

THE BAROMETER OF THE POST OFFICE, THE READING OF WHICH SHOWS WESTERN CANADA'S GROWTH.

Several of Western Canada newspapers coming to hand during the last part of the year 1912 contained items of news such as the following, speaking of the Christmas work in the postoffice:

"Other years have been heavy and the employees have had plenty of opportunity of learning what it was to work overtime, but the past has had nothing equal to the present. Forty extra men have been employed (in Winnipeg), and mail trains have been run special. The increase in the mail this year has been due to the enormous influx of people into Western Canada during the season, and also the general prosperity which the prairie provinces have enjoyed. To the latter cause has been due the heavy increase in the number of parcels which have been shipped to the old country and Eastern Canada."

The above extract taken from a Winnipeg paper gives a fair idea of the great work that the Canadian postoffices have had all through the western prairies. During the past year hundreds of new postoffices were established, many of them at remote points from the railway, but all forced upon the country on account of the new settlements that have taken place during the year. It is said of the Canadian government that in its immigration and settlement policy there is nothing left undone to take care of the people and their welfare, whether it be in the new town along a new line of railway or in the remotest hamlet. This solicitude and care are not confined to the postoffice, but with every branch that has to do with organizing new districts. Bridges have been built, roads constructed, the district policed, and a dozen other things have to be done and are done. Is it any wonder that with the splendid land, the high yielding land, the land that is free to the homesteader or open to purchase at reasonable prices from the railway and land companies, that the Canadian immigration records for 1912 will show arrivals of upwards of 400,000, one-half of this being from the United States. The new literature being sent out by the immigration branch at Ottawa, and its agencies throughout the United States deals with many of the new and interesting features that will mark the work of that branch for the year 1913.—Advertisement.

Slow Chap.

"Yes," laughed the girl with the pink parasol, "he is the slowest young man I ever saw."

"In what way, dear?" asked his chum.

"Why, he asked for a kiss and I told him I wore one of those knotted veils that takes so long to loosen."

"And what did he do?"

"Why, the goose took time to untie the knot."—Mack's Monthly.

Oh, Fudge.

"He is a regular kleptomaniac."

"And still you intend marrying him?"

"Sure. He steals nothing but kisses."

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INTERNATIONAL SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON

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

LESSON FOR JANUARY 26.

CAIN AND ABEL.

LESSON TEXT—Genesis 4:1-15. GOLDEN TEXT—"Whosoever hateth his brother is a murderer." I John 3:15.

In due process of time and in obedience to God's command (Gen. 1:28), Eve bore Adam two sons, each a very different type of manhood. Mothers ought to ponder upon the words of Eve, "I have gotten a man with the help of Jehovah." Parents should realize that it is God who sends them their children, e. g., by his help, and it is to him they must give account for their nurture and upbringing. Upon reaching manhood one, Abel, became a shepherd, and the other, Cain, became a farmer. The difference in their characters, not their occupations, is illustrated by the sacrifices they brought to offer unto God. Although it is not recorded, it is highly probable that God had commanded that there should be an offering of blood. Sin had entered the world and we are told in Hebrews 9:22 and 10:19, 30, that only by the shedding of blood is there any remission of sin. The blood atonement may be repugnant to some superficial thinkers, but it is not in the sight of God. It is God's way. It can be traced in the early traditions of nearly every religion.

Cain's Offering.

The fundamental fault was really in Cain and not in his offering. Had Cain's heart been right he would have made a proper sacrifice that would have been acceptable in God's sight, I. John 3: 12. We are told that Abel's offering was of faith, Heb. 11:4, and hence it was a more excellent sacrifice than that of Cain, for "without faith it is impossible to please God." The firstling of the flock, the lamb, was a type of that true sacrifice offered before the foundations of the world, John 1:29. There is another fundamental difference between these two offerings. Cain's offering represented the labor of his own hands and was much more pleasing to the eyes than that of Abel.

God's disrespect for Cain's offering was due to sin, vv. 6. "Sin croucheth at the door." Here sin is pictured as a wild beast lying at the door and ready to spring upon him who first gives entrance. God dealt in mercy with Cain, even though he did not accept of his offering, but Cain did not conquer the sin crouching at his door and therefore the terrible denouement.

From the marginal reading (R. V.) of verse eight and also from the Septuagint we gather that Cain inveigled Abel into the country, having deliberately planned to wreak his vengeance upon him, it being impossible to do so in the place where the sacrifice had been offered. Cain's anger, not only against God, but against his brother whom God had accepted, is evidenced today by the way the world hates those whom God accepts, John 15:19. Cain slew Abel because his own works had been evil and those of his brother righteous.

The Old, Old Question.

God gave Cain an opportunity to confess his sin (v. 9). See I. John 11:9. As passion subsided Cain "saw" and "heard," even though he lied while trying to escape a just punishment. God's startling question has been ringing down through these ages, "Where is thy brother?" Brothers are being wronged, oppressed, cheated, and defrauded. Brothers are being lost for whom Christ died. Industrial oppression, "man's inhumanity to man," and the "blood of righteous Abel," shall be, is being, and has been required of the nation, the age, the individual. Cain saw his lie was detected and so tried to excuse himself. Millions have repeated his weak excuse, "Am I my brother's keeper?" And God has thundered back the reply, "Yes." We are debtors to all.

The penitence of Cain was not over his guilt, but rather over the degree of his punishment, vv. 13, 14. Murder always demands vengeance. Note, however, the marginal reading, "mine iniquity is greater than can be forgiven." Thank God we have a mediator of a better covenant, Heb. 12:24. Cain made a mistake in assuming that God could be localized in one place and that he who must become a wanderer in the land, "the first colonist," would of necessity be separated from God's protecting care. There was the added fear of himself being slain; "how doth conscience take towards of us all."

MISSOURI STATE NEWS

Best Corn on Ridge Land.

The largest yield per acre of corn exhibited at the Missouri state corn contest was grown on ridge land. The yield was one hundred bushels and five pounds on one acre of land. It was grown by L. F. Cottey of Edina, and won first prize in the acre yield contest for Missouri. Second prize for this district was won by Chris Smith of Buncheon. In the men's contest for the largest acre yield on South Missouri bottom land the first prize was won by M. McCauley of Deniphan, with a yield of ninety-seven bushels and forty-one pounds an acre. E. J. Mahoney, Dexter, was first in the acre yield contest for men on south Missouri upland soil. The prize for the best ten acres of corn was won by Chris Smith, Buncheon. Mr. Smith also got first on the best ten ears of white corn in the entire show and for the best single ear. The state show was held in connection with the annual farmers' meeting in Columbia.

Adopt New Court Rules.

A revolution in some of the court practice methods has been occasioned by the action of Judges Guy D. Kirby and Arch A. Johnson of the Greene County circuit court in adopting thirteen rules governing the future work of the two divisions of the Greene county circuit court. The court has not heretofore had formulated regulations for carrying on its business, and the judges claimed that proceedings were much hampered as a result. The rules were read from the bench at the convening of court in both divisions for the January term, and after much discussion the Greene County Bar Association adopted the rules, after recommending certain changes. The course of Judges Kirby and Johnson has attracted much attention among lawyers of southwest Missouri.

Missouri Farm Products.

The value of farm products produced in Missouri in 1909, as ascertained by the census bureau, was \$350,338,000. Some duplication is involved in these figures as the value of crops as reported entered into making the value of live stock products. Field crops were worth \$220,664,000, domestic animals sold or slaughtered \$159,239,000, eggs \$19,346,000, poultry \$14,573,000, vegetables \$13,306,000, milk and butter \$13,685,000, orchard fruits \$6,583,000, small fruits \$1,761,000, flowers and plants \$1,183,000. The production of eggs was 111,817,000 dozens, almost thirty-four dozens for each inhabitant, an egg and a third a day for each person.

Escape From Butler Jail.

Within two hours of the time that they were to be taken to the Penitentiary, W. F. Owen and C. L. Newton, escaped from the Bates county jail by digging their way through a brick wall and letting themselves down from the second story with blankets.

Editor A. H. Hinchey Resigns.

A. H. Hinchey, for several years city editor of the Republican in Cape Girardeau, has resigned to accept the secretaryship of the Cape Commercial Club.

Callaway County Farmer Dead.

Benjamin F. Shely, 76 years old, who was born and reared in Callaway county, died on his farm near New Bloomfield, on which he had lived the last 55 years, of pneumonia.

An Old Frisco Agent Dead.

H. H. Edmonson died at Clinton of meningitis after an illness of a few days. He was for many years a St. Louis & San Francisco railroad agent.

Employees Share in Estate.

Employees in St. Joseph and Cincinnati of Ferdinand Westheimer, millionaire liquor dealer and distiller, who died at St. Joseph recently, will receive \$50,000 in legacies under the will filed for probate. The bequests range from \$250 to \$1,250, according to the number of years the employees have been with the firm. His house servants also are remembered. Several charities received \$500 to \$1,000 each. The will further directs that \$250 be placed in the hands of Moses Westheimer, a nephew in Rimbach, Germany, for distribution among the deserving poor of Rimbach, his native town. The remainder of the estate goes to the widow and eight sons.

Found Demented Man Almost Frozen.

A demented man was found wandering in the woods near the home of M. B. Melley, north of Warrensburg. He was almost frozen and could not give his name or tell where his home is. Mr. Melley brought the man to Warrensburg and gave him in charge of Sheriff Miller.



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"I'll never forgive myself. I kicked a man out of my house last night!"

"Humph! I've kicked out many a one. Young fellow, I suppose?"

"No; past middle age."

"Well, these old codgers have no business to be coming round courting young girls. I would have kicked him out myself."

"Yes, but I have found out since that this man wasn't courting my daughter. He was after my mother-in-law."

Mark Twain and T. R.

Augustus Thomas, the playwright, kept the mirth alive with story after story. One had reference to a game in which the players, so Mr. Thomas said, were Colonel Roosevelt, the late Mark Twain and himself.

"In the course of the game Colonel Roosevelt talked much of war," said Mr. Thomas. "And I remember him turning to Mark Twain and asking him if it were true that the bravest men were nervous when they faced the enemy, and Mark Twain, being an old confederate soldier, replied: 'Yes, that is quite true, for I remember vividly to this day that I had the quality of maintaining it all through the engagement.'"—New York Sun.

Taste.

"Which has the best taste, you or your wife?"

"I am sure my wife has."

"That is very generous of you."

"I could not well deny it, in view of the person each of us married."

Some of the blame for the lies we tell ought to be charged up to the people who ask our candid opinion.

Some of the charity that begins at some one's worth making a fuss about.

For a Rubber Plant.

When the leaves turn yellow and fall off the plant is dying. Feed it a tablespoonful of olive oil every two weeks. Also wash the plant once a week with warm soapsuds, letting the warm suds moisten the earth thoroughly. Sprinkle every other day. This same treatment should be used on ferns.

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