

DR. TRUMAN'S ISRAELI SERMON
AN ELOQUENT DISCOURSE.

Subject: "Cling to the Cross"—The Multiplicity of Opportunities For Doing Good That Men of Talent Have Within Their Reach—Brave Stay-at-Homes.

Text: "Thou art worth 10,000 of us."—II Samuel XVIII, 3.

One of the most wonderful characters of his time was David. A red haired boy, he could shepherd a flock or carry on loves and ton of messengers of his brothers in the regiment, or with heathen thong, stone loaded, bring down a giant whose armor weighed two hundredweight of metal, or cause a lion which roared at him in rage to roar in pain as he flung it, dying, to the sea, or could manage a host, or rule an empire, or thumb a harp so skillfully that he cured Saul's dementia.

I admit that this thought of my text fully carried out would change many of the world's statistics. Suppose a village of 500 to have 1000 inhabitants, and one-half of them—namely, 500—have for years been becoming less in body, and in soul. Each one of these is only one-half of what he once was.

That original 500 have been reduced one-half in moral quality and are really only 250. Suppose that the other 500 have maintained their original status and are neither better nor worse. Then the entire population of that village is 750. But suppose another village of 1000, and 500 of them are in the same physical, mental and spiritual culture, augment themselves until they are really twice the men and women they originally were, and the other 500 remain unchanged and as good as dead.

Notice, my friend, that this David, warrior, strategist, minstrel, master of black horse and stinger at the giant, whom the soldiers of the test estimated clear up into the thousandfold of usefulness on this particular occasion, staid at home or in his place of temporary residence.

That army and that nation then and there remained in the hands of the one who commanded the boys in the right wing, and left wing and centre, did their work bravely and left 25,000 of the Lord's enemies dead on the field, and many of the survivors got entangled in the woods of Ephraim and mixed up in the bushes and stumbled over the stumps of trees and fell into boxes and were devoured of wild beasts which seized them in the thickets.

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and yet fear that they will soon have to rattle their knife and fork on an empty dinner plate. How many have had—winter and spring and summer and fall—nothing for sixty years, but expect an empty wardrobe shortly! How many have lived under free institutions all their days, but fear that the United States will be some foreign colony! Oh, but the taxes have come up! Yes, but thank God, it is easier with money to pay the taxes now than they are up than it was without money to pay the taxes when they were down. We want a few men who have faith in God and that mighty future which holds several things, among them a millennium. Columbus said to his friend, "Dei colui, vira you are all waiting for me. Because one can take my God from me!" We want more men to feel that they have a mission to cheer others and to draw up the corners of people's mouths which have a long way to go before they can see a bright hope, and can play a harp of encouragement, and strike down a Goliath of despair, and of whom we can say, "Thou art worth 10,000 of us."

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KEYSTONE STATE NEWS CONDENSED

AN INCREASED AWARD.

Railroad Company Refuses to Settle a Damage Case—Jury Grants Plaintiff More Than She at First Agreed to Accept.

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FIFTY-FIFTH CONGRESS.

THIRTY-SIXTH DAY.

The House reversed the decision of the committee of the whole last Friday when the appropriation bill for the support of the civil service commission was stricken out of the legislative, executive and judicial appropriation bill. In committee, where members do not vote on record, the appropriation was stricken out by a vote of 67 to 61. To-day when the roll was called the appropriation was restored, the motion to strike out being defeated 95 to 67. The House by special order decided to proceed with the consideration of the naval personnel bill as soon as the bill for the codification of the laws of Alaska was out of the way. About seven additional pages of the latter bill were covered, leaving almost one hundred pages still undisposed of.

The House devoted its undivided attention to the bill for the codification of the criminal laws of Alaska, and when adjournment was had all but ten pages of the bill had been disposed of.

The House passed the diplomatic and consular appropriation bill without amendment. The bill is the sixth of the regular appropriation bills to be passed by the House. It carries \$1,705,533, \$125,495 less than the estimates and \$46,675 less than the current law. All diplomatic and consular offices in the Hawaiian Islands, Porto Rico and Cuba were abolished by the bill.

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try, the experience of the South with the negro race. He advocated the adoption of the Vest resolution, declaring that this country could not maintain permanently as colonies such territory as the Philippines, and held that it would be in opposition to the spirit of American institutions to do so.

Sullivan, of Mississippi, and Pasco, of Florida, discussed the pending Nicaragua Canal bill, the former supporting it and the latter opposing it.

PENNSYLVANIA LEGISLATURE.

In the House last Thursday these nominations for United States senator were made: By Mr. Marshall, of Allegheny, Senator Quay; Mr. Dixon, of Elk, George A. Jenks, of Brookville; Mr. Keator, of Philadelphia, named Congressman Charles W. Stone, of Warren; Mr. Young, of Tloga, named Charles Tubbs; of Tloga; Mr. Allen, of Philadelphia, named J. F. Downing, of Erie; Mr. Randall, of Chester, named Judge John Stewart, of Chambersburg; Mr. Edwards, of Bucks, named Congressman John Dalzell, of Pittsburg; Mr. Alexander, of Clearfield, named Col. E. A. Irwin, of Clearfield; Mr. Wilson, of Westmoreland, named Col. George F. Huff, of Westmoreland.

In the Senate last Thursday Senator Cochran, of Lycoming, on behalf of the Democrats, formally placed Hon. George A. Jenks of Jefferson county in nomination for the United States senatorship. This opened the gates, and Republican candidates for the senatorship were named as follows: By Mr. McClure, of Allegheny, Congressman John Dalzell, of Allegheny; by Mr. Weller, of Bedford, ex-Congressman Charles W. Stone, of Warren; by Mr. Holtzworth, of Philadelphia, E. A. Irwin, of Clearfield; by Mr. Henry, of Philadelphia, Hon. Charles Tubbs, of Tloga; by Mr. Rice, of Bucks, ex-Congressman George F. Huff, of Westmoreland.

MINES AND MINERS.

Capitalists Purchase 8,450 Acres of Coal Land in Pennsylvania—Estimated Number of Tons, 30,000,000. A number of capitalists, of whom Joseph B. Dickson, of New York, is the head, has purchased the coal properties in Scranton, Pa., of the Lackawanna Iron and Coal Company. The main to be acted upon. The bill carries \$1,705,533, \$125,495 less than the estimates and \$46,675 less than the current law. All diplomatic and consular offices in the Hawaiian Islands, Porto Rico and Cuba were abolished by the bill.

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WHEAT.

Table with 2 columns: Item (e.g., No. 2 red, CORN-No. 2 yellow, etc.) and Price. Includes entries for RYE, FLOUR, HAY, STRAW, and SEEDS.

Dairy Products.

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Fruits and Vegetables.

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Poultry, Etc.

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CINCINNATI.

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NEW YORK.

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LIVE STOCK.

Table with 2 columns: Item (e.g., Prime, 1300 to 1400 lbs., Fair, 1000 to 1150 lbs., etc.) and Price.

TRADE REVIEW.

Americans Investing Heavily Without Recalling Their European Loan—Markets Firm and Business Good. R. G. Dun & Co.'s weekly review of trade reports for the last week as follows: Contrary to the French saying, the expected has occurred. Rapid advance in prices of iron and steel products have had an immediate effect, perhaps not to the lasting benefit of the industry, for there is the same reason for doubt as to its permanence as in 1895, when shrinkage of buying and reaction soon drove prices lower than before.