SERMONS WARN OF SOCIAL EVIL

Burning Questions of the Day Are Discussed by Ministers.

DANGERS ARE LYING IN WAIT

Now the Time to Save the City From Threatened Disgrace-Remedy With the People.

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The very thought of legally tolerating these vicious, immoral, and criminal businesses is from a moral or religious standpoint intolerable. They should be vigorously, continuously and uncompromisingly condemned by public opinion and hunted out of the city, county and state by the officers of the law. The only place to segregate such law-breakers is in the jail, the prison or the penitentiary .- The Rev. W. M. Paden.

This is not a question of politics; it is not a question of parties at all, and he who seeks to make it such it not fit to have a voice or vote in the matter. It is a shame in the twentleth century that we are compelled to confess that the social evil is not and cannot be cradicated. The stockade that is being built is a disgrace to any city. It is Asiatic-it puts a price on vice and debauchery. Every dollar in it is a corrupted dollar .-- The Rev. Goshen.

The opposition to this whole business of lust is found in my children and my neighbor's whom it is my business to help preserve in the integrity of their souls, and my city proposes the devotion of a part of the city to the officially sanctioned business of debauchery. It is safe to assert that following the history of other cities, the district will be read in more senses than one, and the calendar of crime will be lengthened greatly-The Rev. Peter A. Simpkin,

In nearly every church of the city, there resounded from the pulpit yesterday a plea for civic righteousness. At some places of worship services were held in the morning, at others in the afternoon, while in some the meeting convened in the evening. Not in a long time has a need been felt for a concerted movement in the churches against manifest or threatened evils in municipal affairs as at the present time.

some instances, the proposed stockade plan of promoters of the "red light" district was attacked and denounced in no uncertain tones. A number of speakers did not mention the social evil directly, but urged a general reform in municipal affairs and called upon the people to awake from

age to our interesting city in a never-ending stream, is cause for surprise and indignation. ending stream, is cause for surprise and indignation. There is no excuse for the planting of this leper-spot in such a place. It ruthlessly sets aside the property rights of those who are injured by the lawless action. It defies alike the law of God and of man. There is a multitude of reasons against this hideous and bar-baric method of dealing with women who have been made what they are by the evil of men, and whose rights are wholly obscured in the warped vision that sees only their sin. Let me tell you seven reasons why I oppose the proposed official sanction of the vice, a sanction that is given in the permission of this brutal scheme of cat-tle-pen segregation. I. The opposition to this whole bus-iness of lust is found in my children and my neighbors' whom it is my bus-iness to help preserve in the integrity of their souls, and my city proposes the devotion of a part of the city to the officially sanctioned business of de-bauchery. 2. The very sight of it crystaliging

the officially sanctioned business of de-bauchery. 2. The very sight of it, crystalizing in such debasing way the vice of the city, is degrading and offensive. 3. It is unfair and un-American, for it silmes the woman, cages her, as a noxious thing, and turns the man, more guilty than she, for she is but his creature, bose on the community. 4. It is patent to every thinking man that a large section of the women of the class affected will not consent to tarry in such cribs-the evil will not

tarry in such cribs-the evil will not be confined there. 5. It is simply a feeder of vice and

5. It is simply a feeder of vice and this argument is undeniable. 6. It is illegal. Both God's law and man's forbid it, and the possibilities of the situation find answer in the brief ten-day campaign of the sheriff of this county

county. 7. It is safe to assert that follow-ing the history of other cities the dis-trict will be red in more senses than one, and the calendar of crime will be lengthened greatly. The congregation that filled the house voted unanimously to memorialize the mayor and council in an expression wholly opposing the recognition and furthering of the scheme.

AT ILIFF M. E. CHURCH.

Rev. D. M. Helmick Pleads for a Rescue Home.

At the lliff M. E. church, Rev. D. M. Helmick spoke on the burning question of the hour, saying in part: of the hour, saying in part: "I know of no place in the United States where freedom of speech is more fully enjoyed or more freely exercised than right here in Utah. The press, the pulpit, the secular rostrum express their opinions fully and freely in lan-guage that cannot be misunderstood. Here a spade is called a spade and a cart a cart. But for all this, my sub-ject is a most delicate one. And lest in

ject is a most delicate one. And lest in the warmth of my own feelings I say something which I ought not to say, or say it in language that ought not to be used, or on the other hand lest the fear of offending should cause me to omit

that which ought to be said, I have committed my say to paper. "There are several evils which a mu-There are several evils which a mu-nicipality has to contend with. Among these are the saloon evil, the gambling evil, and the social evil. The social evil seems to be the most difficult of solu-tion. Salt Lake City has this problem before it now and has had for a great many were and undoubtedly will here. many years, and undoubtedly will have for years to come. The proposition to regulate evil so as to reduce it to its least banefulness, is now up before us. Opinions differ widely as to the best methods. And while this discussion is up there are many who would have the up, there are many who would bar the clergy from expressing their opinions, or at least would mimify their value. A gentleman said to me a few days ago: 'You preachers live too much in an other realm; your ideals are too high your schemes too visionary, to deal with subjects that have baffled the wisdom of the best social economists of the world.' I said to him, 'Possibly,' But while our ideals were high and our schemes visionary, still we ministers of Salt La'e City and every other city come into mighty close touch with con ditions that are far from ideal and with evils which are not visionary. 'The fact is,' I said to him, 'we preachers

have filled a harjot's grave instead of weeping at her Master's tomb. "No city can afford to be a party to woman's disgrace and shame. To enter into an agreement, tacit or other-wise, to protect crime increase the pos-sibility of greater crimes and an ex-tention of evils already existing. I do hope that the injunction of the stockade on the west side will be made perma-nent. The loss of those cribs would be but a partial retribution for the concondemned by public opinion and funt-ed out of the city, the county and the state by the officers of the law. The anly place to segregate such law breakers is in the prison, the jail or the penitentiary.' "I little thought at that time that a but a partial retribution for the con-templated degradation of women.

company calling itself the Citlzens' Investment company would dare to erect a nest of cottages and cribs bearerect a nest of coltages and crips bear-ing on their very face the marks of the beast, with the understanding that the mayor and chief of police would furnish them with tenants. It is to the latter's credit that he refuses to have anything to do with this lament-able arrangement. The mayor, how-ever, has said: 'I never talked to the parties who are building the stock-ade, but I told a third party who sold them some property that if the estabthem some property that if the estab-lishments weer property erected and the business property carried out, there would be no trouble.'

to share the shame of the women who ment as 'properly erected,' but I have | eyes and I've been down to see the pay them rent.

ork of the Citizens' Investment com-Moreover, I am willing to go pany. Moreover, I am willing to go on record as venturing the opmion that if the hundred or so cubby holes, cribs or white slave pens of this 'es-tablishment' had been planned by a pany. tablishment' had been planned by a pimp they could not have been more evidently, impudently, and brutally planned for the most degraded type of prostitution. I can hardly think that the mayor has O K'd this establish-meta as 'properly erected.' If he has, he is greatly mistaken about his abil-ity to segregate the 'bad women' of the city in a such a harlotry. The half-decent bad women will scatter; the poor white slaves whom the mayor or chief of police can possibly deliver in-to the clutches of the Citizens' Invest-ment company should be delivered innent company should be delivered in-to the hand, of those who manage our reformatory and penal institutions. By the way, who are these citizens who

"We must drive this business from our city. We have laws enough on the subject, or if we haven't, we can make them. We have enough of decent public opinion to do it; or if we haven't, it is our duty as Christians to make such opinion. Our mayor, chief of

out next Tuesday morning with a clear

statement that he, as the sworn exec-utive of the laws against prostitution,

will not compromise with the thing, will not palter with the thing, will not let up on the thing, but that he

shall business, I said through the public press: "There should be no place, even in the droughts of a decent community, for the question as to whether or not lleanses should be granted under any condition to those who wish to con-duct either brothels or gambling housown stock in this corporation? his oath of office, 'So help me, God,' we, by the grace of God and the grit of

such leadership and clear this city of

it is our duty as Christians to make such opinion. Our mayor, chief of police and police force have the au-thority and power to break up this business as a business and to clear this town of its red light districts and red light goat resorts within 60 days. I have enough of confidence in the vigor and the rigor of our present mayor to believe that if he will come out next Tuesday morning with a clear

will to the utermost enforce the law against it; and then if, calling upon the friends of virtue and foes of prostitution to join and co-operate with him, he will reverently repeat the words of

President Frank Knox of the Bank of the Republic received by wire the sad intelligence this morning from San Francisco that his brother, Judge Wal-ter Knox of the district court, had met with a serious accident on a street car. The dispatch stated that his skull was fractured and concussion of the brain was feared. Mr. Knox was waiting this noon for further information, which might make it necessary for him to leave this afternoon for San Francisco. Mrs. Frank Knox, who is in Califor-nia, has hurried to her brother-in-law's bedside. leave th Mrs. F nia, has bedside. DON'T BE HOPELESS About yourself when you'he crippled with rheumatism or stiff joints-of course you've tried lots of things and they failed. Try Ballard's Snow Lin-iment-it will drive away all aches, pain and stiffness and leave you as well as you ever were. Sold by Z. C. M. L. Drug Store, 112 and 114 South Main

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Rev. W. M. Paden Asks Some Point-

ed Questions.

At the First Presbyterian church, Rev. Dr. Paden took for his subject the stockade proposition and red light question in general, and discussed them

"Some months ago, when forced to face a proposal that the city corpora-tion should attempt to monopolize this

at length, saying in part :

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their apathy and come to a realization of the fact that they constitute the city and that the municipality is a corporation in which all the people are stockholders, and it should be given the same fostering care that would be bestowed upon a private concern. In one or two instances speakers were blind as to real evils existing in this city, and passed them over with a mere word.

AT FIRST CONGREGATIONAL.

The Stockade Scheme Is Asiatic, Says Mr. Goshen.

At the First Congregational church, Rev. Elmer I. Goshen delivered an address replete with food for thought in relation to municipal affairs. De-fects in existing governments were pointed out, and suggestions for the bettering of present conditions were pointed out. The speaker was listened to by a congregation that filled the pointed out. The speaker was listened to by a congregation that filled the building, and at times the building ro-sounded with applause, as the speaker made point after point in his eloquent plea for an awakening and reforma-tion. As touching the proposed stock-ade scheme, Mr. Goshen said: "This is not a question of polities; it is not a question of parties at all, and he who seeks to make it such is not fit to have a voice or voie in the

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"It is a shame in the twentieth century that we are compelled to confess that the social evil is not and cannot be eradicated." He then declared that the stockade simply meant segregation

the stockade simply meant segregation without legalization. "The stockade as it is being built." the speaker continued, "is a disgrace to any city, or any men or set of men who seek to foster it. It has been built in, the cheapest and vilest fashlon in order to make the largest possible per cent on the money invested. "It is Asiatic—it puts a price upon vice and debauchery. Every dollar in it is a corrupted dollar, and every man who dares to go into its business in order to make the largest returns on invested funds ought to be ostracized from all club registers, and he himself obliged to herd with those whose per cent he seeks."

NO. SEVEN TIMES NO.

Rev. P. A. Simpkin Expresses Strong Views on Redlight Question.

'The changing of the red light district and settling it in some other lo-cality has been discussed by the press and by the people in private for months past. And now a plan is about com-pleted to corral the unfortunate crea-tures of the underworld in a stokade lo-cated in the middle of the block boundcated in the middle of the block bound-ed by First and Second South streets and Fourth and Fifth West streets. A careful investigation of this place would convince one that the place was deliberately planned and built up for the carrying on and protection of prostitution. Valuable property has been bought and a large sum of money has been expended and that not by people very charitably inclined. For there is nothing in the place or its sur-roundings that would indicate that the place a reformatory. It looks more like a deliberate plan to make merchandise out of woman's shame and misfortune than anything looking toward their res-cue. And whatever tends to degrade

in the course of our pastoral duties come in the closest contact with life from the crudle to the grave and are

familiar with every phase of life from the saint to the most debased. And if a man thus informed is not entitled

to an opinion on this as well as other questions. I should like to know who is."

cue. And whatever tends to degrade or encourage and protect in their de-gradation these fallen women, to me is a most damnable conspiracy against the a most damable conspiracy against the helpless unfortunates of our city. And the man or the woman who deliberately contributes to the degradation of wo-man or to their further degradation after they are fallen, either for lust or the money there is in it, is as low down in the scale of humanity as those whom they would dehase. And she whom they would debase. And she who enters there shuts from her life the last ray of hope of anything but hell. For that place is surely the en-

hell. For that place is surely the en-trance there. "We are told that the saloon is a necessary evil, and that the best way to regulate it is to put the license high and thereby drive out the low dives, lessen the number of the good ones, and thus restrict it to the better-regu-lated places. We are told that pros-tituiton is a necessary evil, but those who contend for this in this city would go to the opposite extreme and make who contend for this in this city would go to the opposite extreme and make their places of traffic the most debas-ing and damnable that could be con-ceived of. You who are so confident that this is a necessary evil and so sure that it will always exist, why not use the same tactics with this as you would with the saloon? "When man degrades himself every-body is ready to seen her to hell as

when a woman degrades herself every-body is ready to send her to hell as quickly as possible. Every avenue of escape from a life of shame is cut off, and every hope of heaven is lost un-less the minister of the gospel or some Salvation Army angel can get access to the unfortunate one on her deathbed. Shame on such a method and shame on a people that advocates these methods, or even winks at them. There are a few exceptions to this rule, even in Salt Lake City, and for this reason I would oppose the deliberate stockade, money-making scheme of lustful and con-scienceless men and women. Far bet-Views on Redlight Question. Views on Redlight Question. The large congregation that assembled at Phillips' Congregational church Sunday morning heard from the lips of Rev, P. A. Simpkin his views con-cerning the proposition of establish-ing a stockade for women of the 'half world,' or the toleration of a redlight district in any manner whatsoever. In part 'Parson'' Simpkin said: I think that a protest loud and en-during needs to be made at this time to the mayor and city authorities, and failing relief there, to the shrievalty of the county, anent the proposition to be gin the official recognition and sanction of the method devised to handle the social evil. One who has a bit of worldly wisdom will not be looking for the impossible on the side of virtue, the lending his assent to the estab-lishment of that which the law has put under the ban, giving sanction to the skirts of the great workingmen's resi-dence district, and under the noses of the hosts who make a tourfst pilgrim-

