydrographic Office located in the Merchants Exchange is maintained in San Francisco for the benefit of mariners without regard to nationality and free of expense.

SHIPPING INTELLIGENCE.

Arrive. SUNDAY, October 24. S. S. Corona, 65 hours from Newport, N. H. via Cape Cod, 10:30 AM.

Domestic Ports.

SEATTLE—Arrived Oct 24—Stmr Humboldt, from St. Michaels; Sch J M Colman, hence Oct 9.

THE WEATHER BUREAU.

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE. WEATHER BUREAU, SAN FRANCISCO, October 24, 1897, 3 P. M.

KLIPING'S RECOGNITIONAL ODE.

Subject of a Sermon by Rev. William Rider Last Evening.

"Rudyard Kipling's 'Recessional Ode to England' was the subject of the sermon by Rev. William Rider yesterday evening. In part he said: Kipling's poem begins with these lines: God of our fathers, known of old, Lord of our far-flung bordering line; Beneath whose awful hand we hold Dominion over pain and pleasure, Here we stand, on the great globe's sphere, Lest we forget—lest we forget."

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RAILROAD TRAVEL. CALIFORNIA LIMITED. SAN FRANCISCO TO CHICAGO VIA Seaside ROUTE.

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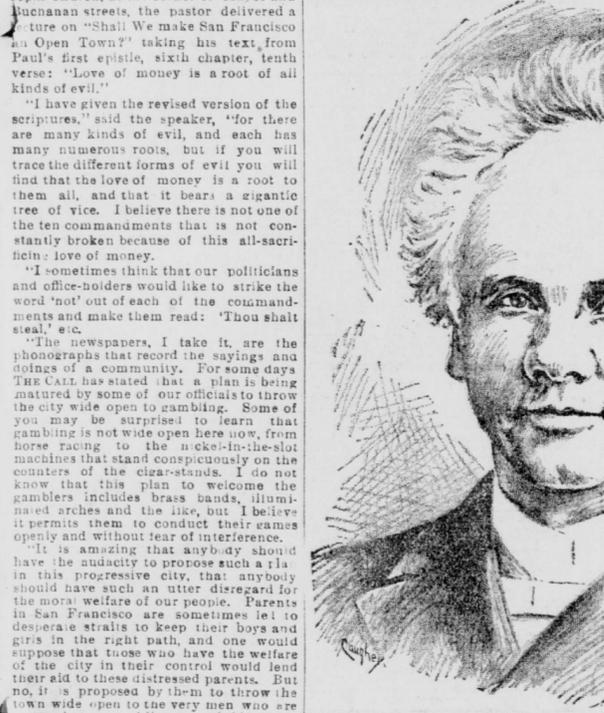
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FOOD COFFEE. NATURAL FOOD. VS. STIMULANT. POSTUM FOOD COFFEE. VS. COMMON COFFEE.