

Punchettes

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GUILTY PREACHERS

The Christian pulpit is the highest place on earth. It is the only untrammelled, unpurchasable throne in the world. The preacher, if he be a real preacher, is God-called, God-filled, divinely fitted, and supernaturally commissioned. His authority and message are of supernatural origin. Therefore, he is decreed to be a leader. If he meets these requirements he is an expert in his exalted position. When ever a minister of the Gospel of Jesus Christ and His vicarious death steps out of this exalted place and fails to perform his duty as a courageous leader and fearless defender of the faith delivered at once for all to the saints he becomes guilty and must be held responsible for all the ills that result from his failure.

There are ministers who have no doubt, stepped from this high responsible place and they are therefore guilty of all the evils of the country that have come as a direct result of their actions. Such ministers are chargeable with the following defects:

First: Laziness. They do not work, not even half time. Their sermons show it. Their fences are down. Their churches are unorganized, they do not take any part in the civic life of their community.

Second: They are cowards. They are afraid to speak plainly, pointedly, and persistently against the sins of their members. They are far from being like John the Baptist. They do not demand respect and attention from men because they do not meet men and challenge them in their evil doings. They do not stand like brave men should stand—face to face with a guilty brother and accuse him.

Third: Busy idleness. They are engaged in attending pink teas, and foolish female functions, whereas

they should be in the marts of trade on the floors of assemblies and lodges, business and political meetings, and social gatherings where men live and where they could stand on the floors of such meetings, expose evil, defend virtue, and advocate righteousness.

Fourth: Infidelity. They have yielded to the Goddess of Heresy, and have made a direct attack upon the infallible Word of God and the blood atonement of Jesus Christ. Such men are undermining the faith of the young and unsophisticated saints and are sending thousands adrift into skepticism and sin. Such men are parasites. They are drawing salaries fraudulently because they contracted to preach the infallible Word of God and the vicarious atonement of Jesus Christ. They are preaching something else. Therefore such conduct is dishonest. Such men are largely responsible for the rise of the infamous cults and the spread of irreverence, frivolity, impropriety, domestic infidelity, religious infidelity, apostasy, and general social criminality.

If the preachers were preaching faithfully, fearlessly, courageously the whole gospel of Jesus Christ, and were exposing crime, demanding confession, and bringing men face to face with the judgment of their deeds, the crime wave of this country would subside at once, and a great revival of religion would begin.

The pettifogging, heretical spino-rationalistic, infidelic preachers of country are responsible for the social conditions of this land.

M. A. Matthews

John H. Perry The Man Behind the Gun

Editor's Note:
John H. Perry, who insists that Country America never will get its fair share of the wealth it produces until it is represented through its publishers in the form of a country newspaper bloc, is President of The American Press Association and of The Publishers' Autocaster Service Company. Here is his record in brief:

Born in Kentucky; educated in law in University of Virginia.

As a State's Prosecutor won more than 90 per cent. of cases tried.

Tried more newspaper cases than any other lawyer in America. Won more than five million dollars in suits without losing a case.

Has owned or partly owned several large daily newspapers, the values of each of which increased from a very small amount to as high as three million dollars for one paper.

Made the greatest circulation record in America by increasing the Sunday circulation of one daily from 37,000 to 100,000 in nine months.

Is director and co-controlling owner of several strong, prosperous banks.



He was raised in the tobacco growing country and knows that industry thoroughly.

Has never failed in any enterprise he has undertaken.

Has made a fortune by his own efforts.

HELP WAS URGENTLY NEEDED

Darky Evidently Had Troubles of His Own With That "Possum" His Partner Shook Down.

Two negroes, Salvation Jones and King Agrippa Johnson, living near the dismal swamps went 'possum hunting one dark night. A warm trail was struck, and the dogs soon "treed," Salvation, being the better climber, volunteered to go up and shake down the 'possum, whereupon King Agrippa made ready to catch it in the sack they took along for that purpose.

Instead of an opossum, the dogs had treed a wildcat. As Salvation made his way to the topmost branches the animal retreated still farther out on the overhanging limbs, and emitted an angry snarl.

"Hub? How's dat?" exclaimed Salvation. "Never heard no 'Possum talk lak dat befo'!"

"Go on, Salvation. Yo' ain't heern nothin' but de dogs. Shake him loose! I'ee waitin'!" urged King Agrippa.

Climbing a little farther out, Salvation gave the limb a mighty shake and dislodged the wildcat. Suddenly a chorus of yells, howls, screeches and cuss words broke loose from below.

"Hey, dar, King Agrippa!" anxiously called down Salvation. "Yo' want me ter come down an' help yo' hol' him?"

"Naw, suh," yelled Agrippa. "Ah wants yo' tuh come down an' help me ter tu'n him loose!"—Judge.

STRANGE MONSTER IN AFRICA

English Scientist Tells of Creature Which He Thinks May Have Been Giant Python.

F. C. Cornell, Fellow of the Royal Geographical society, who recently returned to England after spending twenty years in practically unknown parts of South Africa, is author of a story about an unknown monster that had been seen near the Great falls of the Orange river. It has a huge head and a neck ten feet long like a bending tree. It seizes the native cattle and drags them under water. The natives call it "Kynan," or the Great Thing. Last May Mr. Cornell, accompanied by two white companions, W. H. Brown and N. B. Way of Capetown, and three Hottentots, went to the junction of the Oub and Orange rivers to see the monster if possible. He writes: "At the cries of the natives I saw something black, huge, and sinuous swimming rapidly against the current in the swirling rapids. The monster kept its enormous body under water, but the neck was plainly visible. The monster may have been a very gigantic python, but if it was it was of an incredible size. This reptile may have lived for hundreds of years. Pythons approaching it in size have been said to have lived that long."

Last Feeling of Satisfaction.
Postmaster Chance told the Klwanis club last week how he took an examination to get his first promotion in government service.

He entered as a messenger. One day he happened to look into a room and saw about thirty people bending over tables.

"What are they doing?" he asked. "They are taking an examination for promotion," he was told. "Don't you want to try?"

If they were trying to play a joke on M. O. Chance of Illinois he called their bluff.

He went in, took the examination and later was told that he was the only one promoted.

"I tell you, I felt pretty proud," declared Postmaster Chance, recalling the time, "until they told me that the others had taken the examination for promotion to \$1,000 and that I had been the only one to take the examination for promotion to \$1,000."—Washington Star.

Eddie Knew!
Eddie is a high school freshee. He is enthusiastic over sports, and, with his father, has witnessed practically all of the wrestling matches held recently in Indianapolis. His teacher had urged the pupils to attend at least one of the Shakespearean plays scheduled at a local theater, and finally asked whether any of the pupils had ever seen Robert Mantell. "Yes," put in Eddie without a moment's hesitation, as he recalled the name of Al Mantell, a noted wrestler. "I saw him wrestle Jack Reynolds." The sally was good for a big laugh at his expense.—Indianapolis News.

Stung But Rewarded.
Patrons of a Long Island telephone line complained of a buzzing on the wires and a trouble hunter was sent out to locate the difficulty. He located it and he did something else, for he found that a swarm of bees had made a hive in the connection on a telephone pole. The trouble hunter worked for hours and finally stung the bees with a fire extinguisher. He was badly stung, but he was ten minutes of peace.

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J. A. Nelson,

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