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## ITS FALSE CLAIMS

J. E. Remsburg Delivers a Lecture on the False Claims of the Church at the Court House.

Progressive Euchre Furnishes Amusement for a Party of Friends Given by Mr. and Mrs. Lawler.

## OUR FLOWER SHOW

The Ladies' Chrysanthemum Show Proves a Successful Venture and They Made Money by It.

## FALSE CLAIMS OF THE CHURCH.

The Subject Discussed by John Remsburg Thursday Evening.

The lecture given by John Remsburg at the court house Thursday evening was quite well attended, notwithstanding the other attractions, for the same evening. Chas. Weller introduced the speaker who began by saying that we all entertain a diversity of opinions on any subject. He stated that his lecture was not atheistic but that he simply wished to expose the "False Claims of the Church." The church claims to have brought about the present state of civilization. Three historians disprove it. The civilization of today does not surpass that of ancient Greece. If not for prejudice the Christian could see that our civilization is not due to the church. The world has civilized the church. Where theology has declined civilization has advanced. Ignorance has always hovered around the cross. The church has opposed every new scientific truth. Galileo, Copernicus and Kepler were persecuted by the church. The church boasts of learning. She is in favor of schools only so long as she can manage them. Scarcely a truth is expressed in the Bible that has not been taught by pagan moralists. The golden rule was taught by ten men before uttered by Jesus Christ. Christianity does not favor morality. It teaches the depravity of human nature which tends to demoralize character. The speaker ridiculed the idea of forgiveness for sin. Heaven is said to be a place of reward for believing; hell a punishment for disbelieving. Wesley said, "the doctrine of salvation by works we abhor, we neither believe it nor teach it."

Charity is not confined to Christianity. The speaker then named various infidels who had done charitable deeds and then reviewed religious persecutions of past ages. The church does not kill now because it has not the power. The speaker then attempted to show how the church had opposed all efforts to abolish slavery, how the Christians opposed Garrison, Phillips and Smith. He then spoke of the attitude of the Methodist church on the subject of slavery. He ridiculed the idea of the Bible teaching temperance and said from Genesis to Revelation is wine, wine, wine. He then named nearly all of America's great men, especially the fathers of the Republic, as infidels or unbelievers. Washington was never known to utter a prayer. He ended by saying that he hoped the people would soon learn that priesthood is a craft and priests are a class who are preying on humanity and filling the land with crime and superstition.

The speaker endeavored to cover too much ground in his lecture which prevented him from elaborating on some ideas that needed explanation, and some of his assertions were overdrawn, yet he challenged contradiction and offered to produce indisputable proof for all his statements.

## ENTERTAINED AT CARDS.

The Lawler Home and Hospitality Thrown Open to Their Friends.

Saturday evening Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Lawler entertained quite a number of ladies and gentlemen at their pleasant home. The affair was given in honor of Miss Sturgis and Miss Benoit of St. Paul and Lieut. Samuel Sturgis of Chicago. By 8:30 the guests had arrived and tables were at once arranged for progressive euchre and at intervals during the games claret punch was served the guests. At 11 o'clock play was finished and in the summing up of games Miss Retta Goodykoontz won the most games on lone hands, Miss Sturgis and C. C. Champeny won the largest number of games and Miss Fuller and H. R. Kibbee were content with having acquired honors at the foot table. Refreshments were then served and the hour following was spent in listening to music by Miss Grace Goodykoontz, Mrs. H. G. Nichols, Miss Sturgis, Mrs. Lawler and Lieut. Sturgis. Miss Sturgis gave a character sketch which was quite pleasing to the guests. The evening was very enjoyable to all and was one of the most pleasing social functions of the season.

Mrs. Lawler is a delightful entertainer and under her guidance of interesting features the hours indeed grow short. Following is a list of the invited guests: Mr. and Mrs. H. R. Kibbee, Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Anderson, Mr. and Mrs. D. Moore, Mr. and Mrs. O. P. Graham, Mr. and Mrs. F. M. Hammer, Mr. and Mrs. T. C. Burns, Mr. and Mrs. H. G. Nichols, Mr. and Mrs. F. H. Winsor, Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Hitchcock, Mrs. J. E. Gilbert, Miss Retta Goodykoontz, Miss Grace Goodykoontz, Miss Fuller, and Miss Davenport. Messrs. L. O. Gale, H. P. Beckwith, J. G. McCartney, C. C. Champeny and F. T. Windle.

It seemed as though nearly everybody was bent on attending the chrysanthemum show Thursday night. Unfortunately the building was limited to the number of people it would contain and it appeared as if the limit was exceeded two or three times. The people were content to stand up through the entire evening, and wherever you stopped there you stayed until the crowd commenced to thin out toward the latter part of the evening. The Russian and German booths had to suspend business operations and the tables were pushed aside to accommodate the people but later in the evening they were able to resume business operations. The musical program did not begin until long after the appointed hour and then it was with great difficulty that it was rendered as the singers had to stand on a level with the crowd and sing into the people's faces, so that none of the performers could really do themselves justice. The numbers on the program were contributed by Miss Mabelle Adams, who gave a piano solo, Miss Caddie Boggs in a soprano solo, piano duet by Mrs. Moore and Miss McGovern, Miss Davenport and Mr. Pehrson sang a pleasing vocal duet entertainingly and Mrs. H. G. Nichols gave a piano solo in her usual good taste. J. S. Daniels sang a baritone solo and the Mandolin club and the University quartette finished up the program with enjoyably numbers. The balance of the evening was spent in looking over the display of chrysanthemums. The crowd was so great that many returned today to enjoy more thoroughly the beauties of the show.

**PACKED THE HOUSE FULL.**  
Breathing Impossible and Standing Room Was at a Premium.

Where all was light and beauty, where flowers exhaled their sweet fragrance, where the odors of Russian tea and sauer kraut vied with other for supremacy, where friends congregated and discussed the flowers and neighborhood topics, and where the Ladies Cemetery Association made a good sum of money for their future use, nothing now remains but the bare walls and the memory of two days of enjoyment.

The ladies worked hard to make their first chrysanthemum show a success and we don't believe there is a person in town but who will agree with the statement that it was a great success. It was a matter of pride with them, aside from the financial view, that the affair should be successful and there was no labor too arduous, no task too burdensome but what there were plenty of willing hands to perform it. There is one characteristic feature about the Mitchell ladies--what they attempt to do they accomplish, as was strongly evidenced during the two years of corn palace history.

The two booths--the Russian and German--were very attractive features and at all times of the day and evening the managers were busy dispensing their refreshments and through which channels the financial receipts were largely increased. Mrs. J. D. Anderson and Mrs. Geo. H. Rew presided over the Russian booth, and Mrs. Jos. Levinger, Mrs. E. F. Winsor, Mrs. J. E. Gilbert and Mrs. J. J. Hough were attendants at the German booth. The menu in each booth was well gotten up and served in an excellent manner.

The Mitchell Greenhouse made a magnificent display of chrysanthemums and other flowers, the varieties of each being quite numerous. At the closing hours the sale of flowers was made quick as everybody wanted to carry home a souvenir of the first chrysanthemum show. The Greenhouse is about one of the finest in the state, it having been largely increased this year. The show has had the effect of awakening a desire among people to grow a larger and different variety of flowers.

In conversation with the president of the association, Mrs. Thomas Fullerton, she stated that another show would be given next year on a larger and grander scale than the present one.

**Entertained a Small Party.**  
Thursday afternoon a small party of ladies was entertained by Mrs. John D. Lawler at her home on Fourth and Lawler streets. Luncheon was served from 2:30 to 4:30 o'clock and was an informal and most delightful affair. Music, conversation and the dainty menu served made the hours pass too quickly, and Mrs. Lawler proved herself a most agreeable entertainer. The luncheon was given in honor of Miss Sturgis and Miss Benoit of St. Paul, the sister and friend of Mrs. Lawler. The invited guests were: Mrs. H. G. Nichols, Mrs. F. H. Winsor, Mrs. H. R. Kibbee, Mrs. F. M. Hammer, Mrs. S. T. Greene, Mrs. J. E. Gilbert, Miss Fuller, Miss Grace Goodykoontz, and Miss Retta Goodykoontz.

Duncan Patrick returned from Yankton Tuesday afternoon, where he went to see a brother who is to leave soon for England.

## FOOL IN POLITICS

James Clement Ambrose Discusses this Much Abused Person and Shows How to Get Rid of Him.

Geo. Schlund and Family After Six Weeks in Arkansas Gets Enough and Returns to Davison County.

## CARDS AND PRIZES

Miss Retta Goodykoontz Entertains Her Friends with Euchre and Music at Home Tuesday Evening.

## "THE FOOL IN POLITICS."

James Clement Ambrose Discusses the Purification of Politics.

James Clement Ambrose was greeted by a good audience at the court house Tuesday evening, which revealed in the ideas advanced by the speaker of the "Fool in Politics." E. T. Colton of the University introduced the speaker with a few prefatory remarks as to the lecture course started by the Y. M. and Y. W. C. A. of the University. The speaker told a humorous story on the bloomer woman and got his audience in an amiable mood.

"The fool in politics," said Mr. Ambrose, "has the place which should be occupied by the scholar." Politics should be invaded by the hercules of common sense and the athlete of the college is the one to knock the fool out of politics; polish the school book and the government will shine. Politics is the manager of public affairs; is dirty when in the hands of unclean men; is the axle on which the government turns; the steam which the engine forces into the cylinder of the world. For five minutes the speaker gave a comprehensive outline of the resources of this country, from Maine to California and from Alaska to Florida and so varied were the conditions that one could cool their fevered brow on the icebergs of Alaska and warm their feet in the waters of Florida.

The speaker was desirous of seeing religion introduced into politics; it was a poor religion that couldn't stand politics and a poor politics that couldn't absorb some religion; elevate the moral tone of politics, make it attractive by its purity and it will draw supporters from a class of men, who, under the present circumstances, much prefer to hold aloof from its contaminating influence. Stop the importation of ignorance from foreign shores, and educate the stupidity we now have. The failure of good, honest men to govern, gives the bad man and opportunity to sway the republic. By educating voters he didn't mean that every man should be a college professor, but intended that every person who had the use of the ballot should have a fair knowledge of the workings of our government. Mr. Ambrose was decidedly in favor of woman enjoying the freedom of the ballot. He couldn't see the honesty of purpose in permitting an ignorant man to use the ballot and denying the privilege to an intelligent woman. "We can make a good impression," said Mr. Ambrose, "on the rising generation in the school room by behaving ourselves in politics." Intelligence is the one incentive for the purification of politics. The politician must be a man of strong individual character and culture and by that example he looked to see all voters to become more highly educated. He would work the needed reformation by agitation; talk to men wherever you meet them; impress them with the necessity of inquiring closer into public affairs and bring them right in touch with the functions of our government; build a judicial bench that will punish the offenders in its own party. "Destroy the saloon for the sake of your home, your children, your surroundings, and if this has no influence with you burn the damned things if for no other reason than love of country." Build men to be in good relation to each other and they will stand right with God. Let the pulpit take measures in politics to lead the men in the right way politics pursued rightly is a philanthropy. He offered a word of encouragement to posterity by showing them the avenues to follow in purifying the politics of our country. Summing up Mr. Ambrose believes in giving the ballot to woman to wield against the ignorance forces of the world, teach the growing generation the duties that they must encounter fearlessly when they enter the world of action, put up the barriers to foreign immigration and bring politics in closer touch with the church. While the speaker didn't anticipate this all to be accomplished in a day, a week, a month, or even years, yet he believed it to be the duty

of the present generation to lay the foundation for the transformation and pave the way for future generation to complete the reformation.

Mr. Ambrose is a pleasant entertaining speaker and while not particularly gifted as an orator yet he easily held the attention of the audience throughout his discourse. He is intensely earnest in his talk and the elucidation of his ideas bear greater fruit on account of that same earnestness.

The lecture was given under the auspices and for the benefit of the Y. M. and Y. W. C. A. of the University, which announces that their next entertainment will be given by the Chicago Rivals, a fine musical organization, on Jan. 24th.

## AT PROGRESSIVE EUCBRE.

An Evening of Rare Enjoyment Given by Miss Retta Goodykoontz.

Progressive euchre is supplanting the time-honored cinch game among the devotees at cards, as has been evidenced by recent card parties. Tuesday evening progressive euchre was the amusement furnished at the home of Miss Retta Goodykoontz at which time she entertained a party of friends in honor of Miss Sturgis, Miss Benoit and Lieut. Sturgis. After cards had been indulged in for a large portion of the evening dainty refreshments were served and the pleasure of the evening was prolonged by some musical features. Miss Grace Goodykoontz sang a very pretty solo and Lieut. Sturgis favored the guests with two songs, which he rendered very acceptably. Mr. and Mrs. H. G. Nichols gave a mandolin and piano selection and Miss Harriet Wiswell of Milwaukee sang a very taking soprano solo. Miss Wiswell has a remarkably good voice, well cultivated and she shows a talented conception of music. Her number was particularly enjoyable. During the music the winners at cards were figured up and the ladies progressive prize was awarded to Mrs. J. D. Lawler, the ladies lone hand prize to Miss Sturgis, the gentleman's progressive prize to A. E. Hitchcock and the lone hand prize to Lieut. Sturgis. Mrs. O. P. Graham and H. R. Kibbee secured the consolation prizes. At a late hour the guests said adieu to their hostess and the evening was unanimously agreed as being one of thorough enjoyment. The following guests were present: Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Lawler, Mr. and Mrs. F. H. Winsor, Mr. and Mrs. O. P. Graham, Mr. and Mrs. H. R. Kibbee, Mr. and Mrs. H. G. Nichols, Mrs. J. E. Gilbert, Mrs. Sturgis, Misses Sturgis, Benoit, Minor, Wiswell, Goodykoontz, and Hammer. Messrs. Windle, Sturgis, Champeny, McCartney, A. E. Hitchcock, H. E. Hitchcock and H. P. Beckwith.

## SIX WEEKS ENOUGH.

Geo. Schlund Returns From Arkansas After an Absence of Six Weeks.

Six weeks ago Thursday Geo. Schlund and family started overland with well equipped teams and wagons for the mecca of Arkansas, whose glories as an agricultural state had been shown up to him in brilliant colors. It took Mr. Schlund about three weeks to get enough of Arkansas and himself and family arrived in Mitchell Thursday afternoon bag and baggage, satisfied to remain in South Dakota and cultivate his Blenden township farm. He will ship his horses and household goods and farming implements back by train. Mr. Schlund said that he could not sell horses for any price down there and that there was hardly any kind of a market for produce from the farm. Mrs. Schlund was homesick and the feeling was shared by the rest of the family and it did not take them long to make up their minds to return. Mr. Schlund owns a fine farm in Blenden township with a good artesian well spouting fourth the moisture to make crops grow. Mr. Schlund's return will undoubtedly have a bad effect on other farmers moving south, and we are glad to welcome the family home again.

## Haven't Left South Dakota.

EDITOR CAPITAL--Having been informed that some one has been kind enough to put in the paper that my husband and I have skipped the country and do not intend coming back, I wish to state through your paper that as we have no money belonging to anyone else, and having committed no crime that we know of, and as our home and family and all of our possessions are still in South Dakota I do not see why anyone should spread such a report. Perhaps they may be called on to explain how they got their information. Dr. Crane can tell the people that he advised my husband to take me away for change thinking it might be a benefit to me, and as I was not able to travel alone my husband came with me and is visiting relatives and friends that he had not seen for twenty-seven years and is enjoying it very much; but I assure you, Mitchell people will see him before long if nothing unforeseen happens.

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