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WELCOME, REV. R. M. ATKINS

Next Sunday morning the Rev. Robert M. Atkins will assume official charge of the local Methodist Episcopal church pulpit. He will deliver his first sermon in Birmingham.

We take it that Rev. Atkins' job is to bring a closer understanding of God to the minds and hearts of those in whose employ he remains while in Birmingham; we also believe that some of this understanding may be shown to those outside of the local Methodist church, into whose company this clergyman may be thrust from time to time.

From what we have heard about him, Rev. Atkins is quite able to perform his ministerial duties, and do them well.

Editorially, we welcome Rev. Atkins to Birmingham. May his stay here mean much to the spiritual life of the community. And may the people whose church he will head stand steadfastly behind him.

Whether a man be a preacher or a cobbler, he is entitled to the honest respect and whole-hearted support of his employers. In this way only can he do his job well.

ATTEND THE COMMISSION MEETINGS

Birmingham is growing faster than it ever did before. Almost daily it is confronted with new problems of civic concern. To solve these problems we have a village manager and a village commission.

Every Monday night the commission meets in the village clerk's office to take up the affairs of the moment; these men give a great deal of time in the interest of Birmingham's welfare. Certainly the small amount of money they get (ten dollars per month), is not sufficient to recompense them for what they are doing. They deserve more commendation and less criticism from local residents. It would be a fine thing if a few people would attend these Monday night meetings with helpful suggestions—which might be interspersed with constructive criticism. The village commission would certainly welcome the presence of any local citizen at their meetings.

TWO KINDS OF DISCONTENT

Discontent rules the world. It is the inspiration of success. It plays politics. It guides the advance of civilization. Upon its shoulders rests responsibility for the world's crimes and achievements. Without it there would be no progress, no invention, no discovery, no expansion, no development, and life would become stale and decadent. "There are two kinds of discontent in this world," said Gordon Graham, "the discontent that works, and the discontent that wrings its hands. The first gets what it wants, and the second loses what it has. There is no cure for the first but success; and there is no cure at all for the second." Not all of the discontent of today is of the second kind, as the works of the twentieth century bear witness, but though it may not predominate in numbers it succeeds well in making known to the ears of the world that it is represented. Better serene and uncreative contentment than a discontentment that only voices its dissatisfaction and moves not a muscle nor a brain-cell toward the betterment of its position.

Never before has the United States harbored as many malcontents of the want-to-be-helped and won't-help-themselves kind as today. Thousands of men and women are dissatisfied with their lot and expect their government to improve it to their liking. Instead of putting a shoulder to the wheel for the improvement of both government and self, they expect government to diminish their labors and increase their possessions and pleasures.

For the future prosperity and advancement of America it is well that the greater number of Americans believe with Phillips Brooks that, "Bad will be the day for every man when he becomes absolutely contented with the life that he is living, with the thoughts that he is thinking, with the deeds that he is doing, when there is not forever beating at the doors of his soul some great desire to do something larger."

THE BURDEN OF GRUDGES

Do you carry grudges? Cast them aside. Your burden in life is heavy enough without them. Do you boast of your grudges as a sign that you are a free man? Don't do it. Though you may have created your grudges and though you may feel they are your masters. You may carry your grudge uphill through life, but it will carry you only down.

How often we hear the voice in the street in violent impatience! Smith cries: "If Jones is for it I am against it." Then Jones controls Smith's mind more firmly than if he were his closest friend.

It is not worth while to waste our energies and vitiate our mind in hate and resentment. It is right to hate evil, but merely pity evil men.

If you have been wronged, forget. Why keep the injury fresh? You suffered enough at the time. Do you long for revenge or to "get even" with some enemy, actual or imaginary? You magnify his triumph. You continue his ascendancy. You hypnotize yourself with his spell. It doesn't pay.

Many happinesses are shared by the least fortunate of us, and many misfortunes befall the happiest of us. None of us can well afford to spend the hours of retrospect and prospect in other than the happiest memories and the brightest hopes that charity and love can summon.—Alexandria Times-Tribune.

EXPECTING TOO MUCH

Small-town hotels have been the objects of criticism, ridicule and sneers on the part of their guests from time immemorial. But probably most of them are furnishing the best accommodations they can under the circumstances.

Travelers who are accustomed to modern conveniences and comforts in larger hotels probably expect too much when the strike a village hotelery.

As a reminder of this fact, one country town hotel-keeper placed signs in his rooms, which read as follows: "This ain't the Waldorf-Astoria—If it was it wouldn't be here—You ain't J. P. Morgan—If you was you wouldn't be here—We know this Hotel is on the bum—Well, how about yourself?"

AN OUTSTANDING FEAT

Did you ever go through a whole day's work without making a single false move, mentally or physically? Could you pound a typewriter at top speed or play a piano all day without striking a wrong key?

Well, young Jack Turley of Hastings, Neb., did something similar to that, not only one day, but two days.

Turley is a linotype operator on the Hastings Tribune and set 1718 lines of type, involving the striking of keys approximately 59,000 times in eight hours without an error.

Another day he set 1,672 lines without a mistake. His usual daily output is said to show only from two to twelve errors. Think what that means to the fortunate individual who happens to be his boss.

No proof-reading would be necessary in handling his matter, for most proof-readers would overlook more mistakes than that. Many big newspapers are printed with typographical errors in nearly every column.

Turley's remarkable coordination of brain and hand seems almost too valuable to devote to routine employment—even though it be that of such a rare individual as a capable linotype operator.

"The Skin of your teeth."
"Making good."
"Believe me."
"I'll tell the world."

In the Baptist Church, Bates and Wilkita Streets, Pastor Thomas J. Edwards will speak at 7:30 o'clock, during October, on the above slang phrases, in the order named, showing their Bible origin and their true meaning.

HEAR THESE VITAL MESSAGES.

FROM THE ECCENTRIC COLUMNS of Long Ago

Just Bits of News Gleaned From Old Files of The Eccentric—The Items That Make Up the Historical Background of the Birmingham of Today

43 YEARS AGO Uncle Benjamin had moved his millinery shop across the street, in the rear of D. E. Wilber's Dry Goods store.

Miss Ida Woodward of Pontiac is the guest of Mrs. Ed Lamb this week.

Miss Mary Wilson of Phila., Pa. is visiting at Hugh McBride's.

The Society and friends of the M. E. Church, Birmingham, met in the basement of the church, Wednesday evening, Oct. 4th, to give their past reception. A. E. Bigelow and family a reception. A large company were present, and between one and two hundred took supper. The pastor and family with, through your paper, to thank the many friends for their kindness.

Edwin Baldwin has a very comfortable house to rent. See cheap column.

Married—by the Rev. Thos. Middlemiss in Birmingham, Wednesday, Oct. 4th, 1882, Mr. Miner Spencer to Miss Sara J. Martin, of Troy, daughter of Mrs. Ed. Middlemiss. The happy couple have the best wishes of a host of friends to accompany them through life.

25 YEARS AGO Dick Bennett, a constable from Rochester, Stewart Leonard and a strange young man who had been employed by Mr. Leonard for a few days were closeted in the rear of T. H. Cobb's store for a short time Saturday evening last. Mr. Bennett searched the stranger and found considerable valuables upon him. Tales he had told Stewart were what led to his being taken in charge. Who he is or what will eventually be done with him we cannot state at this writing.

The Misses Tillie E. Walker and Emeline Mitchell are sojourning in Michigan county, the happy guests of Miss Walker's parents, who live near Pontiac. The girls will stay with them until they visit around about with the brethren and sisters and have a good time generally.

Mrs. Will Hutton and Mrs. Robt. Hanna attended the bible class in Detroit last Monday evening conducted by Prof. Newell. They express themselves well paid for going.

A number of our citizens went to Detroit Wednesday morning to attend the Woolley and Metcalf rally held at the Light Guard Armory. They report a very interesting meeting.

It is said that some of the freshmen at Ann Arbor who went from Birmingham this fall spent the greater part of the night of the annual rush in the trees on the campus, where they were chased by the sophomores.

What are you going to do Halloween? Why go to the Halloween social of course. Where? At E. C. C. Peoples' store, where there is not fail to visit Sybil Clegg, where your future will be revealed, and then wander on to the fishing pond, the wishing pond, and the matrimonial sea.

On Friday evening last at the M. E. church park a reception was tendered Rev. and Mrs. Bartram. A

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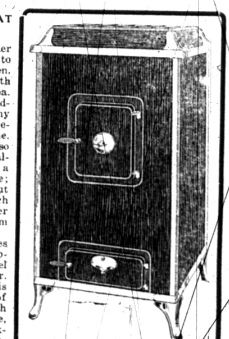
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STATE OF MICHIGAN—Sixth Judicial Circuit. In Chancery. Circuit Court for the County of Oakland. In Chancery, at the City of Pontiac, on the 21st day of September, 1925. Respondent, Plaintiff, vs. Kevork Tzandian, defendant. It appearing that the defendant, Kevork Tzandian, is not a resident of this State, but is a resident of the State of California, and that the plaintiff, Kevork Tzandian, is a resident of this State, therefore, on motion of A. Floyd Blakeslee, attorney for and in behalf of the plaintiff, and in accordance with the order of the court, made on the 18th day of September, 1925, the court doth hereby order that the defendant, Kevork Tzandian, be and he is to be summoned to appear in person or by attorney in this cause before the court on the 18th day of October, 1925, at 10 o'clock in the forenoon of that day, at the City of Pontiac, Michigan, to answer to the complaint in this cause, and to show cause why he should not be held to answer to the same. The court doth hereby order that the plaintiff cause be and he is to be continued until such time as the court shall order in each week for the next six weeks in succession. GLENN C. GILLESPIE, Circuit Judge. A. FLOYD BLAKESLEE, Attorney for Plaintiff. Business Address: Pontiac, Michigan. 21-30

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