

Dr. Talmage's Sermon ON PRACTICAL RELIGION.

Washington, Dec. 20.—This subject of Dr. Talmage cuts through the conventionalities, and spares nothing of that make-believe religion which is all talk and no practice.

The Roman Catholic church has been charged with putting too much stress upon good works and not enough upon faith. I charge Protestantism with putting not enough stress upon good works as connected with salvation.

Yonder is a river with steep and rocky banks, and it roars like a young Niagara as it rolls over its rough bed. It does nothing but talk about itself all the way from its source in the mountain to the place where it empties into the sea.

Do you know how the site of the ancient city of Jerusalem was chosen? There were two brothers who had adjoining farms. The one brother had a large family; the other had no family.

I have often spoken to you about faith, but this morning I speak to you about works, for "faith without works is dead." I think you will agree with me in the statement that the great want of this world is more practical religion.

shoe store and rip off the fictitious soles of many a fine-looking pair of shoes, and show that it is pastboard sandwiched between the sound leather.

There has been so much adulteration of articles of food that it is an amazement to me that there is a healthy man or woman in America. Heaven only knows what they put into the spices and into the sugars and into the butter and into the apothecary drug.

Now, practical religion will yet rectify all this. It will go to those hypocritical professors of religion who get a "corner" in corn and wheat in Chicago and New York, sending prices up and up until they were beyond the reach of the poor.

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any provocation and falls off. Flumming that needs to be plumbed. Perfect car wheel that halts the whole train with a hot box.

Yes, this practical religion will have to come in and fix up the marriage relation in America. There are members of churches who have too many wives and too many husbands.

There has got to be a new departure in religion. I do not say a new religion. Oh, no; but the old religion brought to new appliances.

Mechanics who took their religion into their occupations: James Brindley, the famous millwright, Nathaniel Bowditch, the famous ship-chandler, Elihu Burritt, the famous blacksmith.

Give your heart to God and then fill your life with good works. Consecrate to him your store, your shop, your banking house, your factory, and your home.

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ILLINOIS NEWSLETS.

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.

Illinois railroads have been authorized to make a rate of one fare for the round trip to Springfield for the inaugural ceremonies. The rate will be available Jan. 9, 10 and 11, and tickets will be good for return passage as late as Jan. 12.

Illinois Central trainmen in Chicago have been instructed to allow no policeman to travel free unless he be in uniform. Officials say that fully 1,000 persons in the city are wearing bogus police stars for the purpose of avoiding the payment of fares.

Rev. L. C. Martin, pastor of the German Reformed church at Waukegan, was last week adjudged insane and ordered to be taken to an asylum. Most of the time he is sane, but has occasional violent irrational periods.

Suit was instituted in the Circuit court of Cumberland county last week by Elisha Cisna, aged 21, against Mrs. Elizabeth Lamb, an aged widow, for \$3,000 damages.

Miss Nellie Carey, formerly postmaster at Kempton, Ford county, was arraigned in the United States court at Springfield last week on an old indictment for being short in her accounts with the government.

The body of George Lautenschlager was found floating in the Illinois river at Pekin last week. Lautenschlager disappeared from his home Nov. 14, leaving a letter stating that he would kill himself.

Charles N. Travous and Edwin D. Gillespie, assignees of John Erickett & Son, bankers, of Edwardsville, who went into liquidation Monday, prepared a statement for the information of creditors.

Jefferson E. Greer, a stock yards commission dealer, who resides at Thirty-fifth street and Ellis avenue, Chicago, has been sued for \$50,000 damages by Miss Beulah B. Free for breach of promise.

The fraud order of the postmaster general forbidding the delivery of mail to alleged Chicago bucket-shops reached Postmaster Hering last week and went into effect shortly before noon.

Parlor was originally the talking place. A chancellor was once only a door-keeper. To provide was once simply to "look ahead."

Leaf recalls the palm leaves formerly used in the east as paper. The dandelion was once written dent-de-lion, the lion's tooth.

Springfield.—A corporation is being organized for the erection of a new hotel here. It is to be located at the northeast corner of Fourth and Jefferson streets, and is to cost \$185,000.

Sibley.—It is reported on the street that a mob has left the vicinity of the Geddes home for Paxton, the county seat, for the purpose of lynching the alleged murderer of Mrs. Geddes.

Decatur.—Frank Cunningham, the expert telegraph operator, who in May last, under the name of F. S. Fox, attempted to get \$450 from the Citizens' National Bank of Decatur, by means of a bogus draft on the People's Bank of Bloomington, Ill., pleaded guilty and was given a sentence of five days in jail and was also fined \$100.

Elgin.—Mrs. Edith Randall Church has commenced proceedings for divorce in the Elgin Circuit court against her husband, Asa Church, alleging extreme cruelty.

Springfield.—Governor Altgeld has issued his requisition upon the governor of Ohio for the extradition of John Clark and Charles Cole, who are under arrest at Cleveland, O., and wanted in Chicago for burglary.

Galesburg.—By causing Guy Tuttle of this city to swallow a silver dime and using the X ray and fluoroscope, Dr. Hewitt located gall stones that had obstructed the intestines and were threatening Tuttle's life.

Arcola.—Mrs. N. Harry, a leader in church and social circles of this city, drank carbolic acid early yesterday morning and died at 5 o'clock p. m.

Monmouth.—Mrs. D. M. Walker, aged 60 years, of Roseville, this county, died, following a lamp which stood near a lighted one Mrs. Walker filled the bowl to overflowing in her haste.

There is plenty of fun now in the gymnasium of Northwestern University, and by the time it is over the indications are that the trustees will have to erect a new building or compel the baseball team to practice next term in the snow.

President Rogers heard what had been done and visited the gymnasium, and now it is said those active in demolishing university property will be given a faculty hearing before the term closes.

The word chestnut came originally from Castanea. The word mob is a Latin word signifying movable.

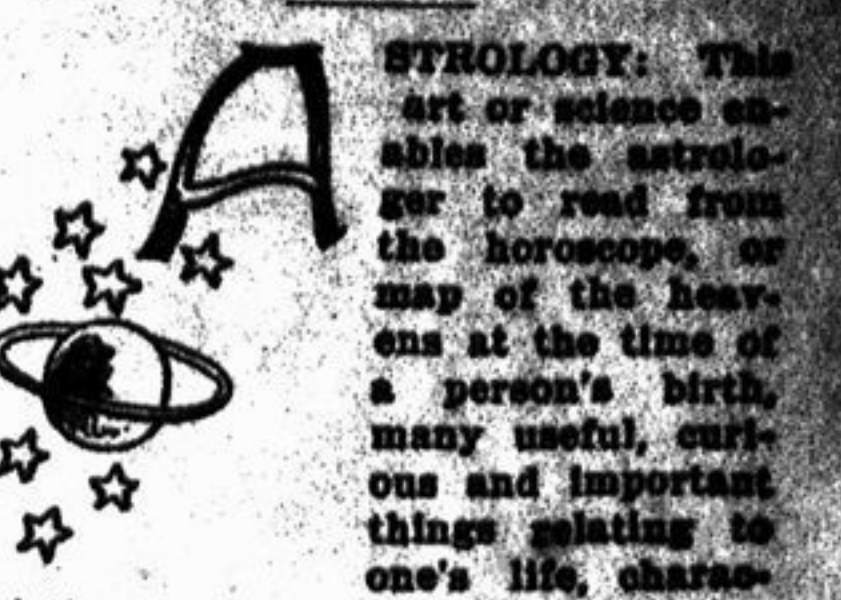
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FAMOUS ASTROLOGERS SOME FREE READINGS

How the Lives of Men and Women Influenced by the Signs of the Zodiac—Revival of the Ancient Art of the Egyptians.



teristics, health, wealth, business, marriage, etc. The facts and evidence will justify at all times and to all persons the conclusion that some are naturally fortunate while others are just the opposite and some just an average.

Note.—The following readings are given according to data furnished. The description may vary slightly in some points in accordance with which sign the ruling planet may be found.

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At New York the color discovered during the search for the body of the man who was killed in the explosion at the town of New York.

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