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BUNYAN ACTIVE TO THE END

His Last Years Busy Though Peaceful Ones and Death Result of Act of Self-Sacrifice.

The closing years of the life of John Bunyan were peaceful, unlike in that respect the years that had gone before, but they were busy years, devoted to preaching, to the work of a pastor and teacher. Of these closing years, Froude, in his "Life of Bunyan," edited by John Morley, writes, "Happy in his work, happy in the sense that his influence was daily extending—spreading over his own country, and to the far-off settlements in America, he spent his last years in his own land of Beulah, Doubting Castle out of sight, and the towers and minarets of Emmanuel and growing nearer and clearer as the days went on."

His end was brought about by exposure when he was engaged in an act of charity. A quarrel had broken out in a family at Reading with which Bunyan had some acquaintance. The father and son were at variance, and in the hope of reconciling them Bunyan journeyed from Bedford to Reading on horseback. He succeeded, but at the cost of his life.

Returning by London, he was overtaken on the road by a storm of rain and drenched to the skin. This brought on a chill. He reached the house of a London friend, Mr. Strudwick, but he never left his bed afterward. In ten days he was dead. The exact date is uncertain. It was towards the end of August, 1688, between two and three months before the landing of King William. Bunyan was sixty years of age. He was buried in Mr. Strudwick's vault in the burying ground at Bunhill Fields.

Natural Mortar Beds.

Who invented mortar? Some prehistoric person, who in all likelihood hit upon the combination by sheer luck. The mortar used by the ancient Greeks and Romans was the same stuff that we use.

But nature was in advance of the human discoverer by some millions of years. In Texas and Kansas, extending over vast areas, is a geological formation known in that region as the "mortar beds." It is a stratum composed of sand, clay and lime, which, originally fluid, has "set" and become rock.

The process by which the sedimentary rocks of the earth were formed is successfully imitated in the sidewalk pavement of artificial stone, which is spread in a moist condition and allowed to dry. It is better for the purpose than natural stone—made in slabs larger than can be quarried and often formed with grooves so as to expand and contract without breaking.

New Auto Cooling System.

A new cooling system for automobiles is regulated by the quantity of fuel used to operate an engine rather than by the engine's speed, its action being automatic.

Public Health Notice

An epidemic of chickenpox prevails in Owosso, mostly in the Washington school district. All children having it must not attend school, but be kept strictly at home and reported to the health officer by phone, mail or in person. Children who have had it may attend school, but others in the same house with a case cannot.

Whooping cough is also quite prevalent and is dangerous to infants. This disease must also be reported the same as chickenpox, and children kept strictly at home and off the public walks.

W. E. WARD,
 Health Officer.

OWOSSO MARKETS.

Owosso, Mich., March 1, 1918.

GRAINS	
Quoted by Fred Welch.	
Wheat, white.....	\$ 3 06
Wheat, red.....	2 08
Oats.....	88
Eye.....	2 00
Barley.....	3 00
Corn.....	1 75
Beans.....	7 20
Cloverseed, Alayke.....	16.00 to 20.00
Cloverseed, June.....	\$16.00 to 20.00
Cloverseed, Mammoth.....	\$16.00 to 20.00
Hay.....	\$22 to \$24.00
DRESSED MEATS	
Quoted by Bowers & Metzger.	
Beef, dressed.....	12 to 11
Calves, dressed.....	26
Pork, dressed.....	21
Tallow.....	15
HIDES	
Beef hides, green.....	14 to 15
Horse hides, each.....	\$6 75
PRODUCE, VEGETABLES, FRUITS	
Butter.....	45
Eggs.....	45
Potatoes.....	1 15
LIVE POULTRY	
Quoted by Randall Bros.	
Hens, fat.....	50
Butter Fat.....	50
Eggs.....	50

STATE NEWS

Battle Creek—A \$100,000 moving picture theatre seating 1,200 people will be built here.

Greenville—The groceries of Greenville are using sugar cards to prevent the hoarding of sugar by customers.

Owosso—Ebenezer Gould, the first white child born in Owosso, died at the Odd Fellows' home, in Jackson, aged 85.

Port Huron—Terrance Trainor, of Melvin, was brought to Port Huron hospital to have both hands and feet amputated, the result of frost bites.

Greenville—A tablet containing the names of the 72 Greenville men serving the United States in the war has been placed in the Greenville postoffice.

Allegan—A nurse found \$1,400 sewed inside the clothes of Mrs. Marie Myers just before she was buried here. She died a pauper in the county hospital, having no known relatives.

Kalamazoo—Shortly before daylight thieves broke through the transom of the Ray C. Thompson jewelry store here and escaped with from \$3,000 to \$4,000 in diamonds and watches.

Grand Rapids—Frank Pasharnis, who operates a frog ranch near St. Ignace, suffered a severe loss as a result of the recent cold snap, which caused nearly of his frogs to "croak."

Ann Arbor—With only a few days' supply of flour left in this city, Ann Arbor is facing a serious situation. The government has closed the local mill and has also closed a flour mill at Manchester, which was shipping some flour to this city.

Muskegon—Thomas Workman, for 15 years mail clerk on the Owosso division of the Grand Trunk railway out of Muskegon and a resident of this city, has been selected by the government to go to France as a United States mail clerk.

Detroit—The state convention of the Michigan Equal Suffrage association will be held in Detroit, March 25-28. Mrs. Carrie Chapman Catt, president of the national association, and Mrs. Frank J. Shuller, chairman of state campaigns, will be present.

Iron Mountain—A sheep ranch of 10,000 acres in Dickinson county, Michigan, and Florence county, Wisconsin, will be established south of here by spring. The ranch will be stocked with 5,000 sheep at first. This number will be augmented gradually to 40,000.

Crystal Falls—When the surface at the Amasa Porter mine near here caved in 11 men were entombed. All efforts to reach the men failed. This is the worst mining accident in this section since the caving in of the Mansfield mine in 1903 when 23 men were drowned.

Jackson—Warden Frensdorf of the Michigan state prison announced that twine contracts amounting to between \$500,000 and \$600,000 had been assigned the prison. As soon as adequate shipments of sisal are assured the prison twine plant will operate on three shifts of eight hours each.

Ann Arbor—Eight students of the engineer college, University of Michigan, have petitioned the board of regents asking that a course in internal combustion engineering be given the summer session of 1918. This work would fit those taking it for government work on Liberty motors.

Petoskey—Visions of a lean resort season have resulted from the cold wave here. The entire flock of thoroughbred frogs belonging to Frank Pasharnis, of Allenville, were killed when even the mud bottom of his pond froze solid. Resort owners fear they may have to import frog legs this summer.

Grand Rapids—Denied admission to Devore hospital, where he went to call on a girl patient, Harry Fenby, Lansing, climbed a telephone pole outside the girl's window. Before he could reach the window, however, James A. Devore, head of the hospital, discovered Fenby and held him up the pole at the point of a pistol until the police arrived.

Camp Custer—Monotony of training has told on the officers of Camp Custer and hundreds are seeking transfer to other branches of the service, mainly aviation work. The majority of those asking to be moved are first and second lieutenants. If all petitions were granted the transfers would not cripple the division, as the unit is "over-officered" now.

Petoskey—Beaver Island residents are suffering from a diphtheria epidemic. The lack of a doctor on the island and the difficulty in getting to the mainland because of the breaking up of the ice has increased the danger. A Levering doctor finally arrived from Cross Village with antitoxin. Beaver Island is 25 miles from mainland in Lake Michigan.

Lansing—Senator William Alden Smith has settled all question as to whether he will be a candidate for the Republican nomination to succeed himself by announcing that he had decided to run at the coming primaries. The announcement was not formal, but was contained in a letter written by him to a friend and supporter in Barry county, several days ago. The friend, an influential citizen of that county, had written to the senator, urging that he seek to remain in the senate because of the necessity for experienced legislators.

Battle Creek—Examination of at restaurant employes by the state health department has been resumed.

Menominee—Local police have been instructed to round-up youths who are unemployed and make them go to work or go to war.

Adrian—Orval V. Blakely, 19 years old, who died in France, was the first Lenawee county man to be killed in action. He lived northwest of Clayton.

Ann Arbor—J. W. Newman, conductor, had both legs broken when he fell from his car west of here. The motor man ran seven miles before he found he had no conductor.

Pontiac—William A. Patterson, local recruit for the national army, had his trousers and \$6 in cash stolen while submitting to a physical examination at the Light Guard armory.

Flint—Falling on a poker while attending furnace at home in Ortonville, Mrs. Scarth Ingles, wife of a teacher in the local high school, injured her eye so severely that she will lose her sight.

Pontiac—Charles Strasburg, a native of Germany and for 35 years a resident of this county, is the only alien German found here who had not registered. He has two sons in the American army.

Standish—The first house erected in Standish, built and occupied by Isaac Polon, has been destroyed by fire. Polon was asleep and was forced to flee in his nightclothes, \$115 in his trousers pocket being lost.

Battle Creek—Social workers have started a campaign to keep mothers from public dance halls. A mother recently left a three weeks' old baby on a table in a soft drink room throughout a public dance.

Mt. Clemens—Charles J. Corby, arrested last June 5 charged with manslaughter, after wrecking his automobile and causing the death of John Reckemger, has been released by Judge Law for lack of evidence.

Hastings—The bodies of Jasper Warner, 94 years old, civil war veteran, and Grover Lancaster, 24 years old, Barry county's first soldier to die in the present war, were conveyed in the same hearse to Fuller cemetery.

Port Huron—Practically every company of state troops must be re-enlisted as the result of an error in the instructions sent out from Lansing. Equipment will be sent out as soon as the new enlistment is completed.

Pontiac—Collapse of a floor in a stable, on the Anderson farm near Orion, resulted in hanging five cows. The animals were fastened in stanchions and could not free themselves. They belonged to Fred Norton, who places the loss at \$500.

Lansing—Representative Charles A. Hulse, 66 years old, of St. Johns, died at Albuquerque, N. M., of pneumonia. He was en route to California with his wife and a party of friends. He served three terms as a member of the legislature from Clinton county, leading in the fight for anti-cigarette legislation.

Charlotte—Because they called Geo. Weller, a school boy living near Vermontville, "Bill" in derision because he was of German parentage, and attempted to take him out of the schoolhouse and wash his face with snow, he drew a pocket knife and slashed three of his schoolmates, cutting a gash clear to the bone in the arm of one of the boys.

Camp Custer—Officers agree that the plan of sending civilian selects to Camp Custer to replace the men pronounced ready and shipped overseas, is an efficient one. They say it not only does away with the necessity of forming a new organization each time men are drafted, but allows the division to develop expert drill masters to prepare the men.

Houghton—Candidates for township treasurers on the "Red Cross ticket" will enter the field in the copper country. The state law allows township treasurers one per cent of taxes collected, the return in some cases mounting to \$20,000 annually. A number of business men will run on the "Red Cross ticket," turning their incomes over for war relief.

Lansing—Patriotic women from all over Michigan attended a meeting at Lansing to pledge their support to the government in a nation-wide campaign to enlist woman's assistance in stimulating food conservation and food production. The meeting, known as the Women's War Conference, was conducted by representatives of the woman's committee of the Council of National Defense.

Pontiac—James Street was found at Oxford, unconscious from concussion of the brain. He was dragged a mile over frozen ground by a horse he had hired from a livery for a trip into the country to examine a quantity of wood on the Baza farm. The horse bolted after he left the rig, and in an effort to stop the animal, he became entangled in the lines. He suffered severe scalp wounds, a broken arm and the flesh was torn to the bone from one of his shoulders by jagged ice.

Camp Custer—With 42 years' experience at the head of his country's troops behind him, and the greatest war in history raging, Maj-Gen. James Parker has been called to the side lines. He went smiling. The sweeping away of his last hopes that he might be permitted to see service abroad was probably the bitterest disappointment that this veteran has ever known, yet he took his call to inactive life without a visible trace of emotion, bidding farewell to his staff and to his life work as calmly as though it was all a part of the day's duties.

PROFESSIONAL MEN BACK HEALTH BOARD

MICHIGAN'S DETERMINED FIGHT ON "PRIVATE DISEASES" WINS SUPPORT.

SYPHILITIC SENT TO JAIL

Pontiac Press Gazette Editorially Commends Effort of Officials to Check Spread of Plague.

Lansing, Mich.—Michigan's part in the nation wide campaign to stamp out venereal diseases is not being played by the professional reformer. The long faced individual who wrings his hands and mournfully declares that something should be done to stop the ravages of the diseases as deadly in their effect as leprosy, and then fails to offer a practical solution, has not been asked to serve in the great army of "home defense" workers that is being recruited in every county in Michigan.

Business Men Back Move.

Practical business men, prominent manufacturers, editors, schoolmasters and physicians constitute the first lines of defense. Since the United States government, through Surgeon General Gorgas of the U. S. army, has taken up the fight against venereal diseases for the purpose of increasing and maintaining the efficiency of the nation's fighting forces, the manufacturers and other employers of labor have recognized this problem as an economic proposition, realizing that employees free from any venereal taint are more proficient and industrious than those suffering from disease.

In Lansing, Detroit, Grand Rapids, Flint, Jackson, Pontiac and other industrial centers the names of the most prominent industrial leaders appear among the lists of volunteer workers who are organizing their respective communities for the battle with the "Third Great Plague".

Restaurant Workers Affected.

Recent investigations have disclosed the fact that many persons engaged in the handling of food are suffering from venereal diseases. A cook in a Detroit cafe was found to be a syphilitic. He was ordered by the police to undergo treatment immediately to remedy his condition and was told not to engage in any work where he handled food until he was pronounced cured by a physician. The man refused to be treated and declared he would continue to work in any kitchen where he would obtain employment. Under the same law which makes it illegal for a person afflicted with smallpox to wander at large, this cook was given ninety days in the Detroit house of correction and treatment will be administered to him during his sojourn in jail.

Pontiac Paper Commends Board.

"Probably not since its organization has the Michigan board of health taken such an important step as its recently announced declaration that gonorrhoea and syphilis will hereafter be regarded as dangerous communicable diseases," says an editorial in the Pontiac Press-Gazette.

Old Custom Needs Correction.

"It has been the general custom to make the greatest haste to placard a house in which a case of scarlet fever has developed. In the next house might be a case of syphilis in the most aggravated, virulent form and not the slightest effort would be made to prevent its spread.

"We screamed ourselves hoarse if a chimney happened to be afire, with practically no danger, and stood complacently by and watched a fine home burn without the slightest effort to subdue the flames.

"But we may be thankful that we have at last awakened to the need for action. We probably cannot fairly attach blame to the state authorities for their long delay. The public had to be educated by degrees to the mistaken character of the false attitude toward venereal disease. It has been regarded in the past as a private matter and the spread of syphilis has so astounded members of the medical fraternity that they have been inspired to take more rigid action.

Most Deadly of All Diseases.

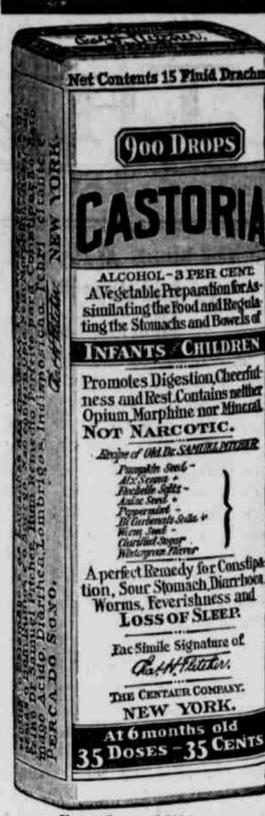
"Dr. Olin is authority for the statement that at present venereal diseases are causing more suffering and death than tuberculosis, small pox, diphtheria and infantile paralysis.

"In the face of such a sobering statement, does any man in his right senses wish to continue a pussy-footing policy in regard to this pathological course?

The Pontiac editor takes the same common sense view of the situation as others who have given it careful study.

Must Give Public Protection.

While the editors of Michigan have patriotically announced their intention of cooperating with the state board of health a great deal may be said among these lines in public meetings. The United States department of public health is furnishing some speakers and a number of Michigan physicians have volunteered their services. Any organization desiring to obtain a competent speaker on this subject should communicate with the secretary of the state board of health at Lansing.



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