

The Shreveport Progress.

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Said Khalid was in the past tense anyhow.

Paradoxically A. T. Stewart's successors failed to succeed.

Miss Thurlow wants \$100,000 for having been Chewing Gum Adams' tutti frutti.

Straws showing which way the political winds blow are beginning to fill the air.

Popularity is generally the creature of accident, and comes and goes as the wind blows.

Some people try to apologize for the ocean's angry roar because it has been crossed so often.

It is an excellent thing to be able to sing well, and the next best thing is to know you can't.

Trying to be happy is like trying to go to sleep. You will not succeed unless you forget that you are trying.

Now that the Spanish government has endorsed Gen. Weyler's conduct no further ignominy should be hurled at him.

As to the smashing of the large cheese box which was known in Zanibar as the sultan's palace, it was magnificent, but it was not war.

A colored man of Indianapolis has been arrested for the eighth time for stealing oats. He never steals anything else, and he has come to be known as "Oats Powell."

Two prominent citizens of Columbus, Ohio, got into a political discussion the other day which resulted in one shooting the other. A humorist remarked that it was "an opening gun of the campaign."

At the funeral of Nicolls F. Crouch at Baltimore recently a choir sang his famous song, "Kathleen Mavourneen" over his grave. The song lived longer than its author and will appeal to thousands long after its composer is forgotten.

Chris Sanders, living near Hampton, Iowa, saw Miss Stackhouse and Miss Bell Smith out walking. Imagining that because the young women wore large-sleeved dresses they were birds, he discharged at them both barrels of the shot-gun he was carrying. Sanders isn't the first man to think a girl a bird, but he is the first to try to woo with a shotgun.

France is trying to encourage second marriages, because statistics show that more widows and widowers commit suicide than either married people or those individuals who have never entered upon the marital experience. It is barely possible, however, that these bereaved creatures are so afraid that they may again be rash enough to take upon them the conjugal yoke that they prefer laudanum and the Seine.

That hypnotism produces disease of the cerebral cortex—the most important part of the brain—has just been asserted by an eminent Washington scientist. A more vital argument against the practice is, that it places mind and will under the control of another. No second person has the moral right to wield that power unless direct necessity compels it, and no man or woman under ordinary circumstances can be morally justified in conferring it.

Mr. and Mrs. Cornelius Vanderbilt, Jr., who were said a short time ago to have been cut off by the groom's parents from his share of the family chattels, sailed to Europe, armed with a maid, twenty-two trunks and two bicycles, all crowded into the shamefully cramped space of a stateroom only twenty times as large as the usual stateroom. Still there are lots of brides and grooms in this world who say that they would be rash enough to be willing to be cut off with a shilling if the shilling was really as large as the shilling given to young Vanderbilt seems to have been.

New Orleans enjoyed a practical test of the anti-high-hat law in theaters last week and it was said to have been a most satisfactory experiment, the fair patrons handing over their precious headgear without a murmur. The unsuspecting men, however, who are now congratulating themselves that they will now be able to see something beside the top of the scenes forget that this is the end of the summer, and all the pet pink roses are faded away. Just wait till the winter styles come on, and all the militia in Louisiana won't be able to prevail upon the dear ladies to discard their mountains of feathers and bows.

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ADOPT FREE SILVER.

DEMOCRATIC NATIONAL PLATFORM IN FULL.

Declare for the Free and Unlimited Coinage of Silver at a Ratio of 16 to 1 Opposed to Interest Bearing Bonds Issued by the Government.

The following is the platform adopted by the national Democratic convention:

We, the Democrats of the United States, in national convention assembled, do reaffirm our allegiance to those great and essential principles of justice and liberty upon which our institutions are founded and which the Democratic party has advocated from Jefferson's time to our own—freedom of speech, freedom of the press, freedom of conscience, the preservation of personal rights, the equality of all persons before the law and the faithful observance of constitutional limitations.

During all these years the Democratic party has resisted the tendency of selfish interests, the centralization of governmental power and steadfastly maintained the integrity of the dual scheme of government established by the founders of this republic of republics. Under its guidance the great principle of local self-government has found its best expression in the maintenance of the rights of the states and in its assertion of the necessity of confining the general government to the exercise of the powers granted by the constitution of the United States.

Recognizing that the money question is paramount to all others at this time, we invite attention to the fact that the federal constitution names silver and gold together as the money metals of the United States, and that the first coinage law passed by congress under the constitution made the silver dollar the monetary unit and admitted gold to free coinage at a ratio based upon the silver unit.

We declare that the act of 1873, demonetizing silver without the knowledge or approval of the American people, has resulted in the appreciation of gold and a corresponding fall in the prices of commodities produced by the people.

We are unalterably opposed to the monometallism which has locked fast the prosperity of industrious people in the paralysis of hard times. Gold monometallism is a British policy, and its adoption has brought other nations into financial servitude to London. It is not only un-American, but anti-American, and it can be fastened on the United States only by the stifling of that spirit of love of liberty which proclaimed our political independence in 1776, and won it in the war of the revolution.

We demand the free and unlimited coinage of both gold and silver at the present legal ratio of 16 to 1, without waiting for the aid or consent of any other nation. We demand that the standard silver dollar shall be a full legal tender equally with gold, for all debts, public and private, and we favor such legislation as will prevent for the future the demonetization of any kind of legal tender money by private contract.

We are opposed to the policy and practice of surrendering to the holders of the obligations of the United States the option reserved by law to the government of redeeming such obligations in either silver coin or gold coin.

We are opposed to the issuing of interest-bearing bonds of the United States in time of peace, and condemn the trafficking with banking syndicates which, in exchange for bonds and at an enormous profit to themselves, supply the Federal treasury with gold to maintain the policy of gold monometallism.

Congress alone has the power to coin and issue money, and President Jackson declared that this power could not be delegated to corporations or individuals. We, therefore, demand that the power to issue notes to circulate as money be taken from the national banks, and that all paper money shall be issued directly by the treasury department and be redeemable in coin and receivable for all debts, public and private.

We hold that the tariff duties should be levied for purposes of revenue, such duties to be so adjusted as to operate equally throughout the country and not discriminate between class or section, and that taxation should be limited by the needs of the government, honestly and economically administered. We denounce as disturbing to business the Republican threat to restore the McKinley law, which has been twice condemned by the people in national elections and which, enacted under the false plea of protection to home industry, proved a prolific breeder of trusts and monopolies, enriched the few at the expense of the many, restricted trade and deprived the producer of the great American staples of access to their natural markets.

Until the money question is settled we are opposed to any agitation for further changes in our tariff laws except such as are necessary to make up the deficit in revenue caused by the adverse decision of the supreme court on the income tax. But for this decision by the supreme court there would be no deficit in the revenue under the law passed by a Democratic congress, that court having under that decision sustained constitutional objections to its enactment which had been overruled by the ablest judges who ever sat on the bench. We declare that it is the duty of congress to use all the constitutional power which remains after they con-

stitution of the court as it may hereafter be constituted so that the burdens of taxation may be equally and impartially laid, to the end that wealth may bear its due proportionate expense of the government.

We hold that the most efficient way to protect American labor is to prevent the importation of foreign pauper labor to compete with it in the home market, and that the value of the home market to our American farmers and artisans is greatly reduced by a vicious monetary system which depresses the price of their products below the cost of production and thus deprives them of the means of purchasing the products of our home manufactures.

The absorption of wealth by the few, the consolidation of our leading railroad systems and the formation of trusts and pools requires a stricter control by the Federal government of those arteries of commerce. We demand the enlargement of the powers of the Interstate commerce commission and such restrictions and guarantees in the control of railroads as will protect the people from robbery and oppression.

We denounce the profligate waste of the money wrung from the people by oppressive taxation and the lavish appropriations of the recent Republican congresses, which have kept taxes high while the labor that pays them is unemployed and the products of the people's toil are depressed in price until they no longer repay the cost of production.

We demand a return to that simplicity and economy which best befits a Democratic government and a reduction in the number of needless offices, the salaries of which drain the substance of the people.

We denounce arbitrary interference by Federal authorities in local affairs as a violation of the constitution of the United States and a crime against free institutions, and we especially object to government by injunction as a new and highly dangerous form of oppression by which Federal judges, in contempt of the laws of the States and the rights of citizens, become at once legislators, judges and executioners, and we approve the bill passed at the last session of the United States Senate and now pending in the House relative to contempt in Federal courts and providing for trials by jury in certain cases of contempt.

No discrimination should be indulged in by the government of the United States in favor of any of its debtors. We approve of the refusal of the Fifty-third Congress to pass the Pacific railroad refunding bill and denounce the effort of the present Republican Congress to enact a similar measure.

We heartily endorse the rule of the present Commissioner of Pensions, that no names shall be arbitrarily dropped from the pension roll, and the fact of enlistment and service should be deemed conclusive evidence against disease or disability before enlistment.

We favor the admission of the Territories of New Mexico and Arizona into the Union as States, and we favor the early admission of all the Territories having the necessary population and resources entitling them to statehood, and while they remain Territories we hold that the officials appointed to administer the government of any Territory, together with the District of Columbia and Alaska, should be bona fide residents of the Territory or District in which their duties are to be performed. The Democratic party believes in home rule, and that all public lands of the United States should be applied to the establishment of free homes for American citizens.

We recommend that the Territory of Alaska be granted a delegate in Congress, and that the general land and timber laws of the United States be extended to said Territory.

We extend our sympathy to the people of Cuba in their heroic struggle for liberty and independence.

"We are opposed to life tenure in the public service. We favor appointments based upon merit, fixed terms of office, and such an administration of the civil laws as will afford equal opportunities to all citizens of ascertained fitness.

We declare it to be the unwritten law of this Republic, established by custom and usages of 150 years, and sanctioned by the examples of the greatest and wisest of those who formed and have maintained our government that no man should be eligible for a third term of the Presidential office.

The Federal government should care for the improvement of the Mississippi river and other great waterways of the Republic, so as to secure for the interior States easy and cheap transportation to tide water. When any waterway of the Republic is of sufficient importance to demand aid of the government, such aid should be extended upon a definite plan of continuous work until permanent improvement is secured.

Confiding in the justice of our cause, and the necessity of its success at the polls, we submit the foregoing declaration of principles and purposes to the considerate judgment of the American people. We invite the support of all good citizens who approve them, and we desire to have them made effective through legislation for the relief of the people and the restoration of the country's prosperity."

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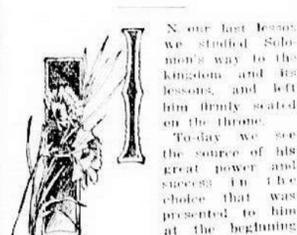
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THE SUNDAY SCHOOL.

LESSON II—OCT II—SOLOMON'S WISE CHOICE.

Golden Text: "The Fear of the Lord is the Beginning of Wisdom." Psalm 111:10 What Shall We Choose for Ourselves?



In our last lesson we studied Solomon's way to the kingdom and his long and let him firmly seated on the throne. To-day we see the source of his great power and success in the choice that was presented to him at the beginning of his reign, and his choosing that which was wise and right, instead of that which might naturally seem more desirable to an ambitious young man.

The lesson to be learned before we enter at the beginning of life, the object which it is the wisest to choose, and the reasons and motives for so choosing. Every argument, illustration and example should be employed to persuade each scholar to make the right choice and to make it now.

The section includes 1 Kings 2: 3-5; the parallel, 2 Chronicles 1: 1-3; 1 Kings 4: 29, and the Scripture texts given below: "Time, B. C. 1014, the early part of Solomon's reign.

Place, Gibeon, a high hill six miles north of Jerusalem, now called Mt. Jib. Here was the ancient tabernacle constructed by Moses (2 Chron. 1: 2).

Solomon, 45 or 50 years old.

To-day's lesson includes 1 Kings 3-5, as follows:

3. "The Lord appeared to Solomon in a dream." It was probably at the close of this season of worship, when his mind had been elevated into a high state of religious fervor by the protracted services. "And God said: Ask what I shall give thee." As there is no limitation in the implied offer, an absolutely unlimited range of choice is here placed before Solomon.

4. "Thou hast showed unto thy servant David my father great mercy." David had no claim, and put forth none. It was all of mercy. "According as he walked before thee in truth." In sincere devotion to God, in the true worship of the true God. "That thou hast given him a son to sit on his throne." It is a great favor to have God's blessings to us continued to our children, and thus to make our influence for good enduring.

5. "Thou hast made thy servant king." He was chosen by God to be king, and by the aid of God's prophet he had gained the throne. "And I am but a little child." He was young and inexperienced compared with his father, who came to the throne after a youth of activity, and ten or twelve years of special training, and seven more as king over a small kingdom. "I know not how to go out or come in." This expression is proverbial for the active conduct of affairs. (See Num. 27: 17; Deut. 28: 6; 1 Sam. 13: 13)—Cook.

6. "The servant is in the midst of thy people." I. e., is set over them as a king. "Which thou hast chosen." It was not only a great nation, but the nation chosen to represent God before the world, and carry out his kingdom, and teach the world his truths. "A great people, that cannot be numbered." There seems to be a reference in these words to the promises made by God to Abraham, more especially to Genesis 13: 16.

7. "Give therefore thy servant an understanding heart." There were two directions in one or the other of which a young king's desires would naturally lead. "To judge thy people." Administer the government in all its departments. "That I may discern between good and bad." I. e., right and wrong, justice and injustice, what plans are good for the people and what are bad. "For who is able to judge this thy so great a people?" The larger the number of people the more wisdom and ability it required to govern them.

8. "And the speech pleased the Lord." Why? (1) It was right, noble, unselfish, like God himself. (2) It rendered it possible for God to give him large measures of the best things in all the universe. (3) It furnished an opportunity to give many other things. God loves to give. He gives us all we can beneficially receive. The more he can give us, the better he is pleased.

9. "Because thou hast . . . not asked for thyself." He had not selfishly asked the things which would merely give glory and pleasure to himself.

10. "Lo, I have given thee a wise and an understanding heart," for which he had asked. See 1 Kings 3: 16-28, and 4: 29-34, together with the descriptions of Solomon's temple and palaces, governmental plans and commerce. "So that there was none like thee before thee," etc. This has been literally fulfilled in history. He had wisdom and understanding exceeding much, and largeness of heart, even as the sawd that is on the seashore (1 Kings 4: 29).

11. "I have also given thee that which thou hast not asked." Here we see a striking illustration of that law of the divine government. "Seek ye first the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things shall be added unto you" (Matt. 6: 33; Luke 12: 30)—Cook. "Both riches and honor." See the next lesson.

12. "And if thou wilt walk in my ways . . . I will lengthen thy days." The promise here is only conditional. As the condition was not observed (1 Kings 11: 1-8), the right to promise was forfeited, and it was not fulfilled. He died at the age of sixty, ten years younger than his father David.

13. "And Solomon awoke, and behold it was a dream." But the results were real, because what was done in the dream expressed what Solomon really was and actually chose. "And he came to Jerusalem," his home, and the other sanctuary where the ark was placed. Here he continued the sacrificial feast.

14. The case, as presented here, is good both for proof and for illustration of the principle that when men love earnestly and supremely the best gifts God loves not only to give these best things thus preferably and supremely sought, but to throw in the lesser things as unasked gratuities—in business phrase—into the bargain. Give your full heart and chief endeavor to seeking the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and God will see to the giving of your cup with earthly good as many as best for you.

RINGS AND RING LORE.

Cromwell's ring bore his crest, a lion rampant. Betrothal rings were used in Europe in the ninth century.

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Wedding rings were used in Egypt 3,000 years before Christ. Augustus wore a ring charm to protect him from thunderstorms.

PITHY AND POINTED.

The devil is always polite upon first acquaintances.

Spiritual dyspepsia is harder to cure than the other kind.

If you want your life to be a success, never take a stand against the truth.

The devil will never lose hope as long as he has an army of moderate drinkers.

There are plenty of people who are very pleasant while they can have their own way.

Some people seem to stop being religious the moment they can't have their own way.

The devil would soon be on the run if one-talent people would do all the good they could.

Not until we have begun to lay up treasure in heaven do we sincerely want to go there.

Look the world honestly in the face, with an equal manly sympathy for the great and the small.

It is to be regretted that people who would have done thus and so if they had been there never get there.

Humor usually tends toward good nature, and every one that tends toward good nature tends toward good grace.

Value the friendship of him who stands by you in the storm; swarms of insects will surround you in the sunshine.

Vices have their place in nature, and are employed to make up the warp of our lives, as noisens are useful for the preservation of our health.

It is hard to personate an act a part long; for when truth is not at the bottom, nature will always be endeavoring to return and will pass out and betray herself at one time or another.

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