

DIVINE SERVICES HELD IN LOCAL HOUSES OF WORSHIP

The Commercial Club of This City is Soundly Scored by Rev. Byron C. Platt in His Sermon Sunday Evening—He Says the Club has a Degrading Influence on Morals of Marion Because it Tends to Put a Gloss of Respectability on Vice and Drunkenness—Rev. David McConaughy of New York at Presbyterian Church—Rev. J. F. Newcomb Preaches at Wesleyan—At Calvary Evangelical Church Rev. C. C. Staffeld Preaches Two Powerful Sermons.

The congregation of the First Presbyterian church has taken steps toward establishing a mission in some foreign country and to permanently maintain this mission out of funds furnished by contributions from the members here. The project was launched Sunday evening by David McConaughy, a prominent missionary worker from New York City, who said that an effort will be made to have all Presbyterian congregations in the country take similar steps. Mr. McConaughy spoke to a large congregation on the subject, "The Forward Movement."

Rev. Mr. Rourke, pastor of the church, announced that he will send out letters this week, asking members of the congregation to contribute to the support of the proposed mission. The two local missions will be continued.

"It is not a question of whether the heathen who does not hear of the Gospel can be saved, but of whether the Christians who neglect to spread the Gospel will attain salvation."

This is the belief of Mr. McConaughy as expressed in his discourse: "Why should I try to convert the heathen abroad when there are so many right here at home, going contrary to Biblical law. God decreed that His people should spread His teachings in all parts of the world."

"If we try only to feed the people in the front row and neglect those in the back rows, the supply will not hold out," said the speaker. "What if this had been done when the five loaves served to reach the great multitude. There was no thought of feeding only a few."

The church today is spending too little money for the support of foreign missions, declared Mr. McConaughy. He told of the crying need of the millions in the far away lands and gave his hearers of what can be done with a comparatively small amount of money in lifting these people from the depths of ignorance and barbarism.

"The money that we keep in the Juda money of today," said Mr. McConaughy.

An interesting sermon on "The Boundless Love of God," was given at Wesley M. E. Church, Sunday evening, by Rev. J. F. Newcomb, pastor of the Methodist Church at York Center. The speaker took his text from Jeremiah 31:3.

Rev. Mr. Newcomb said that love is the only means by which men can be brought truly to God. It is love that will conquer the world for Christ. "Too many sinners," said Rev. Mr. Newcomb, "believes that God hates them. God has only love for every one and is always ready to exercise that love for the salvation of men."

Next to the love of God is the affection of a mother, said the speaker. Rev. Mr. Newcomb stopped in Marion while enroute to Lakeside, where he will help prepare for the opening of that resort.

Rev. C. C. Staffeld, of Grand Rapids, Michigan, occupied the pulpit at both morning and evening services at the Calvary Evangelical church Sunday. The pastor is making a tour of the central states collecting money with which to advance the work of the weak churches in the New England conferences. In the morning he preached on the theme, "God Loveth a Cheerful Giver" and at the evening service, "Thy Kingdom Come." Collections were taken at both services and a neat sum was raised.

The congregation of St. Paul's Episcopal church enjoyed a rare treat at the morning service when Mrs. Ferdinand Drumm sang the Offertory, "How Sweet the Name of Jesus." Mrs. Drumm possesses a soprano voice of much range and unusual strength and sweetness. For five years, she was soloist in one of the largest Episcopal churches at Philadelphia.

The members of the congregation were delighted with Mrs. Drumm's singing, and an effort will be made to secure her services as soloist for the St. Paul's choir during her stay in the city.

The Commercial club came in for a scolding in the Sunday evening sermon of Rev. Byron C. Platt, pastor of the Central Christian church. "The Commercial club has a degrading influence on the morals of Marion because it tends to put a gloss of respectability on vice and drunkenness," declared the Central Christian pastor.

Rev. Mr. Platt, using information which he said he obtained from two prominent members of the club, told of visits made to the club-house at night by women of questionable character.

"I am told that when representatives of the club were trying to induce one man to join they told him that actresses and other women of like stripe could be taken to the club house and entertained without any fear of public talk," said the speaker.

The sermon was one of a series being given by Rev. Mr. Platt on the ten commandments. The commandment which formed the basis of this discourse is the one, "Thou shalt not commit adultery." Rev. Mr. Platt took up the question of public morals in general.

The divorce evil was dwelt upon to considerable length, the speaker expressing the belief that eventually the law will be that man and wife can be legally separated only on the grounds of infidelity or adultery.

The speaker stated that he positively will not perform a marriage ceremony in which either of the contracting parties is a person who has been divorced on any but the grounds of adultery. Even where a divorce was granted on these grounds, the person being remarried must have been the innocent party in the divorce matter.

A lasting evil is being made of the great factories of the country, Mr. Platt said. In these places girls and women of all ages and characters are intermixed on the benches and by daily contact the pure becomes impure. This evil should be remedied, said the speaker.

Next Sunday evening, Rev. Mr. Platt will speak on the commandment, "Honor thy mother and thy father."

E. O. Bradshaw, a student of Denison university, filled the pulpit at the First Baptist church yesterday. In the morning Mr. Bradshaw delivered an excellent sermon on the subject "The Connecting Link Between God and Man." In the evening he preached to a large congregation on the subject, "Man's Relations With God."

The local police force was bitterly scored by Rev. George M. Rourke, pastor of the First Presbyterian church, in his Sunday morning sermon before a large congregation.

"The Marion police force is just as bad as the one in Chicago, which is known to be the worst in the country," said Rev. Mr. Rourke, "Marion might as well have no force whatever."

"The city officials have been trying to cut down the tax levy," said the Presbyterian pastor. "The best way to start in would be to cut down the police force; it isn't doing any good anyway."

The text of Rev. Rourke's sermon was taken from Isaiah 58:1, reading, "Cry aloud, spare not, lift up thy voice like a trumpet, and shew my people their transgression, and the house of Jacob their sins."

In this text, Rev. Rourke says he believes he finds reasons for preaching what some of the people deem it advisable to call sensational sermons. Christ, he said, called the people a "generation of vipers," and at all times bitterly reproved them for their transgressions. "Some people think a preacher is sensational when he does not use policy and try to please everyone," said Rev. Mr. Rourke.

"You boast of Greater Marion," said the speaker, "why not boast of our great brewery and our great vice and corruption?"

Rev. Mr. Rourke deplored the fact that the sight of drunken men on the streets of the city is not uncommon.

At the Epworth M. E. church Sunday morning, Rev. D. H. Bailey delivered a sermon on "Civil Government Ordained of God," from the text Rom. 13:1. In part the pastor spoke as follows:

"Government is a necessity to social existence. Law is the basis of civilized society. Government is ordained of God. The Bible does not specify any particular form of government. The church is a divine institution, but the Bible does not specify whether any particular church shall be in its polity, Episcopal, Presbyterian or Congregational. So government may be monarchies, aristocracies or Democracies.

"The doctrine of America is that when the people have sufficient intelligence and moral character that self government is the best. Believing that Americans have such qualifications, the democratic form of government was adopted and has been maintained.

"In a democracy, the will of the majority of the citizens as expressed at the ballot box is the supreme authority in government. The people elect legislatures to make their laws and elect executive officers to enforce them. If any law should be enacted contrary to the wishes or will of the majority of the citizens, its repeal is not a difficult matter. Any law stands as the expression of the supreme authority on that subject until its repeal by the people through their legislators. An executive officer has nothing to do with the merits of the law. Whether good or bad, his oath requires him to enforce it.

"The greatest problem of the world today is the problems of civil government. All other organizations have to do with classes of like interests, sympathies and aims. Governments have to deal with all classes: the intelligent, the loyal, the ignorant, the criminal and the rebellious.

"All minds are directed towards the president of the United States who is leading the company of loyal office holders against the opposition of the enemies of our civil government."

The speaker here referred to the plutocrats who would supplant the government of the people in the interest of their own selfishness; to the four thousand wage earners in San Francisco who sided at the American flag; to the miners who were seeking the overthrow of the administration of government in Idaho; to the gamblers who were trying to overthrow the civil authority in many places; to the corrupt politicians who were seeking to destroy the rights of honest citizens at the ballot box; to mobs in many instances, and in many states; to the saton keepers, who by instinct and education were law-breakers everywhere; to base ball enthusiasts who for selfish ends would nullify the laws of the state and themselves become an oligarchy, dictating to men sworn to enforce the laws of the land.

The speaker referred to the bitterness, contentions and hard feelings aroused in Mansfield during the last year, because a number of citizens dared to attempt the overthrow of the civil government of the state, and defy the authority of the law.

"As I gathered from reading the newspapers of that city, each paper believes that Sunday base ball is a good thing. This is their right. The one, however, argued there must first be the repeal of the Sunday laws through legal methods. This is honest manly Americanism. The other cares nothing about the law or the rights of others, but advocates going on with the game in defiance of law. This is the American, cowardly vicious and revolutionary.

"It is the privilege of the editor of the Daily Star of this city if he believes in Sunday Ball, to go before the people with his arguments, and seek the repeal of the law and every patriotic citizen will submit to the result. He has no right to uphold lawlessness, and it is as great a crime for Marion to nullify the

laws of the state as it was for South Carolina to nullify the laws of the nation.

"What should be the attitude of every loyal citizen? I know of no better answer than to say stand with our great President, Theodore Roosevelt. In his Jamestown speech, this man of character and courage, lifting his hand to heaven declared, 'This great republic of ours shall never become the government of a plutocracy and it shall never become the government of a mob.'"

The speaker said it is useless to try criminals before magistrates who are not in sympathy with our government. The only hope of permanently putting down the oligarchy in Marion county is by an aroused public electing men who believe in our civil government and are opposed to the rule of any plutocracy, oligarchy, nullificationists, revolutionists, or any other class of lawless citizens.

Railroad Notes

The following special from New York to the Cincinnati Enquirer announces an important change in the official office of the New York Central lines. Mitchell was well known by local railroad men, having at one time traveled through here while freight traffic manager of the Big Four. The special says:

New York, May 13.—Barrett B. Mitchell has been appointed General Freight Traffic Manager of the entire Vanderbilt system at a salary of \$25,000 a year. Mitchell's first salary as a railroad employee was \$3 a week, or \$156 a year, or \$24,844 less than his present salary. He started his career as office boy in the freight department of the Old Blue Line at Detroit. His rise was rapid and he passed through all the stages of the freight business, from way bill clerk to General Freight Agent. He was Freight Traffic Manager in Chicago until the death two months ago of Captain G. J. Grammer, General Freight Traffic Manager. Since that time he was Acting General Traffic Manager in this city.

The custom which was recently adopted by Superintendent C. A. Allen, of the Erie, requiring the officials of the local yards to meet in conference semi-monthly, has proved one of very valuable consequence. Every two weeks the yard master, assistant yardmaster, yard foremen, managing telegraph operators, etc. hold a conference in the local office and discuss various perplexing railroad matters as concern the local yards. As a consequence, the officials work more in unison and the yards are conducted in a much more satisfactory manner than ever before.

Freight traffic on all of the roads passing through this city is at present exceedingly heavy. It was expected by all of the freight managers that there would be a general let-up in traffic this month, but so far none has been experienced and all forces especially at the transfer house are being worked harder than ever. Additional engines have been put into commission to handle the extra work and the expected slump seems to have been only a dream.

W. T. Owen, Jr. assistant to master mechanic Wells of the Burlington railroad, with headquarters at Chicago, was the guest of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. T. Owen of east of the city, Sunday.

Superintendent Moser of the Erie has issued the quarterly speed bulletin instructing engineers as to the speed limit. The maximum speed allowed passenger trains between this city and Foraker is forty-five miles an hour and over the Espyville fill, only thirty miles an hour is allowed.

The Erie will change its time card about June 15 at which time trains 10 and 15 will be taken off for the summer. There will be a number of other changes made which have not as yet been officially announced.

The Dolly Dimple theatre troupe occupied two private Pennsylvania cars this morning on Hocking Valley train No. 32. The company was enroute from Milwaukee to Columbus.

Officials of the Pennsylvania road have completed their monthly inspection of the main lines, and report everything in excellent trim for the summer traffic.

MARION PEOPLE

Will Attend Concert at Dayton Thursday Night.

A number of Marion people have received invitations to attend a concert at the Grace M. E. church in Dayton Thursday evening. The concert will be a farewell to William Carl Pirsch, baritone soloist at the church who will leave soon for Berlin, where he will begin the work of preparing himself for grand opera. Mr. Pirsch is well known in Marion. The Marion people who will attend the concert are Mr. and Mrs. M. J. Templeton, Mr. and Mrs. L. B. McNeal, Mr. and Mrs. Carol Davidson, Mr. and Mrs. Charles H. Conley and Frank E. Coon.

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GRAND JURY IN SESSION

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GRAVE CHARGES MADE

Against Officers of Central Ohio Lime and Stone Co.

Martha E. Hord Brings Suit for Damages Against Company in Sum of \$5,000 Mouday.

Sensational charges against the officers and directors of the Central Ohio Lime & Stone company, one of the local concerns recently taken over by the Ohio & Western Lime company, of Huntington, Indiana, are made in a suit for \$5,000 damages brought in the court of common pleas Monday morning by Martha E. Hord. This suit is the second resulting from the big line reorganization, the first having begun Saturday by Mrs. Rebecca Hinamon, who names the Ohio and Western company as defendant.

Mrs. Hord charges that the directors of the Central Ohio are fraudulently and illegally holding \$40,000 which rightfully belongs to the stockholders in general. She claims \$5,000 as her share of the amount. Her attorneys are D. B. Maxwell, of Pittsburg and J. H. Eymon, of Marion, and she names as defendants Henry Ackerman, and others.

March 24, 1903, Henry Ackerman, John W. Thew, Samuel B. Lippincott, and L. V. Uncapher, "caused and procured themselves to be elected directors," and in turn Ackerman was chosen president, Thew, treasurer, and Uncapher, secretary.

The defendants always has full and complete control and management of affairs and "contrived by artifice" to keep secret from the other directors and stockholders, including the plaintiff, the real condition of affairs.

The petition charges that in the carrying on of affairs, the defendants voted extra shares of stock as though they were legally and justly their own; when, in truth, and fact, they had no title or right to these particular shares.

In her petition, Mrs. Hord refers to the Ohio & Western company as the "so called trust." She gives what she claims is a complete and authentic history of the transactions of the Central Ohio company.

Mrs. Hord says that on March 24, 1905, the company was organized with a capital stock of \$150,000, the total number of shares being 1,200 at a par value of \$100 each.

October 30, 1903, she says, she bought 15 shares with the understanding and assurance that the company intended buying land of Lenox Reber for quarry purposes. The consideration for this land was to have been \$25,000.

Fraudulently, without consideration and without knowledge of Mrs. Hord, she says, the defendants took \$40,000 in shares of capital stock in excess of the \$25,000 they were supposed to use for purchasing the land of Mr. Reber. This took place about July, 1903.

It was on January 2, 1907, Mrs. Hord says that as a result of scheming of the defendants, they sold the rights and property of the Central Ohio to the Ohio and Western Lime company, "reputed to be the so-called trust." She says that the amount which the Ohio and Western paid for the Central Ohio property was supposed to be about

\$148,000. Mrs. Hord finally prays for judgment for \$5,000 as her share of the \$40,000 which she says is being fraudulently withheld.

The grand jury for the May term of court reported Monday morning and was sworn in by Deputy Clark Carhart. It went into session about 10 o'clock and began the consideration of the first 12 cases which will be investigated. It is expected that the session will last three days.

The cases in which 46 witnesses have been subpoenaed, are James Sullivan, charged with assault and battery; Gleason C. Johnson, failure to provide for minor child; William A. Burns, assault and battery; C. C. Marsh neglecting to file certificate with the probate judge; Peter Fitzgerald, placing obstruction on street car track; Wesley Banks, colored cutting with intent to wound; Chas. Snyder, forgery; John Schroats, assault and battery; Kohler Zimmer, adultery; William C. Dickerson, horse stealing and grand larceny; Bertha Green, horse stealing and grand larceny; Chaney Godfrey, arson.

The jurors are D. W. Strayer, Thomas Evans Sr., Chas. Hazen, Dr. C. P. Galley, M. F. Swisher, M. H. Bain, E. S. Hockman and Samuel

Court, Marion; J. W. Kennedy, Big Island Township; Noah Lee, Claridon North; William Gabler, Waldo; Geo. Watts Sr., Salt Rock; W. S. Myers, Richland township; Alec Hill; J. W. Hughes, Prospect.

In the partition suit of Perry Shroek against John W. Shroek and others, an order of partition was issued this morning and Levi Harruff, Jacob Myers and Frank Smith were appointed commissioners.

County Clerk Klinefelter raised the deposit fee for divorce suits from \$10 to \$20, in accordance with the announcement of his intentions made in Saturday's Mirror. From now on, any dissatisfied husband or wife who wants to be liberated must put up \$20 with Klinefelter or "else remain married." Klinefelter thinks that by raising the fee he will save the county no small amount of costs. The deposit fee is frequently all that is ever paid by the divorce suit plaintiffs.

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