

Subject: Loyalty to the Truth. Brooklyn, N. Y.—Preaching at the Irving Square Presbyterian Church on the theme, 'Loyalty to the Truth,' the Rev. I. W. Henderson, pastor, took as his text I Kings 22:14.

Amazing spectacle of the ages. The odds against truth to-day are tremendous; but even as Ahab never returned to the city of his rule, so surely shall eternal and redemptive truth conquer in the long struggle with the adversary.

Two things are necessary that truth may win and be accredited. First, we must be sure that our insight is correct, our truth born of God. And then we must be loyal to the voice of Jehovah as He speaks to us.

CHRISTIAN ENDEAVOR NOTES DECEMBER SECOND.

Courage or Cowardice—Which?—Luke 12:4, 5; Gal. 1:9-12; Jer. 1:6-10, 17.

Much fighting—among men and nations—is simply because men are too cowardly to stand by the principles of peace (Luke 2:4).

The word 'courage' comes from the Latin word 'cor', which means the heart. Whatever the appearance, a man is courageous if his heart is brave.

Illustrations. 'Your face is pale,' sneered one soldier to another. 'Yes,' he answered; 'if you were as much afraid as I am, you would have run long ago.'

EPWORTH LEAGUE LESSONS SUNDAY, DECEMBER 2.

Tempations and How to Meet Them. Matt. 4: 2-11.

Tree Growing in Window. Upon the window sill of a doctor's office on the second floor of a building at Independence and Forest avenues is a wooden box tied and nailed firmly to the woodwork.

DEFINING HIS POSITION. 'Do you believe in get-rich-quick schemes?' 'If you refer to robbing a bank, no. If you mean marrying an heiress, yes.'—Milwaukee Sentinel.



Country Road Building. It is a pleasure to ride over our town since we changed the money system of road maintenance and building. We are on the third year, and the changed condition of roads and small bridges is marvelous.

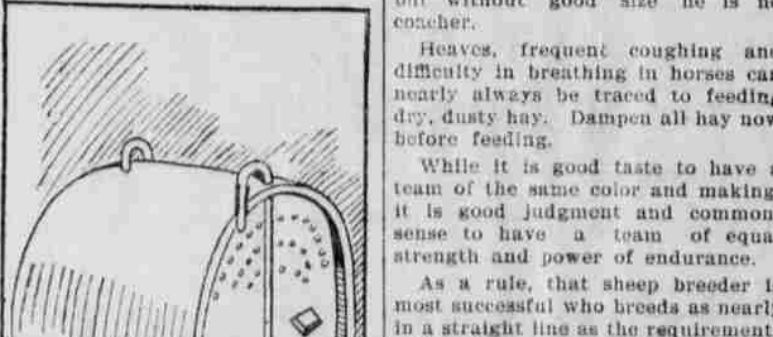
Sheep Benefit Land. Sheep are the only animals which do not really exhaust the land on which they feed. They distribute manure evenly on the field and trample it into the soil, feeding upon plants that other animals will not consume.

Potatoes on Tilled Land. It is claimed that, with potatoes grown on land that has been tilled so as to permit of perfect drainage, there is less liability of the tubers rotting than on other soils. The most important matter, however, is to use seed potatoes from localities where no disease has existed.

Stock Notes. Yearling Calves and Colts—Should be sheltered at night. A month's growth is easily 'used up' by exposure to one cold storm.

Protect Trees from Borers. To protect trees from borers mix cement with skim milk and apply with a stiff brush. Mix only a small quantity at a time, as it may 'set.'

Farm Notes. The utmost care must be given the early piglets if you wish to have them lay this winter.



For the Chicken Raiser. here is a good example. It is simple, efficient and durable. As shown here it is rectangular in form, being made of sheet metal.

Winter Homes for Turkeys. While the idea of the turkey is to roost high, the privilege can not always be accorded if a structure is to be provided for the birds in which to roost.

Bad Roads, No Mail. 'Bad roads, no mail,' is the rule the Government has adopted for the rural free delivery service.

THE SUNDAY SCHOOL. INTERNATIONAL LESSON COMMENTS FOR DECEMBER 2.

Subject: Jesus Before Pilate. Luke xliii. 13-25—Golden Text, Luke xliii. 4—Memory Verses, 20, 21—Commentary.

1. Pilate endeavors to release Jesus (vs. 13-17). 13. 'Pilate.' Pontius Pilate belonged to an ancient and knightly Roman family.

15. 'Nor yet Herod.' Christ had traveled extensively in Galilee and yet Herod brings no charge. 'He sent him back unto us' (R. V.) This was done with a distinct acquittal.

20. 'Willing to release Jesus.' It was probable at this time that the mother cause from Pilate's wife (Matt. 23:29) upon the release of Jesus. Pilate repented the proposal of verse 16.

21. 'Cruelty Him.' Let Him die the most ignominious death possible. Had the Jews executed Him according to their law against false prophets and blasphemers of the synagogue?

24. 'Pilate pronounces the death sentence (vs. 24, 25). 24. 'Pilate gave sentence.' Before Pilate pronounced the sentence he took water and washed his hands publicly, thus expressing his act that he attested in words, 'I am innocent of the blood of this just person; see ye to it' (Matt. 27:24).

25. 'Jesus is brought out before them, Pilate made one last effort to release Him (John 19:4-5). Now it is that he permits Jesus to be scourged, hoping that will satisfy them; but the cry is still, 'Cruelty Him,' and He is taken back into the court and His own clothes are put upon Him.

26. 'The people of the country are not to be underestimated. The country editor is close to the people. He knows what every man in the community is talking about and thinking about, knows where he stands. He can reach him directly and almost as personally as through a personal conversation.

27. 'Male Teachers Decreasing. The male teachers in the United States are steadily decreasing; as shown by statistics. In 1870 the proportion was forty-one per cent.; in 1872 it had increased to 43.8; in 1889-90 it had risen to 44.5; in 1893-94 it had fallen to 43.8; in 1903 it had reached twenty-five per cent.

28. 'Taking all crimes, more are committed in the autumn than during any other of the four seasons of the year.'