

In the Religious World

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GARLANDS AND STONES FOR PREACHERS.

The International Sunday School Lesson for May 21, is "The Cripple of Lystra."—Acts, Ch. 14.

(By William T. Ellis.)

In the great story which is today's Sunday school lesson, we find Paul and Barnabas acclaimed as gods come down from heaven, and then they are stoned and left for dead.

It took a riot to move Paul and Barnabas from Pisidian Antioch to their next preaching place, which was the ancient city of Iconium—a city that disputes with Damascus the claim to being the oldest in the world.

All of the marks of a successful mission attach to the apostle's work in Iconium. First of all they made converts, and then they made enemies. Paul would have thought that the devil was having everything his own way if his preaching had been viewed with indifference or complacency.

Christians became the issue above all other issues in the great heathen city of Iconium. The success of these missionaries from Antioch was so great that both Gentiles and Jews and the Roman politicians combined for an attack upon the Christian leaders.

The sort of preaching that does things always attracts attention. Among Paul's hearers one day was a man who had been a cripple from birth, a well known town character, a beggar on one of the principal highways.

The crowd, always eager for some novelty, were caught by this wonder and they began to shout. "The gods have assumed human form and they have come down to us."

That is a thrilling picture in the gallery of scripture which depicts Paul and Barnabas retracing their steps openly through the cities where they had narrowly escaped death.

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In Memoriam

Mrs. Mary Ream Webb. Mrs. Mary Ream Webb died at her home in Batavia Tuesday, May 9, at 2:30 p. m., aged 85 years, 11 months and 24 days.

Dewey Rolland Hunting. Dewey Rolland Hunting was born at Preemption, Ill., May 16, 1898, and died, after a few days' illness with appendicitis, at Hedrick, May 10, 1916, being almost 18 years of age.

The following relatives from a distance were in attendance at the funeral: Mrs. John Jinks and daughters, Myrtle and Gladys, M. Y. Hunting, Mrs. Ed Robinson of Preemption, Ill.; Mrs. L. U. Jinks, Viola, Ill.; Rolland Dennett, Chicago; Mrs. Rose Peterson and daughter, Greenfield; Robert Hickok, Humesport; Charles Eldred, Rock Island, Ill., and Mrs. Arch Shaw, Batavia.—Contributed.

Obituary Mrs. Gemina Smith. The funeral of Mrs. Gemina Smith was held at the Agency Christian church at 10 p. m. today. Interment took place in the Agency cemetery.

Mrs. George F. Clayton. Funeral services of Mrs. George F. Clayton were held at 10 o'clock this morning conducted by Rev. M. D. Cox of Agency. Interment took place in Agency cemetery.

Henry Dimmitt. Henry Dimmitt passed away at the home of his sister, Mrs. Catherine Duncan, 210 West Woodland avenue this morning at 2:30, aged 65 years.

U. S. MARSHAL SEIZES 17,340 CANS OF BEANS. Des Moines, May 16.—United States Marshal Nicholas Reed, at the instigation of government agents connected with the pure food department of the United States, has seized 17,340 cans of beans in various parts of the state.

AMES WINS CONVENTION. Ames, May 16.—The state organization of postoffice clerks and carriers which just closed its annual convention in Waterloo, will hold its 1917 annual meeting in Ames. Sioux City made a stiff bid for the convention, but the vote of Justin McCarthy, Ames' only delegate, swung the convention to Ames by one vote.

CURFEW AT CURRIER HALL. Iowa City, May 16.—A sort of "curfew bell" has been adopted at Currier hall, the girls' dormitory at Iowa university. In order to check up the co-eds, and to see that nobody is mixed up in a possible tragedy on Iowa river, a roll call is to be made every night at 10 o'clock henceforth.

ROBBERS VISIT SOUTH SIDE HOME

MONEY, JEWELRY AND COAT TAKEN FROM WM. YATES' RESIDENCE DURING NIGHT.

A thief or thieves entered the home of William Yates, 168 North Ransom street, Tuesday night and got away with a small quantity of money, a fur coat and a lady's plush coat. The latter was found later in the yard at the rear of the house.

It was found that entry was made by way of a window off the back porch which was on the first floor and tracks of the visitors were numerous on the covers of a bed over which he or they crawled after getting in the window.

Richland. Mrs. Milton Bales has gone to Kansas City to take treatment for cancer.

Miss Anna Allen of Muscatine is visiting her mother and other relatives in this city.

Mrs. Mary Wikings who is seriously ill has been taken to the hospital in Fairfield.

Elwood and Minor Hadley who visited relatives at Excelsior Springs have returned home.

Mrs. Sarah Orr of Pleasant Plain has returned home after a visit here with her daughters.

Mr. and Mrs. A. F. Bridger visited in Fremont Sunday with their son.

Claud Hinchey and son and George Todd of Corydon were visiting relatives in town Monday.

Thomas Turnbull of Fairfield spent Monday in town with relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. A. H. Allen visited Sunday in West Chester with Mrs. Allen's brother.

Walter Pettit has returned from a business trip in Des Moines.

Mr. and Mrs. George Reameo and daughters spent Sunday at Haskins with friends.

Rev. J. C. Caughlin of Columbus Junction who visited his son Walter and family of this city, has returned home.

Miss George Heath, Mrs. Hood, Mrs. Hattie Dillon and Mrs. Rena Duke of Ottumwa were over Sunday visitors with the Wm. Harkins family.

John Pendegraft and wife visited this morning at the home of Mrs. Robert Prunty in Seymour over Sunday.

Mrs. Lloyd Little and children and Miss Helen Wilson of Washington have been visiting the F. W. Smith family.

Same came from Brighton Tuesday evening to help him celebrate his 70th birthday. Among the number was his mother, almost 90 who enjoyed the occasion.

Don Hinchaw and son Loren have material on the ground one mile east of town ready for the erection of a fine farm house.

On Wednesday evening at 6 o'clock, at the home of Mrs. and Mrs. Clark Hadley, occurred the marriage of their only daughter Orla Mae, to Charles W. Widner. Rev. Alva Hoskins of the Friends church performed the ceremony in the presence of only immediate relatives.

The bride was born and reared in this locality and is quite an accomplished and popular young lady. The groom is a prosperous young farmer near Packwood. After congratulatory remarks, an excellent wedding dinner was served.

District Evangelist B. S. Denney of Des Moines preached Sunday morning and evening at the Christian church. Jacob Jones received word Saturday morning that his brother David, Pleasant Plain, had passed away after several weeks' illness. Funeral was held Sunday.

An excellent program has been prepared for the annual W. C. T. U. convention which will meet in this city next Wednesday, ending Thursday evening.

Miss Bertha Radley who taught the Hopewell school closed a successful term last Friday.

A. F. Bridger was chosen at the convention at Sioux City as a delegate to the republican state convention and E. E. Swank to the democratic state convention.

The Woman's Foreign Missionary society of the Friends church held a bake day Saturday to raise money for the missionary cause.

KEOSAUQUA WILL FINISH WORK SOON

SCHOOLS THERE CLOSE ON MAY 26 AFTER MANY PRELIMINARY FESTIVITIES.

Keosauqua, May 16.—Keosauqua schools will close May 26. Teachers and pupils in both high school and grades are very busy closing up a year's work and preparing for the closing programs. The grades expect to give a miscellaneous program at the park. The senior class play is entitled "Macbeth La Mode."

The girls of the senior class of the high school enjoyed a bunk party at the Hotel Manning Saturday night. Sunday morning at 5 o'clock they enjoyed an early morning stroll down the river road. They stopped at the large rocks by the Hearn woods and prepared an appetizing breakfast after which they returned to their respective homes.

The domestic science class of the high school entertained their mothers, also Superintendent and Mrs. J. W. Carlson and high school teachers at the domestic science room. A two course luncheon was served and a delightful time spent. The refreshments were prepared by the girls and reflected much credit on both the girls and instructor, Miss Brimmer.

SUPREME COURT IS AGAINST HANGINGS

Des Moines, May 16.—The supreme court of Iowa is against "hanging bees." An opinion was handed down by the high court reversing and demanding a new trial in the appeal of Mathias Martin O'Donnell, in jail at Keokuk under sentence to hang for murder in the first degree. The reason given for the action of the court was that "evidence does not justify conviction of murder in the first degree."

IOWA MAN LEAVES ESTATE OF \$1,000,000

Sioux City, May 16.—G. R. Badgerow, former postmaster of Sioux City, who died recently, left an estate valued at \$1,000,000. This fact became known when the will was filed for probate. Mr. Badgerow was reported to be worth from \$200,000 to \$500,000. His property consisted principally of real estate holdings in Sioux City, New York and Washington state.

The entire property is left to the widow, Mrs. Adella Badgerow. Mr. Badgerow in his will announces that he purposely omitted to make bequests to his three sons, knowing their mother will look out for their interests. The sons are Harve and Ralph Badgerow of Chicago and Egbert Badgerow of Tacoma, Wash.

RURAL ROUTES TO BE RESTORED SOON

Muscatine, May 16.—That the majority of the rural route patrons on routes Nos. 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 and 6, which were modified October 1 will be given the benefits of the restoration of the former service today is the information contained in a communication received by Postmaster F. W. Elchoff from the department at Washington.

PIGS WILL HELP IN CLEANING OUT PESTS

Ames, May 16.—Turn the pigs out early in May in those fields which are infested with grubs and let them help clean out the pests, advises R. L. Webster, acting state entomologist at Iowa State. He states that grubs will again be active in those districts where they generally appear, but will do all their damage early in the season, not after June.

BELATED BLAST IS CAUSE OF INJURY

Iowa Falls, May 16.—Edward Baxter, an employe of the Ellsworth Stone company, was seriously injured by a belated blast in the quarry of the company. Baxter lighted two fuses but one did not seem to burn, so he stepped near the blast to relight the belated fuse when the blast was set off. It is thought one or both of his eyes will be lost while his skin was filled with pieces of flying rock.

MRS. MARY COOK DEAD.

Williamsburg, May 16.—Mrs. Mary Cook died at the home of her son-in-law, R. H. Edwards. She was nearly 76 years of age and had been ill for over five months. She leaves one daughter, Mrs. Della Ellsworth of Cedar Rapids, and four sons, Ed and Arthur Cook of Marshalltown; Ernest Cook of Woodward and Bert Cook of LeGrand.

Funeral services were held Sunday afternoon and interment was made in the Pilot Grove cemetery beside her husband's grave.

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SUFFRAGE CLUB IS BUSY IN DAVIS CO. AWARD CONTRACT FOR FOX RIVER

MRS. TAYLOR GIVES LUNCHEON—SPEAKERS EVERY DAY. SOMEWHERE.

Bloomfield, May 16.—Mrs. H. C. Taylor, chairman of the Davis County Equal Suffrage Association gave a one o'clock luncheon Saturday for the several township chairmen, but only three or four were able to be present on account of bad roads from the recent rainstorms.

Work will be begun soon on straightening Fox river which runs through the southwestern part of Van Buren county. It is to begin about three and one-half miles north-west of Milton and run in a southeasterly course to the Missouri line south of Mt. Sterling.

The amount of estimated excavation is 605,000 yards. There were twelve contractors here, but only nine put in bids. The following are the bids including the price per yard and the total amount of each:

H. B. Whiting, Emmetsburg, 6.75c per yard—\$40,716. F. M. Horton, Chicago, 7.44c per yard—\$45,012. Sternberg Bros., Chicago, 7.56c per yard—\$45,730. Oscar C. Morgan, Indianapolis, 7.10c per yard—\$42,955. Clyde A. Waib, LeGrand, Ind., 9.74c per yard—\$58,927. Chas. R. Lewis, Champlain, Ill., 8c per yard—\$48,400. W. A. D. Arcey, Dayton, O., 7.65c per yard—\$45,282. H. K. Johnston, Kahoka, Mo., 7c per yard—\$42,950. Lana Construction Co., Council Bluffs, 7.40c per yard—\$44,770.

The contract was awarded to H. K. Johnston, the Kahoka bidder. Under the terms of the bid the contractor is to begin work on the ditch on or before Sept. 1. It is understood the contractor will actually commence work about July 1. It is expected to take a year to complete the job.

There are people who mistakenly suppose that this improvement is being made at the expense of the county. However that is not the case. The entire cost is borne by those whose lands are reclaimed or benefited by the ditch.

COMMERCIAL CLUB IS AFTER HOBOES

Cedar Falls, May 16.—Cedar Falls commercial club has fired the opening gun in a campaign against the hobo. The traps have become so numerous here this spring that the Commercial club has taken the initiative in a movement to rid the city of the undesirable tourists.

BOTH LEGS CRUSHED BY TRACTOR ENGINE

What Cheer, May 16.—Ollie Gates, a farmer living near here, was fatally injured when both legs were crushed by a tractor which had been started by Bates' 5-year-old daughter. Bates died.

TWELVE GRADUATE AT HEDRICK SOON

Hedrick, May 16.—The graduation exercises of the Hedrick high school will be held in the auditorium Friday evening when twelve members of the class of 1916 will receive their diplomas. The address of the evening will be given by Hubert Utterback of Des Moines, son of Mr. and Mrs. A. M. Utterback of this city.

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There are eight girls and four boys in the class. They follow: Misses Ruth Cecil, Opal Stephenson, Esthel Argenbright, Lily Bottorff, Martha Burns, Nellie Duree, Phoebe Spleers Fern Hedges and Harold Hawthorne Raleigh Hedges, Russell Morgan and Morrison Burns.

The baccalaureate sermon was delivered Sunday evening for the graduating class at the Baptist church with the pastor, Rev. Elliott in charge. The class play, "The Professor's Predicament," was given at the auditorium Saturday evening by the class and was a success in every way. A crowd of house greeted the first performance and the play will be repeated next Wednesday evening so that those who could not get seats Saturday may be able to see it.

WORK WILL BE BGUN SOON ON STRAIGHTENING OF STREAM FOR USEFULNESS.

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