

DOWIE'S EMPTY BUBBLE

Rise and Fall of a Religion and Real Estate Deal.

ALLURING PROMISES.

Dowdism Said to Have Brought Its Founder \$15,000,000 in Three Years...

The rise and fall of Dowdism as a religion is noteworthy for the short space of time in which it occurred.

One of the curious features of the movement is that its leader seems to have made and lost a fortune of no mean size.

A city of 5,600 acres, one of the boom towns of the West, stood entirely in his name and so did all its industries.

Much of this success was brought about because Dowdism at first seemed to promise material well being for those who took it up.

Dowie started buying the land in 1899. The first building was erected in 1901.

When Dowie announced that he was about to start a new industry there the poor in Chicago hastened to join his community.

In addition to taking the oath which Judge Landis described as being beneath contempt, the discipline of the Church described it as being an army.

When Zion City was at the height of its prosperity it contained more than 4,000 persons who subscribed to this creed and accepted all announcements from the General Overseer.

When Dowie moved on New York with his Restoration Host the city he had built up in less than three years bade fair to become one of the important communities of the state.

With the trip to New York the tide turned. Since then trouble has come swiftly upon Dowie.

Dowie started on a trip around the world to try his luck in the role of a modern Elijah, but he was rebuffed at and his religion received with derision.

He stated this off for a time, but in April, 1906, the financial scheme which had been the concomitant of his religion collapsed.

UNSOCIABLE NEW YORK.

An Indiana Woman's Impressions—Nobody Knows Anybody Else.

"What impresses me most in New York is the fact that nobody seems to know anybody else," the Indiana woman wrote home.

As a matter of fact I have met nobody. The only woman acquaintance of hers I have seen was one who happened to meet in a shop.

"The reason for this seemed to be the fact that the woman always seemed to have got all her clothes last year.

"I have been in every shop of any size in the city, and in nearly every department of each one.

"She has bridge lessons and attends a series of morning lectures upon the art of the fourteenth century and another on the true ideals of Bach.

"We lunch at restaurants, or which we read in society novels in Indiana and take tea at places which have no sign above the door.

"That evening at dinner she tells her husband about it and says what a lovely day we have had.

"Kate seems perfectly happy and her husband apparently enjoys it as much as she does.

"Once we went to the opera, and Kate was well nigh hysterical with delight when she was able to fit names to half a dozen women in the boxes.

"Yesterday we were invited to lunch with a woman we used to know in Indiana, who had heard of my presence in the city through letters.

"We lunched in the public dining room of the apartment hotel, on made over dishes with French names.

"After that they told each other how often they dined at fashionable restaurants and how particular each one was to have a particular table engaged for her each time.

"Once or twice I have gone with Kate to her dressmaker, who brags about her fashionable patrons and tells Kate her figure is exactly like that of Mrs. Farriman.

"To-morrow I return to Indiana. Kate pities me; she says she would rather die than go back, and wants me to induce my husband to sell out his business and come to New York.

The Ceylon pearl fishing season lasts only three or four weeks, but during that time 22,000,000 oysters are brought to the surface.

PAY OR BE SHOT AT BAKU

Blackmail is Carried on in the Oil Fields of Russia.

VALUE LIFE CHEAPLY.

Receipts Given by Revolutionists to Their Victims—The Money Accounted For, Too—The Counter System of Assassination—Bribe Outside the Town.

"You parasite!" When you open a letter at breakfast and find that written at the top instead of "Dear Sir," or "My darling love," your attention is immediately drawn to the contents.

But in Baku, if you happen to be the hard working manager of a rich field with lots of wells yielding some 200,000 barrels of oil apiece every twenty-four hours you will not be so much surprised as at home.

"Our agents," the letter goes on, although soliciting the favor of your esteemed orders, "will call on you tomorrow afternoon at 5 o'clock," just giving you nice time, you see, to look in at the bank before closing.

The seal is a rubber stamp in red, sometimes bearing the words, "Social Democratic Federation," sometimes "Anarchist Commune."

The sum demanded varies considerably. I think it is seldom more than 2,000, for one must be reasonable in these matters; and usually it is less.

But when the agents ring at the door and ask the servant if you are at home and disengaged the only thing to do is to pay—unless, of course, you happen to be on the verge of suicide and wish to save yourself trouble and expense, or think the world would be all the better without the kind of family you have produced.

It has been proved over and over again. The government is too busy with the troublesome and expensive task of shooting its political opponents or sending them to Siberia to undertake the protection of commonplace citizens who have no perilous notions about freedom.

Of course, the men are not really anarchists at all, for the anarchist is the salvationist of revolution and will die rather than kill. Nor are they Social Democrats, except in name.

"I have more sympathy personally with another method of brigandage which flourishes in the wild and desert country outside the town, where caravans of camels go plodding into Asia and members of the English Club go killing things for fun.

"After that they told each other how often they dined at fashionable restaurants and how particular each one was to have a particular table engaged for her each time.

"When the money was brought he not only handed back 24 apiece so that they might travel first class on reaching the railway and enter the town in style, but gave them permission to shoot over his country in future, making them life members of his hunt.

"Not because I do not like New York, but because I want to get back among people who know each other. Yes, I am going home, and the very first thing I do after I kiss my husband will be to telephone to every woman I know to run over and have a nice, comfy talk."

Eighteen miles is said to be the longest distance at which a man's voice has been heard. This occurred in the Grand Canyon of Colorado, where one man shouting the name "Bob" at one end was plainly heard at the other end, which is 18 miles away.

TRUE VALUE OF FISH AS A DIET.

Food From the Sea Destined to Play an Important Role.

For ages past, says the New York Herald, fish has been used as food by people living on the seacoast, near rivers and on the borders of lakes.

This is certainly not a matter for regret, for the flesh of fish, which from the anatomical point of view is in no way distinguishable from the flesh of mammiferous animals, is eminent nutritive.

The latter, experimenting with the principal fish sold at the Halle, has deduced from the results obtained some general indications which show very clearly the composition of the matter examined.

The proportion of water in fresh fish is very variable, since it ranges from 69.80 to 85.89 per cent. There is a direct relationship between the water and the fat.

The fish with the least fat which, like pike, flounders, whiting and perch, skate, sole and lamp, contain from 0.14 to 0.81 per cent of fat is abnormal condition and 0.90 to 1.99 per cent when dried, are also the richest in nitrogenous properties.

In comparing the analysis of aquatic fish with that of potatoes, it is seen that the proportion of water is almost the same on both sides and that the nitrogenous element in fish is represented fairly accurately by the similar figures for the amylose matter in potatoes.

The Sun Not Burned Out.

It has been stated by such authorities as Kelvin, Newcomb and Ball that the future of the sun's activity will be comparatively short—not more than 10,000,000 years—and some have even suggested that the sun's activity already shows signs of waning.

So far is this from being the case that only one-fourth of our supply of energy has been expended, and three-fourths are yet in store for the future life of the planetary system.

Not only should the future possibilities of scientific progress be vastly extended, but there will be all probability be the most ample time for the further development of the races of beings inhabiting this planet.

In a report of the Geological Survey of India there is an interesting account of the Panna diamond fields of Central India, says the Indian Pioneer.

Of late years India has quite retired from the field as a precious stone producer to any extent or value, but from the account given it should be worth the while of a small syndicate to take up these diamond fields and work them systematically, though it is said that nothing in future has been found comparable with the yield of South Africa.

The methods, however, now in vogue mean merely superficial treatment, following the lines which have been in vogue for centuries, with the probable result that the strata containing the most valuable deposits of stones are not reached.

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Power of the Voice. Eighteen miles is said to be the longest distance at which a man's voice has been heard.

THE SCALLOP INDUSTRY

Proves a Source of Wealth to Nantucket Fishermen

HARD BUT NOT PERILOUS

Little Capital Required to Engage in the Business—Means Employed to Deceive the Buyer—Sea Water Four Dollars a Gallon—Inspection Vigilantly Carried Out.

Comparatively few persons outside of the Commonwealth have any adequate knowledge of the importance of the scallop fishery of Massachusetts, yet it is safe to say that the single industry within her borders yields as big a profit on the capital invested or possesses greater possibilities for future development.

The time was not so many years ago when it was possible to gather hundreds of thousands of bushels of scallops on the shores along the coast of Massachusetts, north and south.

Scallop fishing is an occupation involving considerable knowledge, but the real danger for the fishermen to the life. The open season extends from November 1 to May 1.

Little capital is required to engage in the business of catching scallops. A dollar bill contributed by the boys' fathers, provided the boys are citizens, will get you a license.

When a scallop returns to the shore with his catch he is met at the wharf by the inspector, whose duty it is to see that the scallops have all been "lived up" to in every particular.

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