

# PEOPLE'S



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# PULPIT...

## Messiah's Coming Kingdom Spiritual

"Behold, a King shall reign in  
righteousness, and princes shall rule  
in judgment" (Isaiah xxxii, 1).

Brooklyn, Sept. 4.—Pastor Russell  
preached today in the Academy of Music,  
our largest Auditorium, the "Tabernacle"  
being of insufficient capacity. He had a  
very attentive hearing. There were many  
Hebrews in the large audience. He said in part—

"Coming events cast their shadows  
before." Startling shadows are all  
about us. A great change in the affairs  
of men is indicated and acknowledged  
by all thoughtful, intelligent people.  
The world's pace during the past fifty  
years astonishes everybody. New conditions  
meet us on every hand. The majority of  
books written half a century ago along  
scientific lines are considered rubbish today.  
Rules and theories of the past, supposed  
to be immovable and absolute, are  
abandoned as worthless—in chemistry,  
in manufactures, in art, in finance  
and commerce. All these changes  
necessitate a new view of social  
conditions and a re-examination of the  
relationship of religion and the Bible to  
man and his conditions, as seen from  
the present viewpoint. The business and  
social world have been compelled to  
keep pace with the steps of progress,  
some of them gladly and some of them  
reluctantly. But religionists have been  
placed in a most awkward position. Religion  
and moral sense constitute the backbone  
and fiber of the best progress in civilization.  
The perplexity of religious thought,  
and its manifest inability to adjust itself  
to the changed conditions, is working a  
serious disadvantage to all disposed to  
look to the Almighty for guidance in  
life's affairs.

The increase in worldly wisdom, the  
improved human conditions, the  
advancement along scientific lines in  
material prosperity have turned many of  
the world's brightest intellects away  
from God and from the Bible. Many  
of these, still professing Christianity  
in an outward, formal manner have  
really abandoned it in favor of a theory  
of "civilization." They have wandered  
from the Divine Revelation, the Bible,  
into paths of speculation—their own  
and other men's. They have cogitated  
that the reverse of the Bible statements  
is the Truth—that instead of man  
falling from the image of God into sin  
and death, he is rising from a brute  
or monkey plane upward, gradually,  
to Divine heights. Instead of looking  
for a great Deliverer, Messiah,  
Savior, Life-Giver, they are hoping to  
be let alone by any outside influence,  
that certain fancied laws of Evolution  
might help them upward and onward  
to glory, honor and immortality.

The result is that religious thought  
today everywhere and in all denominations  
is chaotic. The whole of Christendom  
has practically become Agnostic—admitting  
that they do not know the Truth nor  
how to adjust their reasoning faculties  
to present consecration. They are in an  
expectant attitude—seeking light. Nevertheless  
many fear the light lest it shall make  
manifest cherished errors or selfish hopes  
and ambitions which must be abandoned.  
But they are still pretending to know  
many things which they do not know.  
But daily the strain becomes more intense.  
Gradually everybody is recognizing that  
there is a great crisis along every line—that  
the people are awakening and thinking  
and will no longer receive their errors.

### Converting the World to God.

Fifty years ago Christian people, full  
of faith in the Bible which they seriously  
misunderstood and read with sectarian  
spectacles of various colors, were fully  
agreed that God had given his Church  
the commission to convert the whole  
world and to establish Messiah's Kingdom,  
when the nations would learn war no  
more, but beat their swords into plowshares  
and their spears into pruning-hooks. Zealous  
Christian people urged that the heathen  
were going down to a hell of eternal  
torment at the rate of ninety thousand  
every twenty-four hours. And noble men  
and women sacrificed their earthly interests  
for the assistance of a human plan. The  
Church was going to convert the world—  
going to conquer the world for Jesus  
and present it to him as a trophy. Alas,  
we have not been able to convert ourselves,  
which is the particular work the Master  
gave us to do. Greater humility would  
have shown us our folly long ago.

### "The Hour of Temptation."

—REV. J. H.—

The difficulty with the present situation  
is that we have stupidly and blunderingly  
misread the Bible. We have twisted  
what we did read and picked out certain  
portions which pleased our fancies and  
supported our various creeds. We have  
neglected the honest, truthful study which  
we should have given to our Heavenly  
Father's message. The confusion of  
Christendom is the result. That confusion  
and perplexity the Scriptures portray,  
assuring us that we are in the midst  
of a great falling away from faith in  
God and in his Revelation. We see  
fulfilled all about us the wonderful  
prophetic and symbolic picture of  
Psalm 91. A thousand fall at our  
side and ten thousand at our right  
hand—only the "Israelites indeed," in  
whom there is no guile, will be kept  
from stumbling in this evil day. The  
chaos which we already see everywhere  
in evidence is only beginning.

### God's Great Remedy at Hand.

The fault of Christendom has been  
the rejection of the Divine Plan and  
the acceptance instead of a human  
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Bible Students do not need to be  
reminded that all through the Old  
Testament Scriptures God's promises  
abound, telling Israel and all who have  
ears to hear of the glorious reign of  
Messiah and of the success of his  
Kingdom and how the result will be  
that "every knee shall bow and every  
tongue confess to the glory of God,"  
of how "all the blind eyes shall be  
opened and all the deaf ears shall be  
unstopped," of how the blessing of the  
Lord will be with Israel restored to  
his favor and operate through Israel  
to the blessing of all peoples. We  
remember the prophecies which picture  
earthly governments and show us their  
termination and the establishment of  
the Kingdom of Heaven on their ruins.  
We remember the Jubilee picture re-  
peated by the Israelites every fiftieth

year, proclaiming liberty for the people  
and restitution of all that has been  
lost through sin, and which is to be  
restored through Messiah's Kingdom.

Bible Students know also how the  
New Testament abounds with refer-  
ences to the Kingdom! the Kingdom!  
the Kingdom! Nearly all the parables  
that our Lord gave were in illustration  
of something connected with the King-  
dom or the class called out of the  
world to inherit the spiritual Kingdom.  
All such know, too, that the Great  
Teacher proclaimed that Kingdom and  
taught us and all of his followers to  
pray for it. "Thy Kingdom come! Thy  
will be done on earth as it is done in  
heaven!" They all know, too, that all  
of the Apostles refer to that Kingdom  
and point the Church to its establish-  
ment for the realization of her hopes—the  
time when the marriage of the Lamb  
will take place—the time when God's  
New Covenant with Israel will go into  
effect. The time when he who scattered  
Israel will also gather them, and when  
the Law shall go forth from Mt. Zion,  
the Celestial Kingdom, and the word of  
the Lord from Jerusalem, the capital of  
the earthly princes. God's remedy is  
just what humanity is coming to realize  
it needs. In its establishment, as the  
Scriptures declare, "the desire of all  
nations shall come" (Haggai ii, 7).

Bible Students are more and more  
coming to see that this Gospel Age is  
the time in which Messiah is selecting  
from amongst men—of Jews and  
Gentiles—a saintly class and is testing  
and proving their loyalty to God and  
to righteousness. These are to be  
Messiah's assistants—the Bride, the  
Lamb's Wife. As Abraham typified  
the Heavenly Father, so the Messiah  
was typified by Isaac. And Messiah's  
Bride and joint-heir and co-laborer in  
his Kingdom was typified by Rebecca.  
Thus seen the great Plan of God  
has progressed well.

### The Great Day of Wrath.

Our neglect of the Word of God and  
our study instead of the Talmud and  
the Creeds of the dark ages have been  
our undoing. Under all this wrong  
influence we have failed to cultivate  
the fruits of the Holy Spirit—moder-  
ation, gentleness, patience, long-suf-  
fering, brotherly-kindness, love. In-  
stead we cultivated pride, ambition,  
selfishness. We have done those things  
which we ought not to have done,  
and we have left undone those things  
which we ought to have done. Our  
help must come from God. Accord-  
ing to our understanding of the  
Scriptures help is near, but coming in  
an unexpected way. Pride and selfish-  
ness blossomed and brought forth a  
fruitage of strife. The bad example  
set by Christian people has extended  
to the world and been thoroughly  
appropriated. It has become the spirit  
of the world—of all classes. Now,  
as faith in the Bible is waning and  
respect for God and his Word is pro-  
portionately waning, what could we  
expect but that which the Scriptures  
declare is at hand, namely, the "time  
of trouble such as never was since  
there was a nation?" The selfishness  
which both rich and poor, learned and  
ignorant, have cultivated will, in that  
time of trouble, be represented in con-  
flicts between labor unions and capi-  
talistic trusts. The Bible declares that  
then "every man's hand will be  
against his neighbor"—all confidence  
will be lost—the bond of human sym-  
pathy and brotherhood will be utterly  
snapped in riotous selfishness.

The Scriptures identify this trouble  
with Messiah's taking to himself his  
Kingdom power and beginning his  
reign (Daniel xii, 1; Revelation xi, 18).  
Thank God, the intimations of the  
Scriptures are that the conflict of that  
time will be short. It must, however,  
last long enough to teach humanity a  
lesson never to be forgotten—that God  
and his arrangements must stand first  
and must be obeyed, if blessing is  
sought.

### Messiah's Kingdom Invisible.

When it is remembered that Messiah's  
Kingdom is not only to bless those  
living at the time of its establishment,  
but gradually to awaken the dead from  
the slumber of the tomb and to give  
all of Adam's race a full opportunity  
for attaining life eternal or death eternal,  
then it will be seen that the Kingdom  
must be a spiritual one. Then, too,  
Messiah's Kingdom of light is repre-  
sented as superseding Satan's Kingdom  
of darkness—both spiritual. With this  
thought our text is in full accord—  
"A King shall reign in righteousness."  
(Messiah will be that Great King, his  
Bride being associated with him.) And  
"princes shall execute judgment in  
the earth," carrying out the decrees  
and regulations of the Heavenly Mes-  
siah. This is the meaning of the  
Lord's promise to Israel, "I will re-  
store thy judges as at the first, and thy  
counsellors as at the beginning" (Isaiah  
li, 25).

The princes who will execute judg-  
ment will all be Israelites and all  
perfect men—tried and approved of  
God. They will be the Ancient Wor-  
thies, Abraham, Isaac and Jacob and  
the prophets. These men, great in  
faith and obedience to God, will be  
known to the Jews as the "fathers,"  
as the prophecy respecting them de-  
clares, "Instead of the fathers shall be  
the children, whom thou (Messiah)  
mayest make princes in all the earth."  
They will be the children of Messiah  
in the sense that they will derive their  
resurrection life from him, the Great  
King. Indeed, the Scriptures assure  
us that eventually the whole world  
shall receive new life from Messiah  
in offset to the life received from  
Adam forfeited through sin. Thus  
amongst the various titles of Messiah  
mentioned by the prophets we find  
that he will be the "Age-lasting  
father," as well as the "Prince of Peace  
and mighty Elohim and a wonderful  
Counsellor" (Isaiah li, 6).



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## WHY M. FORD IS LOWEST ON PAVING

The Council Was Right in Their  
Decision and Right Should  
Wrong No One.

In talking over the paving situation  
with Mr. A. S. Will, member of  
the council from the Third ward, Mr.  
Will gave the writer some idea of  
what his investigation regarding the  
paving blocks had resulted in. He  
interviewed the engineer at Omaha  
and inspected work that had been  
done with the different kinds of paving  
blocks. He was shown paving  
which had been in for six years;  
one city block which had been paved  
with Buffalo brick which is furnish-  
ed by the Ford people and also a  
block which had been paved with the  
Puritan paving block, each paving  
having been in the same length of  
time, and the Buffalo brick was out-  
wearing the Puritan by far. He  
learned that the Puritan paving block  
was made in Illinois and burned with  
coal an unsteady heat, while the  
Buffalo brick is burned by gas and  
is superior to Illinois shale. The  
Buffalo was burned the same through-  
out the brick, while the block burned  
with unsteady heat was not. The  
engineer recommended the Buffalo  
brick as the best that could be pro-  
cured.

The contention of Mr. Decker that  
M. Ford was not the lowest bidder  
is not well founded. While it is  
true Beebe was five cents per square  
lower on class B paving, yet he was  
5 cents per square higher on class  
A paving than Ford. There will be  
one block of class B paving while  
there will be three times as much of  
class A paving. So that when the  
actual figures are shown Ford is still

the low man. Mr. Will and all of  
the council are to be commended for  
their work in the city's interest in  
letting the contract for paving. While  
all would like to see a home concern  
do the business, the work requires  
experience and skill, besides the law  
and the public would hardly be sat-  
isfied were the contract let to other  
than the lowest bidder.

## TWO REASONS FOR TRADING AT HOME

1. our home merchants can duplicate the prices made by any responsible concern anywhere on goods of equal quality in the same quantities and on the same basis of delivery and payment.
2. You can examine your purchases in the home stores and be assured of satisfaction before investing your money.
3. Your home merchants are always ready and willing to make right any error or any defective article purchased.
4. Your home merchants help support, through direct or indirect taxation your schools, churches, libraries and other public institutions.
5. Your home merchants help make a good local market for everything you have to sell, and that market—more than any other factor—gives your land its present value.
6. Your home merchants are your good friends, ever ready to extend a helping hand in time of need.
7. If this community is good enough for you to live in and make your money, 'tis good enough to spend it in.
8. The best citizens of any community are those who believe in and practice home patronage. Be one of the best.
9. The merchants in the distant city give you nothing valuable that

the home merchants can not give you—and the former cannot and will not do for you many things the latter do gladly.

10. Every dollar kept in circulation in this community helps increase property values. Every dollar sent out of this community that could as well be spent here hinders the wheels of progress and helps to build up some other community at your expense.

### L. H. Rainey in the City.

From Saturday's Daily.  
L. H. Rainey and family of Ponca, Okla., arrived in the city yesterday for a two weeks visit at the old home. Mr. Rainey is a brother of Chief of Police Rainey and Will Rainey residing immediately north of the city where their mother also resides. Mr. Rainey is an old Plattsmouth boy, one who was prosperous and made good in the southern country. He is now engaged in business at Ponca and doing well. He has many friends in Plattsmouth who are pleased to see him, and learn of his prosperity in their present location.

### Entertained at Fetzter Home.

Miss Charlotte Fetzter very pleasantly entertained a number of young ladies at her home yesterday afternoon. Various amusements were indulged in and at the proper time refreshments were served. Those present were Misses Ellen Pollock, Hallie Parmele, Doris Patterson, Kathryn Windham, Madeline Miner, Marie Donnelly, Elizabeth Falter, Lucile Gass, Helen Clark.

P. F. Kelboba and wife who have been visiting friends in Plattsmouth for two weeks returned to Omaha this morning accompanied by Miss Agnes Knoflieck who will spend Sunday with her teacher. Mrs. Knoflieck, the grandmother of Miss Agnes, accompanied the party to Omaha.

## OUR great exhibit of Fall fashions in men's clothing and other good things to wear, is now open for your critical examination.

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This season you'll find many beautiful new colorings in grays, browns, blues, plain colors and rich patterns; stripes, plaids, checks; many distinct novelties not to be found in other stores.

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