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A CITY'S CREED.

With apologies to the Lisbon (Ohio) Business Men's association, the following creed is submitted with the exhortation that it be embraced by every true citizen in this city. It will silence the knocker, convert the faithless, reclaim the backslider, providing the preaching is put into practice. We believe in Plattsmouth, in its historic past, its fortunate present, its significant future, and in the homes and churches and schools which are its title to endure. We believe in neighborliness, in the tongue that commands, in the ear that is deaf to slander and in the hand that helps. We believe in the square deal in all business, big or little, and pledge ourselves to make and keep it a fact of Plattsmouth. We believe in paved streets and permanent sidewalks and the useful magnificence of roads and bridges. We believe that the groves were God's first temple and that shade trees are man's best friends. We believe in back lots whose serried array of corn and potatoes and beans shall put even the ordered charm of front lawns to shame. We believe in the street sweeper and flusher, the weed scythe and the paint pot—the modern trinity of municipal comeliness. We believe in the city beautiful as any community's best permanent asset—the dower that incurs no envy. We believe in the farmer, the farm woman and the farm boy. We want them to feel welcome above all other who come to Plattsmouth.

The Omaha World-Herald hits the nail on the head in the following: "President Wilson seems to be sticking very closely to the Monroe doctrine as it was first proclaimed. It simply declared that this country would consider it an unfriendly act for any European government to undertake to bring under its jurisdiction any part of these two American continents not then occupied by it. That this government was to maintain order and collect the debts of investors in any one of the republics was not even intimated in the proclamation of President Monroe, and the efforts of republican administrations to graft such things onto the doctrine have always been resented by the great mass of the American people. To make Uncle Sam a police officer to maintain order and collect debts would be to degrade this government below the standing of any first-class government in the world, and the American people, except the few who would benefit by such a policy, feel the indignity of such a proposition."

There is money in Martyrdom, if it isn't the fatal sort. Discredited by the scientific sharks, Doc Cook cooked up a delightful defense, and has peddled it about the chautauqua circuit for a consideration ever since. Now comes William Sulzer, thrown out of his job by the court of impeachment, and finds a flowery bed of ease and other luxuries awaiting him. He is offered \$100,000 for a season's lecture dates, and has had advertising enough to run him through several seasons at that figure, or near it. Besides, he has a large following who feel he has done no wrong; that he is a martyr to high purposes, and a fit man for president. This is a funny world, and the funniest part of it is the people.

Mrs. Pankhurst figures her visit to this country will be a great help to the suffrage cause. She should stay at home where the suffrage cause really needs her. Still, she might help it there more by traveling in foreign lands and other remote places.

Somehow or other, we do not feel any very high degree of respect for one of our way-back ancestors. We refer to old Father Adam. The great eagerness with which he laid his troubles upon the wife of his bosom, prevents us from revering to the old man's memory, as perhaps we should. From Adam's time down to A. D. 1913, woman has been blamed either directly or indirectly, for nearly all the troubles that we have fallen heir to. This is not right. Man, as a rule, a majority of men, are not as good as their wives. Of course there are exceptions to this broad rule, but we think, reader, you will agree with us that womankind as a whole are better people than men.

A small profit on many things is as good as a large profit on one. Frank and Fred Woods of Ritter's Mill, near Springfield, Illinois, are shipping 4,000 crawfish to St. Louis weekly. They are receiving \$8.50 a thousand for those over three inches long. These two brothers, both boys, sold 30,000 last year. This season they figure on sending in at least 100,000 before they glut the market. Crawfish, it will be remembered, are just as good served as shrimp salad as they are dished up in creole soups. Small beginnings are not to be despised. Many a boy could pay his own way through college if he kept his eyes open for the little tasks that lie all around that people are ready to pay for.

A friend of the Journal got a sack of sugar some time ago and on the sack was printed the statement that free sugar will make that commodity sell 2 cents a pound less than it is selling for now. It was also urged upon the consumer of sugar to insist that his congressman vote for free sugar. At the figures given on the sack the sugar, which was 25 pounds, retailed for \$1.25. If sugar were free from duty, the same sack of sugar would sell for 75 cents. Under the tariff law recently passed by the democratic house and signed by a democratic president, sugar will be free from duty in 1915. This was a compromise to pacify the southern sugar producers, and is the best form in which it could be carried through congress.

With the high cost of meat and, more or less, of all edibles, men in whom is vested a taxing power, will serve their city, or their state, or their country best by opposing any further tax, direct or indirect, on such articles as potatoes, apples, meat, etc. If the absence of such a tax works inequality on other dealers in such provisions, would not an effort, in some way to relieve the latter of some taxation, be the better program? There are cities without the poor and middle classes, but they are few. Ours is not one of them. If more revenue is needed a way to raise it can perhaps be found by which the poor man with a large family will not have to pay about twice as much as the well-to-do man, and while, if all property is considered, the reverse would be equity.

GETTING DOWN TO HARDPAN.

There is quite a lot being said of late in regard to the high cost of living. One of the leading Chicago dailies is devoting over a column writeup daily under the caption of "Who Gets the Money?" Not a word is said, however, as to what he does with the money after he gets it. We will admit that the cost of living is more now than it was forty or fifty years ago. It's worth more, too. It's worth more to live now than it was then. About the time that some of our old merchants were starting their first general stores in Plattsmouth the grocery department took up from ten to twelve feet of space in the back part of their stores, and they carried about all the markets could furnish or the trade demanded at that time. And everybody seemed to have enough to satisfy their hunger and to get along all right. The entire list of articles in an up-to-date grocery today is almost unlimited. Some grocers carry as high as twenty-five different brands of coffee alone. Then there is the fruits, jellies, jams, pickles and all such in glass that takes up a large part of the grocery, and large quantities are sold. All these used to be put up by the housewife and were never bought from the store. Nearly every family used to cure their own meats and render their own lard, dried their fruits, made their apple butter, buried their apples and potatoes, spun their own yarn, knit their stockings and socks, wove cloth for their clothes, and made rag carpets out of the old clothes after they were too ragged to longer be worn. They kept a flock of geese and had big feather beds. Now they buy mattresses, ready-knit hose, and men and women buy their clothes ready to wear. They buy bread, cakes, pies, ready baked; coffee roasted and browned; pancake flour ready mixed; toothpicks ready sharpened, and, rather than take a dish to the grocery, it costs the people of this country ten million dollars a year for wooden dishes to carry home their butter and lard in. Who is to blame for this high cost of living? Is it the storekeeper in his eagerness to become a bloated bond-holder and millionaire? He may hunger and thirst for such station, but very few outside of the large cities, when they get to the stage where age compels them to quit, are able to move over on Easy street. All you kickers on the high cost of living can reduce your expense account if you will. Just drop back to the "hog-and-hominy age," and you sure can cut down the expense account. It is "trying to keep up with Eliza" that has caused a large share of the high cost of living. A very worthy man who came to this country from Germany was asked the secret of his success, and his answer was this: "When I was a boy in the fatherland we were very poor and had to practice economy in its strictest sense. When I started for America father told me to always save and not get extravagant, no matter how successful I happened to become. I never forgot his advice, and I have succeeded." If you would succeed and cut this high cost of living, get down to hardpan and live like people used to when the store bill was one-fourth what it is today.

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Nebraska City is to have a third daily paper. The Stats Zeitung is arranging to issue a morning daily in English. As we understand, it is to be democratic.

After you get through figuring out where the Thanksgiving turkey is coming from, you might glance around to find out where that Christmas drink is coming from.

The Interstate Commerce Commission is sending circulars to commercial clubs throughout the country to assist in relieving the car shortage as much as possible. The annual "car shortage" is on, it appears, and the belief is entertained that shippers can greatly relieve it by promptly loading and unloading.

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MURDERED RACE, MURDERER TO DIE

The Greatest Criminal of All History Soon to Meet His Fate.

A REIGN OF SIN AND DEATH

Jesus Charged Satan With Murder. Adam and His Race the Victims. The Murderer at Large Six Thousand Years—He Has Added Insult to Injury—He Has Made Us Believe That Our Best Friend Caused the Race Eternal Ruin—The Hidden Things of Darkness Now Coming to Light—The Deceiver to Be Bound For a Thousand Years While His Nefarious Work Is Undone—Then He Is to Be Utterly Destroyed.



PASTOR RUSSELL

Steuvenville, O., November 16.—Pastor Russell is here and has given two addresses. We report one of these from the text, "He [Satan] was a murderer from the beginning and abode not in the Truth. . . . When he speaketh a lie, he speaketh of his own; for he is a liar and the father of it." (John 8:44) Pastor Russell said:

We all know that the holy angels of Heaven are free from the blights which cause sorrow on earth. In Heaven there is no sighing, no crying, no dying, no sickness, no heart-aches, no headaches, no insane asylums, no funerals, no doctors. On earth these things are so familiar that many assume that they always have been and always will be. And yet without a question we all acknowledge that the same God who made such a splendid provision for the angels is the God of humanity, our Maker. Why should He have done so differently with two creations of His own family—His own creatures, His own children?

The Bible explains that the reason for the difference between God's treatment of mankind and His treatment of the angels is that the human family became sinners, depraved, alienated, through the disobedience of Adam; that the entire race of Adam is mentally, morally and physically impaired; and that these impairments are all incidental to the curse, or penalty of sin; namely, "Dying, thou shalt die."—Genesis 2:17—margin.

Satan the Murderer.
Jesus declares that Satan is wholly responsible for the death of our race. He was the murderer of our first parents, and by the laws of heredity we all lost our lives through his terrible deception. Satan persuaded Mother Eve that God, who cannot lie, had led her; that the declaration, "Dying, thou shalt die," is an untruth; that man could not die; that he had some inherent life that even God Himself could not interfere with. He persuaded her that God had a selfish motive in making the death threat, in telling the lie; that God wished to keep herself and Adam in ignorance; but that, by obeying himself, they would become like God.

Man's sentence was carried out. Our first parents were driven from Eden, that they might no longer have access to its life-sustaining fruits, that they might come under the penalty, "Dying, thou shalt die." There never was a sentence. Thou shalt live in eternal torment and be tortured by devils. All such misrepresentations are slanders of the Divine character, purpose and plan, intended to dishonor God and turn mankind away from Him.

Jesus the Life-Giver.
Before considering the murderer and his fate, let us glance at the murdered race, which now has numbered approximately twenty thousand millions of souls. They are all dead or dying. There is no hope for them except in God. Has God a gracious provision, and if so, what is it?

The Bible assures us that God is very compassionate, and that He so loved the world as not to wish them to perish like the natural brute beast. He therefore gave His Son, that all exercising obedient faith in Him might be saved from perishing and might attain everlasting life. We must not overlook the fact that, as we were not sentenced to eternal torment, neither did God provide a redemption from eternal torment. The death penalty on humanity would have reduced our race to the same condition as the brute; for a dead man would have had no superiority over a dead beast. But here God interposed. He provided a Savior and a great One, who could save to the uttermost. He proposes to save us from perishing—from destruction—not from eternal torment, of which the Bible knows nothing.

The word Savior signifies Life-giver. Father Adam, having fallen into sin, failed to give his race life-perfection. We were all born in a dying race. The thing we need is a dying race. We need life, everlasting life. And this is what God has provided for the race. He proposes that "all who are in their graves shall hear the voice of the Son of Man and come forth." The salvation which God has promised is a resurrection—a raising up from death to

life—to give beauty for ashes—perfection for imperfection.
Thus it is written, "As by a man came death, by a man also comes the resurrection of the dead. For as all in Adam die, even so all in Christ shall be made alive. But every man in his own order [or company]: Christ [Head and Body], the First-fruits; afterwards those who shall become Christ's at [during the time of] His presence"—the thousand years of His glorious Reign for human uplift—1 Corinthians 15:20-23.

The uplifting, the resurrecting, the Restitution, will not be merely an awakening from the tomb to the conditions which prevailed before death; much more is implied. Father Adam's dying began when he was perfect. It included all the processes which finally led him to the tomb. His resurrection, or raising again, will not signify merely his coming from the tomb, but will include all the steps of progress up, up, back to all that he was at first—to all that he lost through sin—to all that was redeemed for him at Calvary. And the same principle will hold with all his children, his race. In him they all fell from perfection, and through Christ they may all regain the perfection which they lost.

Only Two Exceptions.
This blessing of Restitution will include the whole race, with two exceptions. The first exception will be those who will reject the gift of God, eternal life, through Jesus Christ our Lord, by refusing to co-operate with God in the love and service of righteousness and in the hatred of iniquity.

The second exception will be the Church of this Gospel Age—not the nominal Church, but the Church whose names are written in Heaven—all saints, out of all nations and denominations. These will not be returned to the perfection of Adam, because according to the call of this Gospel Age they are invited to a change of nature, and in the present life experience a begetting of the Holy Spirit. If faithful, they will share the First, or superior, Resurrection, and will be made perfect on the Heavenly plane, that they may be associated with the Master in the great work of blessing and uplifting humanity in general.

Satan the Incoercible.
For all these six thousand years Satan has maintained his attitude of enmity toward God and antagonism toward all the Divine arrangements, laws and regulations. God, all-powerful, could have restrained Satan at any moment if He chose. The fact that He has allowed him to remain and to practise to some extent his evil work assures us that the results will fully justify the course pursued by the Almighty.

In the sight of the holy angels, the vicious, scheming, plotting, deceiving, lying, murderous spirit of Satan has been fully manifest; and by and by the whole world of mankind, now subject to his deceptions, will be fully recovered and fully informed respecting them. God undoubtedly sees that the permitting of sin to take its course will eventually bring to the world, to angels, and to the Church, a wider knowledge of good and evil, of right and wrong, than could have been communicated to them in any other way.

Satan, evidently always hopeful that he might outwit the Almighty and accomplish his purpose, has especially labored during the past nineteen centuries. When he could not seduce the great Redeemer to disloyalty to God, he sought to put Him to ignominious death, only to find that in this he had fulfilled the Scriptures. Later, in persecuting the Church and in bringing in damnable heresies, through seducing spirits inculcating doctrines of demons, Satan has sought to taint the hearts of all in the Kingdom. Then the work of all to mislead them in respect to the Divine character and Plan.

The Kingdom and Its Work.
God's great Plan will soon have matured. Soon the Church will be completed. Then Christ will receive her to Himself as His Bride and Joint-heir in His Kingdom. Then the work of the Kingdom, the rescue of the world, will begin. Mankind must first be rescued from error, superstition, darkness, ignorance of God, brought on the wreck of all his deep-laid schemes, but he will be powerless to any further deceive humanity and misrepresent the Creator. One of the first acts of Messiah in His Kingdom will be to "lay hold on that old Serpent, the Devil, and bind him a thousand years, that he may deceive the nations no more."—Revelation 20:1-3.

Sin's Wage Is Death.
Our great Creator has one Law for His Empire: "The wages of sin is death; the gift of God is eternal life." Satan was given this gift; but it was conditional—dependent upon his obedience. From the moment of his rebellion he was worthy of the sentence of death. But it was not decreed. Time was given him to see the folly of his course. Century after century increased Satan's spirit of opposition to God and to righteousness. Even the terrible disaster of sickness, sorrow and death which he has brought upon mankind swerved him not from his evil course. Even the death of the Savior for the redemption of the race moved him not to sympathy and pity. His heart seems to have become the more hardened in proportion as he has seen manifestations of Divine love and pity. This is an illustration of the general trend of sin—to hardness of heart.

A certain time has been fixed in the Divine Program for the execution of this great murderer. He must first witness the undoing of all his work. He must behold how the light of the knowledge of the glory of God will sweep away all the delusions which he has fostered, and will emancipate hu-

manity, and lead to the anthem, "Glory to God in the Highest, and on earth peace, good will toward men."

The Scriptures do not inform us of where Satan will be during the period of his bondage, during the period of his restraint from doing evil—during the thousand years of Messiah's Reign. It merely informs us that at the conclusion of that period he will be loosed again, that he may bring a trial and a test upon the human family, then perfect in the flesh. Their number, we are told, will be as the sand of the seashore—a world full. They all will have enjoyed the full benefit of Messiah's Reign—Restitution to all that was lost—to full human perfection. The earth, brought to perfection, will be as the Garden of Eden—the Garden of the Lord, Paradise restored.

Why Will Satan Be Loosed?
The Bible answer is that God desires to prove, to test, all of the human family. They will have had a knowledge of sin, a knowledge of God's goodness, a knowledge of human recovery from sin and death. But the question which God would decide with them is, Have they so learned the lesson of the sinfulness of sin and the bitterness of its results that they would hate sin and love righteousness—that they would be obedient to God, trusting Him where they could trace Him and where they could not? Any who after all the experiences they will have passed through would not be absolutely loyal to the Lord to the very core in word, in deed and in thought, would not be dependable—would not be worthy of eternal life, which God purposes only for those who have demonstrated fully established characters in harmony with the Creator's.

All Will Be Tested.
As to the nature of the test we are not informed. We are merely told that Satan will be loosed that he may tempt all mankind. We may be sure that the temptations will be along the lines of full submission to the Divine will. The Scriptures imply that when Messiah shall deliver up the Kingdom at the close of the Millennium the government of the world will become a Republic, in which each person is a king, and one of these kings chosen by vote to be the Administrator of the affairs of the Government.

Let us suppose as an illustration that mankind would be expecting such a change of government at a particular time. Let us suppose that God had allowed them to misunderstand some feature of His Plan and thus to expect the change of government at the wrong time. Here would be an opportunity for a test upon all. A question would arise which would tend to cause a division amongst all mankind. Some might be inclined to say, "The time for the change has come, and it should be made; and those who are retaining the government are in error. So believing, they might make a demand upon the earthly representatives of the Divine Government that a transfer should be made, and that the world should become a republic instead of remaining a theocracy.

Others of mankind might say, Nay; we are debtors to God for all that we have. We may have misunderstood the time or some feature of the Divine purpose in respect to the time of the change in the government of the world, but we are very happy, very thankful to God, very appreciative of the blessings we are enjoying. If God wishes to make a change in the government, well and good. If God wishes that the present government shall hold over indefinitely, all well and good. We refuse to join with those who are proposing a demand for the transfer of the government.

Something of this kind would seem to be implied in the figurative expressions of Revelation 20:9. "The camp of the saints and the Beloved City" would seem to represent the earthly phase of the Kingdom, and the encompassing of the camp would seem to imply a protest. Such a division of sentiment would show clearly how many had fully learned to commit everything to God and to trust absolutely in the Divine supervision of their affairs, and how many, after all the great lessons of seven thousand years, would still be inclined to take matters into their own hands—world-wide.

Destruction of Satan and All God's Enemies.
The denouement here and elsewhere pictured is that there came down fire from Heaven and devoured them—Satan and all those who took the side of self-will and who indicated a measure of disloyalty and unfaithfulness.

Many are the Scriptures which seem to tell us of the final destruction of Satan; as, for instance, Romans 16:20, which declares that God will ultimately bruise Satan under the feet of the Church, thus associating the Church, the Body of Christ, with the Lord, the Head. This corresponds with the Divine statement in Eden that ultimately the Seed of the woman would crush the Serpent's head—ultimately destroy the Serpent and all that he stands for; namely, sin and rebellion against God. Thus eventually the wages of sin and death must be meted out to any willful, persistent rebel against the Divine Law, whether he be an outward rebel or one secretly disloyal. The lesson is one for all of God's people and for the whole world. If we know the Spirit of the Lord in respect to sin, happy are we if we conform our lives thereto.

Let us mark well the course that will ultimately lead to Satan's destruction. Let us mark well also the course of Jesus, which led to the highest glory. Which example shall we follow? Shall we in humility walk in the footsteps of our Redeemer, and become His joint-heirs, or shall we take the other course of pride, and thus become disciples of the Adversary, and reach his doom?