

PASTOR SCORES DANCING AND MODERN DRESS

Jumping Up and Down' Not Related to Terpsichorean Art, He Says.

EVE'S GARB IS TARGET

That "jumping up and down" and "hopping around" is not dancing, was the assertion of the Rev. Lewis Brown, D. D., rector of St. Paul's Episcopal Church, in a sermon last night on "The degradation of Dress," which is the second of his series of Sunday night sermons on this series of Sunday night sermons week he will preach on "Criminal Moving Pictures." His subject last week was "Shattered Homes and Broken Families." The Rev. Brown said he is in favor of normal dancing which consists of full revolutions and which is "not only enjoyable, but a healthful pleasure."

In condemning the present day dress of women Dr. Brown said that at this time in civilization people should realize that there is no place for the "Garden of Eden garb." He condemned the "wastless" and "sleek" style of the modern woman, the "parent hose," terming the present fashion "a disregard for the principles of modesty and decency," and recommended a standardized garment for women which could be worn throughout the year.

GIVE VIEWPOINT OF ENGLISHMAN

"An Englishman who was in our country once wondered why the rainy Sunday attendance at the churches was so poor and when told that people could not wear their best clothes on rainy days he showed his surprise, saying that in his country the children were taught to wear their oldest garments to church," he said.

In discussing the conditions in the high schools Dr. Brown said the high school girl cannot be blamed when she has no education in decency and modesty at home for objecting to enforced control at school. Dr. Brown pointed out that the revolution in dress has come about by degrees, at the same time declaring that "something must be done to counteract the present rightfulness of the improper dress" displayed.

In an address on "My Mother's Bible" yesterday afternoon, before the Men's Big Meeting at English's theater, the Rev. R. A. Elwood, known as the "board walk" preacher of Atlantic City, N. J., scored the modern innovations in Protestant religion as the destroyer of the teachings of the "Holy Bible." He advocated a revolution to the puritanical faith and declared that the majority of people in the congregation today do not believe in spiritual regeneration with amendment for sin. He condemned the modern church as lacking in hospitality because the religion in it is too respectable to allow an old-fashioned interchange of friendship.

FORETELLS LONESOME XMAS FOR SOME

He cited as an example of this that there will be many persons in Indianapolis who will spend a lonesome Christmas day, because nobody will ask them to spend the day in their homes.

In discussing sin the Rev. Elwood said there are too many people today who are trying to make themselves believe that there is no sin and declared that the individual who thinks sin does not exist, is no less than a liar.

At the meeting, which was the "Ladies' Day Meeting," the quartette from the Third Christian Church gave special numbers under the direction of F. E. Ellis. Preceding the meeting L. A. Von Staden's orchestra gave a thirty-minute concert. Out of the 2,047 persons present, 727 were members of the church who will be no other Sunday meetings until Jan. 6, according to the announcement of A. H. Godard, director of the "Big Meetings."

At the Capitol Avenue M. E. Church following an address by the Rev. Elwood on the persecution of the Armenians because of their Christian religion, the Sunday school of the church pledged to contribute five cents each to the Armenian peasant depicting a miniature Near East Relief cantonment with twelve beds for orphan babies was given by the children.

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Pomp and Frolic to Mark Inauguration

WASHINGTON, Dec. 20.—For the first time in 20 years, Washington is to have its inaugural ball.

The ball, which was a function of the inauguration night, was banned by President Wilson eight years ago. The committee recently appointed to arrange for the inauguration of Senator Harding had decided on the resumption of the ball, which is held in the big pension office and attended by several hundred persons—or all who can get tickets.

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Another new feature of the Harding inauguration will be a mardi gras on Pennsylvania avenue. The street, according to plans, is to be divided into sections and one section assigned to each State. There sons and daughters of the respective states will frolic in mask and fancy dress.

Incidentally, Washington merchants and hotel owners are among the strong supporters of an old-fashioned inauguration. For a week they eat smart at any old price and pay \$5 for a bed on a billiard table if the visitor is lucky.

Seeks Early Hearing in Receivership Suit

AKRON, Ohio, Dec. 20.—Attorney W. E. Young, representing the Goodyear Tire and Rubber Company, was in Columbus today to speed hearing on the suit of receivership brought against the rubber concern. The suit filed by Frank S. Monnett, Columbus, attorney, brought F. A. Selberling, Akron, before the court yesterday. The official charges Monnett's petition was filed with misrepresentations and contains scarcely a truthful statement.

Selberling declared "unsafe" the statement by Monnett that the June 1920 stock dividend was not paid out of surplus earnings.

Business depression has affected the Goodyear Rubber Company, but after charges by the attorney that the company still have ample assets with which to pay its indebtedness, to cover its entire issue of preferred stock and still have many millions of dollars for common stockholders, Selberling said.

V. M. Armstrong Is Head of Root Post

V. M. Armstrong was elected commander of the Howard C. Root post No. 84 of the American Legion at a meeting of the organization in the Board of Trade building.

Other officers elected were: L. V. Bedford, senior vice commander; Gerald Zelmer, junior vice commander; N. A. Neal, treasurer; Harry Von Willer, adjutant, and Donald Hammer, insurance officer.

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every way more efficient than it has ever been in our history, yet there is still room for much improvement—of a kind that only the taxpayers of Indianapolis can bring about.

The hospital administration appears to have brought the institution to as high a point of efficiency as it can.

The level is not as satisfactory one and all on the part raised by some radical changes in the system of administration and in the attitude of the taxpaying community toward expenditures for its improvement.

Bedsbugs are not welcome hospital inmates.

The to infect the patients at the City Hospital, and they are eliminated steadily. But they are carried into the place by patients and visitors and they do infect patients who come there free of them before they are detected and eliminated.

Typical of the attitude of the officials of the opera company that the postponement was due to inability of the company to do the vast amount of preparation work necessary to the success of the production of the opera, was said that Mme. Walska had gone to New York for the holidays.

Mme. Walska is the wife of Alexander Smith, Cochran of New York, whose reputed fortune of \$80,000,000 caused him to be known as "the world's richest bachelor." It has been declared that Cochran objected to the prima donna appearing in the rather daring role of Zaza. Cochran passed several days in Chicago, but returned to New York a day before the singer died.

Mme. Walska is reported to have said that "if my husband should object to my singing—well, not for long would he be my husband."

CITY HOSPITAL EFFICIENT AS LAWS PERMIT

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was sent to the hospital by a physician in private practice who diagnosed his disease as pneumonia, admitted to the pneumonic ward and regarded as a pneumonia patient for approximately eight hours before he was subjected to an examination by the interne who questioned the diagnosis and subsequently transferred him to the care of another interne for treatment of an infection of the finger and the eye.

BEDBUGS HIT HIM, COMPANION SAYS.

During the interval between his entrance into the hospital and his examination by the interne, he complained to the number of being bitten by bedbugs in the hospital, according to his own statement and the record of his case, he was removed from one bed to another with a complete change of linen.

Trouble was encountered in taking blood from his arm, owing to scar tissue which made it difficult to locate a vein, and owing to a defective syringe, which is a part of the hospital equipment.

All records of the hospital go to show that the infected finger and eye were treated properly and promptly and the only disagreement between the statements of the patient and the hospital records are as to the number of times his infected finger and eye were treated.

The chart of the case shows two treatments which the patient denies having received. The chart also shows the ministering of morphine and a complaint of neglect, becoming a question of veiled accusations. The patient whose memory was clouded with suffering and drugs and a nurse with an excellent reputation for devotion to duty.

HOSPITAL LACKS PROPER EQUIPMENT.

Summed up the circumstances surrounding the complainant's stay at the hospital will be observed by a fair investigator to reveal:

1. That he was neither wilfully mis-treated nor wilfully neglected by any hospital attendant.

2. That he was subjected to conditions that never should exist in any institution, either public or private, but do exist in the City Hospital, owing to lack of proper equipment.

3. That his complaint is fully justified, but that the responsibility for the things of which he complains cannot be placed on the shoulders of any one connected with the City Hospital.

Investigation discloses that the City Hospital is immeasurably cleaner and in

a fire measure such as made one shudder to think of the appalling risks.

Today these rooms are clean and smart in new paint and the floors and walls are spotless. The rubbish is gone.

The place looks like a hospital, just as the power plant looks like a commercial power plant. In no way has the hospital been improved more than it has by a thorough cleansing and painting.

The Times has had occasion in the past to criticize the mechanical condition of the plant. The criticisms were justified and apparently produced results.

For the everlasting credit of the engineer and the hospital management, it should be known that today the power

plant invites inspection and there is little of that dilapidated condition about the plumbing and fixtures of either the old or new building that disgraces one with municipal ownership. Just who is responsible for this change is not known, but whoever it is should have a vote of thanks from the community.

From the storerooms to the attic the investigator found cleanliness. Throughout the whole institution he found a high grade of efficiency. Nowhere else in the country is there a collection of shoddy goods and in instances there conditions found that should be righted, the responsibility for which does not go back to the old, old axiom that in this world we get only that for which we will pay. And we have not heretofore

been very willing to pay for a high class City Hospital.

Two critics of the City Hospital stand out as such should receive the immediate attention of the administration:

1. Something else should be done about those bedbugs besides wait for a new sterilizer.

2. Some arrangements should be made immediately for the care of demented patients, even though it involve the fitting up of a temporary detention home.

It is not inductive to the recovery of patients to be annoyed by bugs. Nor

is it inductive to the peace of mind of citizens to see a demented woman attempt to brain a nurse with a telephone.

Which is a lot more than could have been said not so very long ago.

Whenever Mayor Jewett's administration gets sufficient of a hump on itself to make it possible for the hospital attaches to eliminate bugs and the State of Indiana realizes its responsibility to provide for its unfortunate inmates, the City Hospital will retrieve a great part of the confidence of the public that it has lost through years of neglect on the part of both officials and the public.

Were these two menaces eliminated, it would not be necessary to hasten in introducing himself to the institution for medical or surgical care and if the need were great he would have little hesitation about doing so right now.

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THE BASEMENT STORE

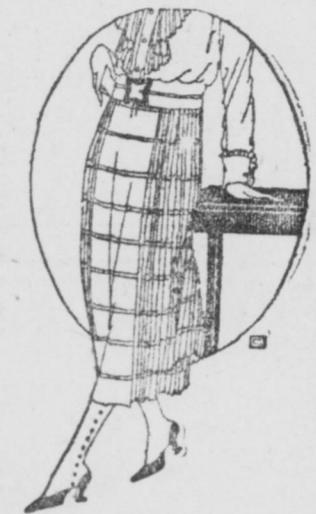
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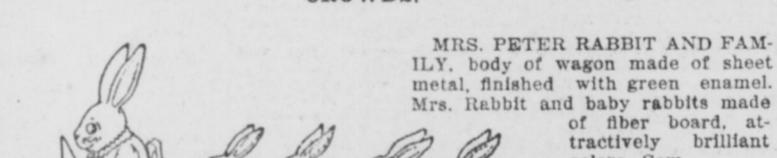
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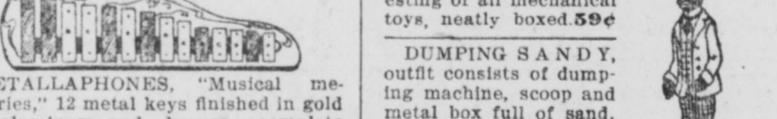
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