

TALMAGE'S SERMON.

"SINS OF THE TONGUE." SUNDAY'S SUBJECT.

From the Text: Acts V. 1-10, as follows: "A Certain Man Named Ananias, With Sapphira His Wife, Sold a Possession." Etc.



WELL-MATCHED pair, alike in ambition and in falsehood, Ananias and Sapphira. They wanted a reputation for great beneficence, and they sold all their property, pretending to put the entire proceeds in the charity fund, while they put much of it in their own pocket.

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First of all, I speak of agricultural falsehoods. There is something in the presence of natural objects that has a tendency to make one pure. The trees never issue false stock.

The tendency in all rural districts is to suppose that sins and transgressions cluster in our great cities; but citizens and merchants long ago learned that it is not safe to calculate from the character of the apples on the top of the farmer's barrel what is the character of the apples all the way down toward the bottom.

Easy, is it? Let those who get their living on the quiet farm and barn take the place of one of our city merchants and see whether it is so easy.

I pass on to consider commercial lies. There are those who apologize for deviations from the right and for practical deception by saying it is commercial custom.

There are large fortunes gathered in which there is not one drop of the sweat of unrequited toil, and not one spark of bad temper flashes from the bronze bracket, and there is not one drop of needlewoman's heart blood on the crimson plush.

But there are just as many falsehoods before the counter as there are behind the counter. A customer comes in and asks: "How much is this article?"

Social life is struck through with insincerity. They apologize for the fact that the furnace is out; they have not had any fire in it all winter.

I pass on to speak of ecclesiastical lies, those which are told for the advancement or retarding of a church or sect.

Then, how often it is that there are misrepresentations on the part of individual churches in regard to other churches—especially if a church comes to great prosperity.

decrepit, and the congregation are so hardly bested in life that their pastor goes with elbows out, then there will always be Christian people in churches who say, "What a pity! what a pity!"

But some one says, "The deception that I practice is so small that it don't amount to anything." Ah, my friends, it does amount to a great deal.

May God extirpate from society all the ecclesiastical lies, and all the social lies, and all the mechanical lies, and all the commercial lies, and all the agricultural lies, and make every man to speak the truth of his neighbor.

GROWING OLD. Our Friends and Our Enemies—Of Interest to the Public at Large. Our enemies (when we are old)—and who is without them?—no longer annoy us.

Shakespeare's Daughter. Shakespeare's daughter, Judith, who was 32 when he died, survived him forty-six years and became a Puritan.

She—"Did you see anything in New York that reminded you of Philadelphia?" He—"Yes; the messenger boys."—Harlem Life.

MUST ANNEX HAWAII.

POLICY AGREED UPON BY ALL POLITICAL PARTIES.

Treaties from Marcy to McKinley—We Need the Gibraltar of the Pacific—Prompt Action Urged Upon the Senate.

The United States senate should promptly ratify the Hawaiian Annexation Treaty next December.

For fifty years past the policy of the United States has been to exclude other nations from the political control of Hawaii.

"I trust the French will not take possession (of Hawaii); but if they do, the grand jury would also further recommend the erection of a new building on the poor farm for the insane society.

Geo. E. ROYCE, Foreman. Wm. CLAPLIN, Clerk.

OCTOBER PIANO SALE.

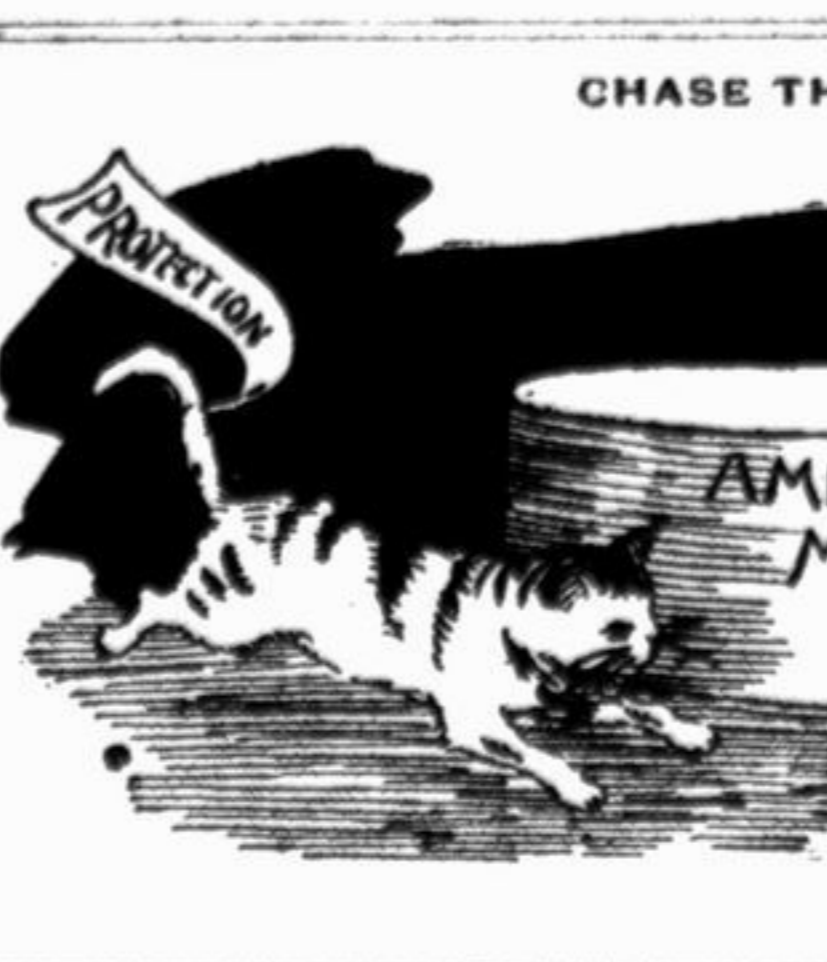
We urge an early call from every intending piano buyer in Downers Grove and vicinity. We are making during October, a general clearance sale.

Every visitor is invited to inspect our complete line of Bradburys in up rights and cabinet and parlor grands.

The reasons for the adoption of this policy are self-evident. Hawaii is the equator, that is near enough to the Pacific coast to be used as a base of naval operations against us.

A foreign power in possession of Hawaii would compel the elaborate fortification of every port on the Pacific Coast in order to afford protection to our people and property out there.

fortify one point in Hawaii than twenty points in California, Washington and Oregon.



CHASE THE RAT.

AMERICAN MARKETS. The Dingley law affords a protection that will doubtless cause the wool-growing industry to revive very rapidly, and California, as one of the leading producers of that staple, will receive a proportionate share of the benefits.

Hawaii produces sugar, coffee and bananas, all of which we buy largely from foreign countries. By annexation we will produce these articles for ourselves.

Republican Dollar Wheat. The Shreveport jobbers and wholesalers unite in saying that the business season is opening nicely and promises to be unusually active.

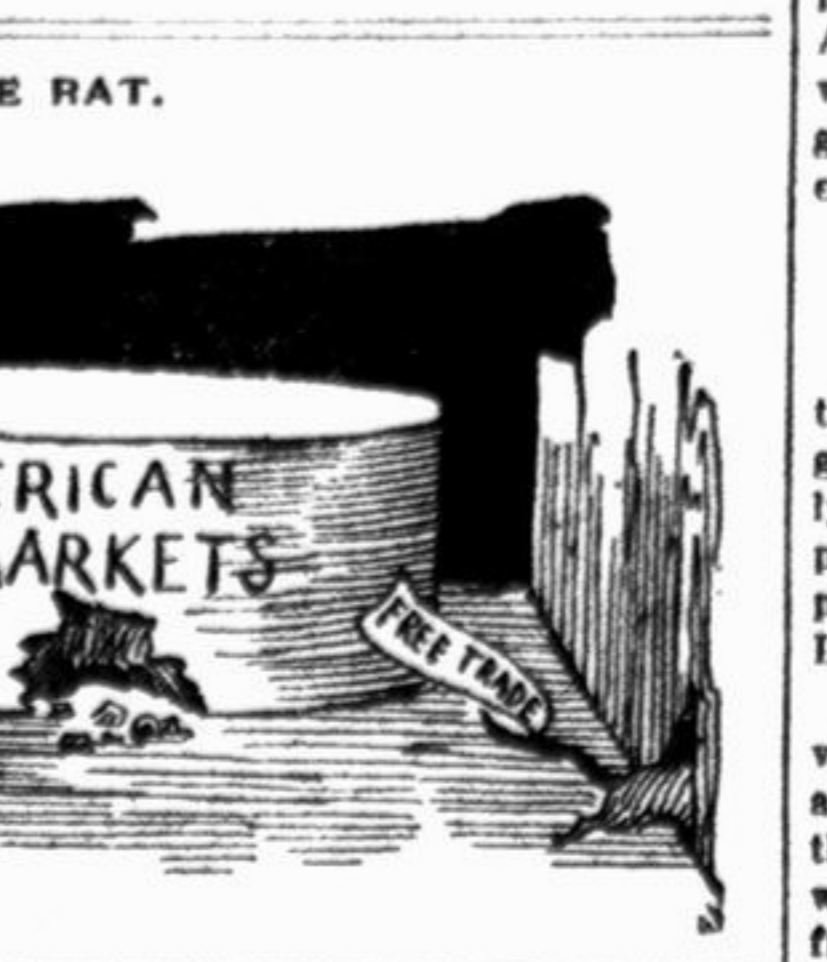


Dollar Wheat of Democracy.



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ANGLO-CANADIAN TRADE.

One-Sided Arrangement Proposed by Their Discriminating Duties.

A long article from the London Times shows clearly the English anticipations of future trade with Canada, also what share of the English trade the Englishman proposes shall be captured by the Canadian.

But the first trouble likely to arise, as it seems to us, is that the buying and selling transactions are not arranged through the same agency.

When the English dealer in farm products makes his purchases he must bear in mind that he has to sell them again in competition with a thousand other dealers in food supplies.

We are afraid the Canadians are liable to be disappointed with their end of the stick. The gilded handle will be held by John Bull.

Wool Growing in California. The Dingley law affords a protection that will doubtless cause the wool-growing industry to revive very rapidly, and California, as one of the leading producers of that staple, will receive a proportionate share of the benefits.

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