

## THE CHURCH PAST AND PRESENT

A valued friend of The Press takes exception to that part of an article entitled "Protestant Reformation" which appeared in The Press two weeks ago, referring to "human and corrupt priesthood."

The paragraph in which the expression occurs refers clearly to the time of Luther four hundred years ago. Perhaps the article conveys the inference that the priesthood is now corrupt, but The Press did not and does not intend to convey any such meaning. Whatever may have been in the mind of the author of the original article, The Press does not endorse the sentiment that the Catholic church or its priests are corrupt. We have the authority of the Scriptures, however, for the fact that human nature everywhere is corrupt; but this has entirely to do with human nature in its dealings with their fellow-men. Differences of doctrine or religious belief come entirely under another head.

There are errors and mistakes in all the churches, so The Press has no reason for singling out the Catholic church as being a greater sinner than the other churches.

But leaving this question, The Press is glad to observe the 400th anniversary of Martin Luther's Reformation. As long as human nature dominates the world, there will be other reformations to follow. What about a corrupt human nature dominating the Church or all Churches? The Press is of the opinion that they are to pass away, and even now are passing away.

But surely there will be something to take its place? Is it not the Kingdom of Heaven on earth? when the Lord Jesus Christ shall be its Lord and Governor: when ALL the "Redeemed" of earth shall be Prophets, Priests and Kings?

You can get ready now to vote on a Federal Prohibition Amendment, since another State—New Mexico—has been added to the Dry column, while the Empire State of New York gave a decisive majority for Women Suffrage. Minnesota will undoubtedly be the next, making 28 dry states. Then only four or five more need to be swung to the dry column to make Prohibition a Nation-wide law. The following from the Sioux Falls Argus-Leader shows how the dailies are leading the great cities into the dry column, Cincinnati and Cleveland, O., both giving the Pro. amendment a majority:

"As the weeks and months pass by the bone-dry law in South Dakota continues to score a big success. For the month of October in Sioux Falls there were only two arrests for drunkenness—probably the smallest number of arrests of this kind since the town was incorporated. States which are having trouble with the enforcement of prohibition would do well to get away from the idea that the thing to do with the evil is to temporize with it. A state should do one of two things—either enact and enforce a bone-dry law, or go back to the license system. The state is tremendously pleased with the results of real and absolute prohibition, so far, and there does not seem to be the least doubt that the bone-dry policy will be permanently followed."

The proposed plan of Federal Incorporation of railroads was declared to be revolutionary corporate legislation by S. Davies Warfield, President of the Continental Trust Company of Baltimore, in an address before to-day's session

of the sixth annual convention of the Investment Bankers' Association of America.

Mr. Warfield, who also is Chairman of the Board of Directors of the Seaboard Air Line Railway and President of the National Association of Owners of Railroad Securities, said the plan was not only fraught with danger to the people, toward Government ownership, but that it was a menace to holders of all classes of securities, because it proposed, he added, the greatest autocracy in corporate management yet suggested.

If enacted into law it would not alone apply to railroad corporations, he contended, but sooner or later the same principle would likely be extended to all corporations engaged in interstate commerce.

"The plan is not that the carriers may have the right to incorporate under a Federal act, giving up their State charters," said Mr. Warfield, "but that the act will arbitrarily compel the carriers to take out charters under the Federal act."—Exchange.

Railroad "bosses" can kick and object all they please, but this "Liberty Enlightener" is in favor of requiring them to take out federal charters. There is entirely too much duplication of effort in our government for the country's good, and State control and Federal control of the railroads is a conspicuous example of it.

Harry Michael writes home to his parents, Dr. and Mrs. L. F. Michael, of Gettysburg, of his arrival "somewhere in France." He is a member of the aviation corps.

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## CAMP CODY

The Press is in receipt of the following letter from Forest Gates, at Camp Cody, N. M., under date of November 11th:

"Well how is everything up there in the land of the ice and snow. It is nice and warm here in the day time but it gets pretty cool at night. We are having a pretty good time so far. There are only five Potter County boys down here in this camp. Harry Brehl and myself are in the Regimental Engineers, Harry is in Co. E and I am in Co. D. I don't know where the others are. They sure drill us down here, eight long hours every day. We are going to start in studying this week. I signed up as a rigger.

They had us out digging trenches last Thursday. That is sure some graft. It is sure a sandy country down here. It is a regular old desert. There isn't a spear of grass in the whole camp. All you can see is cactus and yuca plant. The latter is a kind of a half brother to the cactus. It is full of long stickers. We have been working on our tent 16 feet square this morning. We have got a board floor and sides on it, with eight occupants. Some of the boys went out rabbit hunting this morning. They got three rabbits.

There are mountains on all sides of us. We can see some that are in old Mexico. They are 32 miles away. We are only 15 miles from the Mexican border. I see Wallace Hewitt and Jack Ivey down here. Jack is a Sergeant in the depot brigade. He is in the Company I was when I first came in camp before I was transferred.

Well I guess that is about all there is to write about so will close. Give my best regards to every one.

The Farmers Institute to be held next week has been divided into three sections, a la Red Cross drive. The first two days it will convene at Hoven, on Monday and Tuesday, next two days at Lebanon, ending with two days at Gettysburg on Friday and Saturday. The Farmer's Institute organization of Brookings will furnish the speakers for the program. The Gettysburg committee in charge will offer a number of prizes for best display of geese, ducks, corn etc, of from \$3 to \$1, with a \$5 prize for best display of Potter county grown fruit

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### NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION

Dep't of the Interior, U. S. Land Office at Pierre S. D., October 6, 1917. NOTICE is hereby given that Hugh D. McKay of Gettysburg, S. D., who on Oct. 30, 1914, made H. E. No. 012522 for Lot 4, SW 1/4 NW 1/4 and NW 1/4 SW 1/4 of section 3, township 118 N., Range 78 West 5th P. M., has filed notice of intention to make final three year proof, to establish claim to the land above described, before the Clerk of Courts in and for Potter County, S. D., at Gettysburg, S. D. on the 17th day of November, 1917. Claimant names as witnesses: Duncan J. McKay, Fred Lake, John G. Rieger, Dudley Palmer, all four of Gettysburg, S. D.

J. E. KELLEY, Register

### SUMMONS

STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA, ) SS. COUNTY OF POTTER, ) SS. In Circuit Court, Tenth Judicial Circuit. H. J. Eldam, whose true name is Henry J. Eldam, Plaintiff

vs. William S. Small; Nina P. Hoover, formerly Nina P. Small, deceased; B. P. Hoover; Margie Small; Winfield Small; Frank G. Small; Edith Swift, formerly Edith Small, deceased; Charlie Swift; Lyle Swift; Henry Swift; the unknown heirs, devisees, legatees, and the Executor or Administrator of Nina P. Hoover, formerly Nina P. Small, deceased; the unknown heirs, devisees, legatees, and the Executor or Administrator of Edith Swift, formerly Edith Small, deceased; the creditors of Edith Swift, formerly Edith Small, deceased; Forest City Land and Improvement Company, a corporation; New York Security and Trust Company, a corporation; Lewis Tillotson, as Receiver of the Forest City

Land and Improvement Company; John F. Way as Master Commissioner; Samuel H. Elrod also known as S. H. Elrod; Mary E. Elrod; Forest City Townsite Company a corporation; Potter County, South Dakota, a municipal corporation; A. L. Ellis; Libbie J. Ellis; Frank P. Fox; L. J. Eales; W. F. Sni h; H. P. Jamieson; Potter County Land and Abstract Company, a corporation; J. N. Short; R. Jackson; A. G. Williams; Jennie V. Eldam; and all persons unknown who have, or claim to have, any estate or interest in or lien or incumbrance upon the premises described in the complaint.

Defendants. THE STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA TO THE ABOVE NAMED DEFENDANTS, GREETING:

You are hereby summoned and required to answer the complaint of the Plaintiff, which was filed in the office of the clerk of this court at Gettysburg, in Potter County, South Dakota, on the 17th day of September, 1917, and which prays for a judgment determining all interests in and liens against the premises described in the complaint, situate in said county, to-wit: the southeast quarter of the northwest quarter (SE 1/4 NW 1/4) and the east half of the south west quarter (E 1/2 SW 1/4) of section thirty (30) and the northeast quarter of the northwest quarter (NE 1/4 NW 1/4) of section thirtyone (31) and the southwest quarter of the northwest quarter (SW 1/4 NW 1/4) and the west half of the southwest quarter (W 1/2 SW 1/4) of section thirty (30) and the northwest quarter of the northwest quarter (NW 1/4 NW 1/4) of section thirtyone (31) all in township one hundred eighteen (118) north, of range seventy-eight (78) west of the fifth principal meridian, and to serve a copy of your answer to said complaint on the undersigned at his office in the city of Gettysburg, Potter county, South Dakota, within thirty (30) days after the completed service of this summons upon you, exclusive of the day of such service; and if you fail to answer said complaint within that time, the plaintiff will apply to the court for the relief demanded in the Complaint.

R. L. FLICKINGER,

Attorney for Plaintiff Post Office address of Plaintiff's Attorney: Gettysburg, S. D.

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FROM ANNUAL STATEMENT For Year Ending December 31st, 1916 Bankers' Insurance Company of Montana Home Office, Helena

I. CAPITAL STOCK	
Capital paid up in cash	60,000.00
Ledger Assets Dec. 31, 1916	148,918.88
Increase of Capital	6,800.00
II. INCOME	
Total Premium Receipts	43,995.29
Interest and Rents	562.12
From all other sources	7,568.71
Total Income	52,126.12
III. DISBURSEMENTS	
Paid policy holders	28,257.98
Commission to agents	6,341.91
Salaries and office expenses	17,464.06
All other items	5,316.37
Total disbursements	57,379.42
Balance	150,465.58
IV. LEDGER ASSETS	
Mortgage loans	7,000.00
Collateral loans	2,000.00
Bonds and stocks	1,150.00
Cash in office and banks	55,551.14
Premiums on collection	974.75
All other items	83,789.69
Total	150,465.58
NON-LEDGER ASSETS	
Interest and rent	441.35
Total assets	150,906.93
Deduct assets not admitted	83,783.60
Total admitted assets	67,123.33
V. LIABILITIES	
Unpaid claims and expenses	641.10
Unpaid	4,941.51
Total liabilities, except capital	5,582.61
Capital paid up in cash	60,000.00
Surplus over all liabilities	1,540.72
Total liabilities	67,123.33
Supplementary Statement March 7, 1917	
Ledger Assets	164,867.34
Non-Ledger Assets	74,038.75
Total Gross Assets	165,608.59
Deduct Assets not admitted	59,798.49
Total Admitted Assets	105,810.01
Total Liabilities except capital	6,245.75
Surplus over all liabilities	504.26
Capital paid up in cash	100,000.00

Company's Certificate of Authority Whereas, The Bankers Insurance Company, a corporation organized under the laws of Montana, has filed in this office a sworn statement exhibiting its condition and business for the year ending December 31, 1916, conformable to the requirements of the laws of this state regulating the business of insurance, and

Whereas, The said company has filed in this office a duly certified copy of its charter with certificate of organization, in compliance with the requirements of the insurance law aforesaid.

Now, Therefore, I, W. N. Van Camp, Commissioner of Insurance of the State of South Dakota, pursuant to the provisions of said laws, do hereby certify that the above named company is fully empowered, through its authorized agents, to transact its appropriate business of fire, Tornado and Crop Insurance in this state, according to the laws thereof, until the last day of February, A. D. 1918.

In testimony whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and official seal at Pierre, this Eleventh day of April, A. D. 1917.

W. N. VAN CAMP, Commissioner of Insurance. (Seal) By F. C. MUELLER, Chief Clerk.

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CHANCE OF A LIFETIME.

No county in the west offers better inducements to-day to the farmer desiring to build a home or to the capitalist looking for a profitable investment for his money than is offered in the fertile lands of Potter county, South Dakota, which can be purchased at prices which are merely nominal when compared with less productive lands but a short distance east. Here can be found railroads, school houses, towns and villages ready built, society organized and equal to that of the east on the one hand, and cheap fertile lands on the other—a combination impossible to find in a country either older or newer than this. That this condition cannot long remain is attested by the fact that some of the shrewdest investors of the west, conversant with the value of such lands, are rapidly buying them up.