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REV. L. B. BISSELL'S A SUIT CASE THIEF A GREAT SURPRISE BEN-HUR COMING

Denunciation of the Anti-Saloon League when He Resigned

A S SUPERINTENDENT

A Few Years Ago He Charged the District Managers

AND OTHER OFFICERS

With Dishonesty and Negligence

It Is the

"Best Graft" that Has Fastened upon the Christian People of Michigan in Many Years.

For several months Truth has been besieged for copies of an ancient document to the extent we are forced to regard it as part of the master plan which has been circulated all over the United States in pamphlet form. The Rev. L. B. Bissett, who has submitted evidence proving conclusively that the Michigan Anti-Saloon League was nothing more than a front for a salaried graft and money trust, and that the league's officers and employees not only graft, but embezzle, it has never again been able to prove it by the officers and aids of the league's officials.

Today Truth presents the true reasons for the resignation of State Superintendent Bissett and his own statement that the employees are so thoroughly dishonest that the method of conducting the league's finances so loose that it cannot be trusted by a Christian man and be affiliated with the league.

During the past few years a score of more of the league's officials and employees in this state have been exposed to the public as embezzlers.

Some of these men are fugitives from justice, some are in prison, while others, discredited in Michigan, have gone to other states, where they are associated with the same old gang of crooks.

Read the following list of activities and workers in the Michigan Anti-Saloon League, whose crimes have been exposed during the past few years:

Rev. A. Wright, first superintendent of Detroit, fled to Chicago as a result of a charge with a woman.

John Hunt, state superintendent, refused to resign after the grand jurors found he had "cleaned up" \$10,000 in two years.

State Superintendent Hubbard, refused to resign because he could not explain where the league's funds had gone.

A. Frank Ferris, superintendent of the Grand Rapids district, induced a pastor for misappropriation of funds. He afterwards deserted his wife and four small children.

Rev. R. G. Malone, superintendent of the Grand Traverse district, arrested for illicit conduct. Fled the state now in employ of Minnesota league.

Rev. Geo. Kulp, league orator, Grand Rapids, arrested for adultery.

Geo. Eberhart, president, Grand Rapids league, ostracized for trying to shield Kulp after Kulp had been found guilty with Eberhart's wife.

D. H. Burwell, field secretary for the league, arrested for indecent conduct with small boys.

Rev. Ralph Baldwin, league orator of Saginaw, fled after being exposed in a liaison with a Detroit woman.

Rev. John M. Wright, an organizer and orator for the league from Muskegon, proven guilty of perjury in a divorce case.

Wm. A. Norton, collector of a Branch county league worker, sent to house of correction for an unprovoked assault upon a child.

Rev. Orson D. Taylor, a Saginaw league organizer and orator, sent to house of correction for theft.

Rev. C. E. Leo, a prominent league worker and orator in Grand Rapids, expelled from his church for lecherousness.

Rev. B. Bird, one of the league's most eloquent speakers in the Detroit district, convicted of drunkenness.

Rev. J. Pringer, a Branch county league organizer, fled the state to escape arrest for bigamy.

Rev. Dr. D. B. O'Neil, expelled and expelled from Ohio league for crooked financial dealings with the league.

Birmingham Marshal With a Brave Was Given Mrs. and Mrs. E. J. Kinnistlen Last Thursday Evening Lot of Young Men, Carrying Lanterns and Guns Home.

Last Friday night travelling on the midnight car, Mrs. H. A. Marther, of Buffalo, N. Y., on route from Detroit to Pontiac, by the D. U. R., had two suit cases on the back platform. One of these was stolen by a rascal, while the car was at the power-house. He took it up in front of the home of Mrs. Emma O. Robinson, and left out the lid of the grip, and selected the best and most valuable part of the contents, leaving the rest. He secured two costly lady's suits, two fine waists, and many other smaller articles, making a bundle, wrapping it all up in a white robe de nuit. About one o'clock he returned inside Charles J. Reynolds' cigar store, which was open on account of the dancing party that night. Mr. Rittenberg was "cashing up" and the young men present, not liking his appearance, hustled him some, and he made his "running sneak." The boys gave a lively but unprovoked chase just on general principles. The marshal was summoned, but with shooting of revolvers, and many brightly lighted lanterns, the suspect was not excited. At this time it was not known there had been any "bleeping." The boys to "clock car, Saturday morning, at Fernside picked up a passenger, who had a bundle of clothing, and no doubt, the man wanted, as deputy sheriff Calbert pointed out a pair of lady's stockings, supposed to have been taken by the thief, which were identified by Mrs. Rittenberg as hers. Pity that the boys hadn't known of this suit case theft when he called at Reynolds'. The catch would then have been sure and certain.

There were gathered at the Harvey Carter home on Thursday evening of last week, about 75 guests to do honor to Mr. and Mrs. E. J. Kinnistlen, the occasion being the 25th anniversary of their marriage.

Whoever had the planning in hand, knew full well how clever they had to be in order to keep it a complete secret until the whole thing was carried out to the full.

It is customary for Mr. Kinnistlen to be in Detroit during the entire week, and it was somewhat of a puzzle to know how to get him home, but that was not too hard for woman's mind to attempt, neither was it too hard to accomplish. A message was conveyed to him to the effect that three from the Showwell home and three from the Carter home would be at the Kinnistlen home Thursday evening for a game or two of chess and checkers. That was enough. Before one of the chess pieces was played, Howard Carter announced that just as he was about to leave his house his mother had fallen into a fainting spell and he suggested the advisability of having all present go to his mother to assist in cheering up his mother. Of course the request was acceded to, and on arrival of the Carter home, "and behold! the place was about full of people as it would comfortably hold."

This Engagement is for One Week Only, April 13th. to 18th., with Two Brilliant Matinees.

When the curtain is drawn at the Detroit Opera House, Detroit, on Monday evening, April 13th, the most elaborate, magnificent and historically correct production will be disclosed that has ever charmed and enthralled a theatre audience, for this will be the premiere of the Chicago Auditorium production of "Ben-Hur" in Detroit. More than three years have elapsed since "Ben-Hur" was presented in Detroit. At that time hundreds journeyed from this vicinity to witness it. No doubt the same excellent patronage will mark the forthcoming engagement.

"Ben-Hur," with its lustros Star of Bethlehem, its camels, Arabian steeds, Oriental trappings and scenic splendor of the "gorgeous East" is beyond dispute the most elaborate spectacle ever staged in the history of the world. Its series of 17 scenes present to the eye a feast of multifarious beauty and variety, all set to a symphonic accompaniment of graceful music. The exciting episodes, such as the galley scene with its horde of chained slaves; the sea-fight, the rescue in mid-sea and the thrilling race with two chariots and eight horses, combined with the picturesque scenes illustrating the Wise Men in the desert, the moonlit lake in the Orchard of the Palms where Ben-Hur and Iras enjoy seclusion and made love in Iras' barge, hold.

"Ben-Hur" appeals to all classes, all ages, and all denominations of the church faith, and draws to it, as to a place of worship, hundreds of thousands who seldom, if ever, set foot within a theatre. The person of the Saviour is never made to appear loudly in the play, yet in the scenes which the healing of the lepers is implied by the approach of the Master is indicated by a stream of pure white light, amazing in its effectiveness. This scene is the most remarkable of the play and is heightened in impressiveness by the singing of a chorus of 100 voices, joining in "Hosannas" of praise to the Lord.

The engagement of "Ben-Hur" is for one week only, April 13th to 18th with Wednesday and Saturday matinee. Seats for the "Ben-Hur" season will be placed on sale Thursday April 9th. Matrons (accompanying by remittance) will be filled in order of receipt. The scale of prices will be from 50c to \$2.00. All communications should be addressed to the Manager of the Detroit Opera House.

FOR GOOD ROADS

Nothing Enriches the Country So Much as Good Roads. An Expert Gives a Little Talk.

"To have or not to have, that is the question?" Shall we have good roads, or shall our roads be as a member of the American Embassy said, "crustworthy?" I do not mean to ask for roads sufficient to paralyze us, but I do say let the present tax be intelligently used, the work skillfully done and so, nearly as maybe the letter of the law followed in building and maintaining the roads. I see no reason why these Bloomfield Hills of ours be not, as famous as the Grampian Hills of Scotland, why not? Just take an outing during the "good old Summer time" amongst them, when nature shines in all her glory. Visit our beautiful lakes, hunt, fish, sail, roam over, and amongst them, and then tell me where you find anything in their line outranks them, but it requires good roads to develop all these advantages. The destruction of roads, good country roads are ruined in many ways, some of which must be laid at the door of the officials in charge. Good roads are ruined by water, wear and neglect. Any good dirt road can be ruined in a very short time by hauling heavy loads over it in a short time by narrow tired wagons. The common 12 inch tire does any amount of harm. I wonder why you use them, when a broad tire, say, four inches, will make a road that destroys. Your broad tired wagon pulls easier, and that should be a good reason for a change if nothing else. It seems a waste of money to make a dirt road hard and smooth, drag and level at the proper time and neglect it; then just after a rain, have a lot of narrow tired wagons, heavily loaded, cut a way in it. Everybody seems to seem to be on the same track, and each succeeding tire cuts a little deeper. The old wheels can be made over and wide tires put on at a slight cost. The practice of tearing up the road in the fall, after harvest, because the only time the farmers have time to work, is plowing the sodded sides up and scraping the whole conglomerate mass of sods, stones and clods into the middle of the road, is the worst system that can be practised. The system is wrong; the road is bad all winter and the following spring.

PINE LAKE CEMETERY NOTICE.

The annual meeting of the Pine Lake Cemetery Association will be held at the residence of Mrs. J. S. Kyle, on Saturday, April 11th, 1908, at 2:30 p. m. for the election of officers, and the transaction of such other business as may properly come before the society. It is the general wish of the members to see the gentlemen in attendance, as there is work to be laid out that is more in their line, and a liberal discussion of ways and means wished for.

A FEW MORE TROUT

For Birmingham. - Mr. J. H. Bortle Has Just Received and Planted 8,000 in the Creek.

Mr. John H. Bortle has just received and planted 8,000 brook trout in No Name creek north of Birmingham. The fish came from the Paris Hatchery. They have plenty of young bass on hand and Mr. Bortle expects to put an other shipment in Wing lake soon. He has the assistance of Clarence Heth and his team to distribute the fish. Cost \$2.

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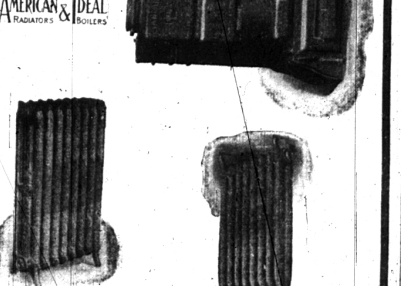
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