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THE BROKEN COMMANDMENT.
The Christmas number of Hearst's Chicago American contains some reproductions of religious paintings that deserve a careful study. Two of them, especially, preach a powerful sermon. One of these is G. Debat-Ponson's painting "Christ on the Mountain." The central part of the picture shows the representatives of the murderous instinct in human nature. Then are the duellists, who for the slightest cause were ready to kill. Then are the representatives of the soldier class of all the periods of the christian era. Then are the men who in the name of Christ tortured people of a different faith. There are the mail-clad figures of the crusaders, who, with the insignia of the Christian faith on their breast and their standards, strewed the sands of Palestine and Syria with millions of human bodies. To the left on a mountain ledge stands Christ gazing sorrowfully down on these people that have claimed to be his followers but have so little heeded his teachings. The picture is a sermon more powerful than words.

The other picture is a companion piece of the first one. It is Henri Danger's painting entitled, "The Broken Commandment—Love one Another." Christ is standing surrounded by the bodies of men fallen in battle. One of the dead is still firmly holding a banner bearing the cross.

The sermon preached by these great pictures deserves the thoughtful attention of all who claim to be followers of Christ. Nineteen centuries have rolled away since he came on earth to preach peace. Yet how little attention has been paid to his words. The Christian theology with all its variations has found earnest champions and millions upon millions of believers. But how has humanity heeded Christ's own teachings with regard to our duties to our fellow men? From the message delivered to the shepherds to Christ's last words on the cross runs one dominant note—love. "Blessed are the peacemakers." "Whoever ye would that men do unto you do you even so to them." "Love thine enemies; bless them that curse thee; do good unto them that hate thee." "He that taketh to the sword shall perish by the sword." And the last sublime prayer for his persecutors, "Father forgive them, for they know not what they do." This is not theology, it is religion; a religion that can be accepted by the follower of any branch of the church, or by those who have no settled belief in any theological system. These maxims of Christ represent the ideal of human life—an ideal that cannot be reached in a day or a century; but never-the-less the ideal that the religious teachers ought to strive most earnestly to impress on the minds or their hearers.

In looking back over these nineteen centuries, what an infinite pity it is that the bloodiest and most devastating wars have been waged in the name of the Prince of Peace. In His name the nations of Europe for two centuries sent army after army to kill and be killed in a vain attempt to recover the Holy Land. In His name the fearful carnage of the religious wars of the sixteenth and seventeenth centuries was carried on. In His name have countless human beings been tortured and burned. Tears and groans, anguish and sufferings, destruction and death have followed in the paths of men that thought themselves working for Christ's kingdom. It seems strange that men so earnestly religious as to risk their lives for what they thought the truth should have so totally neglected the recorded utterances of the Divine Master they believed in.

"Yet I doubt not through the ages One increasing purpose runs, And the thoughts of men are widened By the process of the suns."

Though brutality in man dies slowly, it is dying. Though we still have the sad spectacles of Christian nations slaughtering weaker people, yet we find the voices of protest are growing stronger. Though we still have the pitiful spectacle of men who consider themselves messengers of Christ advocating the use of the sword to spread Christianity, yet we find that class growing smaller. It gives us hope that some day, though we may not live to see it, the teachings of Christ will be heeded, and war shall be a thing of the past; when the angel of peace shall have spread his white wings over all the Christian world, and the Christmas message of "Peace on Earth" shall be a glorious fact, not a mere hope. Speed the day when this shall be. May the true Christmas message reach many a heart during

the approaching celebration of the birth of the Prince of Peace.

TOWNE IS SEATED.
The Hon. Chas. A. Towne took his seat as United States Senator from Minnesota last Monday morning, being presented before the speaker's desk by the senior senator, Knute Nelson. His appointment to this position which he received from Gov. Lind last Thursday was an honor most worthily bestowed. While his career as senator at this time will necessarily be brief it will not be uneventful nor void of significance in the upward career of a rising statesman. It was the splendid personal qualities and ability of Towne which won him this appointment. And he may well be proud of his title to the seat. Gov. Lind's appointment ought certainly to be a more satisfactory and pleasing credential than one bought by gold from a dead-locked legislature, which is too often the case. Towne's appointment has brought out one fact plainly and that is that he is regarded as one of the most gifted and greatest men of the nation, by the people of the other states. He is loved by the plain people of Minnesota, but the capitalistic press, which overwhelmingly predominates in the state, loses no opportunity to belittle and ridicule him. There is a great deal of merited satisfaction, therefore, for Mr. Towne, after having sacrificed his future, in the eyes of the dominant forces, for the sake of remaining true to his manhood and convictions, to walk into the highest legislative body in the world, with credentials from a people's governor, and the fact that his time will be brief does not lessen the honor nor detract from the desirability of the title.

NO INSTITUTES IN HILLDOM.
No farmer's institutes will be held in the northern portion of the state because the Great Northern and Northern Pacific railroads have refused to furnish free transportation for the instructors. This they have been accustomed to furnish in the past, on the theory that the roads were benefited by the progress made in agriculture. The new ruling is probably on the theory that the earnings of the road could be augmented by making the state pay fare. We believe the roads are right, and they ought to carry the rule out in practice and abolish all free passes to public officials. The state could well afford to pay fare, if the public would be protected in its rights, as it would be more likely to be if the servants of the state would not accept personal favors from the companies. The case of the institute workers is somewhat different however, and the people of the southern portion of the state, where the roads are more liberal, will have the full benefit of their labors this winter.

SENATOR CHARLES A. TOWNE.
Governor Lind's appointment of Charles A. Towne to senator, succeeding the late Cushman K. Davis, is not so much of a compliment to Mr. Towne as it is a tribute to Governor Lind's judgment. Mr. Towne is one of the ablest men in American public life, and the only regret attaching to his appointment is that he will retire from the senate after less than two months' of service. Such men as Charles A. Towne are needed in the United States senate—men of patriotic, unselfish motives; men of brains; men of thought and action. When one compares the senators of bygone days—senators like Webster, Clay, Morton, Chandler, Carpenter, Trumbull, Logan and Blaine—with the present proud and shameless tricksters who have used senatorial seats intended for their moral and intellectual betterment, one feels proud that a man like Charles A. Towne is to be a senator, even though it be for a few brief months.

It is too bad for the nation, too bad for the senate and too bad for Minnesota that Charles A. Towne is to serve only until the meeting of the legislature. It would be a blessing to all if he were to serve for a full term and have as his colleagues men of equal ability and political honesty.—Omaha World-Herald.

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Some of the local political wiseacres have ridiculed Gov. Lind for tendering the senatorship to a republican should now turn their attention to Tams Bixby, who asked the popular governor to appoint him to the place.

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WHAT'S IN A NAME?
"What is there in a name?"
The young man sighed aloud.
"To me it's all the same;
I'd own it in a crowd."
Now shunned by all his friends
He's sitting in the stocks.
The board of health pretends
That "rashness" is small pox.

The state of Mississippi has its serious drawbacks, but it has less indebtedness, public and private, than any other state in the union. It is well governed. It has a county option law which has resulted in prohibition in all but four counties of the state. And yet the people of states which are apparently hopelessly dominated by the money power and the liquor power never tire of throwing stones at the likes of her.

Lest you forget, this is "unparalleled prosperity," "unprecedented in the history of the country."

Representative-elect Gandrud is reported as taking an active interest in the disposition of the state capitol lands. This is a matter in which Senator Grue has spent considerable time and attention. It is the Senator's idea that some state institution should be secured for the county, inasmuch as the state capital has been permanently located at St. Paul. The TRIBUNE has not had an opportunity to learn what Mr. Gandrud's ideas are, but it hopes the two may work together as far as practicable to secure something substantial for the county. To this we are fairly entitled.

About a year ago the Benson Times made a vicious attack on this paper, charging it with being a party to robbing the people's money because it insisted that a gang of blind-piggers should be dealt with according to law. It further stated that it did not believe that the "maintenance of public morals" justified any town to vote out the saloons and thus squander the public funds, etc. The net cost to the taxpayers of Kandiyohi county to deal with those piggers was less than a thousand dollars. Outside of those cases no other crimes of any consequence have disgraced our county. But take a look at Swift county, the Times' own county. The last grand jury brought in seventy-seven indictments, four of them being for murder. The greater share of these crimes may be traced to the liquor evil. One murder case alone, caused by a drunken man in a saloon, will very likely cost Swift county more than all the blind pig cases Kandiyohi county has ever had and all it will have for years to come. The saloons in all the villages of Swift county are certainly not reducing the taxes of the Swift county farmers, even if some of the municipalities in the county feel that the money received from them is indispensable. The saloon drains the substance of many farmers and increases the taxes for all farms, the Benson Times to the contrary notwithstanding. It is certainly not more than right that the farmers should have a voice in the matter of establishing saloons in a county.

Saturday papers tell of a heart-broken father, John P. Skinner, of Plantaville, Conn., 71 years old, who has left his home to make a visit to Washington to plead with President McKinley for his son's life. His son is sentenced to be shot on Christmas day in the Philippines, for going to sleep on the picket line. Where is the man who didn't want to sacrifice the happiness of a single American home for all the wealth of the Orient? Let us hope that the president will make the old man the greatest Christmas present he ever received.

Speaking of the Philippines, an Associated Press dispatch the other day contained the news that a ship carrying 1,600 bodies of dead soldiers had arrived at San Francisco, and the bodies were awaiting the disposal to be made of them by relatives of the departed boys. What a sad homecoming for Christmas in many a home.

The St. Cloud Journal-Press quotes approvingly a foul execration from the pen of a political hack on the Chicago Inter-Ocean, in which the appointment of Towne as Senator is characterized as "an insult to the dead and an affront to the people of Minnesota," "lunacy," "outrage," "disgrace," "ridiculous," "blot on the state's roll of honor," "petty trick," "prostitution of high office," etc. Towne is called "a jingling demagogue and political blatherskite," "advocate of dishonesty and dishonesty," and is belittled as "not capable nor fit to sit as senator." There may be some excuse for the Chicago paper, but there is none for the St. Cloud paper. Towne is as splendid a char-

acter as ever occupied a seat in the senate, and in point of ability with equal opportunity would easily rank with Davis.

The Atwater Republican says that P. G. Thompson and O. O. Bergstrom have been around that neighborhood securing signatures to petitions for appointment as chief boiler inspector of the Seventh district. Both gentlemen were candidates for appointment by Gov. Lind for the same place a few months ago.

The Supreme Court has decided that the Jacobson "Y" law is constitutional and valid, which will compel railroads to connect their lines at crossings with an "Y" for the accommodation of shippers in carload lots. This is a feather in the cap of the Lac qui Parle legislator.

Senator McCumber of North Dakota is out gunning for Senator Nelson's prosperity cure. He says it is alright to give relief in some cases, but people who have no business to do so are using the law to rid themselves of debt. There are many cases of farmers, even, who take the cure. This outrageous condition must, of course, be remedied.

France is said to have designs upon 100,000 square miles of Brazilian territory which it wishes to organize as a colony to be known as Amazonia. This will give a chance to test the virtue of the Monroe doctrine after the inoculation of imperialism into the fabric of our government. The new idea that we will be obliged to become owners of all people we protect doesn't stand the test of old President Monroe's notions.

As an instance of the rapid growth of Minnesota towns may be mentioned that four towns which had practically no existence at the time of the last census now sport over 2,000 inhabitants, viz.: Bemidji, Two Harbors, Virginia and Hibbing.

"The man whose protection from wrong rests wholly upon the benevolence of another man or a Congress, is a slave, a man without right," said Ex-President Harrison before a large audience at the University at Ann Arbor Saturday. The ex-president thoroughly demolished the foreign policy of the administration as far as its being in accord with cherished American principles is concerned. There are none so blind as those who will not see and perhaps 'tis well that the steersman of the administration craft is unable to see anything but the rocks and shoals of spoilsmen and public plunder. The precipices of outraged justice is beyond his ken, but is inevitable nevertheless.

England is recruiting 5,000 more men to go to South Africa. If the Boers keep on at the present rate of capturing 1,200 Brits a week, she had better make it 50,000. The boers promise to keep the war going for seven years, and claim they have the necessary resources for doing so. They have the sympathy not only of every republic on the globe, but of the common people of every monarchy. Much ridicule is made of Kitchener who long ago reported that the war was over.

North Dakota has only eight towns with population exceeding 2,000. Of these only two have a larger population than Willmar, namely, Fargo and Grand Forks. Willmar is larger by 90 souls than Bismarck, the capital of North Dakota; it has 1,031 more people than Grafton, 1,181 more than Wahpeton, and 556 more than Jamestown.

Wm. J. Bryan has announced that he will begin the publication of a weekly newspaper to be known as The Commoner, at Lincoln, Neb. He is to be both editor and manager. He has concluded that by that means he will best be able to serve the cause he is devoted to, to secure justice to the common people. He will also lecture in college towns, where he will have the opportunity to talk to students. Long live the Commoner.

The Brits are still being bored in South Africa.

And by the way, our own redoubtable Gen. Otis rises to remark that the anti-imperialists are still hampering the work of conquering the Philippines. Congressman McCall of Massachusetts, the republican who ran ahead of McKinley, is the latest thorn in the side of Benevolent Assimilation Otis. McCall declared in congress that he was glad the Filipinos had spunk enough to keep up the fight. Why can't those naughty ants remain quiet while salt is sprinkled on the tails of the idusrectos?

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