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COMPROMISE BILL IS PROBABILITY

Doubtful If Straight County Unit Repeal Bill Can Pass The Senate.

SENATORS ARE WORRIED

MAJORITY IN THE UPPER HOUSE AT THE PRESENT TIME IS AGAINST THE HOUSE TOMLINSON MEASURE.

Palladium Bureau, Indianapolis, Feb. 15.

There is the utmost uncertainty as to just what will happen to the Tomlinson liquor bill when it comes to a vote in the senate. It has all along been the general understanding that not less than four republican senators would vote for a repeal of the county local option law if a satisfactory substitute were offered for it, and that there were four democrats who might vote to save the county option law. The republicans who were counted on to vote for repeal are Wood, Orendorf, Durre and Pelzer, with Bland and Bowser possible, and the democrats are McCarty, Tilden, Long and Yarling.

Yarling Wants Advice.

If the democrats lose four and gain four votes they will have 23 votes for repeal against 27 against repeal. McCarty and Tilden are sure to vote against repeal. Long and Yarling say they have not yet made up their minds. Yarling went home over Sunday to get some instructions from his constituents.

Orendorf has insisted from the start that the county option law should be repealed, but he said he was in favor of repeal only in case a satisfactory law were offered in its place. One of the features he insisted upon was a high license and strict regulations for saloons. The Tomlinson bill offers a higher license fee than is now provided by the present law but whether it is high enough to suit Orendorf is a question. He says he has not yet made up his mind on that point. Wood is in about the same fix. He wants high license and will not be satisfied with anything short of that. Durre who comes from Evansville, is for repeal. Pelzer says he does not know yet what he will do.

Bowser Favors the Law.

Bowser has come out in a statement against repeal of the county option law. Bland is still looking for light on the subject, and will not say what he will do on the bill. But it is generally believed that he will vote for repeal if a proper substitute is offered. Under any circumstances the Tomlinson bill is sure to be amended in the senate and the result will be a compromise bill, if any bill becomes a law. The committee on public morals is expected to report out the Tomlinson bill within the next few days.

MADE THEIR ESCAPE

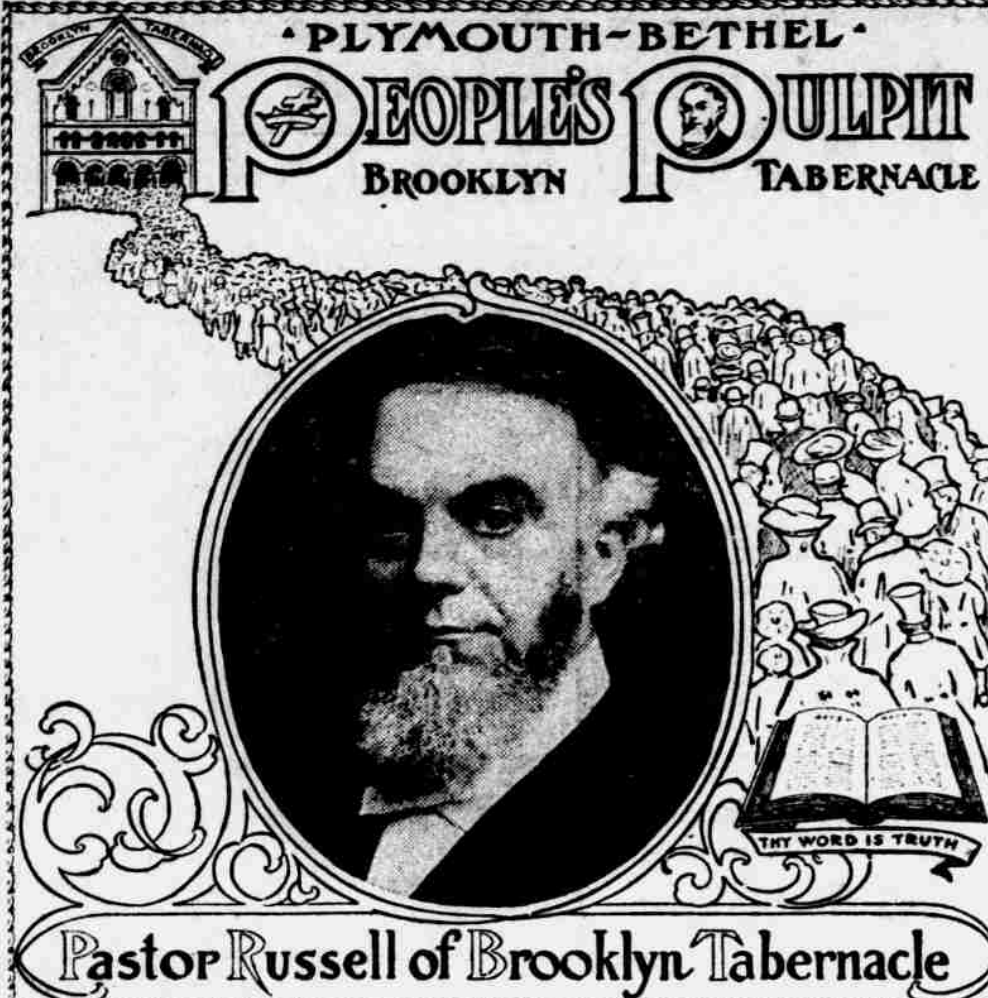
Daniel Surface and Daughter Get Out of Burning Sea Breeze Hotel.

NONE OF GUESTS INJURED

Daniel Surface and daughter, Mrs. Jesse Allee of this city, were guests at the Clarendon hotel at Sea Breeze, Fla., which yesterday morning was totally destroyed by fire. The fire started before daybreak at a time when all guests were in their rooms, but through foresight and coolness of the clerk on watch, all guests were awakened and were enabled to make their way out of the building without danger. The hotel was one of the largest in Florida and the loss sustained was \$200,000. Mr. Surface and daughter left Richmond about three weeks ago and expected to leave Sea Breeze this week for one of the resorts further south.

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The above is a very good portrait of Pastor Russell, who is perhaps the most widely known speaker on the American platform to-day, having spoken in nearly every large American city, as well as in many cities in Europe. Pastor Russell treats popular themes of vital importance to the thinking Christians of this our day of wonderful enlightenment. He is a stickler on the claim that the whole Bible is the inspired Word of God and has a peculiar facility in presenting Orthodox subjects in an attractive and interesting light. Brooklyn is to be congratulated on its reputation as "The City of Churches" and on its galaxy of pulpit lights, amongst whom are numbered as of the past, Beecher, Abbott and Talmage.

HOW AND WHAT TO FIGHT THE GOOD FIGHT.

"So fight it, not as one that beath the air."—1 Cor. 9:26.

Every organ of the human mind is useful, if it be properly directed and controlled. Combativeness, the fighting quality, might at first be supposed to be inimical, even antagonistic, to the proper Christian development—a hindrance and blemish. But this is not the correct thought. The man or woman who does not possess this quality of combativeness to some degree will be unsuccessful in heavenly, spiritual matters, as well as in earthly affairs. True, the Lord pronounces special blessings upon the meek, the peace-makers, the peace-lovers, and he calls his people "sheep," and thus implies that they must not be ravenous, nor vicious. But, on the other hand, the Lord's call to his people for a separation of life and opposition to the world, the flesh and the devil implies resistant and fighting qualities of mind. He who possesses none of this quality can evidently never be a victor in the "good fight."

The thought of Christian warfare as a continual battle against adverse influences is everywhere prominent in the Scriptures. Our Lord Jesus is styled the "Captain of our Salvation." And the Apostle speaks of his followers as "good soldiers of Jesus Christ," who "fight the good fight," and thus come off "conquerors and more than conquerors, through him that loved us and bought us with his precious blood."

GOOD AND BAD COMBINATIONS.

It is our mental combination that counts. The various members of our mental organism unite, combine their influence, federate as it were, and thus form personality. Our mental members make one or another of their members chairman or controller of their interests and eternal destiny. Or, perhaps, it is an association of members which control with one in the ascendancy. It is thus that man is a free, moral agent and an image of his Creator. It is for this reason that knowledge and wisdom from on high are so very essential to a proper character development.

The whole world may be divided along these lines into two classes, the one guided and controlled by earthly affairs and interests and the other by heavenly hopes and interests. The former are what the Scriptures term the natural man, and includes many of earth's noblemen, as well as the earthly, sensual, devilish. The latter class, called "spirit-begotten," "new creatures," is but the small number, and includes some gathered from every plane of natural life, noble and ignoble by nature, but all now impelled by the holy Spirit, by which they have been begotten again to heavenly hopes, ambitions and aims. A consideration of these two classes may help us to locate ourselves and to determine to what extent, if at all, we desire a change. Let us consider first.

"THE NATURAL MAN."

The mistake is too commonly made of supposing that a "natural man" signifies a mean or bad man. Adam was a natural man, in the image of his Creator, and pronounced by the Almighty "very good." His children too, are all natural men, but fallen in varying directions and degrees, some of them more, and some of them less noble, estimable, lovable. Each of these has his own peculiar combination of faculties and has reached his own conclusions, or will, respecting his course in life. The person without a will is like a ship without a rudder, a derelict carried by winds and currents, but lacking individuality. No one should be content to remain in such a situation. A will should be formulated and put into control. Life should be realized to be the valuable asset and should be used accordingly, with the best wisdom or judgment which the individual can command.

Looking amongst people of this class we behold some noble, benevolent, reverential, the world's wise, great and good—though we must not for a moment suppose that they have no faults, no blemishes, no weaknesses. Nor is it wrong on their part to seek to cover, to hide their weaknesses, which they should also be seeking to conquer. Such noble men and women are often mistakenly called Christians and thought to be regenerate by those who do not clearly comprehend the difference between the "Natural Man" and the "New Creature" in Christ Jesus. These are "natural" because of their thoughts, ambitions and efforts, though noble, are earthly, not heavenly, not spiritual. The fact that they attend Church service and appreciate music, sermons and prayer, proves nothing; because all natural men should esteem these things and appreciate them, as the first perfect man unquestionably did, and as restored humanity undoubtedly will do in the future. "Repent ye therefore and be converted," that your sins may be blotted out, when the times of refreshing shall come from the presence of the Lord; and he shall send Jesus Christ, which before was preached unto you, whom the heaven must receive until the times of Restoration of all things, which God hath spoken by the

blemishes or good traits; and whether he be an old creature or a New Creature, this principle prevails. He cannot live above or beyond his will, his intention, his mental desires. How all-important then, it is that both the natural man and the new creature in Christ should have the will properly poised, balanced and fixed upon a righteous basis.

Although the Scriptures are addressed almost exclusively to the new creatures they nevertheless incidentally mark out lines of wisdom appropriate to the natural man. His standards of justice should be nothing less than the Golden Rule—to do unto others as he wishes them to do unto him, under similar conditions. He must be merciful, as he would wish them to be merciful; gentle and kind, as he would wish them to be gentle and kind. His business, his pleasures, his home relationship should all be gauged by high standards of justice. If heretofore he has been allowing the lower and baser qualities of his mind to dominate him, he should see that this is a wrong course, and change it forthwith. Instead of allowing the lower, sensual appetites to control, he should have a mental re-election and vote into office and control the higher qualities of his mind, represented by the organs of conscientiousness, benevolence, and the aesthetic tastes, and should give these rule or authority over his meaner, baser nature, as it was originally in the perfect man, and as is indicated by the higher position of the nobler organs of the mind in the brain structure. The thing necessary is to reach the decision that the higher organs shall control, and the lower ones be subservient.

THE FIGHT OF THE NEW CREATURE.

The conversion or turning of even a decent natural man from a life controlled by selfishness to one controlled by justice and mercy, is apt to be a strenuous fight. The lower faculties of the mind, will, continually seek to assert themselves and to regain their old control of the life, which will thereafter be one of discussion and compromise, as between the higher ideals and the lower ones. The fight in the case of the more severely born natural man is a more severe one, and generally results in his dissatisfaction, because the lower qualities of his being are so strong that his will for righteousness, mercy and generosity, is usually overridden, his conscience bruised and dissatisfied. He cries in his heart, "O wretched man that I am! Who shall deliver me from the power and domination of my body, which is dead in trespasses and sin, in evil propensities?" There is no faith for either of these extremes, nor for the intermediates, of these natural men who desire to thoroughly abandon sin and live righteously, soberly and godly. The warfare is a continual one, and it is

SPRIT-BEGOTTEN NEW CREATURES.

A new creature, from the Spiritual standpoint, is one to whom old things both good and bad have passed away, and all things have become new. Such a man may have been a noble, natural man, as above described, or a less noble, or a most degraded natural man. The change may take place regardless of the moral station of the individual. Reasonings and philosophies may and do effect the natural man, sometimes favorably and sometimes unfavorably, but these do not produce the change from natural to spiritual, from earthly to heavenly nature. This change comes from only one source, and only to persons in one condition of mind or heart. It comes from on high. It is supernatural, and, in its effect, it is revolutionary. It comes to those who, because of natural humility of mind, realize themselves to be sinners, and with natural conscientiousness and veneration, desire to approach their Creator and to obtain his favor and forgiveness of sins, and who thus are led to accept Christ as their personal Saviour and Deliverer from sin. Or it may come to others naturally less tender of heart, through sorrows and sufferings and heart-breaking experiences, leading them to look for the Friend above all others and to accept his proffered forgiveness and guidance. These experiences, accompanied by a turning from sin, with a desire to live soberly and righteously, bring such characters to the place which the Scriptures designate *Justification by Faith*. Still, however, they are not New Creatures. The word justification implies making right and does not imply making over, or a change of nature. It is the human nature that is justified, and is now right in God's sight, because of faith in the precious blood of Jesus the Redeemer. Another step must be taken before the change of nature can take place—the step of consecration, of devoting life, time, aims, ambitions, all to the Lord and to his service.

It is to such only that the blessing of the holy Spirit from above is granted. Its effect in their hearts is the opening of the eyes of their understanding to new hopes and prospects, and interests, not earthly, but heavenly. These become deeply interested in "the things which God hath in reservation for them that love him"—the things which the natural eye hath not seen and the natural ear hath not heard, neither hath entered into the natural heart.—1 Cor. 2:9.

Many natural ears have heard something about spiritual things, but they never really understood or appreciated. They have seen that there is this spiritual something, but the details of it they cannot discern, any more than our natural sight can discern the conditions prevailing on the moon though we see it often. These New Creatures begin a newness of life—living in the future and for the future. They count all earthly things but as loss and dross, that they may win and share with Christ in the spiritual realm. Necessity, indeed, still compels them to provide things earthly, decently and honestly for their families and themselves, but, aside from these properties they are dead to the world's ambitions and aims; because they have seen with their new eyes and their spiritual understanding through the telescope of God's Word, the Bible wonderful things, grand beyond description or comprehension. They are rich with the heavenly riches and daily becoming wiser with heavenly wisdom and more thoroughly copies of their Redeemer, if they follow on to know the Lord.

DIFFERENT FIGHTS—DIFFERENT FIGHTERS.

It will be readily discerned that there must be a great difference in all the affairs of these two classes—the natural man (better or worse) and the new creature in Christ Jesus (more or less developed). But what we wish now to impress upon you is the weighty influence of the mental attitude, in respect to all of these. "As a man thinketh in his heart, so is he." He may think on things and strive to do another thing, but he will find it a difficult contract and ultimately it will prove a failure. This Scripture should never be misinterpreted, as it is by some, to mean that if one thinks a thing right, that makes it right. No, it signifies that the mental determination or will represents the real man, from the Divine standpoint, whatever his weaknesses or

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