

THE SEMI-WEEKLY NEWS

SERVICES AT THE TABERNACLE

Discourses by Elders George Albert Smith, Geo. F. Richards And John Henry Smith.

Issued Mondays and Thursdays and Contains All the Cream of the Daily and Saturday News.

GOOD MUSICAL FEATURES.

LOCAL BRIEFS.

To Elect First Lieutenant—The company, First Infantry of this city will elect a first lieutenant next Friday evening.

High Jinks at Club—The annual high jinks of the University club will be held tomorrow night at the club. A stringed quartet will be in attendance. Members and their friends are invited.

Swedish Brotherhood—A Christmas festival was held by the Swedish Brotherhood at the Union hall Saturday evening. Over 200 persons attended, including children. For the latter a Christmas tree was provided, presents being dispensed by Oscar Larson as Santa Claus. The society's dramatic club gave a sketch, and dancing was indulged in.

Young Men's Hebrew Association—The Young Men's Hebrew association was organized last night in the Congregation Mikveh Israel. It is a social organization among the Jewish young men of this city. The officers chosen were: M. Rosenblatt, president; M. A. Stone, vice president; E. Eckstein, secretary, and S. Rosenblatt, treasurer. The trustees are N. Wolf, H. Reinhirsch and A. Salomon.

No Trace of U. Stevens—As he is still missing since Dec. 8 and no trace of him is found, Friends of Hutchinson Stevens, mine inspector, have laid a wreath at his old claims in Nevada, not greatly worried and are hoping against hope that he may be yet found alive. P. C. Stevens of this city has just returned from a fruitless trip through the Sagebrush state. A poseur, Charlie Stevens, another brother of Long Beach, Cal., will continue to hunt for the missing man.

Masons Inaugural Officers—Wasatch Lodge of Masons No. 1 has installed the following officers for the year: W. H. G. Gandy, S. W. Dr. A. C. Wherry, J. W. B. S. Conner, treasurer; A. J. Lowe, secretary; Frank Justin, S. D.; H. S. Knight, J. D.; A. B. Sawyer, S. S.; George O. Goodwin, J. S.; A. Anderson, tyler. A feature of the social session that followed was an address on "Masonry in Europe" by Walter Scott, past grand master.

G. A. R. Camp Fire—At Saturday evening's camp fire of the James B. McKeen A. G. R. post, the ladies of the relief corps united with the veterans, over 200 people being present. Commander H. F. Evans made the opening remarks. G. Shaw recited, "Lincoln and the Boys in Blue"; his composition the soldiers sang. Thomas Lechale spoke on "Army Nurse" and the Army of the Potomac; Miss Fraz. recited the "Roll Call"; Howard Don sang a patriotic song.

C. T. U. Contest—Two silver contests for speaking, under the auspices of the W. C. T. U. will be held Thursday evening next in the Central Christian church. One contest will be for girls, one for boys. In which are entered Mrs. Matern, Mrs. Elliott, Mrs. Adams, Mrs. Cooncher and Mrs. Short. In the unmarried women's class are entered Misses Florence Havener; Olga Strom, Marie Malin, Ethel Robison and Alice Tierney. The contestants have been drilled by Mrs. Leafy Montgomery, state superintendent of contests work.

ELDER G. F. RICHARDS—Elder George F. Richards was the next speaker. In Chastendom, he said, there is a desire for a better knowledge of the relationship of the church to God. A proper understanding of His personality and attributes is necessary for an intelligent exercise of faith. The Latter-day Saints believe the Bible to be the word of God, so far as it is translated correctly. The volume contains some errors, made by reason of translations made by uninspired men. The things of God are understood only by the Spirit of God. Alone by obedience to the requirements of the gospel can men receive the Spirit that shall make the word of God plain to the understanding. The Holy Ghost is the key to eternal life. While the world has the Bible, the sects are divided in their faith and doctrines.

Besides—Believing in the Bible and the Book of Mormon, the Latter-day Saints believe in the Doctrine and Covenants and the Word of God. These books contain the fullness of the gospel of Christ. These books have not been changed according to the caprice of man. In addition to these standard works, the saints believe that God yet speaks through the living oracles.

The Scriptural statement that God is a spirit contradicts with the belief that God is a man. But according to modern revelation sometimes are tabernacles and sometimes are temples. This Church was founded by direct revelation and not by a mere reading of the scriptures. Although its doctrines are strictly in accordance with the principles of the gospel as laid down in the ancient word of God.

Mr. and Mrs. E. B. Patterson—Mr. and Mrs. E. B. Patterson of Bristol, Vermont, are spending the holidays in this city, with their old time friends, Mr. and Mrs. E. G. Hines whom they had not seen for 25 years.

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