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STATEMENT.

At the Close of Business November 10th, 1904.

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THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 2, 1905.

The Supply of Coal.

Great Britain was greatly concerned a few years ago over predictions made by some of her scientists to the effect that her coal supply would be exhausted in a comparatively short time.

Electricity and oil are now used for fuel to a considerable extent, though hardly dreamed of for such purposes a half century ago.

It is the same with coal. The production in this country in 1866 was less than 15,000,000 tons, while last year it was over 301,000,000.

The superiority of electricity has been demonstrated, and the waterfalls of the country are being made use of to develop that power.

"McKinley Day."

Sunday was celebrated the country over as "McKinley Day," in loving celebration and memory of the birthday of the late President McKinley.

WASHINGTON.

From our Regular Correspondent.

Washington, Jan. 30, 1905.

The plans of the Administration with regard to Santo Domingo constitute the chief topic of discussion among Democrats in Congress this week and the comment is generally unfavorable to the methods which have been pursued.

In addition to the official statement made by the State Department it has been declared by officials of that Department that conditions in Venezuela present an almost analogous condition and it is intimated that eventually a similar course will have to be pursued with the Castro government.

Subordinate to this question however, although attracting greater attention at the present time, is the question of how far the President shall go in determining upon so momentous a policy and carrying it into effect without consulting the Senate.

In the present instance the President and the Secretary of State decided upon the policy to be pursued with regard to San Domingo without consulting a single member of the Senate and it is unofficially, but apparently credibly, stated that terms of the agreement with San Domingo will take effect February

1, although no mention is made of the possibility of the Senate's refusing to approve the agreement. Moreover, a considerable naval fleet is being assembled in San Domingo waters, seven vessels being already in that vicinity and several more on the way.

The decision of the House to demand of the Senate the impeachment of Judge Charles Swayne of the Northern District of Florida means the defeat of the President's efforts to secure railway rate legislation at this session of Congress and insures the calling of a special session for that purpose, to convene about October 1.

William J. Bryan has been in Washington this week laboring to promote the rate legislation recommended by the President and has insured cordial support for Mr. Roosevelt's recommendations from Democrats in both houses of Congress, but he was unable to influence a sufficient number of Republicans to accomplish the desired end.

New License Law.

The bill introduced by Senator Godcharles in the Senate provides that in each judicial district containing less than five hundred thousand population the governor shall appoint three excise commissioners. They are to hold office for five years and shall be paid salaries based on the population of their respective districts.

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Jesus at Jacob's Well Sunday School Lesson for Feb. 5, 1905 Prepared by the "Highway and Byway" Preacher.

LESSON TEXT.—John 4:5-14; Memory Verses, 12, 14. Read verses 1-42. GOLDEN TEXT.—"Whosoever will, let him take the water of life freely." Rev. 2:17.

TIME.—Probably December, A. D. 27, as may be inferred from verse 5. This was over six months after the events of last lesson.

PLACE.—Jacob's well, near Sychar, in Samaria.

REMINDER.—Let us begin again by repeating our key verse, John 20:31, and may it help us to unlock the blessed truths contained in this lesson.

The Lesson Outline.

- THEME.—The Water of Life. I.—Jacob's Well of Water, vs. 5-8. (1) A Thirsty Traveler, vs. 5, 6. (2) A Needy Soul, v. 7. (3) A Simple Request, v. 7. (4) An Awakened Interest, v. 9. II.—Jesus' Well of Living Water, vs. 10-15. (1) An Unknown Friend, v. 10. (2) A Waiting Gift, v. 10. (3) Unsatisfying Water, v. 12. (4) Satisfying Water, v. 14.

Comparing Scripture with Scripture.

1. Jacob's Well of Water. (1) A Thirsty Traveler, vs. 5, 6.—Here we have the humanity of Christ emphasized "Wearied with His journey," and thirsty, and yet not too weary or thirsty to yearn for the soul of the woman who came to draw water. His own personal needs were forgotten in the supreme longing to do the will of Him that sent Him. (V. 34). Whether at midnight with Nicodemus, or in the heat of the day, weary with travel, Jesus was eager to work for souls.

(2) A Needy Soul, v. 7.—From the verses following our lesson we learn that this woman was a great sinner, a bad character in the town, but Jesus came to save just such.—Matt. 9:13. This woman came filled with thoughts of her human needs, and was unconscious of a higher need. "Her need was so great that she knew no need," save that of this life. She came with earthen pitcher to draw natural water, to supply a temporal need. And the world is full of such to-day.

(3) A Simple Request, v. 7.—But it proved the easy stepping stone to the supreme question of the soul's need. By the asking of this favor Jesus was breaking down the barriers which for centuries had separated the Jews and Samaritans and prevented the one from having intercourse with the other. The request was so unexpected and unusual that it amazed the woman, as is evidenced by her question in verse 9. One reason why so many earnest Christians fall when seeking to speak God's message to needy souls that they talk from a distance. They try to talk over the barriers, instead of first breaking down the barriers to the heart by loving contact. Love always finds a way.

(4) An Awkward Interest, v. 9.—The soul is half won whose interest is aroused and who is drawn out to ask questions. It was Jesus' opportunity to speak His message. To have spoken sooner would have found unresponsive soil and a wasted message.

II. Jesus' Well of Living Water. (1) An Unknown Friend, v. 11.—Jesus a stranger to her, and yet she not a stranger to Him. Multitudes to-day who know not Jesus, but He knows each individual soul. How sad to realize that the Saviour of the world is unknown to the world.

(2) A Waiting Gift, v. 10.—"The Gift of God." Not something to be bought. Not something to be earned. But a gift, a free gift.—Isa. 55:1. A gift to be received. But, oh, how many are rejecting it. This gift, the living water, is the Holy Spirit. See John 7:37-39; Luke 11:13; John 6:63.

(3) Unsatisfying Water, v. 13.—Jacob's well could only satisfy temporarily. So with all temporal things. They can never satisfy. This world has never yet supplied the soul's thirst. To realize how unsatisfying the water the world gives, one has but to look on every hand at the discontent, the mad rush after pleasure, the eager grasping for more, the longing for something which is not possessed.—Isa. 55:2.

(4) Satisfying Water, v. 14.—God alone, by His indwelling Spirit, can satisfy the needs and longings of the soul.—Isa. 58:11; Ps. 145:16; 107:9. Not only is the thirst of the soul satisfied by the Holy Spirit, but He is a "Well of water springing up into everlasting life," and overflowing to the blessing of those about. May we say as did the woman: "Sir, give me this water that I thirst not."

The Golden Text.

"Whosoever will, let him take the water of life freely." Water of life—the Holy Spirit (John 7:37-39). THE SINNER needs to drink to realize his condition (John 16:8). He needs to drink to know Jesus as Saviour (John 15:26). He needs to drink to know God as Father (Rom. 8:15-17). THE SAINT needs to drink to learn the truth (John 15:13). He needs to drink to obtain help (Rom. 8:26). He needs to drink to have power over appetites and lusts (Gal. 5:16, 17). He needs to drink to be sanctified. (Rom. 15:16; 1 Cor. 6:11), and to have power in service (Acts 1:8).

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F. P. PURSEL. BLOOMSBURG, PENNA. Off on a Pleasure Trip. College of Music. C. C. Trench, Gehrad Snyder and J. R. Fowler left on Tuesday for Florida where they will remain for a month or more.