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### Local News

James Holmes of Murray was in the city today looking after some business matters for a time.

George Porter of Lincoln came in this morning to look after the interests of the Omaha Bee in this city.

J. A. Chopie was in Omaha yesterday, where he was called to look after some matters of business.

Mrs. Arthur Crisman of Lincoln arrived this afternoon for a short visit with her mother, Mrs. Kinkead.

Mrs. William Baird departed this morning for Omaha, where she visited for a few hours with friends.

A. F. Seybert came in this afternoon from Omaha, where he had been visiting his wife at the hospital.

Wes Clark of Union was in the city this morning, being called here to look after some business matters.

Henry Herold departed this morning for his work on the road, after spending Sunday here with his family.

Arthur Anderson returned this morning to Omaha, after visiting here over Sunday with his family in this city.

Lige O'Neill departed this morning for Florida, where he will look after some business matters for a short time.

Mrs. John P. Tritsch and Mrs. Ed Tritsch were passengers this morning for Omaha, where they visited for the day.

Frank Gohelman was a passenger this morning for the metropolis, where he was called on some business matters.

Charles Ulrich and daughter were in the metropolis yesterday, going up to spend the day with Mrs. Ulrich at the hospital.

Gonnie Schlater, who has been here visiting relatives for some time, departed this afternoon for his home at Chappell, Neb.

Miss Teresa Hemple was a passenger this afternoon for Omaha, where she will visit for several days with friends and relatives.

M. M. Beal was in the metropolis today looking after some business matters, being a passenger for that city on No. 15 this morning.

George E. Dovey and son, Charles, returned from Chicago today, where they had been for several days looking after business matters.

Charles and George Dovey and Evan Noble departed this morning for Kearney, Neb., where they will resume their studies at the Military academy there.

Will Casey, who has been here for a short time visiting with Stanley Kuhns and other friends departed Saturday evening for his home at Bloomington, Illinois.

George Mordick of Omaha was in the city yesterday for a short visit with his friend, James Jones, returning home on the afternoon train.

George and Miss Blanche Murray came down Saturday evening from Omaha and spent Sunday with their mother, Mrs. J. A. Murray, returning to their home on the Missouri Pacific yesterday.

Claude Shoemaker was among the visitors to the metropolis today, going to that city this afternoon.

John Warga drove in this morning from his home, south of this city, and attended to business matters here.

Persons troubled with partial paralysis are often very much benefited by massaging the affected parts thoroughly when applying Chamberlain's Liniment. This Liniment also relieves rheumatic pains. For sale by F. G. Fricke & Co.

## OLD PROPHECY BEING FULFILLED

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### THE DESERT SHALL BLOSSOM

Pastor Russell at Washington Temple Discusses Second Text Quoted on Union Depot Portals—Millennium Is Beginning, He Avers—Greater Blessings to Follow Shortly—Momentary Chaos Soon to Yield to the Prince of Peace, Who Will Inaugurate Reign of Righteousness and Love.



Washington, D. C., January 12.—Pastor Russell preached this afternoon at the Temple, corner Thirteenth Street and New York Avenue, to a large congregation. He made the rather startling declaration that the Millennium is already here; that

chronology proves that we have been living under some of its blessings for the past thirty-eight years; and that our modern conveniences and progress are attributable to the beginning of the rolling away of the curse, and the substitution of the Divine blessing.

The reign of Messiah for a thousand years will not only blind Satan and hinder his further deception of mankind, but will also bring light, knowledge, illumination, to every corner of the earth. The speaker pointed out the beginning of these blessings as already with us; but they are only the faint dawnings of the greater light which will flood the world when the great Sun of Righteousness, Emmanuel's Kingdom, shall be manifested above the horizon.

Yet we must not expect all sunshine. A great cloud is immediately before us, with a terrific storm, which will convulse the present order of things—social, financial, political and religious. The momentary chaos will yield to the Prince of Peace, who will then take to Himself His great power and reign. He will say to the raging winds of strife and the billow waves of trouble, "Peace, be still!" and there will be a great calm, even as was illustrated on the Sea of Galilee.

The storm, the Pastor stated, is sometimes spoken of as a manifestation of Divine wrath and indignation; but he explained that the great Jehovah is the synonym for Justice, and Messiah is the synonym for Mercy. Justice operates along the lines of cause and effect. Whosoever sins shall suffer. From this viewpoint, he explained, the trouble which will precede the establishment of Messiah's Kingdom will be the natural, logical result of the operation of the laws of Justice.

Humanity is not using the blessings of this Millennial Morning in that noble and generous manner in which they should be used. Selfishness prevails everywhere, amongst rich and poor. The earth's present abundant supply for men's needs should bring contentment to high and low, rich and poor; but it is bringing the reverse, because the natural heart is full of selfishness, depravity. The noble image of the Creator has been considerably lost, though no one is totally depraved.

God will allow this ferment of selfishness to lead on to its natural results, in order to demonstrate to mankind the fallacy of that principle—in order to prepare men to appreciate the reign of righteousness, equity, mercy and love, about to be inaugurated. The lesson, he said, will be a terribly severe one—but not too severe, if it teaches mankind the purposed lesson of the sinfulness of sin, selfishness, meanness and the beauty of holiness, righteousness, harmony with God.

#### "The Desert Shall Blossom."

Pastor Russell took as his text Isaiah 35:1, which declares, "The desert shall rejoice and blossom as the rose." This prophecy is having a literal fulfillment now in our Western States. He told of what he had seen in Oregon and Washington—beautiful groves bearing delicious fruits growing where once nothing but sage brush grew—on land supposed at one time to be practically valueless. The application of water has wrought a marvelous transformation, or miracle. It might be described just as the Prophet portrays. Streams break forth under the guidance of human intellect, operating the marvelous machinery and implements of our day. He witnessed further transformations in Colorado and California.

Our Government is co-operating with our intelligent fellow-citizens of the West in the fulfillment of the Divine prophecy. Although the work is only in its infancy, the results are already marvelous. Some of the fruits are so beautiful, so luscious, that we may well wonder if there was anything superior in the Eden of old, or if the Paradise promised to be established in all the earth will be able to bring these fruits to a fuller perfection.

A similar work of reclamation of the desert is going on in old Arabia. Shortly the land of the "Arabian Nights" will realize in a natural way far greater wealth and far more wonderful changes than those of the fairy tales which entranced our childish imagination.

The great Sahara Desert, too, has

been examined by engineers. They ascertain that a considerable portion of its vast area is below sea level. At a comparatively small cost it can be inundated and made to rejoice with the remainder of the world, by sharing in the Millennial blessing. The Scriptures prophesy also that the Dead Sea will be connected with the ocean, and that region become once more prosperous.

#### Still More Wonderful Things.

Pastor Russell, dealing with the context, pointed out that it tells the whole story. He applied Verse 3 to the present time, declaring that he was seeking to carry out its command, "Strengthen ye the weak hands and confirm the feeble knees. Say to them that are of a fearful heart, Be strong, fear not; behold your God will come with vengeance, even God with a recompense; He will come and save you."—Verses 3, 4.

The Church is here addressed—not the world. True, Messiah's coming is to bless the world, but before the blessing can come to the world, the Elect Church must first be gathered. By the "change" of the First Resurrection, the Elect will cease to be of the human nature and will become spirit beings. "Like unto the angels," but higher—"partakers of the Divine Nature."

This Elect class, the Pastor declared, is Scripturally called "The Bride, the Lamb's Wife." In all of God's dealings with humanity this class is to have the preeminence, as Spiritual Israel. They are not all children of Abraham by nature, he said, but are his children by faith; for Abraham typically was the Father of the Faithful. Abraham represented Jehovah, as Isaac typified the Son, Jesus, and Rebecca, Isaac's bride, typified the Church. The first of this company was gathered from the natural seed of Abraham, but the company as a whole has been completed out of every nation, people, kindred and tongue.

None, however, but saintly, holy ones can be members of this Elect class. After its completion, the Divine blessing will extend through it to natural Israel, and through them to all nations again. The blessing then to be bestowed, however, will not be of the same character. They will all be earthly blessings—the life and health in Paradise will all be earthly. Only the Church of the First-born, begotten of the Holy Spirit, know; and only such can go on to make their calling and election sure and attain the birth of the Spirit in the resurrection. All others remaining of the human nature will get the blessings which God has provided for humanity. These, the Pastor said, will surpass anything of which the human mind has ever yet conceived.

#### Opening the Blinded Eyes.

The miracles which Jesus did at His First Advent were merely little illustrations of the much greater work which He will accomplish at His Second Advent. He explained this to the Apostles, saying, Greater works than these shall ye do. (See John 14:12.) It is a greater work now to open the eyes of human understanding to appreciate the Divine Character and Plan than to open the natural eyes, as Jesus did. So in the future Jesus and His Church, during the thousand years of Messiah's Kingdom, will open blinded eyes of understanding, unstopped ears that have long been deaf to the Truth, loose to sing praises to God tongues that have never yet experienced that blessing. Moreover, as our context declares, the same will be strong and leap for joy.

We are not disputing that all the lameness, deafness, ailments of the present time, will quite disappear during Messiah's reign of a thousand years. We are merely laying emphasis on the fact that the greater blessings will come also; the lamenesses, for instance, of human weakness and frailty incident to the fall and its hereditary influence. All this lameness will be done away with gradually.

What a new aspect earth will wear when Paradise shall bloom, when righteousness shall prevail, when sickness and sin, sorrow and pain and dying shall gradually fade away before the touches of the glorious sunlight of that New Dispensation!

#### "A Highway Shall Be There."

The context declares that then a Highway of Holiness shall be established. The Hebrew word signifies a public thoroughfare. It will be distinctly different from the broad road of the present, which is a downward one. The Highway will be an upward walk. It will be distinctly different also from the narrow way and rugged path of the Church of the present time. Instead of being a rough, thorny way, beset by trials and difficulties, liable to attacks of the world, the flesh and the Adversary, it will be the reverse of this.

No lion and ravenous beast will be there. The beastly propensities and appetites will no longer have power to entrap, ensnare and devour the poor human family. All stumbling-stones of error will be cleared out of the way, whereas now the Christian's pathway is full of them. Indeed, all of our six hundred creeds are more or less stones of stumbling, more or less indicate the doubt, perplexity and uncertainty in which God's people have been traveling.

We thank the Lord for the prospective change to be brought in by Messiah's Kingdom. Satan will then be bound and no longer allowed to plant the seeds of discord, strife, error, misunderstanding of God, nor be permitted to water these seeds. On the contrary, every influence then will be favorable, as now every influence is unfavorable, to those who would walk in the path of justice, equity, righteousness.

Whither will that Highway lead the traveler, do you ask? Will it lead him to the same glory, honor and immortality to which the narrow path of sacrifice and self-denial now leads the consecrated people of God who walk in the footsteps of Jesus? Oh, no! the narrow path of sacrifice will then be

at an end, having accomplished the purpose for which it was designed, or permitted—the selection of the Bride class, Messiah's joint-heirs, or Cabinet, in His Kingdom.

The Highway which Messiah's Kingdom will open up to all the children of Adam—to the non-elect—will lead them back to perfection. When God made Father Adam, He made him a *son*, not an *angel*—an earthly being, not a heavenly being. God crowned Adam with earthly glory and honor, and set him as king over the earth, its fish, fowl, beasts. God changes not. His purpose is the same today as in the beginning.

For six thousand years God has allowed humanity to propagate and go down into the sleep of death, there to await a better time future. Meantime God sent forth His Son and redeemed mankind, and then glorified the obedient Savior. Since then, God has been electing a saintly few to be Messiah's joint-heirs. The next thing in order is the blessing of all the remainder of Adam's race by Restitution—restoration to the earthly glory and honor originally intended, but lost by sin and redeemed at Calvary.

Let this thought come to our hearts and minds as in the future we look at the Union Depot and read the inscription there: "The desert shall rejoice and blossom as the rose." So doing, our hearts will be drawn nearer to the Lord. Our increasing faith will make increasing obedience more nearly possible. And love for our Creator will come in to sanctify our hearts and to assist us in showing forth the praises of Him who hath called us out of darkness into His marvelous light.

The Prophet declares respecting the hosts that will pass over the Highway of Holiness, that they are all the ransomed of the Lord—the redeemed world of mankind. He says, "The ransomed of the Lord shall be restored and come to Zion with songs and everlasting joy upon their heads; they shall obtain joy and gladness, and sorrow and sighing will flee away." And Jesus adds that there shall be no more sighing, crying and dying, because all the former things of sin and death shall have passed away. He that sitteth upon the Throne shall make all things new.—Revelation 21:4, 5.

#### Jesus a Ransom For All.

Once in our ignorance we supposed that Jesus died only for the Church—that only the Bride class, the Little Flock, were to be ransomed by the precious blood. Now we see differently—that God's Love and the provision He has made in Christ are worldwide. We knew that the Scriptures stated the matter broadly, but we looked through the narrow spectacles of the creeds of the Dark Ages. Thus we disregarded the words of the Apostle, "God \* \* \* will have all men to be saved, and to come to the knowledge of the Truth. For there is one God, and one Mediator between God and men (mankind), the Man Christ Jesus, who gave Himself a ransom for all, to be testified in due time." (1 Timothy 2:4-6.) How strange that we could have read these precious words over and over again without seeing their real import! How doubly strange, when we so well know that few of our friends, relatives and neighbors belonged in any sense or degree to the saintly Little Flock, the Elect!

How glad we are that in this Morning time when the light is shining in upon all subjects, and when all mankind are learning to think more connectedly, we may enjoy the clearer light of God's Word! It is so very broad in one sense of the Word, and yet so very narrow, in another, that it meets every condition.

None but the saintly followers in the footsteps of Jesus can enter the Kingdom class. Then the wideness of God's Mercy will operate, through the Kingdom class on the spirit plane, to give all humanity a blessed opportunity to come to a knowledge of God. As they shall experience the blessings secured for them through the "Ransom for all," they will have the privilege of going up, up, up the Highway of Holiness, during the thousand years, to its end.

The reward will be human perfection and a world-wide Eden, gradually attained under the assistance of the Church in glory, the Kingdom. Ultimately, God's blessing and everlasting life will be given to all the willing and obedient. Even the wilfully wicked will not be tortured eternally, but will be destroyed with an everlasting destruction from which there will be no recovery. Ah! now we see the glorious prize before the Church and the necessity for her narrow way of trial, testing! Now do we see that the wideness of God's Mercy is as the wideness of the sea, in the provision that, as all come under the reign of sin and death, through Father Adam, all may come under the blessed reign of righteousness and life everlasting through the Redeemer, the Second Adam!

It is from that destruction toward which all are tending that Christ has redeemed all. And His Kingdom will be for the very purpose of destroying the broad way and rescuing the poor degenerates born in sin and shapen in iniquity, who were heedlessly going the downward way. In the Highway there will be no lions and ravenous beasts of licensed saloons and other evils to tempt, to entrap; and Satan, the great Adversary, will be bound during that thousand years.

What a glorious change from the present time! Everything then will be helpful. Instead of evil spirits to attempt to mislead and deceive, will be the glorified ones on the spirit plane to assist and direct. Nevertheless, we see, according to the Scriptures, the importance of the various trials and difficulties of the present time. God is now seeking a very special class; and in order to be fitted and prepared for His service, they must be able to stand these various tests.

MRS. STEVEN B. AYRES.  
 New President of  
 The Woman's National  
 Democratic League.



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Mrs. Ayres was elected president of the Woman's National Democratic League at the Washington meeting over Mrs. John Sherwin Crosby, the retiring president.

## LAIRD REFUSES TO RETURN TO KANSAS

### Fairbury Engineer Held for Killing Four People on Track.

Fairbury, Neb., Jan. 12.—Sheriff Huntington returned to Belleville, Kan., after making an attempt to arrest C. H. Laird, a locomotive engineer of this city. Mr. Laird was running Rock Island train No. 5, Dec. 31, when it struck and killed Mr. and Mrs. Wilson James and two children, two miles this side of Belleville. When the jury's verdict was made public, it held Engineer Laird of this city responsible for running his locomotive without an electric headlight. He is charged with manslaughter. Sheriff Huntington came to Fairbury for the purpose of taking Mr. Laird into custody, but he refused to accompany him to Kansas without requisition papers.

#### Ansley Boy Wins Corn Contest.

Broken Bow, Neb., Jan. 12.—The boys' acre corn contest, which has been under the auspices of the Custer County Agricultural society, was decided. Out of sixty-five boys who originally entered the contest, only ten came in at the close. An exceptional good showing was made by five of these contestants. Those finishing were: E. E. Gross of Ansley, Harold Headley of Broken Bow, Guy Heckman of Merna, James Springman of Ansley, Erle Henderson of Broken Bow, Roger Davis of Cozad, Hugh Walburn of MvKinley, Charles West of Mason City, Frank Paulson of Merna and Albert Lauer of Merna. Nine prizes will be distributed among the first five contestants, E. E. Gross of Ansley having the best of the proposition by reason of winning three prizes out of the nine.

#### ASKS INQUIRY INTO CANNING

Miss O'Reilly Tells House Committee of Filthy Conditions.

Washington, Jan. 13.—A pitiful picture of men and women, and children of five and six years of age, working under filthy conditions and living in squalid canning camps of the New York Fruit and Vegetable Canning company was presented to the house rules committee by Mary Boyle O'Reilly, a social worker, and Frank C. Præte, an investigator for the New York labor department.

They supported a resolution introduced by Representative Allen of Ohio for an investigation of conditions in the canning industry throughout the country. Frank Gorrell, secretary of the National Cannery association, declared that his organization representing from 70 to 75 per cent of the canning output of the country, invited the fullest investigation of conditions in the industry. The committee took the resolution under advisement.

#### Bond for Beum Is Filed.

Minneapolis, Jan. 13.—Sufficient bonds to release Charles N. Beum, now in the federal prison at Leavenworth in connection with the dynamite conspiracy, was furnished by Minneapolis freeholders here in the federal court before Judge Willard, who will certify the bond to the United States court of appeals. A number of prominent business men joined in furnishing the bond.

#### Eddie Found Not Guilty.

Los Angeles, Jan. 13.—Guy Eddie, suspended city prosecutor, who originated many of Los Angeles reform laws, was found not guilty of having contributed to the delinquency of Alice Phelps.

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