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PREACHER PAYS THE PENALTY

REV. C. V. T. RICHESON DIES IN ELECTRIC CHAIR.

Man Who Poisoned His Sweetheart Dead in Seven Minutes—Three Shocks Necessary.

Boston.—Clarence V. T. Richeson was electrocuted at 12:10 and the prisoner was declared dead at 12:17.

The former Baptist clergyman, confessed poisoner of Avis Linnell of Hyannis, Mass., his one time sweetheart, was outwardly calm when he entered the death chamber and he maintained his composure while the straps and electrodes were being adjusted as he sat in the electric chair.

In his ten days confinement in the death house Richeson had steeled himself for the ordeal. His spiritual adviser, the Rev. Herbert S. Johnson pastor of the Warren avenue Baptist church walked to the chair with him.

The prisoner was not certain when he would be electrocised until a squad of prison guards went to his cell just after the clock had turned 12. The prisoner paled when he knew his hour had come, but refrained from trembling. He shook hands with Dr. Johnson and wished him success and thanked him for his kindness in spending so much time at the prison since the death watch had been set.

A black mask was put over the prisoner's head as he was seated in the chair.

The turn of a switch and 3,000 volts shocked the murderer's heart into inactivity. There was a momentary shiver and the body became rigid. Two more shocks were given and the execution of a sentence was over. The death certificate was signed by three physician witnesses.

CUBAN NEGROES IN REBELLION

Widespread Conspiracy Against Government—Troops Dispatched to Two Provinces.

Havana, Cuba.—There is no longer room for doubt of the existence of a negro conspiracy extending to all the provinces of the island, with the intention of taking up arms against the government.

The negroes have been aroused to rebellion by a law denying the negroes the right to organize a political party and have already attacked two provinces.

The situation is considered sufficiently grave for the government to dispatch from Camp Columbia, a column of 1,200 men composed of cavalry and infantry, with field and machine guns, to Santa Clara and Oriente provinces.

A late telegram received by the government from Lejas, Santa Clara, says that a negro band, headed by Simon Armenteros, destroyed the telegraph station at Trinidad in Santa Clara, and also burned a bridge of the railway from Sagua La Grande to Cienfuegos. Armenteros declared it his intention to do his utmost to destroy foreign property.

Presbyterians Rap Taft.

Warrensburg, Mo.—The general assembly of the Cumberland Presbyterian church here went on record as opposing not only the manufacture and sale of liquor, but against importing and exporting of alcoholic beverages. The report censures the administration of President Taft because of the action of Secretary Wilson toward the brewers' congress in Chicago.

Policeman Shot Bold Robber.

St. Louis, Mo.—A man who robbed Miss Rose Stille at the door of the Wellston State bank here was pursued by a policeman who shot the robber in the neck and captured him.

Corporations Show Loss of Income.

Washington, D. C.—The net income of all corporations reporting to the internal revenue commissioner was 3,185 million dollars in 1911, showing a decrease of 17 1/2 millions, or 5.2 per cent from the total reported for 1910.

Altitude Record Broken.

Paris, France.—The French dirigible balloon Clement-Bayard III beat the world's dirigible balloon record for altitude. Carrying six passengers the vessel ascended 9,514 feet.

Army Safe Robbed.

Helena, Montana.—The payroll of the second battalion, fourteenth infantry, at Fort William Henry Harrison, amounting to \$7,000, was stolen from a safe at the post.

Over the Fallen Heroes



With crepe upon our banners And arms reversed, we meet In memory of the soldiers Sepulchred at our feet. They are the voiceless heroes Who spoke where the field was red— Spoke when the captain ordered: "Fire from behind the dead."

They came from farm and village, From crowded city and plain; They marched in the sultry sunshine, And pillowed their heads in rain, They heard the blast of the bugle, And quickly answered the call: "Form in line of battle— Infantry, troopers, all."

Some of these dropped by the wayside, Some while on picket were shot— Some fell in the skirmish line— Some where the battle raged hot. But, alas, for the youthful soldier, Alas, for the veteran gray, Who languished in pitiless prisons Where the reaper, Death, held sway—

Dreaming of skies they could not see— Hoping where hope was vain To break the guarded prison bars And breathe free air again. Yearning for wife or mother— Yearning to be caressed, Or longing with broken spirit To be, like these, at rest.

Over these dead nine hundred Fold the flag of the brave, While the marching column halts to plant A flag at each soldier's grave. Violets, pinks and daisies, Roses and lilies bring, When the apple trees are in blossom, And the lark and the linnnet sing.

From read at First Memorial Day Exercises

LESSON THAT ALL MAY LEARN

To Be Drawn From the Patriotism and Tenderness That the Memories of the Day Evoke.

While we lay the wreaths of affectionate remembrance over the mounded graves in "God's acre" let us resolve anew to be more patient with the living, more kindly affectionate one with another, not waiting to break our alabaster boxes of fragrant ointment and strew our flowers over the silent clay when the heart they would have cheered has stopped its beating forever. If you love your sister or your neighbor, tell her so. If the children do little thoughtful things for your comfort tell them how much you appreciate it. If the little son or daughter looks more than well, tell them so unless they are insufferable little prigs and need holding down. Few people are injured by honest words of commendation. As a rule it calls them to do their best in order to live up to the standard you have set. Another thing, don't wait to have your good times together until "by and by." Have them now. In the days to come the family circle may be broken and though you may have more time and money then, there will be aching hearts when you think how father or sister or brother "would have enjoyed this."

Beautiful Grand Army Habit. It is no improper exposure of the "lodge" work of the Grand Army of the Republic to call attention to a most beautiful and effective method of the order in dispensing kindness and paying tribute to members.

In each meeting of a post inquiry is made concerning the number and names of those incapacitated by sickness from attending the gathering. When the list is completed formal order is made that flowers be sent to the bedside of each sufferer.

Further, if any of the sick are known to be in desperate financial circumstances, a five-dollar bill, or one of larger denomination, goes with the flowers.

Thus do the defenders and saviors of the government and of the nation remember and pay tribute to their comrades in hours of suffering and want.

The first lesson of life is to burn our own smoke; that is, not to inflict on outsiders our personal sorrows and petty morbidity, not to keep thinking of ourselves as exceptional cases.—James Russell Lowell.

DEATH ENDED DRUNKEN BRAWL

Combination of Gambling and Bad Whisky Produces Usual Result at Leroy, Kan.

Leroy, Kansas.—One man is dead, another badly cut and a third is in the county jail at Burlington as the result of a drunken quarrel at this place. Volle Davis and Charles O'Farrell were matching coins, when an altercation arose as to who won. Davis claimed O'Farrell had lost and slapped him. O'Farrell cut Vernon Zirkle, one of the crowd. Emmer Riemann rushed in and struck O'Farrell, who fell, striking his head on the edge of the curbing. He died at 7 o'clock in the morning.

Riemann was arrested and taken to Burlington. A post mortem examination revealed a fracture of O'Farrell's skull. He was a carpenter and came here from Kiowa, Kan.

WILL RENEW MOTOR CAR SERVICE

Experiments With Suburban Service Out of St. Joseph to be Re-Established Temporarily.

St. Joseph, Mo.—The St. Joseph & Grand Island railroad has decided to give motor cars another trial. A year ago the company placed a number of motor cars in service between St. Joseph and Hanover, Kan., and Hanover and Grand Island, Neb. It was said they were not profitable and they were taken off last fall.

General Manager Steneger announced that the motors will be re-established June 1 for four months, and if it is found they pay, will be continued. The Chicago Great Western took off its motor cars between St. Joseph and Blockton, Ia., several months ago.

FOREST FIRES KILLED FIVE

Flames in Northwest Still Uncontrolled—Damage Will be Heavy—Much Timber Destroyed.

Seattle, Wash.—Five lives known to be lost, two men missing and property damaged several hundred thousand dollars are the results of forest fires which swept over the northwestern part of Washington. The fires are still uncontrolled, but in most sections the situation shows improvement.

The loss of life occurred in the fire which destroyed four logging camps in Skagit county. Fifty million feet of green timber was destroyed by this fire. Other fires in western Washington brought the total timber destroyed to 70,000,000 feet.

A KANSAS BANKER IS SHOT

Thaddeus Carver of Pratt, Mysteriously Wounded—Banker Says Shot Was Fired by Crank.

Pratt, Kansas.—Thad Carver, president of the People's bank here, was shot by an unknown assailant at his home.

Mr. Carver heard a noise at the front door and opened it. He was struck in the left side by a bullet and another following it struck the door jam. The wound is not dangerous and the doctors removed the bullet.

Mr. Carver asserts the shooting was done by some crank and not by a burglar. Mr. Carver is a wealthy banker and at one time was in the Kansas legislature.

MISSOURI EDITOR IS MISSING

I. H. Humphrey, of Kirksville Democrat, Believed to be Suffering From Effects of Overwork.

Kirksville, Missouri.—I. H. Humphrey, editor and manager of the Kirksville Democrat has been missing nearly a week. His wife and business associates have been unable to get trace of him beyond Moberly. It was announced that his books balance and the publishing company owes the missing editor.

His family believes he has suffered a mental breakdown because of overwork and has wandered off, possibly to Colorado or Mexico.

Copper Employees Strike—Baltimore.—A strike of about 500 employes of the Baltimore Copper Works for an increase in wages of 50 cents a day all around resulted in the closing down of the plant which employes about 1,300 men.

Cutting Alfalfa Now.

Courtland, Kansas.—The first crop of alfalfa is being cut near here. It is almost two weeks earlier than usual in this section. The crop will be a heavy one and is being cut earlier because of the scarcity of feed.

Baseball Killed Him.

Cincinnati, Ohio.—Frank H. Barnett, 43 years old, died at League park just following the Reds-Giants baseball game. Heart disease brought on by excitement over the game was given as the reason.

INTERNATIONAL SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON

By E. O. SELLERS, Director of Evening Department, The Moody Bible Institute of Chicago.

LESSON FOR MAY 26. TRUTHFULNESS.

LESSON TEXT—Matt. 5:33-37; James 3:1-12. GOLDEN TEXT—"Putting away falsehood, speak ye truth each man with his neighbor; for we are members one of another."—Eph. 4:25.

In this lesson Jesus makes a still further application, or rather gives us another illustration of the righteousness of his new kingdom, which must be greater than that taught by the Pharisees. We have studied the sacred relations of the righteous life, now we are to consider the matter of truth. We have first a paragraph from Jesus, then an ethical teaching and application from the writings of James the apostle.

Under the old law men swore by heaven which is God's throne, by the earth which is his footstool, by Jerusalem which was his peculiar chosen city. They swore by the head and yet they could not change one hair white or black. Jesus contrasts all of this with his new kingdom in which absolute simple veracity in our speech is all that is to be required. This makes all oaths profane. When men live in these new relations, with this new consciousness of God they will speak the truth naturally and of necessity. To such there will be no need for any form of speech or oath, for the simplest, plainest speech will be the only necessary and the altogether satisfactory medium of giving and of creating assurance. How about oaths in court? Jesus is speaking to the members of his new kingdom. Between them yea and nay is sufficient, but as between them and others we must adjust ourselves and therefore we do not read into this any admonition not to take an oath in court.

Should Be Swift to Hear. "Be not many teachers." We now turn to a paragraph from the Epistle of James which has its peculiar value and interest as showing the difficulty of mastering the tongue. In the church of Christ there must of necessity be a great many more disciples (learners) than teachers. Every man should be swift to hear, but the position of teacher carries with it such a burden of responsibility that no one should audaciously assume it, see Eph. 4:11, etc. With this responsibility is also a correspondingly heavier judgment if we stumble. He that stumbles not in teaching, in the use of his tongue, is indeed a perfect man and one that is able to bridle the whole body; to guide the ship of life, of state, and of the church, amidst the fiercest storms.

"The tongue is a fire." It is indeed for it inflames with anger the whole body, the family, society and the nation. History is ablaze with the confagurations that are a consequence of untimely words and of unbridled tongues, Prov. 15:1, etc. The tongue giving utterance to the thoughts of the heart (for out of the abundance of the heart it speaks), will inflame just, wither purity and consume strength. It fires jealousy and burns the sweet bonds of friendship. It will sever the ties of home, burn away the foundations of character, of commercial integrity, social purity and destroy the bonds of civic righteousness. It is indeed "a world of iniquity among our members." Let us quote from Dr. H. A. Torrey: "The fires of hell are kindled by idle words that set men thinking wrong about God and sin and Christ and the Bible. Men usually careful in handling fire are careless about the tongue. Whence come the words that inflame the imagination and the passions? Whence come the words that undermine faith and the credibility of the Bible? If any man question James' words that 'his tongue can no man tame' he has evidently never tried it himself." This does not mean, however, that the tongue can not be tamed, for what is impossible with man is possible with God. James draws a frightful picture of the untamed tongue and of its evil consequences.

Profane Men Classified. "These things ought not to be." No more can a fountain yield fresh and salt water at one and the same time, or a fig tree yield olives, than for a Christian to bless God and with the same tongue curse his fellow men. Not only is it unkind but it is un-Christian. Sarcasm means literally "to tear flesh like dogs," the chariot's whip tore the flesh, so we use the tongue as a lash, biting the sensitive spirits of men; verily these things "ought not to be." Phillips Brooks said, "Tell me the words a man uses and reproduce his tone of voice and I'll tell what sort of man he is."

BACKACHE AND ACHING JOINTS.

Together Tell of Weak or Disordered Kidneys.

Much pain that masks as rheumatism is due to weak kidneys—to their failure to drive off uric acid thoroughly. When you suffer achy, bad joints, backache, too, with some kidney disorders, got Doan's Kidney Pills, which have cured thousands.

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Jewels in a Flower-Bed.

The recovery of a quantity of stolen jewelry from a flower-bed was described at Kingston-on-Thames police court the other day, when a general servant was charged with theft from her mistress, a resident of Ivydene, Southborough-road, Surbiton, London. The lady had missed a pearl pin and a pearl and diamond ring. Thinking she might have lost the jewels in the street, she issued printed notices offering a reward for their recovery. When she lost a number of other things she placed the matter in the hands of the police. The detective said that from what the prisoner told him he searched the garden, and in one of the flower-beds found some of the jewelry. The rest he found in the prisoner's bedroom.

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The Silver Cup

At the recent Spokane Fair was awarded to the Alberta Government for its exhibit of grain, grasses and vegetables. Reports of excellent yields for 1910 come also from Saskatchewan and Manitoba in Western Canada. Free homesteads of 800 acres, and adjoining parcels of 400 acres (or 800 acres) are to be had in the abundant districts. Schools convenient, all sorts of excellent and cheap, fuel easy to get and reasonable in price, water supply in the most advanced process of development. Write at once for application blanks, descriptive literature, and the best of all—free information. Last Best Territory in the West. Apply to Dept. of Colonization, Ottawa, Canada, or to the Canadian Government Agent, W. H. ROGERS, 125 W. Sixth St., Kansas City, Mo. Please write to the agent nearest you.