

AN ECCENTRIC ORDER

"Holy Ghost and Us" Society Organized at Boston.

Its Members Pledged to Go Out into the World to Preach the Gospel Without Money.

Boston has got down to practical religion. The "Holy Ghost and Us society" is creating a sensation, and men, women and children are casting all their worldly belongings at the feet of F. W. Sandford, leader of the movement, and going out into the world to preach the Gospel without money and without knowing where their food or clothes or shelter is coming from.

What Mr. Sandford offers is a religion stripped of formality, dignity, and creeds. The "Holy Ghost and Us society" makes no hesitation about cursing all creeds and denominations alike. That the ministers and the press of Boston have risen against this intruder does not affect Mr. Sandford in the least.

"The Holy Ghost and Us," he said, when asked to explain the motive for the society's eccentric name, "stands for a combination that owns and moves heaven and earth.

"To us, the beings who inhabit the earth, and the Holy Ghost, the living and present representative of God, there is nothing the earth can refuse to yield. Why should people work and take their minds from spiritual things when the Holy Ghost, who is just as real and actual a living man as any of us, yet vested with supernatural power, stands here in our midst ready to provide us with a living?"

"But everyone who works does not find a living coming so easily," was suggested.

"Then it's because they have not made friends with the Holy Ghost. If you will make His acquaintance you will find that you won't have to work for a living, but that He will be at your elbow ready to provide for every need—from food and drink and clothes and shelter to your car fares."

ATHEISM BRINGS TO JAIL

New York Father Who Refuses to Send His Boy to School Because He Thinks He Can Learn About God.

Carl S. Dittner was a prisoner in the Morrisania police court, New York, the other day because he persisted in refusing to send his boy Carl, 12 years old, to the public schools so long as anything about God shall be taught in the religious exercises. Magistrate Deuel commanded him to send the boy to school, and Dittner said that he would do so with the proviso that the boy should be allowed to leave the room whenever religious exercises are held.

On December 8 Miss Margaret Marvin, a teacher in school No. 52, gave as a dictation exercise an extract from Longfellow:

Let us do our work well, both the unseen and the seen—
Make the house where God may dwell
Beautiful, entire and clean.

Carl Dittner was in the class, and he wrote the lines correctly, but left out the word "God." The teacher thought he had done so unintentionally, and asked him to write it over. He did so, but again left out the same word. She called him up and asked him why he left the word out. The boy replied that his father forbade him to speak or write the word, as there was no such thing. The teacher took him to Mr. Silver, the principal, who sent him home with a note.

In court Dittner said that this was the third time he had been compelled to take his children away from the public schools because the teachers insisted on religious teaching.

SILK SPIDERS IN VENEZUELA

A Report from Consul Plumacher Shows Great Possibilities of a New Industry.

Consul Plumacher, of Maracaibo, under date of December 29, reports to the state department that large silk-spinning spiders are found in the palm trees of Venezuela. Some produce white, some yellow silks. The consul understands that the silk has been made into handkerchiefs. A copy of the report, together with a specimen of silk which accompanied it, was referred to the department of agriculture. Under date of January 27, the Entomologist says that silk produced in this way cannot be made valuable commercially, because of the troublesome necessity of keeping the spiders separated to prevent their devouring each other. Their food being insects, this also involves considerable labor in supplying them. Attempts to utilize the silk of a Madagascar spider of the same species some years ago resulted in the discovery that the product was more expensive than ordinary silk.

HYMEN'S KNOT TIED IN A TREE

A Louisville bride had peculiar notions about weddings and she had made up her mind to have her marriage different from the ordinary ceremonial. There were to be no attendants except the maid of honor, the bride's sister, and at the appointed hour the family congregated about a large gnarled tree, the oldest growing on the country place where the alfresco service was to take place. At the same time the bride and groom, maid of honor and the clergyman came from the house, and when they reached the tree they climbed it and the ceremony was performed amid the foliage of the lower branches.

WESTMINSTER ABBEY

In Westminster abbey 1,173 persons have been buried.

DIVIDED OVER MRS. LANGTRY.

Her Election to Membership in Professional Woman's League Said to Have Aroused Opposition.

Mrs. Langtry has been duly elected a member of the Professional Woman's league, and it is said that certain resignations will follow. The Lily was made a leaguer at the meeting of the executive committee after an exciting session of that body. Her vouchers were Mrs. W. G. Jones, the veteran actress, and Mrs. Fred Ross, the sister of Lillian Russell.

The system of election in the league is peculiar. The name of the candidate, with her vouchers, is sent to the executive committee, the members of which alone have the right to vote on it. The vouchers are then called on to appear before the committee to give their candidate qualifications for membership. It is on record that Mrs. Langtry's vouchers were put through an inquisition as was never before known in league history.

When the vote was taken there were three blackballs against Mrs. Langtry. The announcement of her election was made at the postponed business meeting.

It is customary for the newly-elected to take the league pledge before the entire body at the business meeting following election. Every member rises for the solemn ceremony. Last summer Mr. Rockefeller and the inventor had a model made of the new material towed behind a whaleback boat up and down the lakes. At the end of the trip the copper skin over the steel plates was as shiny as when first put in the water. It would apparently be valuable material to make steel lake steamers. In speaking of the invention Mr. Rockefeller said: "I think the invention is one of the most remarkable that has come to my notice. The copper and steel are rolled at the same time and in the finished plates, no matter whether it is thick or thin, the copper is united with the steel so that it is impossible to break or strip it off in any way. It is practically a single thickness of metal with a copper surface on either or both sides, whichever way it is made, and it can be made either way."

LAUGH IS ON DEPEW.

How Tom Platt Turned a Neat Trick on His Colleague and Stole the Patronage Belonging to Him.

Senator "Tom" Platt the other day turned a neat trick on his colleague, Chauncey M. Depew, at the republican caucus at Washington. Some smiles were indulged in at the expense of the famous after-dinner speaker. The report of the committee charged with the distribution of patronage was read. It was to the effect that each senator should control patronage to the amount of \$2,000 in addition to his clerk. Senator Depew's name did not appear on the list. After the reading Mr. Depew called attention to the omission of his name and remarked that he supposed it was an oversight.

Senator Allison, who presided, did not venture an explanation, and there was an embarrassing pause, during which the senators looked interrogatingly at each other. No one spoke, and then all eyes were focused upon the "easy boss," who was almost buried in a comfortable armchair. He flinched and slowly rose to his feet, saying: "My distinguished colleague evidently does not understand the situation. He has been allowed to name the secretary of the senate. As that is one of the highest salaried offices in connection with this body, he is not entitled to any more patronage."

To say that Mr. Depew was astonished would be putting it mildly, and before he had recovered his wits the caucus adjourned. Everyone knows Secretary Bennett is the personal appointee of Senator Platt, and Senator Depew had nothing whatever to do with the appointment. The manner in which Mr. Platt appropriated the patronage of his colleague has afforded Senator Depew's friends an opportunity to have some fun with the genial New Yorker.

LOVING CUP FOR STEDMAN.

The Banker-Poet Affectionately Remembered on His Retirement from New York Stock Exchange.

The esteem and affection with which Edmund Clarence Stedman is regarded by his fellow members of the New York stock exchange was convincingly manifested on Mr. Stedman's last day as a board member, in the presentation to him of a silver loving cup, a compliment which, it is said, has never before been paid a member on his retirement. "Deacon" White made the presentation speech and at its close read an original poem, the closing stanza of which was: With men he's the post-banker, The banker-poet above, The pride of the masses, The pride of the masses; With men, as I with muses in love, Oh, Clarence, our loved one! when back with the muses, When back on Olympus once more, As you look from your height, With eyes of light, You'll yearn for the boys on the floor.

CALF WITH TWO HEADS.

Planter Williams, of Arkansas, Is the Possessor of a Freak of Nature.

A remarkable freak of nature was brought to Pine Bluff, Ark., the other day by J. W. Williams, a planter who resides on the outskirts of that city. The freak was a portion of a two-headed calf, which was found on Williams' place, dead. The heads were closely joined together, and had only one throat, although each had a perfectly developed mouth. Each had two eyes and one ear, and all were fully developed. The freak of nature is considered the greatest curiosity of its kind ever seen in this section.

PRACTICE MAKES PERFECT.

Gen. Buller will soon have so much practice, says the Chicago Record, that he will be able to cross the Tugela in both directions at once.

CAN TEMPER COPPER.

Rockefellers Interested in Process of a Boston Inventor.

Claim Made That the Long-Lost Process of Tempering Copper Has Been Found—Anti-Rust and Strong as Steel.

An inventor claims to have discovered the long-lost process of tempering copper, and he has succeeded in getting such a shrewd moneyed man as Frank Rockefeller, the Standard Oil millionaire, in believing in the invention. He is Charles Fletcher, of Boston. Through his inventive genius Fletcher has succeeded in making sheets of copper into wonderful thinness and with the same strength, capacity and springiness as steel. Thousands of dollars have been expended in the experiments. The process consists in rolling in hot steel plate and two heated copper plates at the same time in such a way that the copper forms a skin over the surface of the steel and gives it all the weather and wet resistance of pure copper. It will not rust and has at the same time the strength of steel. It can be stamped as well as tin and otherwise worked in ways impossible with copper.

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TO IMPROVE ARMY STAFF.

Efforts to Be Made to Pass Bill in Congress That Will Carry Out Suggestions of Secretary Root.

Efforts will be made at this session of congress to enact legislation providing for improvements in the staff of the army on the line recommended by Secretary Root in his annual report. Gen. Hull, chairman of the house military affairs committee, had a long conference with Secretary Root and the bureau chiefs of the department in regard to a bill which is being prepared with this end in view.

The recommendations made by Secretary Root are in substance that an army war college be established, composed of the heads of the staff departments and a number of competent officers of high rank to be detailed for service in the college for limited periods, so that, while the college shall be continuous in records, character and performance, it will gradually change in its personnel.

Any officer of the army below the rank of a field officer, not already a graduate of one of the service schools, should be detailed for a fixed period to receive instructions at this college in the science of war, including the duties of the staff and all matters pertaining to national defense. All staff appointments other than medical are recommended to be made from the line of the army for a period of four or five years, the holder to return to the line at the end of that period, and not be eligible to reappointment until after at least one year's service in the line. All selections of candidates for appointments and promotions in the staff and line should be made by boards of officers appointed for that purpose upon an examination and estimate of the military records.

MISS ASTOR'S SUITOR IN WAR.

Young Duke of Roxburghe Distinguishes Himself Under Gen. French in South Africa.

The young duke of Roxburghe, a captain in the Blues, is said to be a suitor for the hand of Pauline Astor, daughter of William Waldorf Astor. The duke has been distinguishing himself under Gen. French at Rensburg. A letter from a Guard's private contains a thrilling account of how a small party of Guards was surprised by the Boers, "who rained bullets and shells upon us. We had orders to retire. All of us were dismounted. "When we reached the bottom of the hills some one galloped off with my horse. The firing was getting thick and I thought my last day had come, for I saw no chance of escaping alive. But the duke of Roxburghe came back for me and I rode behind him into safety. "I owe my life to him."

Wales Getting Old.

If the prince of Wales keeps on having birthdays, says the Chicago Record, he will soon be older than his mother.

ASSURANCES. Quarante-quatrième Rapport Annuel. BUREAU DE LA COMPAGNIE D'ASSURANCES DU SUN. Nouvelle-Orléans, 2 janvier 1900.

Table with financial data for the Sun Insurance Company, including revenue and expenses for 1899. Columns include 'Primes payées à la clôture de 1899', 'Revenu durant l'année', 'Dépenses', 'Dividendes', and 'Fonds Capital'.

L'ABELLE DE LA Nlle-Orléans. TELEPHONE 1555. Advertisement for the newspaper featuring an illustration of a man in a suit holding a sign.

Bulletin Commercial. Lundi, 12 mars 1900. COTON. Marché de la Nlle-Orléans.

Table of cotton market prices for New Orleans, listing various grades and their corresponding prices.

Table of market prices for New York, including various commodities and their prices.

Table of market prices for Liverpool, listing various goods and their prices.

Table of market prices for Havre, listing various commodities and their prices.

Table of market prices for sugar and molasses, listing various grades and their prices.

Table of market prices for rice, listing various grades and their prices.

Table of market prices for flour, listing various grades and their prices.

Table of market prices for grain and fourrages, listing various types and their prices.

Table of market prices for various commodities, including oil and other goods.

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PROVISIONS. AU BOARD OF TRADE. MARCHÉ DE LA Nlle-Orléans.

Table of market prices for various provisions, including different types of flour and other goods.

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