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CHRISTIAN DAILY PAPER.

Rev. Charles M. Sheldon Will for One Week Try a Novel Experiment in Topeka.

ASSUMES ENTIRE CONTROL OF CAPITAL.

A Morning Prayer Heads the First Column—Leading Editorial Outlines the Paper's Policy—Share of the Profits to Be Used for Benevolent Work.

Topeka, Kan., March 13.—The "main purpose of the paper will be to influence its readers to seek first the Kingdom of God."

Rev. Charles M. Sheldon, who on Monday assumed editorial and business control of the Daily Capital, which he will retain one week, makes this announcement this morning in his editorial leader outlining his policy.

A Prayer.

The first item on the first page is a prayer written by Bishop John A. Vincent, of the Methodist Episcopal church. It is as follows:

"A morning prayer and resolution: 'I will try this day to live a simple, sincere, serene life; repelling every thought of discontent, self-seeking and anxiety; cultivating magnanimity, self-control and the habit of silence; practicing economy, cheerfulness and helpfulness.

"'And as I cannot in my own strength do this, or even with a hope of success attempt it, I look to Thee, O Lord, my Father in Jesus Christ, my Saviour, and ask for the gift of the Holy Spirit.'"

Outline of the Policy.

The leading editorial is an outline of the paper's policy during the week, and is in part as follows:

"THE TOPEKA CAPITAL THIS WEEK."

"Last December the owners of the Topeka Daily Capital asked me to assume entire charge of the paper for one week, and edit it as a distinctly Christian daily.

"I accepted the invitation on condition that I receive no financial compensation, and that a share of the profits be used for some benevolent work, and named the week beginning Tuesday, March 13, 1900, as the week for the experiment.

"With the hearty cooperation of every person connected with the paper, and with the help of the wisdom that I have prayed might be given me from Him who is wiser than any of us, I shall do the best I can.

"If a thousand different Christian men who wished to edit Christian dailies should make an honest attempt to do so, the result might be a thousand different papers in very many particulars. In other words, these Christian editors might arrive at different conclusions in the interpretation of what is Christian. It is, of course, the furthest from my purpose to show in a dogmatic way what is the one thing that Jesus would do in every case. The only thing I, or any other Christian man, can do in the interpretation of what is Christian in the conduct of this paper is to define the term 'Christian' to the best that can be done after asking for Divine wisdom, and not judge others who might, with equal desire and sincerity, interpret the probable action of Jesus in a different manner.

"With this understanding of the conduct of the paper this week, I will state, in part, its general purpose and politics:

"It will be a newspaper. The word 'news' will be defined as anything in the way of daily events that the public ought to know for its development and power in a life of righteousness. Of necessity, the editor of this paper, or of every other paper with this definition of 'news,' will determine not only the kind, but the quantity of any particular event which ought to be printed.

"The paper will be nonpartisan, not only in municipal and state politics, but also in national politics.

"I do not mean to say that a Christian daily cannot be partisan. This is simply my interpretation of Christian, as applied to this part of the paper's life.

"On the liquor question, the paper will advocate the prohibition of the whole liquor business from Maine to California and all around the globe. By prohibition I mean the total extinction of the curse of making, selling, buying and drinking intoxicating liquors; its extinction by legal enactment, by personal total abstinence, and by every form of state, home, church and school education that Christians can devise.

"The great social questions of the age will be given prominence. The selfishness of mankind in every form of greed, commercially and politically, will be considered as of more serious consequences to us as a people than many other matters which too often engage the time and attention of mankind.

"The paper will declare its abhorrence of war as it is being waged to-day not only in Africa, but in the Philippines and everywhere else.

"The main purpose of the paper will be to influence its readers to seek first the Kingdom of God. A nation seeking the Kingdom of God first of all, will in time find right answers to all disputed questions and become a powerful and useful nation.

"There will be no Sunday paper, but instead a Saturday evening edition suitable for Sunday reading.

"I wish to take this opportunity to thank the many friends everywhere who have sent me words of encouragement. It has been impossible for me to answer them personally. I also wish to express to the most of Christian correspondents who have sent me assurances of their prayers for this week's work, by deep acknowledgment of the source of whatever strength I have felt in preparing for a task which lies beyond the reach of any merely human effort.

"May God bless the use of this paper to the glory of His Kingdom on Earth.

"CHARLES M. SHELDON."

Will Meet in Des Moines

Des Moines, Ia., March 14.—The republican state central committee at a meeting held here Tuesday selected Des Moines as the place and May 10 as the date of holding the state convention to select delegates to the national convention at Philadelphia June 19.

Insurgent Leader Killed.

Lima, Peru, via Galveston, March 14.—In a sharp fight between the government troops and the revolutionists near Moyobamba on February 26 Col. Viscarra, the last of the insurgent leaders to hold out, was killed. The whole of Peru is now tranquil.

Four at One Birth.

Detroit, Mich., March 10.—The wife of Allen McDonald, a laborer, gave birth in this city to two boys and two girls.

Swept by Fire.

Spaulding, Mich., March 14.—Fire wiped out the entire business portion of this village.

IS NOT UNDERSTOOD.

A Cabinet Official Makes a Statement Concerning the Porto Rico Tariff Question.

Washington, March 9.—A member of the cabinet gives out the following authoritative statement:

"There has been a wide misapprehension of the Porto Rican tariff bill, of the attitude of the president, of the action of congress and of their relations to each other. The criticism and the concern which have come from some well-meaning quarters are due almost entirely to a misunderstanding of the real facts. When the country correctly understands the truth, as it certainly will, it will thoroughly approve what has been done.

"The attempt to represent that there has been a disagreement between the president and congress is wholly unfounded. There has been no essential difference between them. Both have sought the same object. The recommendation of the president and the house bill, in their purpose and effect, amount to the same thing. As a consequence each one rightly sustains the other. The clouds of confusion on the subject have been clouds of misunderstanding and will clear away.

"Nobody can understandingly object to the 15 per cent. duty all paid back to Porto Rico on the ground that it is unfair and hard towards Porto Rico. He can understandingly object, only on the claim that there is no power to levy any duty at all, and such a claim would leave the president and congress powerless and helpless in the Philippines as well as in Porto Rico. Between a 15 per cent. duty as provided by the congressional bill, every cent of which is to be returned to Porto Rico, that island also getting all collected at the other end, and the removal of customs duties as suggested by the president for humanity's sake, there is absolutely no difference whatever in practical results. In both everything is for humanity. Congress was aiming at the same result as the president, and the president rightfully accepts the act of congress. The representation that either was not in accord with the other disregards every essential element in the case.

"But between a 15 per cent duty and free trade as a constitutional right going necessarily and instantly wherever new land may be acquired, there is the world-wide difference between reserving full discretionary power to deal with the new possessions as their varying interests and ours may require, and leaving no discretionary power in congress whatever. And this is the real issue which has been forced by the attitude of the minority in congress. The country is starting out on a new departure and on a new experiment, and it is of the highest importance, for our own safety as well as for the welfare of the new peoples who have come under the flag, that we should leave ourselves free to deal with each case as its own merits demand. The claim which insists that free trade goes by legal right to Porto Rico would bind us hand and foot."

GONE TO THEIR REWARD.

Two Aged Members of the Famous Beecher Family Die on the Same Day.

Hartford, Conn., March 15.—Mrs. Mary Foote Beecher Perkins died Wednesday at the home of her son, Charles E. Perkins, aged 94 years and nine months. She was the daughter of Rev. Lyman Beecher, and his wife Rosalia Foote. Mrs. Perkins was a sister of Rev. Henry Ward Beecher and of Harriet Beecher Stowe and a half sister of Mrs. Isabella Beecher Hooker, of this city, and of Rev. Thomas K. Beecher, of Elmira, N. Y.

Elmira, N. Y., March 15.—Rev. Thomas K. Beecher, the elder and last surviving brother of Rev. Henry Ward Beecher, died here Wednesday, aged 81 years. Mr. Beecher was stricken with paralysis while on his way home from church last Sunday.

CHILDREN CREMATED.

Fire in a Crowded Tenement House in Newark, N. J., Causes the Loss of Fourteen Lives.

Newark, N. J., March 13.—Fourteen Italian persons, a majority of whom were children, were burned to death in a tenement house at an early hour. Thirteen bodies were recovered from the ruins within three hours after the flames had been extinguished. It is asserted that the fire was of incendiary origin. The building was a three-story frame structure, formerly used as a church, but transformed into a tenement house, with small rooms, scarcely 8x10 feet in dimensions, opening into a narrow hallway on both the second and third floors, forming a veritable fire trap.

To Meet March 27.

Washington, March 15.—Judge Taft, president of the new Philippine commission, has notified his fellow commissioners that the commission will convene in this city March 27.

THE MARKETS.

	New York, March 15.	
LIVE STOCK—Steers	$4 50	@ 5 55
Hogs	4 00	@ 4 80
Sheep	4 50	@ 5 75
FLOUR—Winter Straights	3 45	@ 3 65
Minnesota Patents	3 70	@ 3 85
WHEAT—No. 2 Red	76¾	@ 78¾
May	72¾	@ 73¾
CORN—No. 2	41½	@ 41¾
May	42¼	@ 42¾
OATS—No. 2	28¾	@ 28¾
BUTTER—Creamery	20	@ 24
Factory	17	@ 20
CHEESE	12	@ 12½
EGGS	15½	@ 16¾
	CHICAGO.	
CATTLE — Steers	$3 65	@ 5 10
Texas	3 60	@ 4 80
Stockers	3 30	@ 3 90
Feeders	4 10	@ 4 70
Bulls	2 50	@ 4 30
HOGS—Light	4 75	@ 4 90
Rough Packing	4 80	@ 4 95
SHEEP	5 50	@ 6 00
BUTTER—Creameries	19	@ 24
Dairies	18	@ 22
EGGS—Strictly Fresh	15	@ 15½
POTATOES — (per bu.)	30	@ 35
PORK — May	10 95	@11 15
LARD — May	6 02½	@ 6 05
RIBS — May	6 00	@ 6 05
GRAIN — Wheat, May	65¾	@ 66¼
Corn, May	37¾	@ 37¾
Oats, May	25¾	@ 26
Rye, No. 2	54½	@ 54¾
Barley, Malting	37	@ 40
	MILWAUKEE.	
GRAIN—Wheat, No. 1 Nor'n	$ 66	@ 66¼
Oats, No. 2 White	25½	@ 26
Rye, No. 1	54	@ 54
Barley, No. 2	42½	@ 43
	KANSAS CITY.	
GRAIN—Wheat, May	$ 63	@ 63¾
Corn, May	34	@ 35½
Oats, No. 2 White	25	@ 25½
Rye, No. 2	53	@ 53¾
	ST. LOUIS.	
CATTLE—Native Steers	$3 60	@ 5 85
Texas Steers	3 50	@ 4 70
HOGS—Packers	4 85	@ 4 95
Butchers	4 90	@ 5 00
SHEEP—Native Muttons	5 00	@ 5 80
	OMAHA.	
CATTLE—Native Steers	$4 00	@ 5 35
Cows and Heifers	3 25	@ 4 15
Stockers and Feeders	3 25	@ 4 00
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