

# SERVICES AT THE BAPTIST CHURCH.

Sunday school every Sunday at 9:30 A. M.

On the 2d and 4th Sundays in each month, preaching at 10:45 A. M. and at the usual hour in the evening.

Covenant meeting, Saturday before the second Sunday in each month, at 2:00 P. M.

Prayer meeting every Wednesday evening.

All are cordially invited to attend any of these services.

U. M. McGUIRE.

## An Astounding Declaration.

Indianapolis News, (Rep.)

The attorney for the United States in this district, Mr. S. N. Chambers, in an explanation in the Journal of why he refused to sanction the warrant against Colonel Dudley, after exhausting the law of the case, so to speak, tackles its morals thus:

"I wish, also, to state that I have read the letters printed in the press, purporting to be written by the Colonel, and, in my opinion, unattended by any extraneous evidence, they do not advise bribery, as appertaining to the election of 1888. The letters, construed in the light of the knowledge that we all possess of how elections in Indiana are conducted by both parties, have nothing in them of a criminal character, but upon the other hand, when so construed, are honorable, and indicate simply a patriotic interest in the elections."

The letter that Colonel Dudley stands charged with writing, and which neither invocation of law nor the temptation of reward can induce him to deny, said among other things:

"Divide the floaters into blocks of five and put a trusted man with necessary funds in charge of these five, and make him responsible that none gets away and that all vote our ticket."

This, Mr. Chambers declares, he thinks is not advice of bribery. This is amazing. If there is no bribery intended, why are the recipients of the letter warned to see that the "necessary assistance" is "husbanded and made to produce results." If this does not mean the debauching of the ballot box, the highest crime in our civilization, what does it mean? Will Mr. Chambers tell us?—And what does he mean by further declaring that the letter, "construed in the light of knowledge we all possess of how our elections are carried in Indiana," is not only not criminal, but honorable? We do not know the men nor the associations that hold a standard of morals which reckons such advice as "honorable" and as "indicating simply a patriotic interest in the elections," and it certainly is in order to put Mr. Chambers on the witness stand and compel him to impart some of that "knowledge" which "we all possess as to how elections in Indiana are conducted by both parties."

What does Mr. Chambers know; who are his associates? Certainly this standard of public morals makes his incumbency of a public office a shame and disgrace. President Harrison owes it no less to himself than to the public service and to this community to promptly relieve Mr. Chambers. The knobs of Crawford county might approve as "honorable" and as "indicating a patriotic interest in elections," advice to "divide floaters into blocks of five" and to put a "trusted man" with the "necessary funds" in charge of each block and make him "responsible" that "none gets away," but civilized society doesn't.

This whole Dudley episode seems to have left its slimy track on all the precincts dedicated to the United States here. The impotence of its machinery to ferret out this scoundrelly attempt to debauch a State—particularly after it showed what it could do with

public respect. To see Colonel Dudley swagger in and swagger out, decorated with congratulations like a hero, has aroused public contempt. To hear the Federal Prosecutor praising his infamy as "honorable" and "patriotic," calls for public scorn and invites the repudiation of this community and this State.

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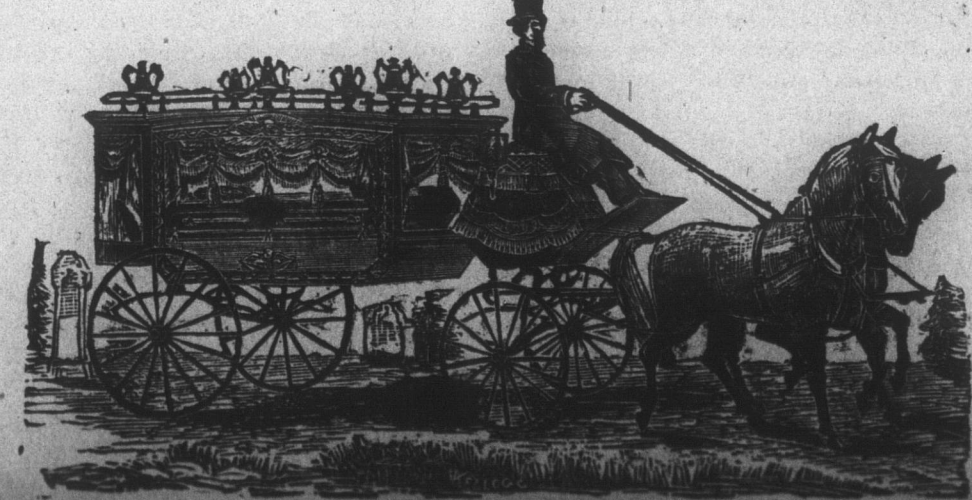
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