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MAGIC AND RELIGION.

Their Parting Due to the Advance of Civilization.

In west Africa the belief in a new birth without loss of identity is proved by the fact that when a baby arrives in a family it is shown a selection of small articles belonging to deceased members, and the thing which the child catches hold of identifies him as "Uncle John" or "Cousin Emma," and so forth. So far as this belief prevails it is held by some that garments once worn or other objects which have been in intimate contact with a human being are penetrated by his personality and remain, as it were, united with him for good or ill.

In nearly all stages of civilization now to be found in the world what we call supernatural beings were concerned with the initiation of the magician. The schism between magic and religion was a later development of civilization. When it occurred, as the history of heresy in Europe and the witch trials teach, it was rather magic in its antisocial aspect than in itself, which was reprobated and punished. It is strange in this connection to notice that the magician was only condemned when he departed from established custom and established beliefs which involved a severance from the community and an imputation of antisocial ends. Practices essentially magical might be incorporated in religious rites and exercised for what was believed to be the general good. In such a case they have continued to be exercised with general assent in the highest forms of religion.—London Hospital.

ODD MARRIAGE CUSTOM.

Porches as Wedding Certificates on the Island of Jersey.

Among Jerseymen proper—that is to say, among the descendants of the original inhabitants of the island and not the English or French residents there—a very curious and interesting old marriage custom exists.

Upon the completion of the ceremony and, if in strict accordance with tradition, before the happy couple take up residence in their new abode the stone slab at the top of the porch containing the front door is inscribed with the initials of the bridegroom, those of the bride, the date of the ceremony and two hearts intwined, the latter being an emblem of their intermingled love and the whole forming a most lasting and public certificate of marriage.

Occasionally, however, a little difficulty arises. The bride may meet with an early death, and in the course of time the widower may desire to reenter the holy state of matrimony. Having fulfilled his desire, it appears rather puzzling to know what to do about the inscription.

In some cases, therefore, the initials and date of the first wedding have been erased and those of the subsequent ceremony substituted, while in others the initials of the second wife and the date have been added below the first, a second pair of intwined hearts being thought unnecessary. The letters are usually from six to nine inches in height, so that they may be easily read across the road.—London Mail.

Victims of a False Prophet.

Just before the opening of the Kaffir rebellion in South Africa, about the middle of the last century, the soothsayers bade the tribes kill their cattle and destroy their crops of grain. The spirits of their ancestors were to arise and help them to exterminate every white man in the country. The advice was solemnly accepted. When the day of the great uprising arrived many of the rebels were already starving. But there came no ghostly herds of cattle out of the earth, no crops not sown with hands. Grim, terrible famine swept over the land, and in the months which followed, although the authorities did everything in their power to mitigate its horrors, 30,000 victims of a false prophet starved to death.

Ventilation.

Have we ever stopped to think how our ancestors two or three generations back lived and flourished with little or no ventilation in their sleeping apartments? The night air used to be considered a very dreadful menace to health and a sure inducer of colds. Bedrooms were kept closely shut, and yet our ancestors, many of them, were hardier than we and lived to good old ages. Animals burrow in their holes at night, breathing the same air over and over again, while birds and fowls tuck their heads under their wings. Of course ventilation is absolutely necessary for proper comfort, cleanliness and health, but people have lived on little or none of it for hundreds and thousands of years.

Another Soft Answer.

"I'm glad to say," remarked Mrs. Strongmind in an insinuating tone, "that my husband is not a sporty man."

"Oh," replied Mrs. Kaflyppe, looking very sweet and innocent, "I'm surprised to hear you say that. I had always supposed that he must have married you on a bet."—Chicago Record-Herald.

MASONIC CALENDAR.

Saturday April 4—Loyal Chapter No. 43, O. E. S. Regular meeting.

CONQUERING HEROES IDOLS OF RUSHVILLE

They Will Be Tendered Greatest Reception in History Of City Tonight.

THREE MEETINGS PLANNED.

WATSON AND HALL WILL SPEAK AT ALL—THE ENTIRE SIXTH DISTRICT IS INVITED TO PARTICIPATE IN THEM.

Rushville, Ind., April 4.—Rome never extended more generous welcome to her returning heroes, than that which is to be accorded James E. Watson and Frank J. Hall in this city this evening. Rushville citizens have come forward to pay honor to these political representatives of the two leading parties of the state and have loosened their purse strings. When calls were made for subscriptions there was generous response and it was only a short time until enough money had been raised to provide for a more lavish reception than had been planned for originally. The entire Sixth congressional district is invited to be the guest of Rushville tonight and all will find accommodations.

Rushville will be stirred by a throng that will eclipse in size any that ever gathered here. The three receptions will be held at different times, so as to accommodate the crowds better. The first will be held at the rink.

Rev. W. H. Clark will be the chairman; J. T. Arbuckle will introduce Hon. James E. Watson to the people while Mayor H. M. Cowing will present the Hon. Frank J. Hall.

The meeting at the Grand Theatre will convene at 8 o'clock, Mr. John M. Stevens, chairman. Rev. Father W. J. Cronin and Rev. V. W. Tevis will make the introductory addresses, to which the nominees will respond.

At 8:30 p. m., the court house will furnish the last and closing scene of the evening program.

Hr. R. E. Zorne has been selected chairman of this meeting; Will L. Newbold will introduce Mr. Watson and Col. E. H. Wolfe will present Mr. Hall.

To help out the musical end of the program, two bands and a glee club have been secured and there is no doubt that the event will be epoch making in the history of this old town.

SEVERED LAST CABLE

Mrs. Alfred G. Vanderbilt Told Her Story of Stormy Life.

THE COURT IS SILENT.

New York, April 4.—Mrs. Alfred Gwynne Vanderbilt has sailed the sea of matrimony and yesterday severed the last cable that bound her by telling the stormy events of her domestic life to David McClure, referee.

Just what Mrs. Vanderbilt said, but nine persons know. They are not talking for publication—the nine.

"Sensational reports and rumors have been published, and no doubt will be continued," said Referee McClure. "It's a case of guess on the part of the public, for I will not talk, nor will any one person on this case."

All this being true, to a certain extent, the public has nothing to do but take the word of persons in a position to know what Mrs. Vanderbilt did say as to why she seeks a divorce from her husband.

The case will probably not last very long, for Referee McClure has an air of briskness about him that insures a speedy ending.

An Oversight.

A doctor was called in haste to an old lady who was suddenly taken very ill. When he arrived he asked her several questions as to how she felt before he ordered her medicine of any kind. Among other things, he asked her how she felt when seized with her complaint.

"I had a terrible shivering," said the lady.

"Did your teeth all clatter when the chill came on you?"

"I do not know, I'm sure, doctor," she replied; "they were lying on the table at the time and I didn't notice!"

ELECTION NOTICE.

The members of the German Fire Insurance are hereby notified to meet at their Hall, corner 5th and Main Sts. April 4th, at 7:30 p. m. to elect eleven Directors and to transact such other business as may come before the meeting.

C. A. BARTEL, Pres.
HENRY GRIEVE, Sec'y.

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Sunday Services at the Churches.

Second Presbyterian—North Nineteenth street. Robert H. Dunaway, pastor. Sabbath school at 9:15; communion and reception of new members at 10:30, short sermon, theme: "What to Think on." Brotherhood at 2, special address by Mr. Claudius Reigel; Junion Endeavor at 2:30; Senior Endeavor at 6:30; popular service at 7:15, theme: "What to Feed On"; devotional service Thursday evening at 7:15; meeting of Sabbath school teachers and officers at 8. Nothing sensational. Every thing practical. Public welcome.

First Baptist—H. Robert Smith pastor. Preaching by Rev. L. M. Lehigh at 10:30 a. m.; 3 p. m. and 7:30 p. m.; Sunday school at 9:15 a. m.; Juniors at 2 p. m.; B. Y. P. U. at 6:30 p. m. A cordial invitation to attend these services is given to all.

Earlham Heights—Sabbath school at 2, L. W. Eadler, superintendent. Preaching at 3, Dr. I. M. Hughes. Teachers' meeting at Gideon Neffit Wednesday evening at 7:30, Robert H. Dunaway leader.

Second Baptist—Fourteenth and North G streets, W. W. Russell pastor. Preaching at 10:30 a. m. and 7:30 p. m. Morning subject "God's Gift to Man." Evening subject, Activity. Sabbath school 2 p. m. You are invited to worship with us.

East Main Street Friends—Bible school 9:10 a. m.; meeting for worship 10:30 a. m.; Men's Social Union 2:30 p. m.; Christian Endeavor 6:30 p. m.; business meeting 10 a. m. Thursday.

South Eighth Street Friends—H. R. Keates pastor. 9 a. m. Bible school; 10:30 a. m. meeting for worship; 3 p. m. Men's Social Union. Address by Rev. H. Robert Smith. 4 p. m. Union Missionary meeting. Addresses by Mrs. F. W. Stephens and Miss Metcalf delegates to the National Missionary convention just held at Pittsburg. 6:30 p. m. Young peoples and Junior C. E. societies consecration meeting. A cordial invitation is extended to all, especially any who may be without local church affiliation.

United Brethren—Corner Eleventh and North B streets. M. Hobson pastor. Preaching by the pastor at 10:30 a. m. and 7:30 p. m.; Sunday school at 9:30 a. m.; Juniors at 2:30 p. m.; Y. P. C. U. at 6:30 p. m. All committees are requested to be at prayer meeting Wednesday at 7:30 p. m. Official board meeting Monday at 7:30 p. m. The public is invited to all the regular services.

First English Lutheran—Corner of Eleventh and South A streets. E. G. Howard pastor. Sunday school 9 a. m. Lee B. Nusbaum, superintendent. Morning worship 10:30 a. m. Subject "The Mediator of the New Covenant." Vesper service 4 p. m. Subject, "Milk and Meat." A cordial invitation is extended to all.

First Presbyterian—Thomas J. Graham, pastor. Sabbath school 9:15 a. m., Mr. Howard A. Dill, superintendent. Divine worship 10:30 a. m. and 7:30 p. m. Preaching by the pastor. Subjejcts: Morning "Two Masters"; evening, "Spiritual Adventures." Chorus choir under the leadership of Prof. Wm. Earhart. Preparatory services Thursday and Friday 7:30 p. m. and Saturday 3 p. m. Communion Sabbath April 12, 10:30 a. m. Strangers and visitors invited to worship with us.

First Christian—Corner Tenth and South A streets. Samuel W. Traum, pastor. Bible school 9:05 a. m. Prof. Albert Jones superintendent. Junior Christian endeavor 2 p. m., Miss Ruth Harris, superintendent. Christian Endeavor 6:30 p. m., Mrs. Elizabeth Wright, president. Preaching service at 10:30 a. m. and 7:30 p. m. Morning subject: "God's Dealing With His People." Evening subject: "Personal Independence; or a Free Man in Christ."

First Church of Christ Scientist—Sunday services 10:45 and 7:45. Subject "Unreality." Wednesday evening meeting 7:45, second floor Masonic Temple. The public invited. Reading room No. 10 North Tenth street open daily except Sunday 2 to 5 p. m.

Second English Lutheran—Corner Pearl and Northwest Third streets. Rev. G. Emerson Harsh pastor. Sunday school at 9:15; preaching by the pastor at 10:30 and 7:30. Morning subject: "Believing and Worshiping"; Evening: "The Law of Tendency." Preaching Thursday evening at 7:30. Choir meeting Friday evening at 7:30; Catechise Saturday at 2. All are invited.

Whitewater Friends' Church—Corner of N. 10th and G streets. Closed by direction of Dr. C. S. Bond. If possible will resume services in time for Easter as the choir is preparing an attractive program for that occasion.

North 14th Street Union Mission—No services until further notice from the Board of Health.

Universalist Church—Rhoda Temple, one door west of Library. Sunday School at 9:15 a. m. Preaching at 10:30 a. m. and 7:30 p. m. Rev. Marion D. Crosley, D. D., State Supt. of Universalist churches, will be with us, and will conduct the first Communion service of the new organization at close of morning service. Offering will be taken for the quota to the State convention. Mr. Crosley will preach in the evening on "Some Twentieth Century Ideas of Heaven and Hell." Let this be made a rally day for all interested in the church. Everyone Welcome.

St. Paul's Evangelical Lutheran Church—C. Huber, pastor— Sunday School at 9. English preaching services both morning and evening. Morning service at 10:30; evening at 7 o'clock. Subject for the morning: The redemption that Christ hath obtained for us. In the evening: Christ's question: "If I tell you the truth, why then do ye not believe me? Quarterly congregational meeting at 2 p. m. Young People's meeting at 6:30.

Reid Memorial United Presbyterian Church—Corner Eleventh and North A streets. Rev. S. R. Lyons, pastor. Preaching by the pastor, 10:30 a. m. and 7:30 p. m. Morning subject, "The Victory of the Cross." Evening subject, "The Gospel—Its Vision of the Future." Sabbath School, 9:15 a. m. Christian Union, 6:45 p. m.

St. Andrew's Catholic—Fifth and South C streets. Mass at 7:30; High Mass at 9:45; Vespers, sermonette and benediction at 3 o'clock, Rev. Frank A. Roell, rector, Rev. H. J. Gadlage, assistant.

St. Mary's Catholic—Masses every Sunday at 8 and 9 o'clock and High Mass and sermons at 10:30; Vespers and benediction every Sunday at 3 p. m. Rev. J. F. Mattingly, rector, Rev. Thomas A. Hoffman, assistant.

CONDITIONS ARE GROWING BETTER

Dun's Report Says Volume of Business Is Still Below Normal, However.

BANK EXCHANGES LESS.

SEVERAL OF THE BIG EASTERN CITIES SHOW A FALLING OFF—GENERAL TRADE CONDITIONS TOUCHED UPON.

New York, April 4.—R. G. Dun's weekly review of trade today says:

While the volume of business is still much below normal, moderate improvement is constantly noted, although the rate of progress is very different in the leading centers of trade. Aside from the idleness at bituminous coal mines, which is not expected to be prolonged, April did not bring any serious labor disputes, and many wage earners were enabled to resume work by accepting small reductions in pay.

Sales of pig iron have been made at lower figures than at any time since the decline began, although regular quotations are nominally unchanged. Furnaces that have begun to accumulate stocks, however, make concessions rather than reject offers. Some finishing mills have also sought raw material more freely, and the net result is a better tonnage of pig iron, although it is estimated that little more than 50 per cent of the steel-making capacity is now in operation. Demand is still best for tin plate, with the wire and pipe trades next in point of activity, but the railways do not place much business, although small orders for rails are noted and many contracts for equipment are under consideration. Sharp competition for business in light rails has produced lower prices in that line, but as a rule the level of quotations fo rfi steel products remains unchang

Textile conditions show further moderate gains, although progress is slow and slower prices are still expected by purchasers in numerous lines.

Despite rumors of many Chinese inquiries it is not learned that any export orders have been placed, and it is believed that no cotton goods can be sold in that market unless much more attractive quotations are named. Fall buying is still light in the mens wear division of the woolen goods market, although inquiries are more numerous and the net result is favorable.

The increased interest of jobbers in the footwear market that was noted last week has not been maintained, manufacturers reporting less demand, and it is believed that pressing needs were satisfied.

Unsettled weather has retarded progress in retail trade at Chicago, but wholesale shipments are large and mercantile collections occasion little adverse comment. Factories employ more hands.

Bank exchanges this week at all the leading cities in the United States are $2,200,551,890—22.4 per cent less than a year ago and 23.5 per cent under the corresponding week of 1906. The larger losses are at New York City, Boston, Philadelphia, Pittsburg, Louisville and San Francisco. A number of cities in the West report an increase over both preceding years, and the losses at Baltimore and New Orleans are not so large as in preceding weeks.

TWENTY LUMBERMEN HEAVILY FINED

No Jail Sentences However for Misdemeanors.

Toledo, Ohio, April 4.—The 20 lumbermen of Toledo found guilty of conspiracy in restraint of trade, under the Valentine anti-trust law, were resentenced by Judge Kumler of the Common Pleas court. The sentences were fines ranging from $500 to $1,000 and in no instance was a jail sentence given.

SALOON KEEPER SIGNED REMONSTRANCE

Unusual Case at Valparaiso, Indiana.

Valparaiso, Ind., April 4.—The anti-saloon forces has filed remonstrances in the First, Second and Fourth wards. If the remonstrances stand 14 saloons will be put out of business by next November. Chris Bornholt, saloon keeper in the Second Ward, where 10 saloons are located, signed the remonstrance just before it was filed.

PREACHER HAD SUCH A PRETTY "BUN"

He With Two Women Were Arrested.

Columbus, Ind., April 4.—Rev. Joseph Carter, aged 45, and unmarried, was arrested here yesterday afternoon in company with Mrs. Jennie Jackson and Mrs. Lizzie Guess and lodged in jail on charges of intoxication. The three pleaded guilty to the charges and the preacher paid the fines. Rev. Carter has for the past 20 years been doing evangelistic work for the United Brethren church, preaching and organizing Sunday schools and churches. He has been apparently an earnest church and Sunday school worker and was known as such all over Southern Indiana.

AND THE ELEMENTS TORMENTED THEM

Snow Fell From the Clear Heavens.

Findlay, O., April 4.—Last midnight when apparently every star in the heavens was shining, and not a cloud could be seen, an inch of snow fell, which remained on the ground late this morning. It was a phenomenon rarely witnessed, it is said.

What's In a Name.

Mr. McQuire (to hospital attendant)—Phwat did ye say the operating doctor's name was?

Attendant—Dr. Kilpatrick.

Mr. McQuire—Thot settles it. No doctor wid thot murderous cognomen will git a chance to operate on me—not if I know it.

Attendant—Why not?

Mr. McQuire—Well, ye see, my name is Patrick.—Judge.

TOMLIN SAYS TWICE IS ENOUGH FOR HIM

Will Now Retire From Political Game.

Shelbyville, Ind., April 4.—Prof. J. H. Tomlin, superintendent of the public schools, who was defeated in his race for the nomination of superintendent of public instruction on the republican ticket, has decided not to be a candidate again.

"The ticket suits me all right, and I am for it, but I will never again make the race for the office of public instruction. Two defeats are quite enough," were the words of Mr. Tomlin.

"Oh, auntie, pray don't go away yet!" exclaimed a little girl who had misbehaved herself.

"I had no idea you were so fond of me, Gertie," remarked auntie.

"Oh, it isn't that," continued the child, "but mother said I was to be whipped when you were gone!"