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The Apostate Churches

BIG THROG AT CHURCH EUCHRE

"About two thousand persons attended the annual Euchre and Dance of St. Monicas Church, last evening."

CARNIVAL SPLENDID SUCCESS

"The fifth annual Carnival, given by the ladies of St. John's Church, on Friday evening, January 30th, at the Opera House, was a splendid success. About three hundred people were present, and forty card tables were occupied."

"Bishop Anderson declares that a sort of dry rot has crept into religious affairs in the United States.

"Lethargy and decay are manifesting themselves in the Christian Church. The conditions are similar to those which preceded the downfall of ancient Egypt, Greece and Rome.

PASTOR TRAILS SMOKE TO FIND MISSING CHOIR

"Tenor and Basso in Church, Puff Cigarettes while Organist repeats Prelude Three Times!"

"The Pastor concluded his sermon sooner than he expected, announced the anthem to be sung, and sank into his pulpit chair with the satisfied contemplation of his audience. The prelude finished, he raised his head to gather the inspiration of the divine music. The prelude was played all over again. Then it was repeated the third time, and there had not been the sound of a voice. The Pastor looked into the Choir and discovered that the tenor and basso were gone. He arose in astonishment. From the basement came the unmistakable odor of a cigarette. Following the trail of smoke to the basement, he found the basso and tenor wafting thick clouds of smoke lazily upward. When the door opened, they heard the sound of the organ and singing, and saw the startled face of their Pastor. They nearly ran over him getting into their places."

— THE METHODIST CHURCH —

A Methodist Minister writes as follows:

"Our class books are filled with the names of unconverted men and women. Official members may be found in box, dress circle and parquette of opera and theater. Communicants taken in the race, and give and attend card parties and dances.

"The distinction between inside people and outside people is so obscure that men smile when asked to unite with the Church. We have spread out under the influence of the rich and the ungodly so that they are a necessity to us.

"The enforcement of the law and Discipline for a single year, would cut our membership in half, bankrupt our Missionary Societies, close our fashionable churches, paralyze our Connectional interests, and leave our pastors and bishops unpaid and in distress."

Another writer says, "Ecclesiastical amusements are ripening an epoch in the world's history, when Jehovah will again speak in thunder tones similar to those which began to shake the Continent of Europe in the dawning of the Reformation.

"What shall the harvest be if we continue to seal with the sanction of Heaven the principles and practices of hell? The old land-mark between two distinct orders of Christian Character is passing away. Sheep and goats feed in the same range of pasture, and there is consequently not much apparent difference in their respective wools."

"Progressive euchre and retrogressive religion move hand in hand. The most popular amusements are common to both sinner and saint. Both parties seem disposed to meet on a common level and form a treaty of peace.

Zeal for God!

Heaven have mercy upon such willing victims of deep delusion!

"The only value of such religion is its prophetic utterances. They repeat the inward emptiness of mere nominal Christianity, and foretell the ultimate marriage with genuine iniquity.

"May the chariot wheels of God's infinite providence move on with rapid speed, and bring the inevitable crisis!"



ZION SENIOR RESTORATION HOST, IN ZION CITY

A Special Meeting of the Host, conducted by the General Overseer, will be held Lord's Day Afternoon, April 5, 1914. Let all Captains and members make a note of this Special Meeting and arrange at once, God willing, to be present. The entire Senior Choir and Senior Restoration Host will go to Chicago Lord's Day, April 26, 1914, for the special meeting to be held in Orchestra Hall.

VACCINATION

SOME OF ITS RESULTS

"Guy Smith, seven years old, and his brother Charles, nine years old, died in the hospital at Menominee, Michigan, December 1st and December 7th, from vaccination."

—St. Paul Pioneer Press.

A News Note from Hartford, Connecticut, dated February 7, 1914, states this fact:

"Henry Long, age fourteen years, of South Manchester, Connecticut, has died at the Hartford Hospital from lockjaw, caused by vaccination."

"Miss Blanche E. Long, twenty years old, died of blood-poisoning, which followed a vaccination on her arm last December. She was vaccinated on December 14th, and eight days later she was forced to give up her work, her whole arm having become poisoned."

The "Toronto World" says:

"A boy of fifteen, in a semi-conscious condition, with six house-surgeons attending him at the hospital, is a mystery to medical science.

"Non-medical people, who know he was vaccinated two weeks ago and suffered ever since, will see no mystery in it."

DOUBLE NORMAL SIZE

"William Courtney, 5554 Sixth Street, Niagara Falls, said his little girl's arm was double its normal size. Her mother became frightened when told the child could not go to school without being vaccinated, and had her vaccinated."

— PLEASE NOTE —

Lieutenant C. E. Woodruff, retired from the United States Army Medical Corps, one of the world's greatest authorities on Sanitation, writes:

"The whole theory of vaccination and serums is erroneous. It is suspected," he declares, "that the appalling prevalence and increase of cancer and tuberculosis in the human family, is largely the result of general vaccination against small-pox."

POULTRY NOTES

As we write our Notes this morning, the rain is falling, the robins are singing;—all signs of an early Spring.

Every one should be busy with his chickens and incubators.

"But the price of eggs has dropped, and I won't raise many this year," some say.

You should raise all the more. Mate up more birds; hatch up more eggs, instead of marketing them; and sell early broilers or day-old chicks to those who are not hatching them. You can get your money out of your eggs in this way.

"But think of the cost of feeding the chicks for broilers," you say.

It costs just fifteen cents to raise a day-old chick to broiler weight!

Give the little ones plenty of green stuff. We notice all experimental stations are making use of sour milk in their rations for chicks, as well as for laying hens. Sour milk is said by authorities to do away in a great degree with chick cholera, and you have healthier, stronger chicks by using it.

We have used it a great deal in our work, and find the plumage whiter and softer on our birds; and the broilers mature much more quickly.

Sow plenty of Essex rape and Swiss chard to give the growing stock plenty of green food.

Don't be discouraged about the market for eggs—the price will be up again soon.

If you have not incubator room enough, get some one to hatch on shares. Some one will want some chicks like yours, and will do the hatching for you. We found it a good plan, and a great help.

Follow carefully the directions of the incubator you are using. Don't try to run one incubator by the directions for another.

A meeting was called for Tuesday, March 24th, for those interested in poultry, but it was postponed. When called again, don't stay away and wonder why such-and-such a thing was not discussed and talked about.

Come and have your say, and help all you can!

TOBACCO

J. J. Donovan, of the American Tobacco Company, recently spoke as follows:

"You might think that salt, or sugar, or flour, are more extensively sold than pipe tobacco. Salt and other food products, are sold by grocers only; and there are about 250,000 grocers in this Country. But smoking tobacco is sold by nearly all grocers and, in addition, by tobacco dealers, restaurants, news stands and notion-shops.

"Bull Durham Tobacco, for smoking, is sold in at least 600,000 places in the United States. Last year, the total sales of this tobacco were 352,000,000 sacks; nearly 1,000,000 sacks for every day on the Calendar."

Henry, the fifteen year old son of Ed. Hornback, living three miles west of Sonora (Kentucky), was taken violently ill last Friday afternoon and remained unconscious till death, which came about two hours later. Two doctors were called, and everything possible was done to save him. His trouble was thought to be result of nicotine poisoning from smoking."

Principal Meeting of the week
In Shiloh Tabernacle every Lord's Day
At 2:30 p. m.