

An Evangelist

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"Elijah," said Mrs. Dunkers, "thurs an evangelist goin' to preach for us nex' Sunday. I wish you'd go 'n hear him. You don't know how mis'able it makes me to be in the fold and have my husban' out of it."

"What's an evangelist?" "An evangelist is one of them minis'ters the Lord sends ont in a while to stir up the feelin's o' them as can't be teched by ordinary means."

"One of whom I am which." "Yes, you be, Elijah. I'm sorry to say it. I hope you'll go and hear this holy man and mebbe he'll tech your heart."

Mahulda Dunkers sighed and walked away. Her efforts to bring her husband under the influence that guided her always proved abortive. He was a matter of fact man, while she was emotional. By some he was called a scoffer, though no one ever heard him speak disrespectfully of religion. He disliked cant and those disposed to cant called him a scoffer because he was not of their ilk. The couple lived in the far west where extremes were in vogue. This had made the wife an extremist in matters of religion. If the husband was an extremist it was in the manifest presence of the devil who seemed to guide both the good and the bad in Nuggetville.

Sunday morning came and a few minutes before service time a man in clerical garb was seen descending the trail. He walked with a firm step and carried a prayer book in his hand. The Reverend Mr. Saintry was unknown to a single person in Nuggetville. He had sent word that he would preach there on that Sunday morning and hoped that he would move every un-Christian man, woman and child in the camp to repentance.

Elijah Dunkers saw the evangelist coming and watched him descend the canyon.

"What makes ye seem so, Elijah?" asked his wife. "It seems that everything holy has a contrary effect on ye. Can't you look at a man of God without showin' the impiety there is in ye? It isn't you that's scowlin' in at this servant of the Lord; it's the devil that's got a hold on yer heart."

"Jes' you go to meetin', Mahulda. What ye got to put in the hat?"

"I got four ounces o' dirt."

"Ye got to give four ounces o' dirt to that?"

"Forbear, Elijah! Forbear! Don't speak impiously of the Lord's anointed."

Elijah turned away. His wife made one more effort to induce him to accompany her to the grove that was one of "God's first temples," but he paid no attention to her.

The evangelist found the people of Nuggetville assembling and taking seats on the boards ranged in front of a stump to which a piece of scantling supporting an inclined bit of timber for a book rest was fastened. Mounting the stump he said:

"My friends, I wish before beginning the service to ask if any one of you have brought to this place consecrated to the Lord's service any of those hellish machines used to kill your fellow men. If so please go and deposit them at the foot of that tree over yonder."

He waited while several of the men present, awed by his impressive tone, deposited their revolvers and knives as he directed. When they were again seated the evangelist asked if any other person was desecrating the place and called down the wrath of heaven upon them if they were. This resulted in the deposit of two more weapons, after which the service proceeded.

Mr. Saintry proved to be one of those men who have the faculty of pouring forth a torrent of words, working on their hearers more by their personal intensity than by what they say. Excitable himself, he excited others. His word pictures of the terrible damnation in store for those who did not do what he told them to do were lurid as an approaching tornado. Mrs. Dunkers, the most emotional woman in the congregation, became hysterical. The evangelist finished his exhortation with the following words:

"And now, my hearers, I wish you to plant on this holy ground a church. I desire that one of your number pass around the hat to receive your contributions, and remember that as you give so shall you be received at the last day into heaven."

A white headed man arose, passed around a hat, and when he had finished set it down, overflowing with gold dust and coins, at a point indicated by the evangelist. Then the good man dismounted from the pulpit stump, walked up to the hat, faced the congregation, drew a 42 caliber revolver, covered those present, picked up the hat and said:

"You're the easiest plucked lot o' g'oloots I ever relieved o' their dust."

He was turning to walk away with the plunder when a shot knocked his revolver out of his hand, and before he could recover Elijah Dunkers had downed him.

"I knowed yer," said Elijah, "as soon as I saw ye comin' down the canyon. Ye won't play evangelist no more."

That evening after a rope ceremony at Nuggetville, Mrs. Dunkers was very sad.

"I'm thinkin', Elijah," she said, "that practicin' religion and makin' fools of ourselves is two different things."

SHORT LOCALS

Eggs 22c and butter 28c. Mr. and Mrs. Hal Eggleston went to Buckeye Lake Wednesday for a several days outing.

Miss Winifred Platt left this afternoon for Toledo, O., to visit with relatives and friends.

Constable Milton Simpkins went to Brink Haven Thursday morning to attend to some matters of business.

Mr. L. O. Nizer of Bladensburg spent Wednesday in Mt. Vernon attending to some matters of business.

WANTED—Girl for housework. 300 N. Main St. Phone 443 Green. If Mr. Charles Burgess has returned to his home in Mt. Vernon after spending several weeks in Arnold, Pa.

Miss Cary Davis has returned home after visiting with Mr. and Mrs. H. J. Haudenschild of Loudonville.

Hon. W. M. Koons went to Centerburg Thursday morning to attend to some business matters.

Mrs. Herrick and children left Thursday morning for their home in New Mexico after an extended visit with relatives in Mt. Vernon.

Mr. Levi Braddock of Mansfield avenue went to Newark Thursday noon to attend to some matters of business.

Mr. J. R. Kennedy, manager of the Mt. Vernon Medical and Surgical Sanitarium, has returned after a several days' visit with relatives in Marion, Ohio.

See the Flora Company in full costume present two scenes from the grand opera "Martha" by Flotow, at Hiawatha Park theater tonight, 10c and 20c.

Mr. Edward Switzer of Bellville was taken to the Mt. Vernon Medical and Surgical Sanitarium for treatment Wednesday afternoon.

Mrs. Wilson Horn of Howard underwent an operation for a cystic tumor, which was removed in the operation.

Mrs. Mary Higgins and Mrs. Benjamin Davis have returned to their homes near Chesterville after an extended visit with relatives in Iowa.

Messrs. Ray Pearl, Ray Smith and Marion Buxton of Sparta went to Cedar Point Thursday morning to spend the day.

Rev. and Mrs. F. E. Brininstool and family left Thursday morning for Gallipolis, Ohio, where they will spend several days with relatives.

Mr. W. L. Hubbard of Chicago, dramatist and musical critic of the Chicago Tribune, is spending several days in Mt. Vernon on business.

Mr. Kent Shaffer went to Canton Thursday morning to attend the national convention of the Phi Sigma Chi fraternity.

The matinee races will be held at Hiawatha park on Friday afternoon instead of Driving park, where it has been the custom to hold them.

Miss Mae Updegraff and little niece, Virginia Updegraff, of Pittsburg, Pa., are the guests of Miss Nellie Weaver, East Vine street.

Mr. and Mrs. George Shipley and Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Blocher attended the McPhearn reunion at Mansfield today.

The infant child of Mr. and Mrs. Earnest Trenwich is seriously ill at the home of its parents on North Catherine street.

Mr. R. C. Mitchell and Mrs. John Whitford went to Buckeye Lake Wednesday evening where they will spend several days with friends.

Cut rates on all watch repairing. Main spring, 75c; cleaning, 75c; crystals, 15c; jewels, 25c to 75c. Work guaranteed 1 year. Owens, corner Main and Gambler streets—up stairs.

Friends in the city have received souvenir postal cards from Mr. William H. Thompson, who with Mrs. Thompson, is now touring England on an extended trip through Europe.

Mr. Charles West returned last evening after a visit in Cleveland. The trip was made on his bicycle. He went by way of Akron and returned home by way of Mansfield.

Miss Cora A. Miller, matron at the Mt. Vernon Medical and Surgical Sanitarium, has returned to Mt. Vernon after a several days' visit with relatives in Marion.

Professor and Mrs. Frank Spindle left Thursday morning for their home in Ypsilanti, Michigan, after an extended visit with relatives in Mt. Vernon.

Hon. and Mrs. L. B. Houck and son, Daniel, of North Main street left Thursday morning for the St. Clair Flats, Mich., where they will spend several days.

Mrs. G. M. Sipe, who was injured in a runaway accident several days ago, was taken from the Mt. Vernon hospital to the home of Dr. C. K. Conrad on East Vine street Wednesday evening in McCormick's ambulance.

Special sale of popular sheet music for one week, commencing Saturday night, August 20th at 10c a copy. Take notice, this offer includes all popular sheet music, at Penn's.

Dr. Branyan, a skilled practitioner of Chicago, arrived in the city today and will assume charge of Dr. Arndt's medical practice during his vacation.

Miss Ethel Hirt possesses a rich Mezzo-Contralto voice, hear her in "grand opera" tonight at the Park theatre, 10c and 20c.

Mr. Flora has a high lyric voice of great range, volume and quality. He was most enthusiastically applauded last night at the Park theatre. Hear him again tonight, 10c and 20c.

AN INDIFFERENT PARENT

An amusing story of Alfred de Vigny appears in Francis Gribble's "French Romanticists," and is cited by the Bohemian:

Lydia Bunbury, whom De Vigny married, was an Englishwoman, and he was an Anglomaniac steeped in English poetry. "One may almost say that he fell in love with her because he was already in love with Shakespeare." Lydia's father was not at all pleased by the match, though he did not interfere, and his attitude toward his son-in-law is indicated in one of the *Sonnets of Sainte-Beuve*:

At the time when Lamartine was secretary of embassy at Florence, Mr. Bunbury was introduced to him, and dined with him. During the dinner the Englishman mentioned to M. de Lamartine that he had a daughter who was the wife of one of the principal French poets. As for the name of the poet, he hesitated and could not remember it. Lamartine then ran through the list of the poets of the period, and at the mention of each one of them the Englishman replied, "No, no. That's not the man." Not until Lamartine came to Alfred de Vigny did he answer, "Ah, yes, I rather fancy that's his name."

ROYAL DINNER PARTY IN ABYSSINIA

(Christian Science Monitor.) The new Negus of Abyssinia, like his predecessors on the throne before him, gives a public dinner to all and sundry of his subjects once a week, when they may feast to their heart's content. On the three great annual festivals this "gheber" becomes a spectacle probably unequalled in the annals of court dinners, says the Westminster Gazette. The background of the barn-like structure which serves as dining room is all but filled with the famous throne-bed which the French republic presented to the late King Menelik; the present Negus, on the occasion of the state dinner sat on the edge of it when the European visitors, the first to enter the room, filed past him each one being received with a smile and a shake of the hand. As soon as they were seated, and began to eat, King Jarsu also began, but his state dignitaries have to wait till their lord, after a while, gives the sign that they also may fall to.

The Abyssinian royal menu is a surprise to the European who has expected either the food of primitive man or the concoctions of a French chef. There are six courses, but they do not vary much, the chief ingredients of all being the fowl of fowls. The table service is a curious medley of costly, beautiful gold vessels and broken crockery of the cheapest kind. The Europeans use knives and forks, the Abyssinians are fed by slaves. A strange silence pervades the room during the three hours from 10 a. m. to 1 p. m., while the feast is going on, and you hear the distant sound of the great crowd, waiting impatiently, for admittance.

When the Europeans have ended their meal the curtains are drawn aside, and through every door the stream of natives pours in. There are 80 tables, each one in charge of an overseer and four assistants, and from 5000 to 6000 Abyssinians are in an incredibly short time engaged in feeding and talking at the same time at the top of their voices. They eat enormous quantities, drinking honey-water, the national beverage, out of gigantic horns. As soon as one crowd is satisfied it has to make room for another, and all the time the musicians are doing their utmost on trumpets, flutes and other instruments, to add to the deafening din.

INTERNATIONAL GEOLOGICAL CONGRESS

Stockholm, Aug. 18—The International Geological Congress, which began a week's session in Stockholm today, has attracted a notable gathering of geologists from the leading countries of the world. Dr. George Otis Smith, director of the United States Geological Survey, and several of his assistants are in attendance.

NEWFOUNDLAND PREMIER SAILS

London, Aug. 18—Sir Edward Morris, premier of Newfoundland, who has been attending the North American fisheries arbitration at The Hague, sails from Bristol for home today on the steamship Royal George of the Canadian Northern Line.

SELLERS: The only flour I ever had any look with Gold Medal Flour. LUCAS.

Y. M. C. A. NOTES

There were a dozen camera fiends at the rally last evening at the association building. They took up the matter of an organized club and after the pros and cons had been gone into quite thoroughly it was decided to go ahead with the organization and make it a first class club. Prof. A. W. Dorr was elected temporary chairman and Geo. Culbertson secretary. A committee on rules and regulations was appointed and each man was asked to serve as a member of the membership committee, all of whom are to report at a meeting to be held next Wednesday evening at 7:30. No undertaking of the association has shown greater promise than this club. Every young man in the city, who is at all interested in such a club, is urged to attend this meeting.

Word has come from Camp Budd to the effect that the boys landed safely and are happy as clams. They are having a splendid time. There are over 40 boys, all together, in the camp. Parents of one of the boys visited the camp yesterday and reports that everything is well arranged and that the boys are receiving the very best care.

There will be a meeting of the educational committee of the association, this evening at 7:30.

VIOLIN ONCE SOLD FOR GUINEA BRINGS \$7,000

The announcement that the collection of violins which belonged to George Haddock, the famous English musician, was to be sold aroused the keenest interest among dealers and collectors all over the world, says the Indianapolis Star. The Haddock fiddles are reputed to be the finest private collection in existence, the gem being the "Emperor Stradivarius," pronounced by Joachim to be the finest violin he had ever seen, and which is stated to be worth \$50,000. It is nearly 200 years old, and notwithstanding its great age looks as fresh as if it had but yesterday left the hands of Antonio Stradivari, the famed violin maker of Cremona.

This is a somewhat exceptional value to be placed on a violin, the prices of the 600 Stradivari which are known to be in existence ranging from \$2500 upward. Perhaps the only violin which can be compared with the "Emperor Stradivarius" of the Haddock collection is the one which Paganini left to the city of Genoa, for which as much as \$50,000 has been offered. The Stradivarius presented to the late Dr. Joachim on the occasion of his jubilee cost \$8,000, while that presented to Lady Halle by the Duke of Edinburgh, Earl of Dudley and Lork Hardwicke, cost \$5,000.

When Sarasate's will was proved two years ago it was found that he had bequeathed \$20,000 and a Stradivarius each to the conservatories of Paris and Madrid, the money being for the purpose of founding prizes bearing his name. Each of the violins was valued at about \$10,000, one of the instruments having been discovered in a very romantic manner. At one time it was the property of a Genevan blacksmith, to whom it had been given by a traveler who could not pay for the shoeing of his horse. For years it hung on the wall of the blacksmith's house, until after many years another horseman, M. Boissier, who was also a violinist and a collector of violins, came along. The blacksmith asked M. Boissier to buy the violin from him at his own price or else to find him a purchaser. M. Boissier carried it away, cleaned off the smoke, discovered the Stradivarius mark—and did not defraud the blacksmith.

Twice at least \$10,000 has been paid by private treaty for Stradivari, and \$7,000 was paid for a "Betts Stradivarius," the title which it gained from the following incident: Betts was a music seller in London some 60 years ago, and one day a stranger entered his shop offering a violin for sale at the low sum of one guinea. The dealer at once jumped at the bargain, put down his guinea, and secured the instrument. He retained it in his family for a number of years, and after changing hands several times, it was bought at the figure named by a foreign nobleman.

THE CICERONE.

Senator Root at Senator Depew's farewell dinner in his honor in Washington, said, anent his coming European tour:

"Well, I hope I gather over there more accurate information than that which Lady Salisbury's housekeeper used to give her American visitors. "Lady Salisbury had a housekeeper who, in showing American and other visitors over Salisbury castle, would always pause before a painting of Catherine de Medici and say: "This lovely painting is a portrait of Catherine de Medici, sister of Venus de Medici."—Washington Star.

Society News

Entertained With Luncheon Mrs. Sarah A. Gilliam, East Gambler street, delightfully entertained with a luncheon Wednesday afternoon in honor of Mrs. H. A. Sturges of Chicago. Covers were laid for ten.

Entertained At Gambler The Misses Platt entertained at their home in Gambler on Wednesday evening in honor of their guest from Mansfield. The evening was pleasantly spent playing games and in music. Refreshments were served.

White-Rush Wedding Mr. Earl F. White of Liberty township and Miss Rose D. Rush of Clinton township were united in marriage Wednesday afternoon at the M. P. parsonage on North Mulberry street. Rev. J. T. Black performed the ceremony.

Celebrate Golden Wedding Mr. and Mrs. John W. Ramey of Mt. Glead celebrated their golden wedding anniversary on August 15. Mrs. Ramey was born in Knox county. In honor of the 50th anniversary a family reunion was held and a sumptuous dinner served at one o'clock.

Barbecue At the Caves Mr. and Mrs. B. F. Hammond of Millwood delightfully entertained with a chicken barbecue at the Caves on Wednesday evening. About twenty guests were present during the evening. The event was one of a rather unusual nature and was thoroughly enjoyed by all.

Star Gazing Club Is Entertained The Star Gazing club held a second meeting at the home of the Misses Jones, West Chestnut street, Wednesday evening. The dining room was beautifully decorated with souvenir stars and each of the seven girls present represented one of the seven largest planets in the heavens. The evening was immensely enjoyed by all.

Entertained With a Dance An informal dance was given at the H. C. Stoyke home in Gambler on Wednesday evening. The evening was very pleasantly spent by all present. Music was furnished by Gambler musicians. Eight couples were present among whom were the following: Mr. and Mrs. Edward Wagner, Mrs. Sherman Ward and Miss Ora Elliot of Mt. Vernon.

THE TRUTH ABOUT WOMEN

Men are not capable of telling the truth about women, or of understanding what the truth is, because they are handicapped by their sex. The few men who have managed to forget the sex part have gone to the other extreme and have damned women unduly with loud curses, as, for example, Shopenhauer and Weininger. To tell the exact truth about women is impossible for any man. There is always a chance that while you are attempting this impossible trick you may fall in love with the woman. No woman is so homely that this might not come to pass. Ugly women and old women have been loved by young and old men since the world began. It is impossible to account for all of the eccentricities of human passion.

If a man is questioned about women in general he will tell you in confidence that he despises them in general. They are characterless, unromantic if you will, and incapable of that sturdy kind of friendship or comradeship which men feel for each other. To argue with them on any subject would be ridiculous. They are pretty, mean, below man in stature and—between you and me, says the man—they are ugly from an anatomical standpoint. That is about what any man will tell you in strict confidence.

But this man always knows one woman who is different. This particular woman is capable of any sacrifice. Her charity is unlimited. Her nursing power is marvelous. Her practical judgment is inevitable. Her forgiveness is unbounded and her taste is perfect.

This woman is always the man's mother, often his sweetheart, and sometimes his wife.—Life.

To Be Avoided. "There's Wilson! Let us turn back. I've no desire to meet that fellow again! Last week I asked him to lend me five pounds."

"Well, he certainly might have done so; he has plenty of money."

"Yes, I know—and he did lend me the five!"—London Mall.

"Time enough" always proves little enough.—Franklin.

MT. ZION WILL OCCUR SOON

The annual reunion of the Bell and Hayes families will be held at the Union Grove Church in Harrison township, Knox county, Ohio, on August 20. Everybody invited.

The Simpson reunion will be held at the old home of John Simpson, one-half mile north of Howard on August 25.

The annual Knox-Morrow county picnic will be held at Lyons Lake on Saturday, August 20. The speakers of the day will be Hon. George H. Chamberland of Elvria, Hon. F. A. Stode, Hon. J. C. Christwell. There will be band concerts, boat races, two baseball games and other amusements during the day.

The eleventh annual reunion of the Leckliter family will be held at the home of Arbella Hizer, two miles west of Butler, August 27.

The Pealer family reunion will be held at Lake Hiawatha park on Saturday, August 27.

The Bedell-Willis family reunion will be held at Riverside park on Saturday, August 27.

The Christian Endeavor Society of Mt. Pleasant church on the Martinsburg road will give a social on Thursday evening, August 25th, on the church lawn. A cordial invitation is extended to all.

The meeting which was to have been held on Tuesday evening, Aug. 16, by the citizens of Harrison township to discuss centralization of schools has been postponed until Tuesday evening, August 23.

The third annual reunion of the descendants of Christian and Elizabeth Baughman, their kindred friends, will be held at Mohaxah Park, Zanewille, O., on Saturday, Sept. 3. Several members of the family reside in Knox county.

The eighth annual reunion of the Clark family will be held at New Castle on Saturday, August 27.

In order that comrades residing in the country, and others who may be unable to attend a post meeting at night, may have the privilege of attending a meeting, the next regular meeting of Joe Hooker Post, No. 21, G. A. R., will be held at 2 o'clock p. m., on Friday, August 19th, standard time.

The Knox County Pomona grange will meet August 20 on the Kenyon college campus for an all-day session. The principal speaker will be Mr. L. J. Tabor, a state grange lecturer.

The eleventh annual reunion of the Bebout family reunion will occur in David Kerr's grove, one and one-half miles south of Gambler on Thursday, August 25.

The M. P. Sunday school will hold a picnic at Hiawatha park on Saturday afternoon. Everyone welcome. Cars will leave corner Mulberry and High street at 1 o'clock. Bring your baskets.

The Modern Woodmen of America will meet Friday night at 7:30 o'clock.

The annual sessions of the Knox County Teachers' Association will be held in the High school auditorium, this city, August 22-26 inclusive.

The quarterly conference of the Methodist Protestant church of Mt. Vernon circuit will be held next Saturday at Friendship church at 2:30 p. m., suntime. All members of the various charges on the circuit are urged to be present. Business of importance.

The twelfth annual reunion of the Rinehart-Wolfe families will be held at Lake Hiawatha park on Saturday, September 3.

The eighth annual reunion of the Hern family will be held at the Grove church in Harrison township, Knox county, on Saturday, August 27. There will be music and a short program. Everybody welcome. Come with baskets well filled and spend the day together.

The Rev. W. A. Clemmer, who preached in the Presbyterian church last Sunday, will conduct the prayer meeting this evening and he will preach again for us next Sunday.

An ice cream social will be held Wednesday evening, August 24, at Bedell chapel commencing at 7 o'clock. All are invited.

NOTE: You can't beat biscuits made outen Gold Medal Flour.—no sah. MAMME.