

Talmage's Sermon.

Washington, D. C., Nov. 29, 1896.—Considering the time and place of its delivery, this sermon of Dr. Talmage is of absorbing and startling interest. It is not only national, but international in its significance.

No alarm bell do I ring in the utterance of this text, for in the healthy glow of your countenances I find cause only for cheerful prophecy; but I shall apply the text as spoken in the ear of Hezekiah, down with a bad carbuncle, to the nineteenth century, now closing. It will take only four more long breaths, each year a breath, and the century will expire.

Eternity is too big a subject for us to understand. Some one has said it is a great clock, that says "Tick" in one century, and "Tack" in another. But we can better understand Old Time, who has many children, and they are the centuries, and many grandchildren, and they are the years. With the dying Nineteenth Century we shall this morning have a plain talk, telling him some of the good things he has done, and then telling him some of the things he ought to adjust before he quits this sphere and passes out to join the eternities.

by inoculation of one of the world's worst plagues. Doctor Keeley's emancipation for inebriety, Intimation that the virus of maddened canine, and cancer, and consumption are yet to be balked by magnificent medical treatment. The eyesight of the doctor sharpened until he can look through thick flesh and find the hiding place of the bullet.

The money power, so much denounced and often justly criticized, has covered this continent with universities, and free libraries, and asylums of mercy. The newspaper press which, at the beginning of the century was an ink-roller, by hand moved over one sheet of paper at a time, has become the miraculous manufacturer of four or five, or six hundred thousand sheets for one daily newspaper's issue.

not admitted." The late Mr. Darwin contributing twenty-five dollars to the Southern Missionary Society. Cannibalism driven off the face of the earth. The gates of all nations wide open for the Gospel entrance when the church shall give up its intellectual dandyism, and quit fooling with higher criticism, and plunge into the work, as at a life-saving station the crew pull out with the life-boat to take the sailors off a ship going to pieces in the Skerries.

Tell us, O Nineteenth Century! before you go, in a score of sentences, some of the things you have heard and seen. The veteran turns upon us and says: "I saw Thomas Jefferson riding in unattended from Monticello, only a few steps from where you stand, dismount from his horse and hitch the bridle to a post, and on yonder hill take the oath of the presidential office."

The dainty embroidered handkerchiefs should not be sent to the laundry. They may be washed in a few minutes and should always be done separately. When washed they should be wrung out and then a window-pane should be polished; upon this spread the kerchief and press it perfectly flat; when it has dried it will come off crisp and new in appearance.

NEWS OF ILLINOIS.

RECORD OF MINOR DOINGS OF THE WEEK.

Seven Days' Happenings Condensed—Social, Religious, Political, Criminal, Obituary and Miscellaneous Events from Every Section of the State.

The roller skating season has opened in Flanagan. At Farmer City but three women voted. At Monticello the women cast 137 votes.

There are two men in Monticello who have voted in the same precinct for fifty years.

Thomas Davis of Bement had a fine driving mare and new buggy stolen from his premises Sunday night.

The Methodist Herald, which has been published at El Paso, by the Epworth League, has been discontinued.

George Moorehead of Eminence put James Goodpasture down a sixty-foot well in payment of an election wager.

The members of the Knights of Khorassan are making great preparations for the institution of the temple at Jacksonville.

From one pumpkin seed, Mr. Jacob Mansfield, of De Land, raised a vine which measured in all 3,385 feet. It bore thirty-seven pumpkins, weighing 1,005 pounds.

August Dreifus renews his offer of last season to give any needy widow applying to him, within a radius of ten miles of Gilman, a present of a ton of good soft coal.

The board of education of Athens has provided each pupil with a spear has provided each pupil with a separate drinking cup to prevent the spread of disease germs.

W. B. Drysdale, of St. Augustine, Fla., a former student at the Wesleyan College, Bloomington, has been elected county judge of St. John's county. Mr. Drysdale was graduated from the class of '92.

George Tracy of Bement, who until a few days ago had red mustaches, now wears them black as ebony. David Joy put two coats of whitewash on half a ton of coal, at the same place. They were election bets.

The public schools of Galesburg were opened Monday after being closed two weeks on account of diphtheria. During the time there have been nearly 100 cases and twenty deaths.

Twenty-five per cent of the Knox college female seminary girls have left on account of a case in the building.

Rev. Heine, of New Orleans, has accepted the call recently extended him by the congregation of St. Johannes Lutheran church of Decatur, to accept the pastorate made vacant by the resignation of Rev. Metzger. Just when Rev. Heine will come to Decatur is not known, for the message that the call had been accepted came by telegraph, and merely said he accepted.

Frank R. Starkey, of Lincoln, Ill., is in luck. In British Columbia, where he has been prospecting with John H. Starkey and Mr. Beach, he has sold his interest in a claim for \$41,600, and has invested in another. The party is in many miles from Lincoln, and having a good time roughing it in the far northwestern regions, John Starkey writes to his wife of Frank's good luck.

Mrs. Ransom Campbell, an elderly lady residing at 804 East Front street, Bloomington, is confined to her room, suffering from the effects of a bad fall Friday evening. She made a misstep from the porch and fell heavily, fracturing her shoulder blade and injuring herself internally. It is feared she was also badly bruised. As she is past 70, her friends are somewhat alarmed over the outcome.

Tuesday last the Grand Lodge of Odd Fellows of Illinois convened at the State House in Springfield, and at the same time the State Rebekah Assembly held its regular yearly meeting. In addition to the delegates from the various lodges the degree staff of Bethlehem Rebekah Degree Lodge, of Bloomington, visited Springfield by invitation and exemplified the work of that degree in Central Music Hall on Wednesday.

The Warren Leader says that two gallant young men escorted their sweethearts on a tour of inspection of the new water works tower. On trying to make their exit again, after going up in the tower, the keys would not open the door. One of the young men was obliged to procure a rope and lower himself from a high window, losing six buttons, breaking his watch chain and peeling his nose against the stone work on his way down.

Mr. E. E. Gore, son of Auditor Gore, and an attaché of the auditor's office, has removed his family to Chicago from Springfield, preparatory to taking charge of a savings bank in Chicago. He organized the plan for the Society of Savings Banks, which was started last June. Mr. Gore has accepted the cashiership, and will begin his duties at once. He will, however, retain his connection with the auditor's office and divide his time between the two positions. He has been superintendent of the building and loan department of the auditor's office, and is well known in Peoria.

David T. Torrence, the brick and tile manufacturer of Latham, is a beneficiary to the extent of \$250 of the will of his uncle, General Joseph T. Torrence, who died at Chicago, October 31, leaving an estate valued at \$650,000.

A Rock Falls dry goods merchant spent about an hour selling a piece of six-cent goods to a customer, 17 yards being cut off on the order. On receiving his change the customer demurred, and insisted that he only ordered ten yards. The merchant thereupon cut off one yard to use for some future customer, and bundled up the goods again.

The Ancona Advocate says L. W. Pearson has tendered his resignation as postmaster at that place, to take effect January 1, and a petition is being circulated requesting the appointment of G. W. Mathis in his stead. Mr. Pearson will move to Iowa in February, or as soon thereafter as possible. For the present or until his appointment, Mr. Mathis will take charge of the office as assistant.

Perpetual motion has been invented again—this time by William Hoke of Mason county. He says he has made a machine, which he has in a little box at home, that has run for the past six months, and that it would have continued to run if he had not stopped it to keep it from wearing out. It has no springs nor weights, nor is it run by the wind, by water, electricity, steam or any known power, so he says.

E. C. Winters, a Rock Falls man, has patented a device which promises to make him a millionaire. It is a protection slip to be placed between the inner and outer tires of a bicycle, and is made of canvas, covered with small pieces of sheet steel overlapping each other as fish scales. The invention has been tested and found entirely puncture-proof. This is an invention which the bicycle world has long waited for, and it will be received with open arms.

The Atlanta Union Central Agricultural Society of Logan county, held its annual meeting and election Saturday. Some changes were made in the board of directors, it now being constituted as follows: President, Hon. Ed Stubblefield; vice presidents, Jesse Stubblefield, George Rob, W. W. Richmond and J. W. Burt; directors, Jacob Funk, W. H. H. Ross, J. H. Michaels, J. W. Hoblet, Dr. S. A. Graham, J. T. Elliott and William Evans. Arrangements will be made to pay all premiums of the late fair at once.

Officer Howard Williams was called to the Illinois Central yards near the coal shaft at Decatur Saturday afternoon to fire a couple of bums out of the yards. One of the hobos was a woman, and she was lying in a pile of straw in a box car. She was thinly clad and was shivering fearfully from the cold. She was about 19 years old, and the man who was traveling with her, whom she claimed was her husband, was about 25. They were headed for LaSalle, Ill., and had crawled into the box car in hopes of stealing a ride.

Attention was called last week to the quality of the corn product from C. C. Aldrich's farm east of Lexington. Two ears were put in evidence, each weighing 16 1/2 ounces. One had 16 and the other 24 rows of grains. When shelled the corn from the cob weighed 13 1/2 ounces. The ears were not above the average in size, but the grains were deep and very compact on the cob. They were grown from seed purchased last year by Mr. Aldrich at \$1.50 per bushel. It would require only a fraction over 68 such ears to make a bushel.

Last Sunday the Presbyterians of Towanda celebrated the fortieth anniversary of the organization of their church. Among the early settlers were a number of Presbyterians, along the Mackinaw and Money creek. Those in the neighborhood of Towanda applied to the Peoria Presbytery for permission to organize a church. The permission was granted and on November 19, 1856, the Towanda Presbyterian church was organized at Smith's Grove school house with eleven members. Rev. Robert Conover had preached a number of times the previous summer at the school house, and was one of the committee to effect an organization. Mr. Conover was engaged as pastor and served for twenty-two years. He was present at the celebration Sunday and gave a historical address.

The 15-ton schooner, Schilts Globe, arrived at Ottawa late Saturday afternoon on its long and perilous trip of three years. The little schooner is from Milwaukee, which place she left Tuesday, and is bound around the world. She is commanded by Captain Adolph Frietach, who is also mate and foremost hand—in fact, he is the whole thing—and will navigate his little craft around the world entirely alone. The role of lone mariner is not a new one, for Captain Frietach has already traveled 5,000 miles in the little schooner Nina, which was no larger than the craft he sails at present. The Schilts Globe is 40 feet long. She is schooner rigged and nicely fitted out for a long journey. Captain Frietach is a stalwart sailor of about 35 years of age, and is apparently no way alarmed at the thought of the months he will be alone on the ocean on his little craft. He left Chicago early Saturday, and his route is via the canal and the Illinois river, thence to the Gulf of Mexico and around Cape Horn.

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THE TRADE

REVIVAL OF BUSINESS GENERAL.

Everywhere—wheat close up from 100 cents—transport good in Iowa and Steel Markets.

New York, Nov. 28.—R. G. Dun & Co.'s Weekly Review of Trade says: "When the rush of orders slackened many began to think that business was dwindling. The subsidence of deferred orders is not a decrease of business. The reports from all parts of the country show clearly an enlargement of trade, not at all points in the same branches, but everywhere helped by a more confident feeling."

"Wheat has risen over 4 cents for the week, without material change in foreign advice, which have been on the whole less stimulating. Western receipts are falling behind last year's, and for four weeks past have been only 19,012,584 bushels, against 21,962,512 last year, while the exports, four included, have been 6,370,331 bushels in the same week, against 6,365,012 last year, and are not large enough to create excitement. But thirteen cargoes have left Tacoma in November, and thirty have left San Francisco, with twelve more loading and forty engaged."

"At four western cities the output of flour in five weeks has been 2,685,413 barrels, against 2,613,300 barrels in the same week last year. Corn has sympathized with wheat only a little, and is coming freely."

"Cotton has gained only a sixteenth, after its marked decline, and yet there is all the time to remember the fact that the crop was nearly one month earlier than usual and the present excess over last year's movement may be materially reduced hereafter. Nevertheless the fact appears that the northern mills are taking much less cotton than in previous years, and the demand for goods is evidently disappointing."

"Wool was and is still bought largely for speculation, and earlier purchasers are unloading on the latter, but the mills are not yet doing much more than they did in October."

"The collapse of the nail combination, and probably of the beam combination, and a large reduction in quotations for nails and beams, give reason to look for a larger demand for products of iron and steel, but at present the sales against speculative purchases made some time ago are depressing prices."

"The failures for the week have been 300 in the United States, against 370 last year, and 38 in Canada, against 47 last year."

DEADLY WORK OF A MANIAC.

Kills His Wife and Himself and Wounds His Child and His Mother-in-Law.

H. L. Brower, a former employe of the De Kalb Fence Company, killed his wife, severely wounded his child and mother-in-law, and killed himself at De Kalb, Ill., Friday morning. It is thought that the child and the woman will recover. Brower was not a drinking man and no other cause than insanity can be given.

It is rumored in military circles at Washington that the troops of the First Artillery, now stationed at various points on the gulf and Atlantic coasts, are to be concentrated at Pensacola, Fla., for practice with the modern heavy guns, which will soon be in position on Santa Rosa Island. The selection of a site for another battery leaves no doubt in the minds of military men that Pensacola is to be heavily fortified as rapidly as possible.

Two hundred thousand head of cattle are perishing from cold and hunger on the ranges west of the Missouri river in South Dakota. Two weeks ago a heavy fall of snow, preceded by twenty-four hours of rain, covered the ground to a depth of twelve to sixteen inches. Cattle were unable to get food and have since drifted into the ravines and settlements for shelter, hundreds of them having succumbed to starvation.

Hon. J. I. Tarte, Canadian minister of marine and fisheries, says the Catholic lally of Manitoba are all in favor of the school settlement and that it was everywhere being well received, except by Archbishop Langrvin and a few extremists, who were desirous of stirring up political strife in Quebec.

Bishop Perry of Davenport has been in Philadelphia, and the diocesan convention in Dubuque has been postponed until next May. It is feared that Bishop Perry is permanently incapacitated for Episcopal duties.

Bishop Walker of North Dakota decided to accept the election of Episcopal diocesan council as bishop of western New York. The date of induction has not yet been settled.

Calvin B. Gillette, consulting engineer at Oakland City, Ind., by taking a teaspoonful of arsenic, is to be the physician that he could not save a living for his family, and he would over the matter until he had decided to kill himself.

National Bank of Chicago took charge of the First National Bank of Peoria, Ill., on Monday. The bank had been in the hands of a receiver since the failure of the Peoria National Bank.

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