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PRESBYTERIAN PASTOR PREACHES FINE SERMON

TELS CONGREGATION OF THE DANGERS OF NOMINAL CHURCH MEMBERS.

In a powerful sermon last Sunday, Rev. Jesse C. Rowan, pastor of the Camden Presbyterian church, told of the great curse to the church of its nominal or unconverted members. His text was from Luke 14th chapter and 31st verse: "What king, going to make war with another king, sitteth not down first, and consulteth whether he be able with ten thousand to meet him that cometh against him with twenty thousand." Mr. Rowan said:

"If there is one class of men that we should pray God to deliver his church from today, it is that class which we denominate nominal church members—unconverted people in the church. I verily believe that a dozen men, who have never openly confessed Christ at all, do the cause of Christianity far less damage than a single nominal Christian. When you hear a person outside the church making light of the habit of prayer, you simply say that he is a blasphemous person and pass on. But, oh, what a different impression it makes to hear a church member doing this!

"Jesus Christ did not wish any man to follow him lightly and inconsiderately. He did not desire nominal followers. So he turned around and counselled the great multitude that followed him to first 'count the cost.' He counselled them to consider well the enemies that opposed them. 'What king,' said he, 'going to make war with another king, sitteth not down first, and consulteth whether he be able with ten thousand to meet him that cometh against him with twenty thousand?'"

"Jesus plainly and distinctly told them that it costs something to be a Christian—far more than the most of them were willing to pay. He told them that a Christian has foes to face and meet.

"My purpose today is to ask you to consider the foes that we have to face in this world as Christians, and whether we can with our own power overcome them. And if not, to ask you to turn to the resources which are offered in Christ Jesus, our Lord.

"Now, if we would be true disciples of Christ; if we would be 'soldiers of the cross,' what foes must we meet and overcome, or be conquered by them? Suppose we let the word of God name them.

"It calls one of them 'the world.' Now what is the 'world'? We often say that a man is a worldly man. What is the significance of that term? Too often when we use it we refer to something a man does or leaves undone. Men frequent the theatre and play cards, and they are termed worldly; and people who abstain from these things are labelled unworldly. Now I am not defending these things, but I do not think that covers it in the slightest degree. Worldliness is not in doing this or leaving that undone. Worldliness is in the spirit. It is the atmosphere of the soul. It is the spirit of the horizontal. It is the spirit of the level with no peaks of experience, rising heaven-ward. Worldliness looks on and out, but it never looks up and prays. It is ambition not aspiration. Its motto is forward, never upward. Its goal is success, never holiness. Its chief end is to glorify self, not God. Worldliness is a life without the plumb—without the upward calling in Christ Jesus, our Lord. The man who looks on and out to the level end, who has no aspiration, no Heavenly vision, no prayer would be termed by the Master of the world, worldly.

"Another enemy which we have to face and meet is the flesh—not the carnal power of the body, but the carnal power of the body expressing itself in vanity and pride. The flesh that crushes the soul and rides it instead of the soul's dictating the movements of the flesh. We have the flesh to meet.

"Another enemy which we have to face is the devil? What is the devil? Who is the devil? He is 'The prince of the power of the

air.' The devil does not spring upon us like a tiger. He comes into your life and mine as noiselessly as the cool hours of the morning and lets down the temperature. He comes as 'the Prince of the power of the air' and lowers the moral atmosphere. You were just praying earnestly and suddenly you experienced a chill. You questioned: What is the use? It was 'the prince of the power of the air.' You start out to live a clean life and before you know it your fervour is chilled and you have returned to the filth as a 'dog returns to his vomit.'" It is the "prince of the power of the air." We have the devil to meet.

"What shall we do with these enemies? The gospel tells us three things. It says that the Lord can deal with the past, the present and the future and change them all.

"It says that we can be forgiven. The word translated 'forgiven' was a fisherman's word. When Peter's boat was fastened to land with a rope, he would call to his partner and tell him to loose the boat and set her free. The word here used by the apostle was the word used by Christ when he said 'forgiven.' When a man sins he is robbed of his place. Christ cuts the rope and sets the victim free. There is another word used. 'I will wash you.' This is not the word used in reference to washing hands but the word used in reference to washing clothes—the uncleanness washed right out. This washing is not a washing 'off' or 'over,' it is a washing 'through.' While it is a 'spiritual washing' it is a 'sanitary washing.' Then the Bible says that the Lord will take our sins and put them 'behind his back.' Where is that? It is where no man has ever been or can ever be.

"So much for the past. What will the Lord do with the present? What do I need now? I need strength. That is precisely what the Bible offers to the man who turns to Christ Jesus. When a man turns to Christ his temptations are not destroyed. They are often multiplied. But something else is increased also, namely: my power to meet them. The man who turns to Jesus will not be suffered by Jesus to be 'tempted above that he is able.'

"Finally, the Bible says: 'I can make you triumphant.' The only way to prove this is to test it. How can we test it? We can test it by faith. What is faith? Faith is not blind judgement. Faith is more than belief. Some people have mountains of belief who haven't the faith of a grain of mustard seed. 'Belief is mental, faith is volitional.' Belief is the boat, faith takes the voyage. Belief is the confidence that the 'gang plank' is strong; faith goes across. 'Belief is legislative, faith is administrative.' You can not have faith without the action and progress of the soul. If you turn to Christ for delivery from 'the world, the flesh and the devil' you must give Christ your will."

OPENS BRANCH OFFICE.

Carolina Casualty Company To Use Savage Building.

The Carolina Casualty Company has recently opened a branch office in Camden, and are now getting in shape to do a larger business for the company here. The business is in charge of Mr. W. R. Driver, a hustling insurance man, formerly of Charleston, who has been with the company for the past six years.

In speaking of his coming to Camden Mr. Driver says his company recognizes Camden as one of the very best towns in South Carolina, hence they will increase their force to three men in the course of several weeks. Mr. Driver is a pleasant gentleman and is making friends for himself and gaining patrons for his company.

Doing Well in Florida.

The many Camden friends of Mr. John F. Jenkins were glad to see him here for a few days this week. John went to Florida where he was awarded a large government contract for plumbing. After completing the job he liked Florida so well he decided to make it his home. He has recently completed several large contracts in that state and is meeting with much success in this business.

HOW MRS. CARRIE NATION WORKED ATLANTA PAPERS

WHEN SHE FISHED SHE FISHED WHERE FISHES WERE.—MADE BIG MONEY.

The activities of Mrs. Carrie Nation while lecturing in vaudeville theatre in Atlanta several years ago are recounted in an interesting way by John M. Gregory, her former press agent, in an interview in the New York Sun. Mr. Gregory, an old Atlantan, managed the publicity end of Mrs. Nation's engagements at the old El Dorado, and framed up several of the stunts which brought her space in the newspapers. His interview was rendered timely by the recent death of Mrs. Nation.

"The two dominant features of Carrie Nation's character were diametrically opposed," says Mr. Gregory. "On the one side was the crusader, the leader, the fearless fanatic boldly defying the world, greedy for money and seeking the best method for getting it, alive to the value of advertising and quick to grasp the dramatic and sensational.

"On the other hand was her simple, motherly character, as lovable as that of any woman I have ever known. Sometimes she would make one wonder how she could be the sternest of sterns. She rarely referred to her smashing tours, and when she did it was with a quiet little laugh, her gray eyes sparkling and her fist clenched as she would describe how the men would flee out of the saloon by the rear door when she entered the front. The waste, the injustice, the criminal side of her actions, never entered her head.

"Many of Carrie Nation's sensational deeds were inspired by her press agents or the press agents of the theatres in which during a few years she worked. She was keen, too, in making her contracts. She received from \$250 to \$1,000 a week for lectures at theatres and always with the privileges of selling in the lobby her little gold hatchet pins and the history of her life. This privilege would net her \$100 to \$250 a week extra.

"The first work I did for her was as press agent for a theatre in Atlanta, Ga. The house was putting on sensational plays at popular prices and Carry Nation was signed for two 20-minute lectures each day, for which she received \$500 for the week with the usual lobby privileges. The house manager chose 'Ten Nights in a Bar Room' for the weeks production and Mrs. Nation's profits for the period amounted to nearly \$1,000.

"In spite of the money she made she refused absolutely to stop at a first-class hotel. She preferred rather to go to a cheap place because she said, she needed her money more than the hotel keepers did."

"Not a single suggestion made by me with a view to making her stay in Atlanta more sensational was rejected by her. She arrived Sunday night and early Monday morning began her crusade. There was a big advertisement for cigarettes in a drug store window in the center of the city in which a man made up to represent a manakin with electric wires attached smoked cigarettes. I suggested that Mrs. Nation pull him out of the window backward.

"Of course there was a big lot of people in front of the window and the little woman saw her first chance for a sensation. She marched determinedly into the store, and stopped in the center and began a tirade against cigarette smoking.

"Then, when the store became crowded with people she went to the window, opened the back of it, grasped the performer inside by the scruff of the neck and yanked him to the floor. The manakin was so surprised that he became gvanized into the liveliest lay figures imaginable and the crowd roared. The next day the window was empty, and remained so for the rest of her stay in Atlanta.

"I suggested to her that Governor Hoke Smith was an inveterate smoker. 'Is he?' Well, let's go to see him she said. 'It'll make newspaper talk, won't it?'"

"We went to Hoke Smith's office,

but that gentleman was too shrewd for Mrs. Nation. He recognized her when she opened his door without being announced and immediately threw his cigar into a cuspidor. Mrs. Nation was satisfied to give him a mild reprimand, and we left for more fertile fields.

"Down to the police station the little woman marched, followed by a crowd, which jeered and laughed at her. When we went into the station the chief was seated at his desk and smoking a big black cigar. Mrs. Nation went up to him, grasped the cigar and crushed it in her hand. 'Don't you know you are smoking yourself into hell?' she screamed. Then she lit into the chief and gave him the warmest ten minutes he had experienced for some time.

"Of course the newspapers were full of Mrs. Nation's doings, and none could be more pleased at the publicity than she. She would get out on the streets at 7 o'clock in the morning and work until the midday. I asked her once why she did it. 'It's good advertising, son,' she smiled. 'It gets the people into the theatre and we need the money.'

"Mrs. Nation cleared nearly \$150,000 from her lectures in churches and theatres. She would refuse, however to go to a church if a theatre made her a better offer. A minister once upbraided her for this, but she snapped him up with, 'When I fish I go where the fishes are.' She died leaving an estate of only \$10,000. All the money she made had gone to the support of tracts and various prohibition papers."

GOOD ROADS TRAIN WILL SPEND FEW HOURS HERE

SOUTHERN RAILWAY'S SPECIAL TRAIN WILL ENTER STATE ON SEPTEMBER 4TH.

Washington, D. C., Aug. 8.—The special train, to be operated by the Southern Ry., the Augusta Southern Railroad and affiliated lines in co-operation with the United States Office of Public Roads, will commence its tour of South Carolina and Georgia September 4. It will spend practically a month in South Carolina making exhibitions at points along the Southern Railway, and on September 29th will enter Georgia to visit points along the Augusta Southern Railroad.

The "Road Improvement Train" is being sent out by the Southern Railway to further the movement for better wagon roads throughout the South and at the same time to give practical information to farmers and road officials as to the building of roads and their repair.

The appointments for Camden, Lancaster and Sumter are as follows:

Sept. 18, Monday, Lancaster, 10 a. m., Camden, 3 p. m.

Sept. 19, Tuesday, Sumter, 1:30 p. m.

Free lectures and demonstrations showing the importance of good roads and how to build them and keep them in repair at the smallest necessary cost will be conducted at each stop by two road building experts of the United States Department of Agriculture, Messrs. L. E. Boykin and H. S. Fairbanks, assisted by a representative of the Land & Industrial Department of the Southern Railway. Two coaches of the train are filled with exhibits, pictures and working models, and the lectures are illustrated with stereopticon views. At great expense the Southern Railway and affiliated lines are handling this train without charge to the government in order that the people along its lines may have the opportunity to receive the valuable information as to road building which it affords.

Down to the Hind.

A grocery salesman entering a store found the place in charge of the delivery boy. Upon being asked where the proprietor was, the boy replied:

"I am the whole cheese here." The traveling man departed, leaving a note for the proprietor, which the boy promptly opened.

"Permit me to suggest," it read, "that you are nearly out of cheese."—Success Magazine.

LARGE CROWD IN ATTENDANCE AT THE BIG FRATERNAL PICNIC

COUNTY AND CITY PEOPLE GATHER AT HAMPTON PARK FOR PLEASANT DAY. BAND MUSIC AND SPEECHES.

Picnic day has come and gone. The great gathering of Friday, August 4th is now a thing of history, and one more red letter day has been added to Camden's already long list. Heavy rains fell early in the day and dark threatening clouds hovered over the city for several hours, until for a time things looked gloomy for the picnic. By ten o'clock, however, the skies were clear and hundreds began pouring into Camden from all directions; in a few hours fully 2500 souls had arrived to avail themselves of the opportunity for a good time. There would doubtless have been more had the weather been less unfavorable.

The speakers of the day were carefully chosen, and beside furnishing entertainment for those who had assembled to hear them, gave good sound instruction on their various themes.

The Columbia Concert Band was secured to furnish music during the day as the Jefferson band which has been previously engaged could not be in attendance on account of the death of one of its members. During the morning many musical numbers were rendered by the Columbia musicians on the streets, and in the afternoon a game of ball between Camden and Cheraw furnished the amusement for hundreds.

At 12 o'clock the band marched to Hampton Park, which by custom seems to have become the regular picnic ground. A stand had been erected in the middle of the park and from here the addresses were delivered. Mr. C. W. Birchmore, acting in the capacity of chairman, introduced the various speakers.

The exercises were opened with a prayer by the Rev. Mr. J. C. Rowan, after which Mr. B. B. Clarke was introduced as the first speaker.

Mr. Clark represented the Fraternal Union of America. In speaking of that order, its purposes and its ideals, he told also of the purpose and advantage of fraternal organizations in general.

The Hon. T. G. McLeod, of Bishopville, representing the Knights of Pythias was, as is always the case in Camden, enthusiastically received. He told of the origination of that order during the strife between the sections and reviewed its history and growth.

Col. T. C. Hamer, of Bennettsville, representing the Woodmen of the World, explained the advantages of that order, laying particular stress on its insurance feature, and the fact that through the Woodmen life insurance is put in the reach of many who might otherwise not be able to carry it.

Solicitor W. Hampton Cobb spoke next for the Odd Fellows. He reviewed something of the history of this order, telling of its wonderful charities and the great good which it has done, and is still doing among the widows and orphans.

The last speaker was the Hon. M. L. Smith, representing the Masons. As usual his address was teeming with thought. He told of the antiquity of the Masonic order, and of its universality. He spoke also of the wonderful way in which it has withstood attack throughout the ages, which has resulted at various times from the prejudice against secret orders.

At the conclusion of Mr. Smith's address dinner was announced.

The long table which had been built for the purpose fairly creaked under the weight of appetizing eatables. The ladies had been called on to furnish baskets and they had responded nobly. There was everything desirable and plenty of it. Several hundred heavily laden baskets were furnished and no one went away hungry. Mr. J. F. Bateman, chairman of the table committee deserves all possible praise for the successful arrangement of things. He was assisted in his work by several of the ladies.

Unfortunately the horse races

could not come off on account of the bad condition of the streets resulting from the heavy rains. This was a disappointment to many, Fair street having been previously gotten into condition for the purpose. After dinner, however, the Kershaw Guards, together with several militiamen from Columbia, who had been invited over for the day, entertained the crowd with a sham battle. The drill was well executed and proved a fine form of entertainment.

Hundreds turned out to the game of ball between Camden and Cheraw in the afternoon. Grandstand and bleachers were filled and all available space was occupied by vehicles. In fact the great crowd reminded one of old State League times. From a standpoint of real baseball it was a swatfest, pitchers being changed often. Camden won however, and that's the principal thing after all.

It was a great day for Camden and all committees deserve credit for the success of the occasion.

The crowd was well behaved all throughout the day and drunkenness was nowhere in evidence.

HAVE OPENED AN ANNEX

Baruch - Nettles Company Branching Out with New Department.

Realizing the need of an exclusive clothing and gent's furnishing store in Camden, Baruch-Nettles Company, have opened an annex in the 5000 formerly occupied by the Camden Milling Co. These young men are both adepts in the art of selecting choice lines of goods for both old and young, and they intend to put in a line so that when a "hard to please customer" comes in he will not have to go to Columbia or Charleston to make a selection, thereby keeping his money at home. They intend to give you the right goods at the right prices and are bidding for your patronage on the merits of the goods they sell.

In enlarging their business they have also increased their advertising space in The Chronicle and tell you more about what they intend to do in a half page ad elsewhere than we can. Read it and see.

Aged Colored Couple Marry.

Daniel Coleman, aged 78 and Mollie Ferguson, aged 70, colored, who reside in the southeastern part of the county, were married in the Probate office last Saturday morning. The ceremony was performed by the Probate Judge. Their license was No. 8.

South Carolina Takes Third Place.

The total value of farm lands and buildings in the South in 1910 approximated \$6,300,000,000, of which the \$1,823,000,000 of Texas was nearly 28 per cent. Florida ranked first in the rate of increase in the value of farm lands in ten years, it being 203 per cent, with Texas second, 173 per cent; South Carolina third, 169 per cent; Georgia fourth, 166 per cent, and North Carolina fifth, 141 per cent. Florida led, too, in the rate of increase in the value of farm buildings, 144 per cent, with Georgia second, 142 per cent; South Carolina third, 137 per cent; Texas fourth, 109 per cent, and Arkansas fifth, 109 per cent. The rates of increase, 35 per cent, in the value of land and 42 per cent in the value of buildings in Maryland, were the smallest in any Southern state.—Manufacturer's Record.

Jerry's Record in Danger.

Greenville, S. C., Aug. 5.—That a Greenville county corn club boy stands a splendid chance of raising the champion acre of corn in the states, if not in the South, and therefore eclipsing the record of Jerry Moore, was the opinion voiced today by Clemson College experts and Senator B. R. Tillman.

Special Agent, C. B. Haddon, of Clemson College, Senator Tillman and other parties made a trip today in the upper section of Greenville county for the purpose of inspecting one acre of corn being grown by Edgar S. Berry, a 16-year old lad living on the farm of Mr. J. R. Childers, of Greenville.