

SPORTING CRAZE WORST SIN, SAYS FAMOUS PARSON

"Fighting Preacher" Sees Tragic Downfall Like Ancient Rome

PAWTUCKET, R. I., Oct. 26.—The sporting craze is America's greatest sin, according to Rev. Arthur J. Watson of St. Luke's Episcopal Church, known, internationally as the "fighting man of the cloth."

And he predicts for America a tragic downfall similar to that of ancient Rome—unless a huge religious revival occurs.

The sporting craze in this country is the indirect cause of most of our financial crimes, and we squander more money on baseball, horse racing and prize fighting and theater than on food and famine sufferers, Rev. Watson declared.

Built Novel Church

Rev. Watson became famous when through his own efforts, he secured subscriptions totalling \$100,000 and built a novel church which became famous in this city and elsewhere because of its original apertures new to structures of worship.

In the basement of the church have bowling alleys, spaces for amateur boxing tilts, a real stage with footlights for theatricals, storehouse, closets for hats, balls and other athletic paraphernalia—all for the use of members.

The minister himself frequently joins in many of the athletic activities and often times emerges as victor of a tennis or golf match or a boxing match. He also enjoys a cigar or cigarette when in the mood.

To Build Character

"As long as it builds character athletics is desirable," Rev. Watson continued, "but most of America's sporting craze is the indirect cause of most of our financial crimes."

"The idolatry worshipped a calf of gold. The Americans bow down before a calf of flesh. The boxing glove may yet be woven into our flag. We squander more money on baseball horse racing, prize fights and theater than we do on food and famine sufferers and community chests."

"The major part of our sports totally unites those who take part in them for the active work of life. The sporting tendency is, indeed, our national sin, the chief cause of financial crime."

EVERYBODY HAS MOMMOTH TIME AT FAIR DURING GOLDSBORO DAY

(Continued from Page One) caused by rows upon rows of mirrors which, as one proceeded on down the line, showed that one to be extremely tall, ridiculously short, awfully fat, and pathetically thin, together with many other hideous visions, in turn.

Ballyhoos and cries shouted to the world in general, and to the fair visitors in particular, that their special freak or exhibit was "The only one of its kind in captivity", positively alive, and such other attention compellers as are warranted to attract even the most fastidious unbelievers.

As the day wore on toward noon, calls to dinner from the various church and society booths were answered by frenzied rushes for front position at the counters. It was estimated by a studious calculator that 2,000 pounds of hot dogs several tons of barbecue, 500 layer cakes, and a proportionate amount of other eatables, together with their accessories, were consumed by that eager and hungry crowd during the dinner hour.

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All during the day the Floral Hall and Exhibition Hall received their share of the crowd, some passing slowly through and making varied comments on the exhibits as they went around to each, while others went in and lingered, never seeming to tire of looking at some particular exhibit, and then turning around and going back to look again. To attempt to describe the exhibits would be almost impossible, but suffice it to say that it was the general opinion that they were the best that a Wayne County Fair has ever seen. One of the judges of the exhibits, a man who has assisted in judging exhibits at about sixty fairs, in the state, even went so far as to state that they as

a while, were among the best he had ever seen.

Gone but not forgotten is yesterday's Goldsboro Day at the Wayne County Fair, with its crowds brim full of happiness and joy, and while the day

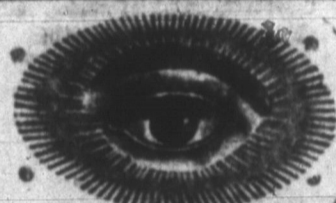
was a glowing success, it is predicted by those who are in a position to know that tomorrow will be an even bigger and better day, with more and more crowds to enjoy our gala week the Wayne County Fair.

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This year have been within the territory of our church. There have been tornadoes in Florida, cyclones in Texas, floods in the Mississippi Valley, international complications in Mexico, and Civil War in China.

Dr. Campbell, Moderator of this church, states that at this time when there is much anxiety as to the future of our mission work at home and after days of fasting and prayer that the Spirit of Missions for the world begin to move upon the New Testament Church.

There is considerable concern in the Presbyterian Church, U. S., over the necessity of cutting \$100,000 off the appropriations for this year to Foreign Missions and the necessary retrenchment by other committees because of the decrease in contributions.

The leaders to the church, believing that the people have the money, and the conditions facing the church are not financial but spiritual, have, abroad, it is well to note that it was

therefore, called upon the whole Church to observe a Day of Fasting and Prayer in homes, Churches, public services and all the organizations of the church.

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