SERMONS BY EMINENT DIVINES.

GOSPEL MESSAGES.

Emblect: "The Gallows For Haman"— From the Life and Death of This Persian Courtier Living Lessons of Warning and Instruction Are Drawn. TEXT: "So they hanged Haman on the gallows that he had prepared for Mordebal."—Esther vii., 16.

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Here is an Oriential courtier, about the most offensive man in Hebrew history, Haman by name. He plotted for the destruction of the Israelitish nation, and I wonder not that in some of the Hebrew synagogues to this days when Haman's same is mentioned, the congregation elench their fists and stamp their feet and cry, "Let his name be blotted out!" Haman was Prime Minister in the magnificent rount of Persia. Thoroughly appreciative of the honor conferred, he expects everybody that he passes to be obsequious. Coming in one day at the gate of the palace, the servants drop their heads in honor of his office; but a Hebrew, named Mordeat, gazes upon the passing dignitary without bending his head or taking off his act. He was a good man, and would not have been negligent in the ordinary courtails of the control of the day of the could not be hypocritical; and while others made Oriental salaam, getting clear down before this Frime Minister when he passed, Mordecai, the Hebrew, relaxed not a muscle of his neck, and kept his chin clear up. Because of that aftront Haman gets a decree from Alasaneus, the dastardly king, for the massacre of all the Israelites, and that, of course, will include Mordecai. To make a long story short, through queen Esther this whole plot was revealed to her husband, Ahasuerus. One night Abasuerus, who was afflicted with insomini, in his sleepless hours calls for his secretary to read him a few passages of Persian history, and so while away the hight. In the book read that night to the sing an account was given of a conspiracy, from which Mordecai, the Hebrew, and saved his, the king's life and for which kindness Mordecal had never received any reward. Haman, who had been fixing up a nice gallows to hang Mordecai on, was walking outside the door of the king's life was Mordecai, and he asked what reward ought to be given to such a non-self-conceited Haman, supposing that he himself was to get the honor,

Anthony of the prime, and then therap white assets. What a spectacle! A comedy and tragedy at one and the same time. These they go! What a spectacle! A comedy and tragedy at one and the same time. These they go! Worderai, who had been despised, now farred and robed, in the stirrups, Haman, the chancellor, afoot, holding the prancing, rearing, champing stallion. Mordecai bends his neck at last, but it is to look down at the degraded Prime Minister valking beneath him. Huzza for Mordecai! Alas for Haman! But what a pity to have the gallows, recently built, entirely wasted! It is fifty cubits high, and utilt with care. And Haman had erected it for Mordecai, by whose stirrups he now walks asgroom. Stranger and more starting than any romance, there go up the taps of the seaffolding, side by side, the angman and Haman the ex-chancellor. So they hanged Haman on the gallows that he had prepared for Mordecai. Although so make years have passed ince sowardly Ahasuerus reigned, and the beautiful Esther answered to his whims, and Persia perished, yet from the life and feath of Haman we may draw living lessions of warning and instruction. And arst, we come to the practical suggestion that, when the heart is wrong, things very his gnificant will destroy our comfort. Who would have thought that a great Prime Minister, admired and applauded by millions of Perslans, would have been so pettled and harassed by anything trivial? What more could the great dignitary have wanted than his chariots and attendants, and palaces and banquets? It affluence of circumstances can make a man contented and happy, surely Haman should have been contented and happy. No; Mordeai's refusal of a bow takes the glitter from the goid, and the richness from the purple, and the speed from the chariots. With a heart puffed up with every inflation of rumpets in the palace. Thus shall it always be if the heart is not right. Circumstances the most trivial will disturb the spirit.

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have sinned against his religion had he made any obeisance or dropped his chin half an inch before Haman. When, therefore, proud Haman attempted to compel an homage which was not felt, he only did what the world ever since has tried to do, when it would force our hely-religion in any way to yield to its distates. Daniel, if he had been a man of religious compromises, would never have been thrown into the den of lious. He might have made some arrangement with King Darius whereby he could have retained part of his form of religion without making himself so completely obnavious to the idolaters. an homage which was not felt, he only did what the world ever since has tried to do, when it would force our hely religion in any way to yield to its dictates. Daniel, If he had been a man of religious compromises, would never have been thrown into the den of lions. Hemight have made some arrangement with King Darius whereby he could have retained part of his form of religious without making himselfs ocompletely obnoxious to the idolaters. Paul might have retained the favor of bis

rulers and escaped martyrdom if he had only been willing to mix up his Christian faith with a few errors. His unbending Christian character was taken as an insufficient control of the co Rigot and rack and halter in all ages have been only the different-ways in which the world has demanded obelsance. It was once, away up on the top of the Temple, that Satan commanded the Holy One of Nazareth to kneel before him. But it is not now so much on the top of churches as down in the alsie and the pew and the pulpit that Satan tempts the espousers of the satan tempts of the saturation of the satan tempts of early times, as well as Toland, Spinoza and Bolingbroke of later days, were so madly opposed to Christianity? Certainly not because it favored immoralities, or arrested civilization, or dwarfed the intellect. The genuine reason, whether admitted or not, we see the control of the see that the see that

harpings the soul shall take the honors of heaven amid the innumerable throng with robes snowy white streaming over seas of sapphire.

Mordecai will only have to wait for his day of triumph. It took all the preceding trials to make a proper background for his after successes. The scaffold built for him makes all the more imposing and picturesque the horse into whose long white mane he twisted his fingers at the mounting. You want at least two misfortunes, hard as flint, to strike fire. Heavy and long continued snows in the winter are signs of good crops next summer. So, many have yielded wonderful harvests of benevolence, and energy because they were a long while snowed under. We must have a good many hard falls before we learn to walk straight. It is in the black anvil of trouble that men hammer out their fortunes. Sorrows take up men on their shoulders and enthrone them. Tonics are nearly always bitter. Men, like fruit trees, are barren unless trimmed with sharp knives. They are like wheat—all the better for the flailing. It required the prison darkness and chill to make John Bunyan dream. It took Delaware ice and cold feet at Valley Forge, and the whizz of builets, to make a Washington. Paul, when he climbed up on the beach at Melita, shivering in his wet clothes, was more of a Christian than when the ship struck the break ors. Prescott, the historian, saw bette without his eyes than he could ever have with them. Mordecai, despised at the gate, is only predecesor of Mordecai, grandly mounted.

Late News Paragraphed.

Twenty-five applications for pensions on account of the Maine disaster have been filed.

Ceylon and the Straits Settlement, Hayti and the Dutch West Indies have declared their neutrality.

The Bertillon system of identifying criminals has been adopted in the Denver (Col.) Police Department.

Meat in the shops at Santiago de Cuba, \$1.50 a pound; eggs, \$1.50 a dozen; milk, \$1 a quart; goats, \$30 a piece. The University of Oxford has rejected the proposed innovation of a Final Honor School of Agricultural Science.

By the operation of the age limit retirement law Acting Rear Admiral Sampson will soon become a Commodore.

Two hundred and forty-three prisoners of war, the passengers and crews of prize vessels, were paroled at Key West.

The Woman's School Alliance in Milwaukee, Wis., provides clothing for poor children to enable them to attend school. It is estimated in San Francisco that \$20,000,000 would be shipped from Dawson City to San Francisco within the next two months.

hundred and first anniversary of her birth at her home, in Earl, Penn., August 13 last, is dead.

It is announced officially that the Gov-ernment will pay all volunteer troops for the time between the dates of enlistment

A Chinaman enlisted in the army at Santa Ana, Cal., and Chinese in San Fran-cisco are contributing funds to the Red Cross Society.

The colony of beavers in the National Zoological Park at Washington have con-structed three large dams, one of which is four feet high.

The Senate passed a bill conferring American register on the steamship China, which has been chartered as a transport for the Manila expedition.

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Thirty-nine of the crew of the Spanish steamer Rita, captured off Porto Rico, were taken to New York to be sent to Spain by the Austro-Hungarian Consul.

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A sheet containing war news, condensed from the newspapers each morning and printed at the printing-office at Jollet, Ill., is passed into the cell of each prisoner at two o'clock every afternoon.

J. W. Howard, son of General O. O. Howard, obtained his commission as Major of volunteer engineers in the army without the aid or influence of any one. He was appointed on merit after having passed a rigid examination.

A pamphlet issued by the State Department containing information as to the resources of the Philippines shows the islands to contain valuable deposits of gold which can be easily mined. The natives are highly spoken of.

A citizen of West Newton, Mass., who was reported to have made some slighting remarks about the Stars and Stripes, found his doorsteps painted red, white and blue when he woke up the other morning, and small bits of red, white and blue paper scattered all over his lawn.

A Railway's Huge Ice Bill.

THE SABBATH-SCHOOL LESSON.

INTERNATIONAL LESSON COMMENTS

Lesson Text: "The Risen Lord," Matthew xxviii., 8-20—Golden Text: Rev. i., 18— Commentary on the Lesson by the Rev. D. M. Stearns.

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8. "And they departed quickly from the sepulcher with fear and great joy, and did run to bring His disciples word." The women who in love, but not in faith, had come to anoint a dead Christ find the tomb open and empty, the stone rolled back from the door and an angel sitting upon it who speaks to them, with the result stated in this first verse of our lesson. Angels know when we seek Jesus and they are glad (verse 5 and Luke xv., 10). They, like their Lord, would dispel our fears. It is very helpful to make a special study of the "Fear nots" from Gen. xv. 1, onward. Having believed, we are to "go quickly and tell" and the burden of our preaching is to be that Christ is risen and is, therefore, the one who fulfills all scripture.

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If the sun was to be divided into smaller planets it would make 1,310, each the size of the earth.

KEYSTONE STATE NEWS CONDENSED

PAY FOR SOLDIERS.

the Volunteers Have Received Money for Services Be-fore Being Mustered into the United States Army.

Adjutant General Stewart has confluded the payment of all the Pennsylvania volunteers for duty at Mount
fretna before they were mustered into
the United States service, and is arranging the rolls of the officers and
men of the Guard who declined to volunteer or who were rejected by the
medical officers. This work will be finshed next week. The Adjutant Genral will be required to draw 2000 individual checks.

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and found Stotler dead. Stotler was a bartender. George McElhaney, a wealthy farmer of Mechanicsville, committed suicide the other day by shooting himself. He was 78 years old, and 15 years ago loaded the revolver intending then to end his life, but deferred action.

ACRICULTURAL TOPICS.

Ornamental Plants From Seed.

The castor oil bean (ricinus) is one of the best of ornamental leaved plants which may be grown from seed and bloom the first year. They grow rapidly and make a fine hedge or screen if planted in open rich soil in a dry situation. As the young plants do not bear transplanting well the seed should be planted directly where the plant is to remain, in the open ground, when the weather becomes warm. The richer the soil the more rapid the growth of the plant and the more brilliant the color of foliage and stalk. According to variety the plants grow from six to eight feet high, and have foliage of shades of green, red and purple. Nicotina affinis is also readily grown from seed. The plant grows to a height of three or four feet, its broad green leaves and blossoms of white being very attractive. The soil should be rich and well-drained. A packet of seeds of each variety, or rather class, costing ten cents for the best variety, will furnish a display equalling mere costly palms and foliage plants.

Heredity in Stock Breeding. Ornamental Plants From Seed.

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The attention of the stock breeder who is striving for improvement in the character and quality of his stock must be directed to the study of the individual characteristics of his breeding animals, with a view to ascertaining not only their merits and defects, but the causes of such discernible in dividual characteristics, whether they are hereditary or acquired. Also he must apply himself to the study of the indications of invisible qualities, and to testing for such characteristics to learn if the invisible qualities are preslearn if the invisible qualities are present as indicated or not. In producing high-class stock to be used for further purposes of improvement attention of the breeder must be directed to a study of ancestry to ascertain what latent qualities his stock is likely to possess -that the undesirable latent qualities

may be overcome and the best may be brought into activity and usefulness. A study of the formation of any breed brings us to the conclusion that the value of the breed is due to selection, the breeding of blood lines and feeding conditions. To maintain and tion, the breeding or blood lines and strengthen the present degree of excellence it is necessary to bring to bear equal method and system. This can only be accomplished by working along with nature and building on strong foundations.—C. H. Elmendorf, in Nelwecks Fanner. n Nebraska Farmer.

Care of Young Pigs.

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If young pigs have plenty of exercise and the right kind of food there is no danger of over-feeding. A small quantity of corn ground with wheat or ye and middlings, and the whole mixed with milk, is a first-class food for young pigs. The common field varieties of peas are also an excellent food for pigs, young or old. Sow at varieties of peas are also an excellent food for pigs, young or old. Sow at the rate of two bushels per acre and cover four inches deep, sowing after the peas are planted three pecks of oats per acre, well harrowed in, to serve as a support for the peas.

The food for pigs of all ages when not being fatted should be that which has built. Middlings will ground.

has bulk. Middlings, milk, ground barley and swill for pigs, and for shoats and breeding stock, fed in addition beets or other roots cooked and mixed with cut clover hay. For young pigs, ground oats with the hulls, young pigs, ground oats with the hulls, sifted out is an excellent food. Have part of the feeding pen so arranged that a portion of the grain food may be scattered over it broadcast to give the pigs exercises in feeding it. A run of liberal dimensions should be provided for young pigs if they are kept in confinement, in order to get the amount of growth from the feed given to be profitable, otherwise liberal feeding will only result in an excess of fat before the formation of the desired amount of bone and muscle.

Colic in Horses.

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It is stated on good authority that teventy-five per cent, of the horses that die each year are victims of colic. During the spring the trouble is fre-Juring the spring the trouble is frequent among farm horses, although it is usually wind colic, but this may turn into the nervous colic so generally fatal unless prompt and intelligent treatment is given. The stomach of the horse is peculiarly susceptible to the changes of food that are frequently made in the spring, and that invariably causes an attack of indigestion more or less violent. Any change in food should be brought about gradually, and so also should radical changes in the work required It stands to reason of the animal. that a horse lightly fed for two or three months of winter with but little work to do is not in fit condition to put into the field for ten hours' work at heavy plowing. Give horses whole-some food regularly and according to the work done by them. Keep them from exposure to draughts of cold air, especially when very warm; give only pure water to drink, and they are practically insured against colic.

Should the colic attack the horse, the following treatment will give re-

lief in most cases. An injection of clear water of the same temperature of the stable should first be given, followed by a pill made of five drams of powered Barbadoes aloes, one dram mercurious chloride and enough linseed meal to make a stiff pill with the addition of a little water. Rub helly addition of a little water. Rub belly and flanks with coarse cloth or sacking if the animal is chilled. After this treatment the horse should not be worked or violently exercised for at least twenty-four hours. If the at-tack does not succumb to this treatment it is sufficiently severe and dangerous to need the immediate services of a skilled veterinarian.

In Mexico everything and everyoody pays a direct tax, from the street porter to the largest mercantile estab-ishment, and the stamp tax for documents is equally lucrative.