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get to trade at home.

Albert T. Patrick complains that he is legally dead and that the state therefore has no right to keep him in prison. But a dead man ought not to kick on his quarters if the other prisoners don't object.

An esteemed Republican contem porary published in the heart of the protection belt, the Altoona, Pa Tribune, protests against the quips and gibes of newspaper paragraphers over the soaring prices of the necessities of life and declares it is no joking matter. "A man who can stand off and make jokes concerning the cost of living is either an irresponsible individual or very wealthy one," declares the Tribune. "The balance of us approach the matter with serious minds and heavy hearts. We do not know what is going to happen." Our Republican contema staunch advocate and denfender of inclined to indulge in is that of life a fight is to buy the enemy. Certhe vicious system of protection bewails, for the profit of the trusts ment which has been started up, patriots cheering the United States. at the expense of the people.

---:0:---THE PRESSING DANGER.

in which big business can be allowed Cherry, Ill. The scheme is one of ber and the bribed is still exceedto throttle competition and dictate much merit but its practical et- ingly fine. prices in the United States is by the ficiency depends largely on the men enactment by the congress of legislation similar to that which the president in his Des Moines speech adcrucial of overawes congress to midates or overawes congress to seems to be in a good way to drift look at the bright side. She killed the president suggested, we may just lers who espoused Bryan's cause in as well submit to have the prices of 1908, seems destined to be carried everything we buy and everything we down to defeat and disaster along sell fixed by the aggregation of capi- with all who have been brave tal which now rules the country, enough to take a stand with the Our readers may assume that because President Taft was exalted to his high position on the recommendation of Roosevelt therefore anything that he may suggest is in the line of the Roosevelt policies, and may therefore fall to read his recommendations closely. We pointed out at the time of this speech that any such legislation as the president urged would give the big business free scope absolutely to do as it pleases with the people. If Aldrich had made this suggestion the entire country would have cried out against it, but coming from the president, the supposed friend of the Roosevelt policies, people have assumed that it was all right. Nothing has surprised us more than the apparent blindness of the American people and the political leaders to the real effect of the president's suggestions. As we said before, so we say now, that his position is inconcelvable except on the theory that he has gathered around him a lot over to them the task of framing legislation, such legislation as will be acceptable to Mr. Aldrich and Mr. Cannon,-Wallace's Farmer.

-:0:--A SINSTER ASPECT.

try as a whole are deeply patriotic a street car. but they have an admirable sense of justice and an appreciation of the virtue of not going off half-cock- spoke to a long line of the employed ed. Hence they are not getting wild- on the Bowery. These men formed ly excited over the Nicaraguan af- what is known as the "bread line,"

ters that there is an ulterior motive tions. Much has been said and much will prevail anyway. concealed in the effort to precipitate has been whitten of hard times unwarfare between this great country der various administrations. Almost and the weak little Central Ameri- invariably we have found the Repubcan government. It is known that lican papers referring to the times New York financiers have been and being the result of Democratic gov- and a half miles southeast of Mur-

You will have to hurry with that in all the Central American repub-Christmas shopping. And don't for- lies. In many of these countries, including Nicaragua, so-called "American" parties have been created. The evolution in Nicargua is being finaced from some source and it is a natural inference that the source is Wall street. It could not exist a day without strong financial aid. It is suspected that the ultimate outcome aimed at is annexation to the United States, a process which would richly line the pockets of the eminent American financiers and revolution promoters.

> Until the people of the United States have better assurance than has so far been youchsafed them that there is not a "nigger in the woodpile" in the Nicaraguan affair, there will be no widespread public demand for United States troops to move on to Managua.

> > FROM THE BUSY WORLD.

porary is quite right. And yet it is the United States government seems Europe where one way of winning saving stations for the coal min- tainly the press dispatches indicate which has promoted the condition it ing regions. This proposed depart- this. We are told of Nicaraguan but which is still in its infancy, proposes to establish stations similar to how we we would read of American the life saving stations in the sea patriots cheering Germany! Yet the service-which may be available in one is as probable as the other. The It would appear that the only way case of such disasters as those at line of distinction between the briwho carry it out. The practical application of it is the stickler. Let's life is that in the papers of Mrs. hope it succeeds.

> Great American. The federation has lost the Switchmen's Union strike in the northwest. All reports to the contrary, this is the fact. Now it is proposed to line up the different trades in a fight on the steel trust. The chances of the federation to win are infinestisimal, yet their leaders are for it. The steel trust is almost impregnable. The courts are behind the trust and, under Taft, they are becoming every day stronger. Labor lost the fight in 1896 when he had a chance. The lower holds little except the inevitable.

August Eschelbach goes thundering down the aisles of time sa far as St. Louis is concerned. August, after thirteen long weary years, secured a seat in a street car during the rush istence-a red-letter day in his life. he laughed merrily. Anon he expectorated upon the floor of the car of corporation lawyers and turned because he would not give up the coveted seat-a seat fought for, for thirteen years. Then uprose the passenger next to him and placed him under arrest. The passenger was a parutary officer. Yet in his disgrace, and with the ninions of the law hovering and encompassing him about, Patriotism is a noble virtue, but August smiled and was full of glee patriotism and jingoism are not sy- for he had achieved the acme of nonymous. The people of this coun- St. Louis ambition he had a seat in

President Taft a few days ago something supposed to be only pos-There is a suspicion in many quar-sible under Democratic administra-

"bread line" to be accounted for? Is it possible that when President Taft addressed this long line of half-starved, ill-fed men, he was still talking to the illfated ghosts of the 1893 panic, or was he talking to the grim spectres left behind by the Republican panic of 1907. Let the facts be stated correctly. The "bread line" of the Bowery is a result of Republicanism blind and rampant-a legitimate outgrowth of years of paternalism on the part of the national government-a result, the harvest of which must be appalling.

At last we know. Lieut. Robt. E. Peary is the "true discoverer of the north pole." The National Geographical society has spoken and W. E. Moore, head of the weather burcau, a government job, has placed the official seal of approval on Peary and Peary has frankly owned that he and he alone, could have accomplished the task. This was not enough-all the foreign ambassadors clapped hands and Joe Cannon approved. Why investigate further? Are not Prof. Moore, M. Jusserrandetal and Cannon sufficient? When they speak the stars pause in their comses-maybe.

To a man up a tree the accounts of the Anti-Zelaya demonstrations at Managua, Nicarguan, look very curious. We seem to have reached the One of the sensible projects which high stage of civilization of central A truly fine setiment, Imagine

One of the pathetic sidelights of Emma Peck, who committed suicide in St. Louis. Mrs. Peck who was a The American Federation of Labor widow, had preached optimismknew. The only witness said she stepped out of a telephone booth and said: "You have no right to say that to me." Whoever the assassin was these words must haunt him or her. Mrs. Peck succumbed before the hard blows of the world and she is but one known martyr of thousands. The sunshine and optimism are good but the shadows are terrible in this life.

We read of the sad fate of Hampon Gould Wescott, once a vice-president of the Standard Oil company, and shudder for Hampton is what is known vulgarly as bug house. Hampton's weak head seems to have originated when Uncle Sam had him on the stand as a witness and sought to show that Hampton had een very successful in originating chemes to find out what his competitors sold. This examination was too much for his intellect and he is now said to be mentally bad. We sympathize with Hampton-'tis a He was much gloated over this pity he didn't tell who first spoke strange happening in a quiet life and to him of spies and independent companies-it might have saved him much mental distress.

> Senator Cullom of Illinois, has, or will present to the senate, a resolution seeking in effect to further the extent of federal stations for the rescue of miners from burning or otherwise disabled mines. The idea s more than commendable—it should be carried out. The execution involves once more the old and time worn doctrine of states rights, but in view of steady encroachment of federal authority on that of the states, it would be as well to waive this and permit the establishment of the stations. They are needed and while the interests of the domain by federal authority, it seems but a question of time when this authority and probably autocratic rule,

Lewiston School Social.

On Thursday evening, December 23, a box social will be held at the Lewiston school, district No. 7, three are acquiring valuable concessions ernment. How much is the Bowery ray. A short program will be given.

PEOPLE'S



Sermon by CHARLES 1. RUSSELL Pastor Brooklyn Tabernacle.

Sunday, December 19.-Pastor Rusell spoke today from the above text. Brooklyn Tabernacle was crowded with an attentive audience, as usual. We report the discourse, as follows: Only those who come to an advanced degree of knowledge of God's Word er and merciful in the extreme. can realize how Divine judgments are all good-all blessed. Under the inunderstanding aright the teachings of taught eternal torment for the great majority of our race, we feared God, rather than loved him. We dared not malicious, devilish, yet we were unable to see it in any other light; hence the he general alienation of heart, and God and his supposedly terrible puroses respecting our race and the general awe respecting the Bible and the

fear of its misunderstood teachings. But now in the dawning of the New Dispensation the Word of God is shinng as never before; one passage illuminating another, our fear gives place to reverential love and filial awe. We begin to understand that the torment loctrines which we received are wholly foreign to the Divine character, which, on the contrary, is distinctly marked by Wisdom, Justice, Mercy and Love toward all. We find ourselves now in agreement with the Scriptural declaration that God's judgnents are "righteous altogether," and we delight in them. Instead of a judgment of eternal torment as a penalty for sin, we find a judgment or sentence of death. We agree to the righteousness of that verdict or judgment. God had the right to demand of his creature the obedience he was able to render. He had a perfect right to destroy him in death when he refused the blessing of life eternal on the terms of obedience. Seeing this, how rejoiced we are to note the Divine Mercy in the Plan of Redemption for the sinner and his offspring through the sacrifice of Christ!' As a result we have good hope in his judgments; for him who once judged us worthy of death has with equal Justice redeemed us and granted us the opportunity

It was another part of the Divine Judgment against our race that instead of the death penalty coming instantly upon Adam and Eve, it came gradually, that through the processes of gradual dying they might the better learn the lesson of "the exceeding sinfulness of sin"-to the intent that, when granted the new trial secured by the merit of Christ's sacrifice, they might profit by it the more. The same principles apply to all of Adam's posterity. The whole creation groaneth and travaileth in pain together until now * * * waiting for the manifestation of the sons of God" (Romans viii, 22, 19). They are waiting for the establishment of Christ's Millennial Kingdom under which they shall have a full opportunity of coming to a knowledge of the

This is God's provision for the world in general. What God did for the little nation of Israel during the Jewish Age, and what he has been doing for Spiritual Israel since Pentecost, in this Gospel Age, are matters separate and apart entirely from his general dealing with the world of mankind. The natural and the spiritual Seed of Abraham are exceptions to the rule. They have been granted special privileges and blessings not granted to the world in general-natural Israel under the Law Covenant and spiritual Israel under the Abrahamic Covenant, From these two nominal Israels special "overcomers" have been chosen or elected. These shortly, in association with the Redeemer, will constitute the Kingdom of God. The overcomers of spiritual Israel, becoming the Bride of Christ by resurrection "change" to the heavenly nature, will be like him and share his glory and constitute the Kingdom class in the highest sense. The overcomers of natural Israel, resurrected to the perfection of earthly nature, will constitute the earthly phase of the Millennial Kingdom, Mankind may see and have intercourse with these but will not see nor have direct intercourse with the glorified Christ, Head and Body-the King of Glory.

God Will Judge His People.

So far as the world is concerned, it has been under the one general sentence of Divine Justice, "dying thou shalt die." But so far as natural and spiritual Israel are concerned, they have been dealt with as freed from the original sentence and on trial for life or death afresh under God's judgments or disciplines. Thus it it written, "Jehovah will judge his people." Not all under these judgments have understood them-not all were in the condition of heart to receive their instructions. "The secret of the Lord is with them that fear him; and he will show them his Covenant" (Psaim xxv, 14). Thus, during the Jewish Age, Israel often lapsed into more or less of darkness and idolatry and failed to see their special privileges and relationship to God under their Covenant. But amongst them were the few faithful

PULPIT.

Blessed Judgments.

"With My Soul Have I Desired Thee In he Night; Yea, With My Spirit Within Me, Will I Seek Thee Early: For When Thy Judgments Are Abroad In the Earth, the Inhabitants of the World Will Learn Rightousness" (Isaiah xxvi, 9).

who with the eye of faith discerned the righteousness of God's dealing with them. Of these were the prophets who rehearsed the Divine dealings and rewards and punishments, that they were true and righteous altogeth-

Similarly during this Gospel Age Christendom as a whole has not been fluence of the fog of superstition, not in the condition of heart to hear, to understand, to appreciate, the judgments the Scriptures, supposing that they of the Lord. But some have been "Israelites indeed" who possessed the se cret of the Lord and who were able to rejoice in his judgments-his righteous ly that such a judgment was wrong, dealings. They realized by faith God's love for them. "The Father himself loveth you" (John xvi, 27). By fait! general perplexity of Christendom, and they appropriated the Apostle's assurance that "all things work together fo many intelligent minds driven to in- good to them that love God, to them fidelity, and the dislike to think about | who are the called according to his purpose" (Romans viii, 23).

> God's Judgments in the World. We have seen that God's judgments in the past have been merely with those who shall constitute the Seed of Abraham (natural and spiritual), through whom, according to the promise, "all the families of the earth shall be blessed" (Genesis xxviii, 14). We now note the fact that our text does not relate to either of these, for their judgments could be discerned only by the eye of faith. Our text refers to the world's judgments during the Millennial Age, Then God's judgments will be abroad in the earth-not mere ly contined to one nation or specially called class, but will include every member of Adam's race. And while these are declared to be the Lord's judgments, note the fact that they will be administered by The Christ, of which our glorified Redeemer shall be the Head, and his "members," when glorified, shall be the Body-the Church. The judgments of the Lord abroad in the earth will not mean havoe and dismay to mankind in general, but the very reverse-relief, assistance to all who come into line with the righteous arrangements of that Kingdom designed for their uplifting from sin and death conditions. The judgments of that Millennial Day of a thousand years will be severe-even to destruction-only against the willfully, shall have been brought to a clear appreciation of right and wrong, good and evil, and their penalties, life and

> Mark the statement of the Prophet David when prophetically referring to the Millennial Age; he points out that the judgments of that time will be a cause of gladness. He says:

'Let the heavens be glad,

And let the earth rejoice; Let men say among the nations, Jehovah Let the sea roar, and the fulness thereof; Let the fields rejoice, and all that are

Then shall the trees of the wood sing

BECAUSE HE COMETH TO JUDGE THE EARTH.

O give thanks unto Jehovah, for he For his mercy endureth forever."

A Millennial Judgment Day. Mark the words of St. Paul respect ing what God has in reservation for

the world. He says God "hath appointed a day [the thousand-year day of Christ] in the which he will judge the world in righteousness by that man whom he hath ordained" (Acts

xvii. 31).

In this work ordained for our Lord he is to have associates-the "elect" Church, his "members," of whom the Apostle writes, saying, "Know ye not that the saints shall judge the world?" (I Corinthians vi, 2.) And the Ancient Worthies enumerated by St. Paul (Hebrews Ix, 38-40) will also be judges, but on the earthly plane as representatives of the heavenly Kingdom. As it is written, "I will restore thy judges as at the first and thy counsellors as

at the beginning" (Isaiah I, 26).

Our All-Wise Creator, who has thus made provision, both for the heavenly and the earthly judges of the world in the election from Israel and the election of the Gospel Age, has thus demonstrated to the few who understand "the secret of the Lord" "the mystery" hidden from ages and dispensations past. It is evident that there will be no disappointment, no failure, in respect to God's great oathbound Covenant made with Abraham -"In thy Seed shall all the families of the earth be blessed." The basis of the blessing is the redemptive work of Christ finished at Calvary. The outworking of that blessing will come through the glorified Lord and his Church, "his Body." The first work will be the establishment of a righteous government in the hands of those already proven absolutely loyal to God and to his righteousness-"faithful even unto death." We may have full confidence that in that Kingdom "righteousness will be laid to the line and justice to the plummet," as God has promised (Isaiah xxvili, 17). Not only so, but we may have full confidence that mercy will have a free hand there to do all for mankind that would be reasonable and possible. The combination of a strong government with merciful assistants is represented by the fact that our Lord will be, not

only the great King, but also the great Priest and Prophet and Teacher. Even so, also, the Church shall be "kings and priests"-their office, their service, will be a combination of ruling and healing, instructing and uplifting.

Everything done will come under the nend of judgment-righteous dealing. Every good deed, yea, every good effort, will be rewarded-its judgment will be a blessing, an increase of harmony with the Lord and with a character development and restitutional physical experiences (Acts ili, 19-21). Instead of the ways of darkness will be the way of light. Instead of the broad road leading to destruction with the masses going down thereon-to the tomb-will be "the highway of holiness." Instead of stones of stumbling we are assured that all the stumbling stones shall be gathered out of the way. Instead of beastly violence, overmastering temptations and besetments. devouring mankind because of their weakness to resist the Adversary, the Bible assures us that Satan will be bound and that the wild beasts of vice and degeneracy will all be brought into subjection. Thus "nothing shall hurt nor destroy in all God's boly Kingdom." "And an highway shall be there, and it shall be called, The way of holiness" (Isaiah xi, 9; xxxv, 8). The Messianic Psalm (seventy-sec-

ond) finds its application to that glorious Millennial epoch. Thus we read. "Give the King thy judgments, O God, and thy righteousness unto the King's Son. He shall judge thy people with righteeusness and thy poor with judg-ment (justice). * * He shall judge the poor of the people, he shall save the children of the needy and shall break in pieces the oppressor. * * * He shall come down like rain upon the mown grass, as showers that water the earth. In his days shall the righteous flourish; and abundance of peace so long as the moon endureth."

"The People Will Learn Righteous-

ness." As already shown, God's dealings in the past have been with the world only in the sense of executing a general sentence for Adamic sin-a death sentence with all that that involves of mental, moral and physical degeneracy -dying. All of God's special judgments have been with those who were justified to special relationship through faith. If we were to judge of the number who will be blessed during the Millennium by the "little flock" of natural Israel and the "little flock" of spiritual Israel, saved under God's judgments in advance of the millennium, the outcome of the world's judgment would not appear favorable. But these would not be fair criterions. Present conditions are permitted in order to test and to prove the faith, as well as the obedience of those who are under trial or judgment and who, by reason of the fall, have such a faith as permits them to grasp the glorions features of the present call. Consequently, "few" there will be who will find the great reward now offered (Matthew vii, 14). This is as God designs it, because he is selecting a special class. But the arrangements made for mankind in general are that the darkness and sin of the present time shall flee away. The dawning of the Millennium morning, with the rising of the Sun of Rightsousness with healing in his beams (The Christ in glory to enlighten the world), will mean that knowledge will be granted the world-facts, evidences, proofs. The world will not be required to "walk by faith and not by sight," as are the "elect" of this present time. Instead of the eye of faith of the present time will be the eye of understanding (knowledge), then. Instead of the secret of the Lord being kept from the world, all of his gracious purposes will then stand fully revealed. "The knowledge of the glory of God shall fill the whole earth as the waters cover the great deep" (Habakkuk il, 14). As a result none shall need to say unto his neighbor and to his brother, Know thou the Lord, for all shall know him, from the least to the greatest of them. Every knee shall bow and every tongue confess to the glory of God (Romans xiv. 11). When every good deed shall receive promptly and manifestly its reward, and every evil deed shall receive promptly its punishment, the world will speedily learn to avoid the punishments and to win the rewards by obedience to the laws of the Kingdom

The Scope of Our Text.

The Prophet in our text personifies The Christ, Jesus the Head and the Church his Body. Note the statement, "With my soul have I desired thee in the night" (Isalah xxvi, 9). 'The "night" of sin has been upon the world for centuries. The "morning" is at hand, but not yet fully come. During the night time the faithful of the Church are represented as walking in the light of God's Word. "Thy Word is a lamp unto my feet, and a lantern unto my footsteps" (Psalm exix, 105). St. Peter says, "We have a more sure word of prophecy, to which we do well to take heed as unto a light shining in a dark place-until the day dawn and the day star arise" (II Peter i, 19). In this night time the "elect" are different from the majority of those around them-they desire God's righteousness and they pray, "Thy Kingdom come; thy will be done on earth even as it is done in heaven."

Song of Moses and the Lamb. Those who now are able to "sing in

the night" because of their appreciation of the Divine Plan are prophetically declared to "sing the song of Moses, the servant of God and the song of the Lamb, saying, Great and marvellous are thy works, Lord God Almighty; just and true are thy ways, thou King of saints. Who shall not fear thee, O Lord, and glorify thy name? for thou only art holy: for all nations shall come and worship before thee, because of the manifestation of thy righteens dealings" (Revelation xv.