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Strike for a Fourth of July celebration.

The public is beginning to understand more fully why the department employees in Washington were given ironclad instructions never to talk.

Mr. Bryan has not given up the special session proposition. His closest friends at Lincoln state from reports that a session is very probable.

Bill Price says he will not withdraw from the race for the nomination for senator until the last vote is counted in the primaries. It is a sure thing he will withdraw then.

If got-up-get-there will win anything, William F. Porter, candidate for the Democratic nomination for railroad commissioner surely deserves success. He is proving himself a hustler.

During the first ten days of May the government spent \$1,610,981.46 more than it took in. All Republican papers who have declared that the new tariff law is a success as a revenue producer will please copy.

Plattsmouth can have a celebration on the Fourth of July if they want it. The way to express yourself for or against it is to attend the meeting of the commercial club tonight. If you are interested you better be on hand.

Halley's comet it seems, has never moved from the east, and the learned astronomers are now wondering where we are at. The people have been badly fooled, and will not set up all night any more to get a glimpse of it.

The anti-saloon and prohibition advocates can perhaps get some consolation from the election returns in Denver last Tuesday, but we cannot see where it is. Only 15,000 majority against the anti-saloon element. It was certainly very decisive.

If all the census enumerators were like some who did the work in this city, the department will have a time in straightening out their papers. It is no wonder that Nebraska only gained a little over 3000 population, if other towns were served as we have been.

The poll taken at Washington hall in Omaha last Monday night by Mr. Bryan showed that a big majority were in favor of the initiative and referendum. But when the poll was taken on the special session proposition, the audience was not nearly unanimous.

Nebraska is really more fortunate in the census taking than Iowa. Iowa decreased, while Nebraska increased a small number. The emigration to Texas and Oklahoma has drawn more heavily on these two states than any of the northwest states, which probably will account for this state of affairs.

The house last week passed by a strict party vote, 121 to 90, the bill to reimburse the sub-treasury at St. Louis for \$61,500 that was stolen from the vaults in 1906. The Republicans stood for the bill while the Democrats were against it. There never was a full investigation of this steal, but so long as the Republicans are in power there will never be an investigation of this steal or any of the big grafts.

THE POSTAL SAVINGS BANK.

At the annual convention of group four of the Nebraska Bankers' association held in Hastings Wednesday, May 13, the matter of the present postal savings bank bill now before congress, was discussed, and very ably, too, by several members

of the group. Among those was President L. B. Howey, of Beatrice, whose address we print below, because we consider it one of the ablest and most concise articles in opposition to Mr. Taft's scheme we have pursued, and shows how the plan runs to control the money of the west by eastern sharks. Mr. Howey is a banker at Beatrice, and a Republican in politics, but his address will probably have the effect of opening the eyes of some who do not understand the Taft administration's scheme, which is being supported by Nebraska's two senators and the Republican members of congress from this state. The address is truly a model document, and worthy of a several times perusal:

"As a plank in the last Republican national platform, placed there by cool and calculating politicians, pledging the support of the Republican party to the establishment of a postal savings bank system in this country, expediency justified that action; but it is quite another thing, simply because the party was successful at the polls, for the party leaders to construe this success as a demonstration among other things, of the great popular demand for such a system, and therefore incumbent upon them to bend all their energies in an effort to incorporate it into law.

"As a matter of fact, there never was, except as it existed in the minds of the politicians, and is not now, any noticeable demand on the part of the people for the establishment of such a system, and every careful observer will testify to this with respect to the sentiment of his own community. The question is then, fellow bankers, shall we sit supinely by and watch with comparative indifference, the frantic efforts of the politicians in Washington, including every representative of this state in both branches of congress, to foist upon this country such an un-American institution as this, or shall we with uplifted voice, and with every means at our command, strive valiantly in these, the last days of the struggle now going on in congress over the provision of the bill up for consideration, to at least, induce our own representatives to withhold their support from it, on the good and sufficient grounds that its passage will be inimical to the best interests of our state, as it will be, and as I shall endeavor to show.

"At the outset, the advocates of this system had apparently but the haziest idea of how it would work out in this country in connection with our present banking system, which, be it understood, is unlike that of any other country where postal savings banks are in operation; but they knew we had the post-offices, and they assumed to think, because other countries had such a system, that it would flourish with equal facility here.

"The president desires to see the system introduced here, because he needs the mythical millions that, through its operation will be gathered up from the four corners of the earth, out of the hoards of the thrifless, and the foreign born, and covered into the national treasury, in order to relieve his administration of the financial embarrassments that now loom up threateningly. And to the representatives in congress light shining out of utter darkness, and pointing the way whereby he may, in spite of other possible shortcomings, gallily ask for, and perhaps receive at the hands of his constituents, the pleasing of 'well done good and faithful servant.'"

"Now, while I am not inclined to yield to anyone in my admiration for the president, considering that I am a Republican, and somewhat of an athlete myself, still in common with

many millions of others scattered over the country, I would be more in sympathy with the financial difficulties that beset his administration. If to relieve them, he had displayed the same zeal in loosening the grip of the robber tariff, that he does in trying to fasten this un-American institution upon us. And also, while I am enamored of the massive intellects of our own representatives in congress, and appreciate deeply the self sacrificing spirit which prompts them to seek a re-election at our hands, I do not hesitate to say that I would be more in sympathy with their desires if it were not that, in their advocacy of this postal bank scheme, they display such a woeful lack of understanding of the conditions, and needs of our state.

"In the postal savings bill that passed the senate, provision is made for the investment of the funds deposited in government securities only, and President Taft has given it out flat that he will veto any bill lacking that provision; hence if the system is adopted here, it means that every dollar will be taken out of the community where deposited, and transferred either to Washington direct, or to the money centers. The deleterious effect this would have on the business interests of a state is so apparent that 'he who runs may read,' even a congressman. Under existing conditions in this state the loss of any portion of the working capital of a community is a damage to it, because every dollar available is needed, and is now in active demand for its upbuilding. And while a whole community should oppose as a matter of principle any proposition designed to accomplish such ends, yet, of course, the damage it would sustain in connection with the postal savings bank must be measured by the amount of deposits therein.

"To aid us in a better realization of the baneful influence of the postal savings bank upon a country drained of its capital, as will be in Nebraska be drained of ours once they are established here, we will find such a concrete example in the history of Ireland. There the system flourishes like a green bay tree, but in the same proportion business languishes, and commercially she is dead. Millions are annually deposited in these banks, only to be immediately transferred to London, thus depriving her of the capital so much needed to develop her manufacturing and other industries. In the face of such an example as this are we not justified in designating this system as un-American, and in view of the evil consequences which are bound to follow its introduction into this country, are we not also sufficiently justified in our opposition to it? Unquestionably we are; and I feel sure that could the business interests of our state be brought to a full realization of the menace it will be to them, the demand that would be made of our representatives in congress, to line up in opposition to the pending bill, would be so strong and insistent that they must give heed to it.

"In conclusion, gentlemen, I desire to say that our consideration of this question should not terminate with the arguments either for or against it, but we should examine deeply into the fundamentals, from which arise the so-called popular demand for postal savings banks, and also for the guaranty of bank deposits."

Eli M. Smith, the Union hog raiser, came up this morning on the early M. P. train to look after business matters in the city returning at 10:25 to his home. He had business at the court house to look after.

Adam Fornoff, the popular Cedar Creek citizen, is among those who came down to the city this morning from his home to spend the day.

PEOPLE'S



Sermon by CHARLES T. RUSSELL, Pastor Brooklyn Tabernacle.

PULPIT...

PASTOR RUSSELL'S DISCOURSE

The Overthrow of Satan's Empire

London, Eng., May 22.—Albert Memorial Hall was again crowded to hear Pastor Russell. The discourse, on "The Overthrow of Satan's Empire," was in the nature of a religious lecture. It was marked throughout by deepest reverence for the Bible, many of the passages of which shone out with a new meaning under the searchlight of his message. He asserted, and seemed to prove, the personality of Satan. But according to his showing it is a great mistake to suppose the Arch-enemy of mankind to be afar off stoking furnaces and torturing the dead. Instead, he is the cunning Deceiver who for centuries has been hoodwinking humanity, including the Church—putting darkness for light and light for darkness. God did not create him a devil. He became such by self-perversion through ambition. Originally his name was Lucifer—Morning Star. He beheld our first parents in Eden, noted their power to produce a race in their own likeness and coveted an empire with them as his subjects.

For six thousand years God has permitted Satan to exercise a measure of deceptive power over the race and to display to both angels and men the terrible results of sin, as exemplified in what the Apostle terms the "reign of sin and death," and the mental, moral and physical degradation resulting.

Satan has not been alone. Not only is he "the Prince of this world" or age, but additionally he is the "Prince of devils"—demons. The speaker showed from the Scriptures (Genesis vi; Jude 6) how these subordinate demons had once been holy angels, too—and when and where they sinned, and how.

"The Apostle Peter gives the key to the real solution of the matter when, in reciting the events connected with the flood, he tells us of the fall of the angels at that time, who 'in the days of Noah' kept not their first estate' (1 Peter iii, 19, 20). Those angels who were permitted to have a measure of control of the fallen race, with a view to helping them as much as they might be able, and who, for the purpose of rendering such assistance to mankind, were permitted to appear in human form, became enamored of the human female, and preferred the human form to their own state as spirit beings. They thus left their original estate, as Jude also explains (Jude 6). These angels are the ones designated 'the sons of God,' none of the human family being given that name after the fall. The angels who fell from their noble work and condition, and became groveling and sensual, manifested clearly in their own course the downward tendency of all transgressions of the divine law.

"The Apostles Peter and Jude clearly mark out the punishment visited upon those 'sons of God' who thus betrayed their trust and fell into sin, 'leaving their own habitation,' their own nature, and affiliating with the human nature. Their punishment has been their deprivation of all such liberties, and their separation from God and from the holy angels; and this restraint is called, by the Apostle, 'chains of darkness,' while the restrained ones themselves, instead of being recognized as 'sons of God,' or angels of light, were thenceforth known as 'angels of darkness,' 'demons,' 'wicked spirits.' Incidentally we remark that these are the 'spirits in prison' mentioned by Peter (1 Peter iii, 19), and that although restricted as respects their powers of fellowship with the holy angels, and with mankind, being no longer privileged to appear as men, they still seek human fellowship, endeavoring to gain possession of human beings who yield up their wills, and who are thus said to be possessed of devils or 'obsessed.' It is but a preliminary step toward thus getting possession of the individual that these wicked spirits appeal to humanity to become their mediums (spirit mediums), through whom they to some extent communicate. And they personate dead human beings, because they know well that humanity would shun them and fear them if their real identity were discovered.

"Satan and his subordinates have maintained a system of human deception," the speaker declared, and it must be confessed that he gave Biblical proofs for his every claim. He asserted that the communications believed by Spiritualists—Dr. Pank, Prof. Hyslop, Editor Stead and others—to be communications from the dead, are really deceptive communications from these fallen angels. So far from claiming that these professors and mediums practice deception, his claim is that they themselves are deceived and are unintentionally leading others onward into a terrible Spiritualistic maelstrom, which, he declares, we are nearing, according to the Bible. He warned against hypnotism, mind cures, etc., practiced by well-meaning but deceived physicians, ministers and others. He declared that all these tended to break down the human will, the God-given barrier and defense of mankind against the encroachments of these fallen angels, who seek continually to intrude themselves into the

mind, thoughts and will of men. He warned all against occult influences of every kind, urging that the human will should be preserved and should be submitted only to the Almighty, and to him only—intelligently in accordance with his instructions in the Bible.

Overthrow of Satan's Empire.
"Satan, through false doctrines—'doctrines of devils,' has entrenched himself in the superstitions and prejudices, not only of the heathen, but also of the civilized. The creeds of the Dark Ages evidenced the fact that he had much to do with their formulation. His false doctrines, antagonistic to the Bible, have been palmed off upon us as veritable Bible truths—just as Satan endeavored to twist and misapply the Bible to Jesus in his wilderness temptation (Mark i, 13). Thus Satan has caused gross darkness to cover the heathen and considerable darkness to cover the civilized earth. But we are in the morning of the New Dispensation, which is to bring so much blessing to the world of mankind in the opening of the eyes of man's understanding, and in physical blessings and comforts. As a result we have the wonderful conveniences and appliances of steam and electricity, the printing press and the electric light, as instead of the tallow candle and quill pen of the past. 'Whatever doth make manifest is light' and special light is due also at this time to God's consecrated people. The illumination now granted to the eyes of our understanding as Christians, through Bible study helps, is intended to be for the Christian what the arc-light is in nature.

"Man's subservency to Satan is an unwilling captivity. Even those who realize their bondage do not generally recognize by whom they have been enslaved. But gradually the bonds are breaking as we near the time of Satan's overthrow. According to the Bible our Lord at his Second Advent will bind the Adversary for a thousand years that he may deceive mankind no more. Meantime all the blessings of light and Truth and grace will be let loose in the world and as a result, 'the knowledge of the glory of God shall fill the whole earth.' Instead of the darkness of the night of sin and death there will be the 'morning of joy,' and gladness and restitution and blessing. 'The sun of righteousness will arise with healing in his beams.' Of that glorious day Saint Peter spoke, saying, 'Times of refreshing shall come from the presence of the Lord, and he shall send Jesus Christ, who before was preached unto you, whom the heavens must retain until the Times of Restitution of all things which God hath spoken by the mouth of all the holy prophets since the world began' (Acts iii, 19-21). Satan's destruction, according to the Bible, will not be consummated until after the MILLENNIAL KINGDOM OF CHRIST shall have accomplished its glorious work of uplifting humanity out of sin and death conditions to full human perfection and the image of God. All the unwilling and disobedient will be counted as servants of Satan and will, with him, be destroyed in the Second Death—extinction—from which there will be no redemption or recovery.

Great Missionary Work.
"The missionary work of blessing and uplifting 'all the families of the earth' is appointed of God for the Millennial Kingdom—and, thank God, the evidences are that it is very near, yea, in a sense, already beginning. Its blessings are intimated by the wonderful progress of our day. Everything waits until the predetermined number of Missionaries shall have been called and schooled and tested and found worthy of the great and honorable work. The qualification is that each must be a 'copy of God's dear Son'—so far as heart intention is concerned. Then these Missionaries will be glorified like their Lord, on the spirit plane and with him they will constitute the 'Kingdom of God's dear Son,' which for a thousand years will bless the world and bring to pass all that the Lord our God has spoken, and more than we could have asked or thought.

"Christian people have no need to upbraid themselves on the score that the missionary efforts of eighteen centuries have accomplished comparatively little. They have no need to be discouraged with the fact that the census returns show that in the past century the proportionate numbers of the heathen have doubled (six hundred millions a century ago—twelve hundred millions today). This is all as God foreknew and intended. God did not purpose the conversion of the heathen during this age, but commissioned his people to preach his Gospel to every nation for a witness, that the Elect Missionaries for the future work might be gathered from every country, people and tongue. God's will has been done. The Adversary temporarily misled the Church into a misunderstanding of her mission. He sought to have us lower our standard of salubriousness, in order to increase the Church far and near. He sought to oppose the Divine will by lowering the standards of sainthood so as to include the masses

of mankind. He thus worked against Divine arrangements. But he has not succeeded. God has merely allowed him to prove, test, separate and manifest the saints—the 'very elect.'

A Great Time of Trouble.

"The coming of the light, the loosening of the fetters of ignorance and superstition from the minds that are not submitted to God, the Scriptures show us, will result in a great time of trouble, in which the passions of men but partially enlightened will do great violence to the entire social fabric. We see the preliminary steps already being taken, and, in the light of the Scriptures, we see the awful catastrophe which will result. The world is rapidly resolving itself into two mighty powers, selfishly and with semi-enlightenment, preparing for a headlong collision which will mean wreck and ruin, tribulation and anguish, to practically the whole world. The Bible, in calling attention to this great time of trouble, warns the people of God, so far as possible to avoid both sides of the controversy, saying, 'Seek meekness; seek righteousness, it may be that ye shall be hid in the day of the Lord's anger' (Zephaniah ii, 3). With the wreck of present institutions comes the end of Satan's regime. So terrible will be the heat of passion and strife engendered at that time that the Scriptures declare that if it were not for the 'Elect' there would be no flesh saved (Mark xiii, 20). The interposition of the Elect as the Kingdom of God under Jesus, the great King and Head of the Elect, is the silver lining to that dark cloud. The moment of man's extremity will become the moment of God's opportunity.

"So terrible will be that time of trouble that the Scriptures symbolically represent it as a whirlwind; as a flood; and as a fire. Some have misinterpreted these Scriptures and are expecting a literal burning of the earth, but the Lord denounces it the 'fire of his jealousy,' which will devour Society. And then he tells us that following the fire of trouble he 'will turn to the people a pure message that they may all call upon the name of the Lord to serve him with one consent' (Zephaniah iii, 9). Satan has had much to do with corrupting the message originally given to the Church by Jesus and the Apostles. The jarring creeds have made discordant sounds which have driven many noble and logical hearts away from the Bible. God's assurance is that the completion of the Church is near; that her change to the heavenly glory in the First Resurrection will soon be accomplished and that then the reign of SIN and DEATH will end under the Kingdom of Jesus. Then the bondage of the world to ignorance, superstition, etc., will terminate; then 'all the blind eyes will be opened and all the deaf ears will be unstopped' and the Lord's pure message of Divine Justice, Divine Love, Divine Wisdom and Divine Power exerted on man's behalf shall be made known to every creature.

"Fellow-Christians, what an incentive to become more and more loyal and earnest as the servants of so great and gracious a Sovereignty—that of our Father and our Redeemer! And what an incentive we have to seek first, in preference to all earthly interests, a share with our Savior in his Millennial Kingdom and its gracious work of human uplift—from the depths of sin and degradation to the heights of earthly perfection and eternal life! Let us, as the Apostle exhorts, 'lay aside every weight, and the sin that does so easily beset us, and let us run with patience the race set before us' (Hebrews xii, 1). This race is for the 'crown of glory,' as members of the Elect Missionary Church and for the glorious opportunities then to be afforded for the realization of the most glorious dreams of service for the King of kings and Lord of lords.

"We cannot suppose that Satan's Empire is entirely satisfactory to himself. Undoubtedly his original thought was the organization of a realm resembling that of the Almighty. But the course of sin is ever downward. To obtain control of our first parents they were misled into steps of disobedience—sin—and the Adversary himself, having started upon the wrong course, can maintain his own standing and kingdom only by determined opposition to Jehovah. This is the significance of the name given him in the Scriptures—'Adversary.'

"The Scriptures set forth that all humanity must, either now or some time, come to the point of decision between obedience to God and disobedience. The obedient will be guided back to ultimate harmony with the Creator and obtain the reward of life eternal. On the contrary, the disobedient, the wilfully rebellious against God and his righteous arrangement, taking the course of Satan, will ultimately share his fate—destruction.

"Responsibility and the decision as to life eternal and death eternal, come to each member of Adam's race as soon as he is brought into a clear knowledge of the Truth. This privilege of coming to a knowledge of the Truth, the opportunity of eternal salvation, is secured to all the families of the earth, to Adam and every member of his race, through the great Redeemer's sacrifice finished at Calvary. While thanking God for the length and breadth and height and depth of his glorious provision for the world in general, we who now bear this message and heed it have the special blessing and opportunity of joint-heritage with Jesus the Redeemer in his great work of the Millennial Age. Let us not only accept the Divine favor, but let us run with patience the race set before us, looking unto Jesus, the Author and the one who shall be the Finisher of our faith, seeking for needed aid to make our calling and election sure!"

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