

SABBATH MORN SERMON THEME "IN HIS HANDS"

Dr. J. H. Thayer Stresses Counsel Found in Old Testament, "Commit Thy Works Unto Jehovah"

NOT SECOND CHOICE Many Turn to Lord After Trying Everything Else, Instead of Taking Him Into Partnership, Says He

"I love to go out to our schools and look into the bright happy faces of the children," said Dr. James H. Thayer, pastor of Blackwell Memorial Baptist Church Sunday morning.

"This morning I want to call your attention to two passages which are found in the Old Testament. One of these is in Proverbs 16:3 and the other in Psalms 37:5.

"If you will read thoughtfully through the sixteenth chapter of the book of Proverbs you will get full notice that there is one theme that runs through it all.

"It takes no very great observations of life to know that all of us in the great broad outlines live alike. The differences between us are largely superficial, lying on the surface, but underneath it all, we are of common clay and are subject to the same changes.

"Human nature shares equally also in its inability to always look out for itself. Yes, there comes an age in the life of each person when they are absolutely sure that they can take care of themselves.

"The Past and the Future "And we soon find out two or three interesting things. First, we have the power of reflecting upon the past, considering its lessons.

"The regular 5 per cent dividend on stock of the Hood Bank was declared a few days ago. It will be paid to shareholders on Thursday, December 31.

December calendar grid with dates 22, 23, 24, 25 highlighted.

ONLY 3 MORE GENERAL BROWN HAS EXTRA STAR

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Played Game Army Way and Had Reward Where Mitchell Lost

New York, Dec. 21. — Friday was a memorable day for two distinguished army officers who saw their first military service as buck privates.

Colonel Mitchell started his Army career by joining up with the first Wisconsin Infantry in 1898 for the Spanish war.

Both rose to the ranks of Brigadier General by hard work and efficient soldiering. Both won distinguished service medals.

General Brown who long has lost touch with old top sergeant and thought him dead, had found him recently, living in Brooklyn, and summoned him to help out in the commissioning ceremonies.

"I never had to call him down like some of those other chaps I busted in," he said. "He was a fine fellow and always a good soldier, just as he is now."

HOOD BANK TO CLOSE DAY AFTER CHRISTMAS In line with the action of the banks holding membership in the Elizabeth City Clearing House Association, the management of the Hood Industrial Bank announces that it, too, will be closed the day after Christmas, in order to give its personnel the benefit of a three day holiday.

COTTON MARKET New York, Dec. 21. — Cotton futures opened today at the following levels: Jan. 18.51, March 18.75, May 18.45, July 18.13, Oct. 17.75.

SHIPPING CLERK GIVEN YEAR ON LARCENY COUNT

Mark W. Sawyer, Employed by D. R. Morgan & Co., Pleads Guilty to Theft of Merchandise

LOWER COURT ACTS Goods Valued at Several Hundred Dollars Involved; Prosecuting Attorney Explains Action

Upon his plea of guilty to a charge of larceny of goods valued at less than \$20, Mark W. Sawyer, employed as shipping clerk by D. R. Morgan & Company, wholesale grocer, was sentenced Monday morning in recorder's court to a year in jail, to be served on the roads of Beaufort County.

Discovery by Chief of Police Holmes and other members of the force in a search of Sawyer's home at Harney and Parsonage streets Saturday night of a large quantity of groceries resulted in Sawyer's arrest at the Morgan store.

Prosecuting Attorney J. H. LeRoy, Jr., in commenting on the court's disposition of the case, declared that Sawyer was sent on to Superior Court on the basis of the officers' discovery, inasmuch as the goods alleged to have been stolen aggregated far more than \$20 in value.

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SLOT MACHINES FOUND ILLEGAL

Court Bars "Game of Chance" Contrivances from City and County

The operation of slot machines which deliver a small quantity of merchandise, and which may or may not reward the patron with one or more tokens redeemable in merchandise, was held a violation of the State anti-gaming laws by Judge P. G. Sawyer in recorder's court Monday morning.

The ruling was made as a result of a police visit to the Cut Rate Drug Store, at Parsonage and Dyer streets, Sunday night by Chief of Police Holmes and Officers Twiddy and Roughton.

The action was in the nature of a test case, and Mr. Walston, although found guilty of the violation charged, was let off without fine or payment of costs.

NEW YORK, Dec. 21. — Spot cotton closed quiet, middling 19.30, 19 points decline. Futures, closing bid: Jan. 18.47, March 18.75, May 18.47, July 18.13, Oct. 17.75.

Policeman Is Much More Than Mere Law Enforcer

Knights of the Shining Badge in Elizabeth City and Elsewhere Called on to Perform Wide Variety of Services for the Public Every Day

All sorts of calls for assistance come to the police, according to Chief of Police Holmes, in command of Elizabeth City's force of vigilant knights of law and order.

Police in the larger towns and cities receive a great many burglar calls. Nine times out of ten, when the officers answer such summons, the "burglar" turns out to be a blind swinging in the wind, a dog or cat prowling about the premises, or some other easily explained disturbance of the night's quietude.

Occasionally, on the other hand, a phone call which indicates only a relatively trivial infraction of the law leads to the uncovering of a serious crime.

TRIO CONVICTED IN THEFT CASE

Truck Drivers and Merchant, All Colored, Involved in Transaction

Two colored truck drivers employed by W. J. Woodley, wholesale grocer, and Spence Elliott, colored proprietor of a small store on North Harney street, were convicted in recorder's court Monday morning in connection with the alleged theft of two shoulders and a box of snuff from the Woodley store.

The truck drivers, James Stancill and Lee Overton, were convicted on charges of larceny of goods valued at less than \$20. Stancill was sentenced to three months on the roads. Overton was put under a suspended sentence of 60 days on the roads, conditional upon good behavior for two years and the payment of a fine of \$20 and costs.

Elliott was found guilty of receiving stolen goods, knowing them to have been stolen, and was sentenced to 30 days in jail. He entered notice of appeal, and was placed under \$200 bond for his appearance at the March term of Superior Court. Stancill appealed also, and his bond was fixed at \$500. Overton paid his fine.

The court inclined to the view that the three had engaged in a partnership, and that all were guilty. The light verdict in the case of Overton followed a strong plea by Mr. Woodley. It appeared that Overton had borne a particularly good reputation, and this mitigated in his favor.

FUNERAL J. J. CARTWRIGHT The funeral of J. J. Cartwright, who died at the home of his daughter, Mrs. B. O. Morris, City Route One, Thursday morning at 2:30 o'clock, was conducted at the home Friday afternoon at two o'clock by Dr. S. H. Templeman and Rev. M. F. Booe and burial made in the family burying ground. The pallbearers were: W. T. Brickhouse, M. Elliott, W. H. Simpson, Benoit, Cartwright, Charlie Cartwright and P. Delon.

MARKETING BILL IS INTRODUCED IN HOUSE Washington, Dec. 21. — The administrative co-operative marketing bill was introduced in the House today by Chairman Haugen of the Agricultural Committee.

COOLIDGE LUCKY WHEN MITCHELL VERDICT GIVEN

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COOLIDGE SENDS HOLIDAY MESSAGE BOYS AND GIRLS

Washington, Dec. 21. — President Coolidge, in his Christmas greeting today to boys and girls of the nation, pointed out the value of self-control, obedience and self-control.

SISTER OF AUTHOR KILLED BY TROLLEY

Charlotte, Dec. 21. — Funeral services will be conducted at Salisbury today for Miss Ann Fisher, who was killed here Saturday night by trolley. She was a member of a prominent North Carolina family her father having been first president of the North Carolina Railroad and her sister, Mrs. J. H. Tiernan having been a writer of note under the pen name, "Christian Reid."

COTTON GINNED IS FOURTEEN MILLIONS

Washington, Dec. 21. — Cotton of this year's crop ginned prior to December 15 totaled 14,824,452, running bales counting round as half bales and excluding linters, compared with 12,792,294 bales ginning to that date last year.

DOUBT ABDICATION OF KING OF HEDJAZ

London, Dec. 21. — Doubt is cast upon the report from Port Sudan of the abdication of King Ali of Hedjaz in dispatches received here. The Daily Mail Cairo correspondent, referring to the report, says that it is contradicted from trustworthy sources.

MITCHELL FLOUTS ADVICE OF COUNSEL

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STORES TO BE OPEN NIGHTS THIS WEEK

Beginning Monday night and continuing through the week until Christmas, the stores of the city will remain open each night, in order to afford patrons ample opportunity to make their holiday purchases without undue haste.

COUNTRY CLUB EVENT TONIGHT

Stockholders to Vote on Authorization of Additional Bond Issue

Stockholders of the Elizabeth City Country Club will assemble tonight in the spacious new club home to consider a proposal for the issuance of some \$20,000 in bonds for projected further improvements on the attractive club site in Camden County.

Washington, Dec. 21. — President Coolidge today decided to give the South representation on the Interstate Commerce Commission. He nominated Richard V. Taylor of Mobile, Alabama, to succeed C. C. McChord, who has resigned.

IMPOSSIBLE GRANT PROTECTION STEEL

London, Dec. 21. — Premier Baldwin stated in the House of Commons today that it was impossible to grant the application of iron and steel companies for protection under the safeguarding of industries procedure.

ALL DAY IN BED, YET THEY CALL IT WORK

Imagine arising at 7 o'clock in the morning, coming to work at eight, going back to bed again at 9 o'clock for the rest of the day, and calling it a day's work!

ORDER INVESTIGATION PRICE CRUDE RUBBER

Washington, Dec. 21. — Investigation of an alleged manipulation by the British Colonial Government of the price of crude rubber and other raw materials was ordered today by the House.

DECLINES ISSUE CALL

Austin, Texas, Dec. 21. — Lee Satterwhite, speaker of the House of Representatives, today declined to call a special session of the Legislature. The session had been sought by some legislators to ascertain if there was evidence on which to file impeachment charges.

STATE AGAIN LEADS IN NUMBER TRAFFIC DEATHS

Atlanta, Dec. 21. — Thirty-nine persons lost their lives in traffic accidents in the south during the past week and 227 others suffered varying degrees of injury.

WILL SEEK HIS VINDICATION IN HIS HOME STATE

Colonel Billy Mitchell Will Run for Senate from Wisconsin Next Year, Say Recent Reports

COULD BE ELECTED If Election Held Now the Colonel Would Win on Any Platform But Months May Make Difference

Washington, Dec. 21. — Colonel "Billy" Mitchell will seek his "vindication" before the people of his home state of Wisconsin by running for the Senate next year. This was the prevailing opinion in military and political circles last week of Washington, and is backed by recent reports from Milwaukee and other cities of the Badger state.

Of course, the Senatorial election in Wisconsin is 11 months away and much can happen in that time to change the political trend of the thoughts of the people. If the election could be held next month Colonel "Billy" would romp in. But in 11 months' time the politicians can get in a lot of "dirty" work and the young crusader may find himself blocked at many turns.

Senator Lenrott will be a candidate for re-election on the Republican ticket. It is a foregone conclusion that he will have the support of President Coolidge and all the forces of the administration. It is also a foregone conclusion that he will be opposed by the LaFollette forces with all their might. The assumption is that Governor Blaine will make the LaFollette fight against Senator Lenrott. That was understood to be the general scheme of action when Young Bob was elected this year.

Inasmuch as the Republicans will be in a fine old squabble and inasmuch as the Democracy in Wisconsin is but a hollow name, it is more than likely that Colonel Mitchell will choose to run as a Democrat. He can undoubtedly have that nomination. No one else would go anywhere with it. Or the Colonel may choose to run strictly as an Independent.

Wisconsin is a game for Colonel Mitchell today. His election to the Senate is merely a question whether the fires can be kept alight for eleven long months, with all the trained politicians of the state trying to extinguish them.

If President Coolidge gives final approval to the sentence of the court martial, as there is every reason to believe he will, that will definitely set the administration against Colonel Mitchell politically as well as militarily and any fight he makes in Wisconsin will be against the administration forces. However, that appears to be the popular thing to do in Wisconsin, anyhow.

The belief that President Coolidge will approve the humiliation of Colonel Mitchell by "axiling" him for five years from the Army is based upon the fact that the President did not hesitate to approve the War Department suggestion last week that Colonel Mitchell, then brigadier general, be deposited from his rank as assistant chief of the air service. Much pressure in behalf of Mitchell was brought to bear at that time, but it had no effect upon the President. He did not fear Colonel Mitchell as a political entity, nor did he fear the wrath of his friends. President Coolidge is a stickler for form and discipline. If he were to modify the Mitchell verdict he would be accused of weakening in the face of a possible political storm. This his supporters say he will not do.

Colonel Mitchell is expected to lie "doggo" saying nothing, until the President gets the verdict of the court and finally acts upon it. There may be several months, particularly the verdict of a court martial is not read in open court, or made public in any form until after the President has had a chance to review the findings and approve or disapprove the sentence.

The Mitchell court has been a surprise in many particulars. Colonel Mitchell was born in Wisconsin. His parents were in France at the time, but the Mitchell are a Wisconsin family and it was from Wisconsin that Billy Mitchell enlisted in the ranks during the Spanish-American War and thus began the military career which has made him one of the notable military figures of the world.

The Mitchell are an offspring of the MacGregor clan of Scotland. Colonel Mitchell's grandfather, Alexander Mitchell, known to his friends as Sandy, was first of the family in this country. He became a great power in the Northwest, a banker, a railroad builder, merchant and philanthropist.

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