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Educational Morality

Editorial by Wm. Burgess in La Crosse Tribune

The general public is but little concerned about any personalities which may have entered into the controversy between the Rev. Johnstone Myers and Prof. Foster, but the main issue is of very general interest.

Prof. Foster is a teacher in the pay of the Chicago University—which is a Baptist organization so far as its divinity school is concerned, and this is guarded by a constitutional provision for a majority of Baptists on the general board of management of the university.

Mr. Foster is, or was, also a member of the Chicago Baptist Ministers' union. In spite of this double relation to the doctrines of the denomination he publishes a book which is distinctly opposed to them, and also accepts a position as preacher to a Unitarian church.

It should not therefore surprise anyone if the Baptist Ministers' union asks Prof. Foster to resign from that body and that failing to do so, a vote should be taken to expel him.

It is essentially immoral for any man to remain in the fellowship of an organized body whose fundamental premises he disputes and if Prof. Foster had neither the grace or honesty to retire from the Ministers' union the only thing consistent with the right and dignity of that body was to expel him.

In business life men are promptly dropped from office and pay if for any reason they become attached to opposing interests. The fraternal order quickly disposes of a disloyal member and a trades union would throw out, without sympathy or ceremony, the member who preached against its principles.

Johnstone Myers is naturally jealous of the honor of the Baptist denomination of which he is a hard working member.

Of course Prof. Foster secures much notoriety and free advertising of his book by courting a charge of heresy and raising the question of religious narrowness and bigotry, but the honest and manly thing for him to do was to declare his change of mind and resign.

The controversy has now assumed wider and more serious proportions and may involve the whole question of a standard of religious and moral teaching for universities and colleges which are founded on religious bases.

There has been a tendency of late to hold office and pay in great educational institutions which derive their support from the church and yet to be disloyal to its main doctrines and even to the moral principles based upon the marriage laws of our country.

The time has come to call a halt.

How Shall United States Senators be Elected?

There has been evidently for some time a growing lack of respect for the United States Senate as a body and for certain members of it especially. This sentiment has voiced itself in the agitation for the election of senators by popular ballot instead of by the state legislatures. As the election of senators by popular vote is not possible without an amendment of the Constitution, the senate has been able to ignore the demand.

According to the Constitution, Article 1, Section 3, Clause 1—"The Senate of the United States shall be composed of two senators from each state, chosen by the legislature thereof."

In order to amend the Constitution the initiative must be by one or the other of two methods. One is for two-thirds of both Houses to propose amendments. The Senate has never been willing to act. The other method of amending the Constitution is for Congress to call a convention for proposing amendments whenever the legislatures of two-thirds of the several states make application for such call. This method makes it necessary for thirty-one state legislatures to join in the call for a convention. Twenty-seven states are already on record in favor of the direct election of senators by popular vote.

These states are Arkansas, California, Colorado, Idaho, Indiana, Illinois, Iowa, Kansas, Kentucky, Louisiana, Michigan, Minnesota, Missouri, Montana, Nebraska, Nevada, North Carolina, Oklahoma, Oregon, Pennsylvania, South Dakota, Tennessee, Texas, Utah, Washington, Wisconsin, Wyoming.

It is more than probable that the remaining four states could be obtained to complete the requisite two-thirds to make the call, but the Constitution provides that the amendments proposed by such convention shall be valid only when ratified by the legislatures of three-fourths of the several states, or by conventions in three-fourths thereof, as the one or the other mode of ratification may be proposed by the congress. This would require thirty-five States instead of twenty-seven States.

It seems very evident, however, to the thoughtful student of our civic conditions that some change or changes in our constitution will soon be imperatively demanded. It would seem to be the duty of every good citizen to give this question thoughtful consideration.

True Politeness

Why should a gentleman remove his lighted cigar from his mouth when approaching a lady but continue puffing in the presence of a gentleman? We have often wondered whence originated this double conception of what constitutes true politeness. If it is impolite to smoke tobacco in the presence of a lady, why is it impolite? Is it because tobacco smoke is offensive to a lady? And if it is offensive to a lady, on what ground is it offensive? Is it because it is injurious to inhale, even second handed, or because it is simply disagreeable? Is it not correct to call every act impolite which needlessly mars the happiness of another? If so, does it apply only to marring the happiness of ladies? Or does it apply equally to marring the happiness of gentlemen? Do not the true principles of politeness apply as much to the one as to the other?

I do not believe tobacco smoke is any more offensive to my wife than it is to me. It is offensive to me not only because it is nauseating and injurious but because I am entitled to a full supply of heaven's uncontaminated air.

I entered a Chicago elevator the other day and just as it was starting a pompous young fellow entered puffing a vile cigarette. It seemed to me to be about the most sickening one I had ever encountered. Perhaps it was partly due to the fact that I was weary, and the elevator passage was very close.

I am reminded of a Quaker story I have somewhere heard which seems to me quite appropriate:

A Quaker traveling in a coach said to a fellow-passenger: "Sir, thee seems well dressed, and would not demean thyself to any ungentlemanly action, would thee?" The young man replied with spirit: "Certainly not." "Suppose thee invited me to thy house, thee would not think of offering me thy glass to drink out of after thee had drank out of it thyself, would thee?" "Abominable! No. Such an offer would be most insulting." "Still less would thee think of offering me thy knife and fork to eat with, after putting them into thy mouth, would thee?" "To do that would be an outrage on all decency, and show such a wretch was out of the pale of civilized society." "Then why should thee wish me to take into my mouth and nostrils the smoke from that cigar, which thou art sending out of thine own mouth?"

The following letter of Mayor Graham of Wichita, Kansas, is self-explanatory:

Wichita, Kas., April 24, '08.

My Dear Sir: Wichita, Kansas with a population of 45,000 or 50,000 souls, closed its saloons, gambling dens and houses of prostitution April 15th, 1907.

Building permits issued from April 4, 1907, to April 1, 1908, aggregate \$1,353,671, an increase of \$698,281 over the preceding twelve months. Public improvements undertaken during 1907 are: Drainage and sewer system, \$500,000; bridges, \$150,000; paving, \$200,000; fire stations, \$25,000, and high school, \$150,000.

Our merchants are probably getting \$300,000 a year that formerly went for liquor. Many who opposed the closing are now glad it has been accomplished. Bank deposits have increased, rents are just as high and good store rooms are still in demand.

The loss in revenue has not been felt, and I do not think our city will ever again tolerate the open saloon. Yours truly, J. H. GRAHAM, Mayor.

He Knew what He Wanted.

A certain old gentleman's lack of "polish" is a sad trial to his eldest daughter. Not long ago the family were gathered in the library, one of the windows of which was open.

"That air—" the father began, but was quickly interrupted.

"Father, dear, don't say 'that air'—say 'that there,'" the daughter admonished.

"Well, this ear—" he again attempted, but was as quickly brought to a halt.

"Not 'this ere'; 'this here' is correct," he was told.

The old gentleman rose with an angry snort. "Look here, Mary," he said. "Of course I know you have been to school and all that, but I reckon I know what I want to say, an' I am going to say it. I believe I feel cold in this ear from that air, and I'm going to shut the window?"

Rev. G. F. Courier Married

Former Pastor of the Highland Park Ebenezer Church Gives Friends a Surprise.

It is usually the Church that loves to surprise its pastor, but this time the pastor surprises the Church. We publish the following article from an Elgin paper:

Rev. George Frederick Courier, of Chicago, and Miss Valeria Kirkpatrick, of Elgin, have perpetrated a surprise on their relatives and friends and the friends and relatives have in turn surprised them.

They are estimable young people and have been engaged for a year or more, but it was intended that the wedding should take place until fall. On Monday they went to Crown Point, Indiana, and there securing a marriage license drove to the home of Rev. Howard H. Dunlavy, pastor of the M. E. church at Crown Point. The young people planned to keep the marriage secret until the fall and then announce it at the festivities arranged for them. But there was a newspaper reporter lingering around and he had an instinct that told him that there was to be a wedding.

After they had gone he obtained the facts and then transmitted them to Elgin where they were made public. In the meantime the young people had returned to the home of the bride in Elgin and were happy with their great secret. It was not until the newspaper men consulted the father that the marriage became known to the family.

Mrs. Courier is a winsome young lady and only child of Dr. E. Kirkpatrick of 511 Barrett place and has won a large circle of friends since the family became residents of Elgin. She is a graduate of the Chicago College of Music and is soloist at the Grace M. E. church. Mr. Courier is a graduate of the Northwestern University. His former home was at Wells, Minn.

The NEWS-LETTER wishes to unite with a host of friends in congratulating Mr. and Mrs. Courier and to wish them a long and happy married life.

Concert at Gads Hill.

The Gads Hill Campers were delightfully entertained last evening by the Young Men's Club Band from Lake Forest. The boys and girls were so eager for the music to begin that they could not wait for the band to arrive, but lined up and marched out to meet it one hundred and fifty strong, making the air lively with their camp yells and songs.

Dr. Proxmier, the leader, and the members of the band seemed pleased at the cordial reception given them by the boys and girls.

The music was delightful and the camp grounds presented a pleasing spectacle. The band was stationed on the platform outside of the dining room and the campers sat on benches or on the ground and enjoyed the music.

After rendering several delightful selections they closed with the Star Spangled Banner, the three hundred campers standing and singing the words. It is the hope of all who heard them that Dr. Proxmier will bring his band again and give us another entertainment.

"No star is ever lost we once have seen; We always may be what we might have been." HOLMES.

Is it true, is it really a fact that we may always be what we might have been? Did Dr. Holmes mean us to interpret his words literally? Can a lad spend his boyhood in idleness, his young manhood in shiftlessness, and then in the latter half of his life make good the lost training, the lost opportunities, and may he still be and do all he might have been and done? In a word, have in his latter years all the mental power he might have had, and all the potency of soul that might have been his? Can one live the first half of his life in vice and licentiousness and still reach later the same high plane of purity that he might have reached? If a man plays the sotten twenty or thirty years, can he possibly at fifty, sixty or seventy years of age be as clear of brain, as vigorous of muscle, as healthy of blood as he might have been? Else what means the warning of Scriptures—"Whatsoever a man soweth that shall he also reap;" and again—"They have sown the wind and they shall reap the whirlwind."

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Rose Harris Killed

C. and M. Express Car Strikes Woman, while attempting to cross tracks and kills her instantly

At 10:30 Thursday evening a south-bound Chicago and Milwaukee Electric car No. 6 struck Miss Rose Harris (colored) of Highland Park, causing instant death. The Coroner's inquest took place Friday morning at Prior's undertaking rooms and brought in a verdict of death caused by accident. Miss Harris was attempting to cross the tracks when the car struck her.

The Coroner's jury was composed of R. G. Evans, James H. Duffy, John H. Sheehan, H. Friebele and Fred Rubolph. Miss Harris had only been in Highland Park a short time.

Lake Reveals a Tragedy?

Wm. Madison of the Railroad Men's Home found a strange missive while fishing in the lake at Roger Williams avenue Thursday. The following note was in a pint bottle: "Whoever finds this note will please notify my parents 1137 Sheffield avenue, and also my lover, Harry Hodge. I bid them all a last farewell, Eilel Whales." The writing is plain with the exception of the name of the lover and the girl's first name.

Rev. Courier, former pastor of the Ebenezer Evangelical Church, attended the Sunday School picnic on Thursday. Mr. Courier is looking well and his many friends were delighted to see him.

Mrs. Bert Skidmore is very ill at her home on Green Bay Road of Typhoid Fever. Her many friends hope for her speedy recovery.

The Sunday School of the Ebenezer Church held their annual picnic at the lake front Central Ave. on Thursday. The usual pastimes were engaged in and all enjoyed themselves.

U. S. Civil Service Examinations.

A competitive examination under the rules of the U. S. Civil Service Commission, for the position of Clerk-Carrier in the post office service for Highland Park, Illinois, will be held on August 20, 1909, in Chicago, Illinois, commencing at 9 o'clock a. m.

Applications for this examination must be made on the prescribed form, which, with necessary instructions, may be obtained from the Commission's local representative, Miss Theckla L. Hintz, Secretary, Board of Examiners, at the Highland Park, Illinois, Post office, or from the undersigned.

Applications will not be accepted unless received by the undersigned before 4:30 o'clock p. m., on August 12, 1909. All persons wishing to take this examination should secure blanks and fill them out at once in order to allow time for any necessary corrections.

PETER NEWTON, Secretary Civil Service Board.

13th Floor, Federal Building, Chicago, Illinois.

Noticed of Letting Contract.

Notice is hereby given that bids will be received by the Foreman of Street Work of the City of Highland Park on or before 7:30 p. m. August 3, 1909, for the furnishing of all labor and materials necessary for the construction of a concrete cement sidewalk on the westerly side of Green Bay Road in the City of Highland Park from the northerly line of Vine avenue thence northerly to the southerly line of Chicago avenue, according to the ordinance adopted by the City Council of the City of Highland Park for said improvement.

All proposals or bids must be accompanied by a certified check payable to the City of Highland Park for not less than 10 per cent of the aggregate of the proposal.

Ten (10) per cent of the contract price will be held back from the contractor for sixty (60) days after the completion of the work and if at the expiration of said time the sidewalk is satisfactory to the Foreman of Street Work, payment in full will be made upon furnishing of a bond equal to ten (10) per cent of the contract price, guaranteeing said improvement against defects arising from poor material or workmanship for a period of two years from the completion and acceptance thereof.

JOHN HART, JR.,

Foreman of Street Work, City of Highland Park.