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ODD EAST SIDE SECT.

THEY EXPECT TO START FOR THE NORTH POLE BY TRANSGURATION.

Stutake, a Paper Hanger From Saxony, Is Their Spiritual Guide and Counselor. Think the Earth's Axis Will Be Changed and Things Generally Upset on Sept. 3.

In East Seventy-fifth street, New York, a few doors from First avenue, is an old fashioned, roomy frame house, well shaded by trees. In that labyrinth of tenement houses it is comparatively a garden spot in the desert.

The owner of this house does not expect to have any use for it after next September. Neither do a score or more of people who went there the other night to pray with him. They expect the Lord Jesus Christ to appear at sunrise on Sept. 3 and bring about a transfiguration for their benefit, which shall remove them to the north pole as the chosen people of the earth.

This reads like the statement of a crazy man, but F. Stutake neither looked nor acted crazy when he explained his religion to a reporter. He was sitting upon the porch of his house, welcoming brethren and sisters who came to worship. Each newcomer shook hands all around and quoted some verse of Scripture appropriate to the approaching millennium.

Mr. Stutake spoke chiefly in German, so it is impossible to quote him literally. He is an assertive, bushy whiskered man of about 45 years. He came here from Saxony about ten years ago and prospered in business as a paper hanger. The doctrines of the new covenant were inculcated in him before he left home.

About a year ago he came to the conclusion that he had made money enough to last him until the appearance of the Lord next September, so he quit work and began preaching and editing for the flock of followers that he had gathered around him during his stay here. He preaches three times a week in the parlors of his house, which are so arranged that they may be converted into quite a large meeting room.

The Sabbath and Sunday are distinct in the creed of the New Covenanters, but it includes them both. They hold services on Saturdays and Sundays. Every new moon Mr. Stutake gets out a paper called Rays of Light of the Holy Ghost. It is published in both English and German.

"We do not circulate very many copies," he said, with a smile, "but we have a number of people to look after. We send to brethren in nearly all nations. The expenses of the paper and of the meetings are defrayed by the followers. We do not beg."

The new moon figures conspicuously in the creed of the New Covenanters. It is a festival time with them. Asked about the numerical strength of the New Covenanters, Mr. Stutake said: "The children of the Lord are few. Our numbers are large in the far east and in some parts of Europe, but in the United States we have only 5,000 or 6,000. Most of them are scattered in the west. We are a scattered people. In this city we have 300 or 300 followers, most of whom come to this house to worship and read the Scriptures at some time during the week. Some of them are English. Most of them are Germans. Our meetings are conducted in both languages."

"And do all the people expect to be taken away from New York by transfiguration on Sept. 3?" "Certainly," said Mr. Stutake solemnly. Unlike most believers in extreme religious views, this evangelist seems utterly lacking in enthusiasm, although he impresses one as being very much in earnest. In the course of half an hour's conversation Mr. Stutake made it understood that, according to his belief, the Saviour would make his appearance simultaneously with the sun on the morning named. The difference of time would be taken into consideration. New Covenanters in Germany would get a long start of their brethren in the United States.

Mr. Stutake was not clear as to the precise position the Saviour would occupy in the firmament, but his impression was that he would appear in human form directly before the sun. "He will come in a blaze of glory," he said, "but only those who believe in his coming and are prepared to meet him as he has commanded will be able to see him. Those that are prepared will be taken away with him."

"We shall go to the north pole as the princes of the earth. We shall be transfigured. We shall not have these bodies, but we shall have some visible form and shall be able to come back to do good to friends left here on earth."

"Then you do not believe the earth will be destroyed after you leave it?" "That is nonsense. But the north pole will be turned nearer the sun."

What Mr. Stutake tried to explain in detail was that the earth would be thrown off its axis and the law of gravitation upset. Asked what use the earth would be to the people left upon it under those circumstances, he shrugged his shoulders and said that the majesty of the Lord had to be demonstrated somehow.

Then the New Covenanters went into meeting. Young men and women were among them, and they were as devout and hearty in their worship as any congregation of Methodists. Nearly everybody said something, and all sang. From a metrical point of view their hymns would puzzle most people, but they got along with them all right. Here is one verse: Now our month is full with laughing And full of glory of him on high! We make known now with trumpets What God has done lovingly! We exclaim: "The great that has been done By the Lord for his people; He offers us redemption. Being attached to him in parental love." —New York World.

MRS. SNOW AS LEADER.

Something of the New President General of the Daughters of the Revolution.

There is great rejoicing among the Daughters of the Revolution over the victory won by the independents of the society recently, when its new constitution was adopted by an overwhelming vote and Mrs. Henry Sanger Snow of Brooklyn became its president general. Mrs. Charles B. Yardley of Orange, N. J., until then occupied that place, but she joined the ranks of the opposition party, which was defeated, and resigned, whereupon Mrs. Snow, the vice president, took her place.

Mrs. Snow is prominent socially in Brooklyn and is an active member of the Women's club in that city. She traces her descent to the early colonial days. She is the daughter of the late David Brooks, the electrician. On her mother's side she is a lineal descendant of Matthew Gilbert, deputy governor of Connecticut in 1681. Others of her ancestors were officers in the Revolution. Mrs. Snow is a graduate of Vassar college. She is a tender and has much tact and diplomacy. She is an ardent suffragist, but she goes about her work in the cause in a quiet, gentle way. She is also a philanthropist and is known to many poor families in the slums of Brooklyn, besides being identified with a number of well known charities. She believes in women and hopes for more for women from the ballot than from anything else. According to her idea, it will equalize wages between men and women. Mrs. Snow is of medium height, slender and has auburn hair. —New York Journal.

BACON, BREAD AND SOUP.

Government Board Decides on "Emergency Ration" For Soldiers.

Hard bread, bacon and compressed soup will probably compose the "emergency ration" about to be adopted by the war department. Some time ago it was decided by the secretary of war to make a practical examination of all goods in order to discover the best ration for soldiers on a forced march. A board was appointed, and after a thorough examination it recommends the menu given above. This recommendation has been approved by the assistant secretary of war. It is now being considered by Secretary Lamont.

In the long list of foods considered by the board oatmeal bread, bread made from whole wheat, pemmican or meat paste, corned beef, smoked beef and canned cooked beef were found especially nutritious, but all had to stand aside for bread, bacon and soup. The board also recommended coffee as a part of an emergency ration. It suggested that tea, when called for, may be substituted for coffee.

The board considered the efforts at concentration of coffee to be practically failures, declaring the solid extracts to have taste of coffee, while the fluid extracts have more flavor of chicory than of coffee. The weight of one ration as recommended by this board is 38.18 ounces. In dire emergency one-half this amount daily would sustain life.

SOLD AN ENTIRE TOWN.

The Deserted Village of Halberton Bought For \$3,000.

Sheriff Allen R. Shinn has just had the unusual distinction of selling an entire town. Two thousand dollars was the price paid, and the title of the Hebrew settlement of Halberton, N. J., passed at public sale from the Cumberland Land and Improvement company to the New Jersey Loan and Investment company, who had a mortgage upon the entire tract and foreclosed on it.

What they will do with the place is not known. Halberton was started some years ago to provide homes for the Russian Hebrew immigrants. Twenty-two houses were erected on the tract and a large factory put up. For a time the village prospered, but the class of people there were not active and thrifty, and gradually it became a deserted village, not one of the inhabitants remaining.

Maurice River township built a large schoolhouse there, which, like the other buildings, is unused. This is believed to be the first case on record of a sheriff selling an entire town. —Philadelphia Press.

Millions For Defense.

Within a few weeks will be commenced one of the most gigantic operations in the history of the war department. Fortifications more powerful than those existing anywhere in the world will be built at Fort Wadsworth and Sandy Hook, the cost of the work being about \$10,000,000. But this is only a beginning to place New York in a position to defend herself against foreign foes. Construction will be continued from time to time until the fortifications outlined by the elaborate plans have been completed, and when that is done the total cost, it is said, will have been \$50,000,000. —New York Advertiser.

A Voice From The Banks.

A-savin of my country? Well, I guess I've done my share! I've "sounded" every meeting that they got up. I have helped the oratory by remarking of "Hooryay!" An I've singed my hair an whikers at the fire works display. I keep, oadin' for' the best I can. But it's all for disappointment thes I plan. For republics is ungrateful. An I'm gittin sorter lateral. Where I utter truly love my feller man. A-savin of my country? Ain't I set up late an talked. When I seed there was a prospect of my feller's An I argued long an earnest for this land so proud an free. An wasn't Asa Billings made postmaster I I stand o' me? Yet I never fail ter rally round an shout. Though I think it's somethin to complain about. That they don't give my pensions For a-goin ter conventions An a-yellin ter yer lungs is truckered out. —Washington Star.

HUMOR OF THE HOUR.

These common mistakes in the use of language and their corrected forms are taken from the next book on rhetoric to be adopted by the public schools of Chicago:

1. The clerk politely showed her the ribbon. Corrected: She examined the ribbon.

2. On Sunday, the day of rest, he took his children to the park. Corrected: On Sunday he took his children to the park. There is no possible connection between the expression "day of rest" and taking children to the park.

3. The conductor took the fare. Corrected: The conductor took part of the fare. No conductor ever had nerve enough to keep them all.

4. He took a cab home. Corrected: This is obviously incorrect, for in such a case he must already have had all that he could carry. It should read, A cab took him home.

5. Knowing the ways of the city, he signalled to the grimpman to stop the car. Corrected: Knowing the ways of the city, he put a brick on the track to stop the car.

6. The upright politician again set up the drinks. Corrected: The politician, who could still stand up, again set up the drinks. In the use of the word "upright" there is a chance for misapprehension.

7. The people elbowed him alderman. Corrected: The first part of this sentence should be omitted, as it conveys an erroneous impression. The sentence should read simply: Alderman. The way in which he got there should not be mentioned. —Chicago Tribune.

They Were Great Wars.

A traveler who crossed the Atlantic in company with an army officer says that in spite of his sympathy for his companion's suffering from the pains of seasickness he could not help deriving considerable amusement from it. Going into the stateroom one particularly rough day, he found his companion tossing in his berth, muttering in what at first appeared to be a sort of delirium.

Stopping over to catch his words, the friend heard him say, "Sergeant, major, sergeant, major, oh, oh, oh, oh, oh, oh, corporal, brigadier general, brigadier general, ugh, lieutenant general, a-a-a-h!" "What are you saying?" asked the friend in some alarm as the infelicitous looked pitifully up at him after his last gasping "a-a-a-h!" "Assigning the waves their rank," said the military man, rolling over toward the wall again. "There have been eight lieutenant generals within the last 30 minutes!" —Youth's Companion.

Between the Tea Set and Ma.

China, china, blue and white. This must be my fatal night. Tell me, or I'll let you fall. Does she care for me at all? China, china, blue and white. You are her supreme delight. How I've pined your bliss to view When her fingers fondled you. China, china, blue and white. I am cold and nervous quite. If she spurned me, she has taken Euro my heart, like you, would break. —New York Press.

From Out.

The pugilist was sitting moodily in a dark corner when an acquaintance approached him with the remark: "You and the man who says he can whip you are not having so much to say about each other as usual." "Naw. What's 'is use? Dese politicians hez cornered all 'is free money. Main spaco dat's goin dese days." —Washington Star.

The Invisible.

"Yes, I was scared," rejoined the burglar who had fallen into a reminiscent mood. "I thought I must certainly be discovered after that, but happily nobody came near me except the lady of the house, who couldn't see any one to whom she had not been introduced." —Detroit Tribune.

Work For All.

"You don't seem to know any enthusiasm whatever," said the anxious-looking man to the delegate. "That's all right," was the reply. "We are willing to divide up. We'll let the other fellows do the hazzarding and we'll do the nominating." —New York Press.

Their Faulty Instincts.

"You didn't stay long at that hotel which advertised a fine trout stream in the vicinity?" "No. The fine man explained that it was a fine trout stream, but he couldn't help it if the trout hadn't come enough to find it out." —Chicago Record.

An Important Item of Expense.

"I guess country board will be cheaper this summer than usual," said Mr. Meekton. "Why?" "The price of canned goods has gone down" considerably. —Washington Star.

Kind to the Apes.

"Isabel, why did you give your grandmother a pale pink umbrella on her birthday?" "I expect to carry it pretty often myself." —Chicago Record.

Giving Him His Due.

Barber—Pardon me, sir, but you have paid me only half. Customer—See that slash on my chin? Well, I'm giving you cut rate. —New York Press.

DIOCESAN NEWS.

Alvin A. Dimin has returned home from the Rochester Business University, where he has been taking a business course. He graduated with all honors.

The announcement of the marriage of William McCarthy and Miss Jeanie Burke was made last Sunday at late mass. The groom is one of our rising young business men, and the bride one of the most charming young ladies in town, who has many friends that will wish her much happiness.

Miss Mary McGee spent a few days last week in Danburyville.

Messrs. Daniel Keele and Joseph Kelly of Elmira are spending their summer vacation in Mc. Morris.

Mr. and Mrs. J. W. McCarthy and Minister Leon of Corning, were the guests of their parents last week.

The Fourth of July passed off very quietly. "Rubbernecking" seems to be quite a fad among the young men here.

Miss Ida Smith, a graduate of Newark academy, was a guest of Mrs. J. Mainland and daughter the past week.

These were expected to be a ball game over on Leary's island the Fourth, but owing to rain the Ladies Point show didn't show up.

Rose Carney Band of North Rose furnished some music with music at day the Fourth.

The berry crop never was so large in this section as it is this year. It keeps the young people of the surrounding villages in employment picking and drying.

Dr. Adriano of Elmira is occupying his new cottage on Charles Point. When completed it will cost between \$5,000 and \$6,000.

Miss Maggie Walsh of Newark spent the week at this place.

The steamer H. C. Leroy took a plebe to Paltzville on the Fourth.

In a class of nine recently graduated from the Penn Yan academy Miss Katherine Cullen took a first honor, being the valedictorian of the class.

Thomas Curran suffered a severe sprain of his arm recently by colliding with a farmer's rig while riding a bicycle.

Mr. Francis Reilly spent the past week in New York.

Mrs. M. Shultz of Buffalo is visiting her sister, Miss Alice Downing.

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