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CHRISTIAN CHURCHES.

Co-Operation Meeting at Mt. Pleasant—Interesting Reports.

Editor of the News:
The annual meeting of the Christian Churches of Adair county commenced at Mt. Pleasant on Friday night, the 27th ult., and continued over Sunday.
Tobias Huffaker, F. C. Shearer, W. G. Montgomery, Lawrence Williams and Z. T. Williams were present. Tobias Huffaker was chosen Chairman of the meeting and W. G. Montgomery Secretary.
The program was carried out and the various subjects discussed. Tobias Huffaker and W. G. Montgomery preached in the morning, one in the school-house, the other in the church.
Z. T. Williams gave a lecture on the Holy Land in the afternoon. A large audience attended all the services.

Dinner was served on the ground both days, and the Mt. Pleasant people did themselves the usual credit in providing a bountiful supply of good things.
W. G. Montgomery was chosen County Evangelist for next year, relying on the Churches largely for his support. He accepted the work in a graceful speech, appealing to the brethren for their sympathy and co-operation in the work. We bespeak for the county a prosperous year under Mr. Montgomery's ministry, and I appeal to the churches for a hearty support of the good work.

Bro. Montgomery will begin his work about April, 1901, and will be ready then to arrange with the Churches for meetings. He will be aided by the County Committee in any way they may need aid. This committee consists of three members—Tobias Huffaker, F. C. Shearer and Z. T. Williams, who will have supervision of the county work.

The convention decided to have two meetings each year instead of one. They will be held each year beginning on Friday night, the first on the 10th and the second on the 10th of each year. The meeting will be held in the Mt. Pleasant Chapel Church in the month of October.
The eight Churches reported the following membership: Mt. Pleasant, 865, making a total membership of 1025 in the county. Ten of the fourteen churches have monthly preaching, and seven have Sunday-schools.

These reports do not compare favorably with the former reports, and we trust that all the churches in the county will strive for a better condition of things next year.
Let every church have Sunday-schools and monthly preaching.
Z. T. W.

DIED.
On Sunday morning, Oct. 21, little Marcus Conover, son of Mr. and Mrs. Scott Conover. He was nine years old. As a child, he was pleasant and obedient and idolized by the family. During his sickness all that loving parents and skillful physicians could do to alleviate his sufferings was done—but all in vain. The Master had called and he obeyed, casting a gloom over the bereaved household. Words are too feeble to describe the grief of the surviving parents. May the balm of consolation be poured into their wounded hearts, cherishing the thought, that though they have lost a tie on earth, a bright link is added to the golden chain which binds them to heaven.
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Watching Bank Officials.

The mammoth defalcation of Alvord, of the First National Bank of New York, has brought to public attention some facts that may make unpleasant reading for some of the employees of financial institutions. It has transpired, for example, that in some banks, at least, vacations are given in order to get a chance for another person to examine the books of the temporary absentee to ascertain whether he has been stealing. It is urged that these annual vacations ought to be made compulsory on the employer.

It is quite true that compulsory vacations are often given to employees that have no money of their employers to handle, simply on the ground that the efficiency of the worker is increased by a rest. It would be going too far, therefore, to assume that the vacations granted by banks are in all cases prompted by a chance to get a look at his books. Nevertheless, the suggestion is an unpleasant one for the honest clerk, but its force is largely broken if all the employees are required to take their regular vacations, whether they want them or not.

Another unpleasant suggestion was thrown out by a Vice President of a New York bank, who said he had frequently hired detectives to follow employees to their homes, to shadow them for days at a time, and to obtain information of their habits, expenditures, etc. A bank officer or clerk need not be short in his accounts to make espionage of this sort very unpleasant. Another bank officer professed that he had so complete a knowledge of his employees that he could tell very quickly when a man with \$3,500 salary had begun to spend at the rate of \$3,700. This may possibly be true in an individual case, but it is clear that banks generally do not have such information in time to do any good. Very often the officers or clerks are notoriously profligate in their expenditures without attracting any notice. This seems to have been the case with Alvord.

Unpleasant as the suggestion is, it is referred to by some employees, who say that something must be done to keep down the number of defalcations. There are those who suggest that the employees should be paid more salary and point to the fact that Alvord received only \$3,500 a year, when they think he should have had \$5,000. How inadequate this would have been is shown by the fact that during the five years he was stealing Alvord got away with money at the rate of \$143,500 a year, and during the last two years at the rate of over \$300,000 per annum. It is obviously impossible to make a salary for a clerk that will cover expenditures like this. It may be that Alvord has saved some of the money, but at any rate the bank has lost it. Clerks that will not be honest at \$3,500 a year will not be so at any price. Most of them are honest for much less. We may as well recognize the fact that it is impossible to prevent defalcations altogether. It is hardly possible to get together any considerable number of men who are all honest, and who will remain honest through a series of years. But it ought to be possible to prevent such enormous defalcations as that of Alvord in a great financial institution, or correspondingly large ones in smaller banks. The large defalcations are due to negligence of the officers or directors in a great number of cases. It is something well known. Something may also be attributed to jealousy in the selection and retention of employees. But after all it would seem that an improved system of dealing with the books and the cash is necessary to render the business as safe as possible to make it. As long as there are rogues there will be stealing, but the real security of the funds is not the absence of rogues, but vigilance, and all the vigilance just not to be entrusted to one person, for it then turns out that he is the one that stands most in need of watching.—Courier-Journal.

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Concerning Sampson.

Hobson's story of Sampson's dying of a broken heart may, or may not, be true. If true, it indicates a surprising misconception on the part of the Admiral touching the estimation in which he is held by those of his countrymen whose opinion is worth having. He is known by these to be an able and an accomplished officer and a brave man. It was his misfortune to be personally absent from the great naval battle in which his fleet, under the immediate command of Admiral Schley, defeated and destroyed the Spaniards. It was an error of judgment on his part that his report made no mention of this circumstance. The succeeding controversy to his disadvantage was much the fault of the Navy Department and the President, who had, in the first place, preferred and promoted him over Schley. The course of some of his newspaper backers was also most indiscreet and worked against his real interests. But it is all over now. There was left outstanding, as Schley had said in the beginning, quite enough glory to go round.

Assuredly, as the commanding officer of the expedition, as the author of an admirable plan of campaign and as a gallant gentleman, Admiral Sampson has the gratitude and respect of the entire people of the United States, and if, mistakenly thinking the contrary, he allows himself to be depressed by this false view, he betrays a susceptibility if not a weakness of character at variance with his antecedents as far as they are known, and indicating a distemper of which let us hope he will be presently cured. The Courier-Journal is an undoubted friend and admirer of Admiral Schley; but it holds Admiral Sampson in unfeigned gratitude and respect.—Courier-Journal.

The White Death.

About two years ago a party of three women and two men were crossing North Park in a wagon in the month of February. The air was bitterly cold, but dry as a bone and motionless. The sun shone with almost startling brilliancy. As the five people drove along over the crisp snow they did not experience the least cold, but really felt comfortable, and rather enjoyed the trip. Mountain peaks fifty miles away could be seen as distinctly as the pine trees by the roadside.

Suddenly one of the women put her hand up to her face and remarked that something had stung her. Then other members of the party did the same thing, although not a sign of an insect could be seen. All marveled greatly at this. A moment later they noticed that the distant mountains were disappearing behind a cloud of mist. Mist in Colorado in January! Surely there must be some mistake. But there was no mistake, because within ten minutes a gentle wind began to blow and the air became filled with fine particles of something that scintillated like diamond dust in the sunshine. Still the people drove on until they came to a cabin where a man signaled them to stop. With his head tied up in a bundle of mufflers, he rushed out and handed the driver a piece of paper on which was written: "Come into the house; quick, or this storm will kill all of you. Don't talk outside here."

Of course no time was lost in getting under cover and putting the horses in the stables. But they were a little late, for in less than an hour the whole party was sick with violent coughs and fever. Before the next morning one of the women died with all the symptoms of pneumonia. The others were violently ill of it, but managed to pull through after long sickness.

"I see you people driving along the road long before you got to my house, and I knowed you didn't know what you were drivin' through," said the man, as soon as the surviving members of the party were able to talk. "That stuff ye see in the air is small pieces of ice, froze so cold it goes clear down into your lungs without melting. If any man stayed out a few hours without his head covered up he would be sure to die. One winter about eight years ago it cleared out a whole Indian tribe across the Wyoming line. They are more afraid of it than are of rattlesnakes. That's the reason they call it 'the white death.'"—From Ainslie's

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The Mystery of Dreams.

On an occasion during the civil war I dreamed that I was standing beside a road when there came marching along it a strong column of prisoners, with guards at intervals on the flanks. I asked one of these guards who the prisoners were and where they had been captured. He informed me that they had been taken in an engagement with the enemy on the day before and that there were 1,900 of them. I then asked the guard what day of the month it was and he told me that it was such a day of a certain month, some six weeks later than the date of the dream. The whole dream was extremely distinct, and it made a strong impression on me. I related it to a number of my comrades within the next few days and then thought of it no more.

The Art of Talking Well.

It is better to be frankly dull than pedantic.
One must guard one's self from the temptation of "talking shop" and of riding one's "hobby."
Whatever sets one apart as a capital "I" should be avoided.
It is no longer considered good form to say a word against any one. An ill-natured criticism is a social blunder. Gossip, too, is really going out of fashion.
Wit is a gift, and an unimprovable one. Those who use it never yield to the temptation of saying anything that another might consider a personal cleverness. "Honesty is the best policy" is a spontaneous. "Honesty is apt to catch."
Talk that has no substance and the liveliest wit that come of light-headedness, is a substitute for wit.
Offer to each one the homage of your attention. Look people when you talk to them.
Talk of things, not people. The best substitute for wit is silence.
It is a provincialism to say "sir," "no, ma'am" to one's own people.
Have convictions of your own. Be yourself and not a mere imitator.
Never ask leading questions. We should show curiosity in the concerns of others only as it may gratify them.

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