

TALMAGE'S SERMON.

"CORN HUSKING TIME," SUNDAY'S SUBJECT.

From the Following Text: Job, Chapter V. Verse 26: "As a Shock of Corn Cometh in in His Season..."

GOING at the rate of forty miles the hour a few days ago I caught this sermon.

It is estimated that there are now several billion bushels of corn standing in the shock, waiting to be husked.

How vividly to all those of us who were born in the country comes the remembrance of husking time.

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They are worth saving, I suppose, many of them will get to heaven, but they are not worthy to be mentioned in the same day with those who went through great tribulation into the kingdom of our God.

Now, in heaven all their offensiveness has been husked off. Each one is as happy as he can be.

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Yes, heaven, a great sociable, with joy like the joy of the husking time.

day for a young man and his mother. And I would that I could break up your sadness, and halt the long funeral procession of the world's grief by some cheering and cheerful view of the last transition.

We all know that husking time was a time of frost. Frost on the fence, frost on the stubble, frost on the ground, frost on the bare branches of the trees.

So we realize that the death of our friends is the nipping of many expectations, the freezing, the chilling, the frosting of many of our hopes.

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life time eternity. And what is more strange about it all is, we may all get there. "Not I," says some one standing back under the galleries.

There are monopolies on earth, monopolistic railroads and monopolistic telegraph companies, and monopolistic grain dealers, but no monopoly in religion.

"But," says some one, "do you really think I would be at home in that supernatural society if I should reach it?"

And so it will be in heaven. Our Father will gather his children around him, and the neighbors will come in, and the past will be rehearsed.

What though John Milton sit down on one side, and John Howard sit down on the other side.

RAISES MINT.

This is the Queer Business of a Woman in Michigan.

Buffalo Express: A little woman up in Michigan carries on a very remunerative business raising mint.

Gibbon in Parliament.

Edward Gibbon, the great historian, sat in parliament for many years, but achieved no success in the house.

SPAIN'S POLICY OF DELAY.

Another Cabinet Council Is Held at Madrid.

SAGASTA WILL NOT HURRY.

He Says the Government Has Not Yet Decided Upon Its Answer to the United States—Will Wait Until Proposed Cuban Reforms Are Published.

After a cabinet council Senor Sagasta announced to the newspaper men that no final decision had been taken in regard to the reply which Spain will make to the note of the United States handed to the Duke of Tetuan.

Premier Sagasta in agreement with Senor Gullon, the minister for foreign affairs, proposes to send a moderate reply, declaring the policy of Spain is to await events and to take such measures as consideration and prudence dictate.

Murdered Fifteen Wives. A man named Gustave Muller has surrendered to the police at Rotterdam, confessing the murder of his wife and child.

Lynching Threatened in Kentucky. The jail at Newport, Ky., where Jackson and Walling were banged last May for the murder of Pearl Bryan was surrounded by a mob Thursday which threatened to lynch eleven men charged with criminally assaulting Mrs. Thomas Gleason.

President Crespo Is Well. In view of the published reports that President Crespo of Venezuela was dangerously ill, Minister Andrade cabled to Caracas, and received an answer saying: "President Crespo had a slight indisposition, but is already well."

Big Fire in an Ohio Village. Fire broke out at Gibsonburg, Ohio, Friday night. Twenty-one buildings were burned, including that in which the postoffice was located.

NEW MINISTER TO DENMARK.



Lauris S. Swenson of Minnesota has been appointed by President McKinley envoy extraordinary and minister plenipotentiary to Denmark.

Knights to Meet at Eikhart. The convention of the Knights of Pythias of Northern Indiana and Southern Michigan is to be held at Eikhart, Ind., October 29.

Whisky Trust in Formation. A whisky trust of tremendous proportions is about to be formed.

ELECT THEIR OFFICERS.

Illinois Christian Endeavorers Close Their State Convention. The annual rally of the Illinois Junior Christian Endeavor society was held at Chicago Saturday morning, afternoon and evening.

India Will Not Reopen Mints. It is said the Indian government, in reply to a further pressing invitation by the British cabinet to consider Senator Wolcott's proposals, has answered that it cannot reopen the question of the Indian currency and it will not be a party to the reopening of the mints for the free coinage of silver.

Wants Agricultural Attache. Secretary Wilson in his report will recommend to congress the creation of a new office in connection with the diplomatic service.

For the Old Form of Faith. The Universalist convention of Michigan recommended that the constitution be amended so as to make the essential principles of faith simply the fatherhood of God, the spiritual leadership of Jesus Christ and the final harmony of all souls with God.

Canada Wants a Loan. W. S. Fielding, Canadian minister of finance, is in London to negotiate a loan of £2,000,000 to take up outstanding obligations of Canada and to assist in the railroad and canal developments of the Dominion.

Royal Arch Masons at Baltimore. The General Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons assembled at Boston Monday in triennial convocation.

Switzerland to Purchase Railroads. The national council of Switzerland adopted a bill providing for the purchase of the five principal railroads of Switzerland at a cost approximating 1,000,000,000 francs, or \$200,000,000, which is a loan projected.

Gold Coming Our Way. Gold is coming our way in large quantities, and it is expected that before the end of the week not less than \$25,000,000 will have been imported.

Charged with the Murder of His Son. Fred Hicken, over whose head hangs the charge of murder of his five-year-old son at Fond du Lac, Wis., has been captured.

ILLINOIS NEWSLETS.

RECORD OF MINOR DOINGS OF THE WEEK.

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

Springfield Telegram.—The secretary of state has licensed the incorporation of the following companies: The Morden Frog and Crossing works, Chicago, certified to a decrease in capital stock from \$500,000 to \$175,000.

Assumption.—Twelve weeks have passed without rain and the country is burning up. Streams have dried up and fish are dying in large numbers.

Princeton Telegram: The drought of six weeks has greatly damaged the winter wheat and rye, and the acreage of these will be cut down to less than one-third the usual amount.

Denver, Col.—Governor John H. Tanner and wife of Illinois arrived in Denver as guests of President J. W. Gates of the Illinois Steel Rail company, in his private car.

Springfield telegram.—The state superintendent of insurance has issued a license to the Home Mutual Life Insurance Company of Detroit, Mich., to transact a life insurance business in this state on the assessment plan.

Carlyle Telegram: Fire was discovered in a pile of sawdust beneath the large sawmill at Zachary switch, seven miles south of this city.

Rockford Telegram: The drought still continues in this section, not a drop of rain having fallen in over a month.

Medora.—A fire that broke out at 3 a. m. in the rear of Robling's hardware store spread rapidly, and in two hours had destroyed the building and seventeen others adjoining, practically wiping out the business portion of this town.

Jacksonville.—A total wreck occurred on the Wharsh road near Naples yesterday evening, and Charles Anderson, an engineer, is dead, and other trainmen more or less severely injured.

Lincoln telegram.—Parental interference, with the assistance of a policeman, spoiled an elopement tonight.

Daniel B. Hubbard, one of Chicago's early settlers, died last week at his home, No. 6356 Monroe avenue, from heart failure.

Quincy, Telegram.—The announcement that the Chicago, Burlington and Quincy will within the next eight months spend \$500,000 in improvements has been received by citizens with great delight.

Iowa Miners End the Strike. At the meeting of the miners at Des Moines, Iowa, Friday, the following resolution was adopted: "Resolved, That we allow all mines to resume work that will pay 85 cents a ton from now until April 1, on condition that they will stop off 10 cents on the dollar and turn the same over to an authorized committee; second, that all men get their work back again."