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## NO MORE ABOUT POWERS!

For some time we have been publishing articles for and against Evangelist Powers, and that matter has gone far enough. There seems to be no end to the controversy and we are closing it so far as the News-Record is concerned. We shall not object to any facts worth knowing about him or anyone else, but be sure they are facts. If he is found guilty or cleared of present or future charges, is shot or dies suddenly, or any other real news, let us have it; otherwise, say no more about POWERS!

Letter From M. G. Shelton, Belva, North Carolina—

Editor:—  
I have a few words and a letter from the judge in W. Va., that I want you to print about Charlie Powers. He stands on God's Word and has been kicked and knocked about by Ahabs and Jezebels and I am going to prove to readers of the Record that he is a fine man. I want the people to read the 15th chapter of First Kings and on the 20th chapter and find out where the Ahabs and Jezebels come from. Letter as follows:

Mr. M. G. Shelton, Belva, N. Carolina.

I received your letter of recent date inquiring about the character of Charley Powers. I have been acquainted with him and his family practically all his life. He held a revival here in this section of the country and soon had the greatest success of any preacher for many years. He had his wife and children here and stayed at my house a few nights, and my opinion about Charley is that he is trying to do the right thing. He was reared up very poor and he deserves credit for doing as well as he has. His father and uncles never had any financial ability, they never appeared to care much about this world's goods. Two of his uncles, one now dead and one living, they were both good preachers and were loved very much by the people. I am sure that Charley's wife is a poor house-keeper and is really not fit to rear a family. I do not mean that I know anything against her moral character but she is what you call a no-account woman. I don't suppose she that Charley provided for her and the children while he was away from home as well as some men do, for their wives and children, but I do not believe he is guilty of any criminal negligence. I understand that his wife took a warrant for him for failure to support her and the children in W. Va., if I was not tied up in my law practice here and knew when the trial was, I would come over there and help him out. All the criticism I have heard about Charley was that he ought to make his wife straighten up and clean the children up better, and that he sometimes boasted a little about where he had been and preached, this trait he inherited from his father and I suppose he cannot help it. Everybody believes that he is a good christian man and does the best he can under the circumstances. He can get as large a crowd to preach to as anybody in this country. I think he ought to quit his wife but support his children. Any information that I can give you, I will be glad to do so.

Yours truly,  
D. F. KENNEDY,  
Wise, Virginia

Another Letter Against Powers—

We hear of the public referring to Powers, and we can't tell as to how much truth is in these statements, but here is a true statement that the Rev. makes himself and he won't deny these statements surely that he has made, and any reader can do his own thinking and judge for himself. First he states he completed college at Roanoke, Va., he states he was conductor for five years, then he served two years on the Board of Education in W. Va., then he states he was general manager of the girls

home four years, then he states he has been preaching for seventeen years and he gives his age at 38-years. He states he was a professional boot legger and had on hand 13 hundred gallons of whiskey when converted. I can't see into the time where he could have got the experience that he should have had before he was conductor and the time he spent in making whiskey and the other things referred to and just be 38-years of age. He states he operated a tent which cost 17,000 dollars, the size of the tent was 185 by 165 feet. It seated nine thousand five hundred people, the pulpit was 35 by 16 feet. You readers count the space and see how many people could be seated in this space.

Preacher Killed; Powers Takes His Subject—He stated that he finished a preacher's subject while the preacher lay dead in the pulpit, being shot by a Roman Catholic Priest and this was all done here in the United States. I wish some one would find out what press has ever printed that news. He states he belongs to the evangelist conference of Los Angeles, California and that he is a universal evangelist. He states to Hot Springs meeting that he had six guards for two weeks in order to preach. He states he told the public that he would militarize the town and to save this being done they gave him six guards. He states he took an officer, went to Rev. McFee's home, called him out and intended to whip him but he fled back in his home, the trouble was over the report that should have started at Hot Springs. Anyone wanting to know the facts can ask the public at Hot Springs. He stated on his return from W. Va., that he beat his case entirely, then we hear that he had to return for trial, later he stated he helped to build the new church at Hot Springs and he spent \$200 there. Every Baptist church in Madison county should be careful and not change its color. If we claim to be anything stand by it and if we endorse everything we should not claim to be anything, for the time is here that every man will have some one to follow him. Doesn't make any difference what his character might be, so we consider that a church that has a pastor that has a good character and would turn against their pastor on account of these reports could not be called a Missionary Baptist church. These are true facts that the Rev. has made before the public and if the readers want any more we have got more behind and if it takes standing by the truth and a clean life to be a hypocrite we will sure just remain one.

### FROM THE WEAK KNEED HYPOCRITE

I want to say that I am glad to know that there is a judge on Walnut Creek. As there is but one judge my bible says, so we will not be judged in the hereafter according to the way some people are judging the other people here on earth. I want to say I would rather belong to the weak kneed hypocrite than to be one of the judges on this earth, for I think I would stand a better chance to enter the pearly gates. It seems that some people are worshipping Powers instead of God. My bible says there is but one God, and beside me there is none other, and when the truth was told on Powers, some of his followers could not believe what the court had to say about him, but were ready to call us hypocrites, infidels, street walkers, and as to sifting out the preachers, I believe we have too good preachers to be sifted out by Powers, and they do not have to have someone to find out what they are.

From a reader.  
O. L. RICE

### STOCKHOLDERS MEETING.

There will be a meeting of the stockholders of the Cooperative Warehouse in the Court Room at Marshall on Saturday, Jan. 21, at 1:30 P.M. Every stockholder should be present at this meeting.

G. H. ROBERTS, President.  
EDITOR'S NOTE—The date above, Jan. 21, 1928 is correct, but the date appearing on the letters which were sent out was wrong, said date being Oct. 21, 1928.

If you believe in trading at home keep your printing here. Every dollar sent out of town for printing does not return to your pocket. It does not have the chance to come back.

## MARSHALL MAN KILLED IN AUTOMOBILE WRECK

### TRUCK PINS MR. BRYAN BENEATH IT

#### Body Found By Two Men At Eleven O'clock At Night

On Tuesday night, January 17, 1928, Mr. L. P. Bryan, resident of this section, was killed in an automobile wreck, when the Chevrolet truck which he was driving turned over, pinning him beneath it. The scene of the accident was just beyond the curve on this side of the George Pritchard place, on Walnut Creek.

Mr. Bryan had been to Johnson City, Tenn., with a load of tobacco on his truck, and on his return trip, just as he was nearing his home, the accident occurred. It is supposed that he went to sleep while driving, thus causing the wreck. He had successfully rounded the curve and was on a straight stretch of road, according to reports, when the truck turned over down the embankment. The theory that he fell asleep is supported by the fact that Mr. Bryan had lost much sleep for several nights prior to the accident.

Messrs. Polk Roberts and Lu-

rico-Smith, chancing to pass the scene at about eleven o'clock that night, saw the lights of the ill-fated truck, burning very dimly, down the embankment, the dimness being attributed to the fact that the acid and water in the battery had about all run out. These two men investigated the spot, and found the truck on the body of the man. Being unable to turn the truck over, they then had to return to Marshall for the wrecker. The deceased was thought to have been dead for about three hours when found.

Mr. Bryan was born Oct. 22, 1891, and had lived on Walnut Creek all his life. He was a prosperous farmer and a good citizen of the County, and was a member of the Enon Baptist church.

The funeral services are to be at the home of the deceased, to be conducted by Rev. H. L. Smith, pastor of the Marshall Baptist church. At the graveyard, the Woodmen of the World will have charge of the services.

Mr. Bryan is survived by his father, his wife and several children.

## FARMERS HOME IS DESTROYED BY BIG FIRE

A fire of unknown origin destroyed the beautiful farm house of Mitchell Griffin a well known farmer of the West Fork section near the Grape Vine Baptist church, several miles north of here Saturday afternoon. A large barn on Mr. Griffin's farm was also destroyed by the fire which rapidly spread beyond control, in addition to a large quantity of corn, and other crops stored away for winter. Very little of the property was covered by insurance, said Mr. Griffin.

Mr. Griffin and a neighbor were hauling corn nearby when the fire was discovered, and despite their efforts to get it under their control the house and barn rapidly burned, only a few household furnishings being saved by Mr. Griffin who came near losing his life in escaping from the burning home after attempting to save his household effects.

Citizens here recall that during the past several months, Madison county citizens have sustained severe losses from fire. Only a short time ago the residence of Wade Redmon, well known business man here, burned to the ground, the fire catching from a laundry stove. This building was located about three miles from here on the Marx Hill road and was valued at about \$20,000. Recently Garrison Roberts, a farmer living east of here lost his home by fire, and a few months ago the home of Ellerd Biddle of the Little Sandy Mush section was burned to the ground. Other residences have been destroyed by fire in different sections of this county during the past year.

## MEETING COACHES

There will be a meeting of the coaches of all Madison County high schools at Marshall on Saturday, Jan. 21st, at ten A. M. in the office of Supt. Blankenship. All are urged to attend.

Be interested in yourself alone and you alone will be.

## RABBIT FEVER IS UNIVERSAL

Washington, D. C.,—of all the diseases which afflict the human system, only one is 100 per cent American; in the sense that its discovery and analysis have been completed within the United States.

Tularaemia, or rabbit fever, is the disease, and Dr. Edward Francis of the United States Public Health Service is the man chiefly responsible for its identification. His work has progressed to the point where the next step to be expected is the development of a serum for control of the disease. Being a reticent man, it can only be assumed that he is moving toward that achievement.

The disease gets its name from Tulare County, Calif., where, in 1912, Dr. G. W. McCoy, now director of the Hygienic Laboratory of the Public Health Service, was examining the carcasses of rats. One had the symptoms of bubonic plague but, when further tested, proved not to have been so infected.

This bacteriological mystery remained unsolved for several years. In 1915, however, at the request of health authorities of Utah and of other Western States, Dr. Francis was detailed to make a systematic study of rabbit fever, which was prevalent in that section. He spent five or six months in the field and then returned to his laboratory. He soon fell victim to his germs, an unpleasant experience which has overtaken virtually all bacteriologists who have worked on the subject.

After patient, tedious investigation, Dr. Francis was able to show that the human cases he had studied had been communicated by contact with uncooked rabbits infected with the disease, and that it appeared in a number of animals besides the rabbit. It was found to be communicated by wood ticks, flies, rabbit lice, hedgehogs and other animal parasites.

Physicians in all parts of the United States and in Europe and Asia soon were seeking information about the disease and submitting blood specimens from baffling cases for diagnosis. They disclosed the virtually universal spread of the disease, effect on victims, continuing in some and confirming its generally disabling cases as long as a year.

## THE PRICE TOO HIGH

Glorious as were the achievements of successful overseas flyers during 1927, the loss of 19 men and three women who failed, makes the price of this kind of glory seem too high.

Those who died in the quest for trans-oceanic flying fame, leaving no record to tell the tragic story of their fate, were these:

Nungesser and Coli, between Paris and New York  
Sain-Roman and Mouneyres, between Senegal and Buenos Aires; early in May.

Pepler, Knope and Miss Mildred Doran; Frost and Scott, Erwin and Eichwaldt; between California and Honolulu in August.

Redfern, between Brunswick, Ga., and Rio Janeiro, in August.  
Hamilton, Minchin and Princess Lowenstein-Werteim, who left England for Canada August 31.

Bartaud, Hill and Payne, in an attempted flight from New York to Rome in September.

Omdal, Goldsborough, Kohler and Mrs. Frances Grayson, who left New York on December 23 for Harbor Grace, Newfoundland, on the first leg of a proposed flight to England.

Through sheer luck, Halderman and Miss Ruth Elder escaped death when their plane landed in the Atlantic near a tank steamer in October.

Besides the loss of life attending these stunts, hundreds of thousands of dollars and the time of many ships and airplanes were spent in fruitless search for the victims.

In the present state of aviation, the cost of overseas flying is much too high.

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Hammermill Letter Heads are being printed for \$4.50 per thousand. See our samples.

## THE LAND OF THE SKY

By Anne Lovick.

Art thou in quest of the beautiful? Then come to the Land of the Sky! Behold the marvels of Nature! Feel the power of Him Most High! Art thou in quest of the beautiful in quest of grandeur that aways? Then, come, see the vistas of splendor O come they are calling always. Always! Yes, calling forever, These scenes wild with beauty and charm, This romantic land of blue mountains, To the soul, indeed, it is balm. Come loiter in some flowery dell, Or rest, neath ancient trees, And listen to the brooklets That sing of joy and ease; Behold great canyons; deep, sublime! A myriad waterfalls! And stony cliffs no man hath scaled, These noble God-made walls, Come once at early dawning, See the sun rise over the blue, This sea of blue mountains upheaving Like billow waves to view. Or come when the mists of the morning White clouds midst their summits repose, Or when the great glory of noonday Into valley and vale brightly glows, And once again pause when the sunset With colors opalescent and gold Is painting the sky and horizon. Such splendor can never grow old! Come know these grand old mountains, Know each enchanting mood, The throbs and thrill of the heart-beat, The joy of life renewed. Come seek the peace of their silence, The spell of their holiness; Forsake all wearisome heartache, And come where Nature doth bless. In the Land of the Sky, God's wonderland, Are scenes of grandeur supreme; 'Tis the crowning work of the Creator The masterpiece of His dream!

## YOUR PERSONAL PROGRESS.

We are standing today on the threshold of a new year when, more than at any other period, thoughts turn to the deeper problems of personal progress. During the year our minds are very largely centered upon the immediate day's work. But in the closing hours of 1927 we are looking down the road, as it were.

We do not subscribe to the belief that success in life is to be measured in terms of dollars, power or fame. We believe that any man or any woman who is leading a good life, in keeping with the true meaning of good citizenship, is a success. If this were not so, there could not be the progress that we see all about us.

But, for purposes of example, we can make use of the names of those whose success in life has made them well known. They illustrate the great truth that by adhering to practices of thrift it is possible to rise from the most lowly position to a place among the leaders in thought and action.

Frank W. Woolworth began life as a clerk in a store in Water Town, N. Y.

Cyrus H. Curtis, Philadelphia publisher, started his career as a newsboy.

E. H. Harriman earned his first money as a clerk in a broker's office.

Andrew Carnegie began as a bobbin boy in a Pennsylvania cotton mill.

Chas. M. Schwab was a clerk in a small store and later became stake driver of an engineering corps.

John Wanamaker began his career as an errand boy.

James J. Hill clerked in a steamship office.

Henry Ford was originally a Detroit machinist.

Thomas Edison began selling newspapers on trains running out of the same city when 12 years old.

The list might be continued indefinitely.

All success, great or small, must rest primarily on practices of thrift. Without it the start upward is never made.

Junior Partner to Pretty Stenographer: "Are you doing anything on Sunday evening, Miss Dale?"

Steno (hopefully): "No, not a thing."

"Then try to be at the office earlier on Monday morning, will you?"

It used to be chivalry that prompted men to give women drivers the right of way; now it's common sense.

"You ought to see the nice antique brass bowl that they gave me at Mary's bridge."

"Yeah, they've got a bunch of 'em on the floor in the railroad station."