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### Local News

From Saturday's Daily.

T. W. Vallery was in the city today from the farm, looking after some business matters.

Today in county court final settlement was had in the Thomas J. Fountain estate, from South Bend.

Julius Pitz was a passenger this afternoon on No. 23 for Omaha, where he will visit for a few hours.

Misses Edna and Mayola Prpost came in this afternoon to spend Sunday with their parents at Mynard.

P. H. Meisinger came in this morning from the farm, west of this city, and attended to some business matters.

W. E. Gillespie, the genial grain dealer of Mynard, was in the city last evening for a short time, en route home from Omaha.

F. J. Hennins and wife of near Cedar Creek, drove in this morning from their home and looked after some trading with the merchants.

E. L. Graves, the genial editor of the Union Ledger, came up from his home last evening and spent the night here attending to business matters.

Miss Dovie Barkhurst came up last evening from her home near Union to attend the play at the Parmele theater and to make a short visit with friends.

Martin Steppat returned to his home at Blair this afternoon, after a two days' visit here with his son, Frank Steppat and family.

District Judge H. D. Travis and Court Reporter Earl Travis returned last evening from Nebraska City, where they have been holding court the past week.

Mrs. J. M. Hamilton of Salt Lake City, who is visiting at the home of Mrs. J. C. Cummins and daughter, Miss Kittie, departed this morning for Omaha, where she will visit for the day.

Mrs. Charles Hipp of Lyons, Neb., who has been here visiting her parents, A. Dill and wife, departed this morning on the early train for her home.

A. S. Will was a visitor in Omaha today, going to that city on the early Burlington train, where he was called on some business matters.

W. D. Wheeler came in from the farm yesterday and visited with his friends here, as well as attending to business matters for a few hours.

Fred Kehne drove in this morning from his home, west of this city, and was a passenger on the early Burlington train for Omaha, to look after business matters.

Mrs. W. S. Smith of Murray departed yesterday afternoon for Hastings, Neb., where she will join Mr. Smith, and they will then go to Ong, Neb., where they will visit for a short time with relatives.

Mrs. James Taylor came up from Union yesterday and after spending the day here departed on No. 2 for Ainsworth, Iowa, to visit her son, Sam Stiles for a short time.

Frank Sheldon, J. M. Palmer, John Wunderlich and Hon. Fred Nutzman came up last evening from their homes at Nehawka to look after business matters in this city.

Peter Meisinger and daughters, Misses Kate and Maggie, of the vicinity of Cedar Creek, were visitors in this city today, coming in on No. 4. Mr. Meisinger was a pleasant caller at this office, and while here renewed his subscription to this paper.

Henry Felzer of Lincoln arrived last evening and will visit at the home of his brother, Joseph Felzer, and also at the F. R. Guthmann home. He was accompanied by Mrs. E. H. Schmidt and little daughter, who will be guests of Mrs. Schmidt's aunt, Mrs. F. R. Guthmann, for a short time.

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### MRS. F. W. SCHLICHTMIEER, SR., PASSES AWAY QUIETLY

From Saturday's Daily.

The sudden death Friday afternoon from heart failure of Mrs. F. W. Schlichtmeyer, sr., while not looked for, came as a distinct shock to the community. She had not been well for several weeks, but was up and around the house and death came while she was sitting in a rocking chair reading a paper. Mrs. M. E. Boly, who had been staying there, was the only person in the room at the time, and noticing something was wrong came to her assistance, but the spirit had fled.

The family have the sympathy of the community in their affliction, and a host of people who have known and loved this good woman through all the years, mourn with the loved ones at her passing. Truly, a good woman has gone home.—Nehawka News.

### A. O. U. W. LODGE NO. 8 INSTALL NEW OFFICERS

From Saturday's Daily.

Last evening Lodge No. 8, Ancient Order of United Workmen, held a very largely attended meeting at their hall on Chicago avenue and the newly elected officers were inducted into their respective offices as follows: Past master workman, W. H. Ofc; master workman, Herbert Davidson; foreman, William Heinrich; overseer, Gus Kopp; financier, David Ebersole; recorder, Charles Carlson; receiver, George Dodge; guide, Harry Johnson. This is one of the oldest lodges in the city and possesses a very large membership, and has weathered all the storm of adversity and is today one of the strongest lodges in the city and its members may well feel proud of the showing that old No. 8 has made in the history of fraternal societies in this city. After the installation the members enjoyed a very sumptuous lunch and a general good time.

### "The Pink Lady" in Omaha.

From Saturday's Daily.

A number have been inquiring as to when Miss Allice Dovey, who is playing with "The Pink Lady" company, would be in Omaha. At first it was thought that they would be in Omaha about the 25th of January, but their plans have been changed, so that they will not be here until February 3, 4 and 5.

### Receive Summer Hats.

From Saturday's Daily.

This morning Wescott's Sons received from Mexico two large steamer boxes containing Panama hats of the latest styles and fabrics, and those desiring to start the season early with the last word in summer hats will have no trouble in securing them here just as early as possible.

### Tells Stories.

Miss Florence Waugh of Lincoln, who is cataloguing the books at the city library told stories to 52 children of the first, second, third and fourth grades of our city schools this morning at the library building. An hour will be given on each Saturday morning during the winter months at which time the librarians or some of the teachers of our city schools will entertain the children by telling them stories. The hour in which these stories will be told will be from 11 to 12, and the children included will be those from the first, second, third and fourth grades of our public schools.

Little Helen and Edgar Wescott, who have been quite sick for several days, are reported as being slightly improved today and the little ones were able to take some nourishment this morning. Their improvement will be very pleasing news to the friends of their parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. H. Wescott.

### Asks for Final Papers.

From Friday's Daily.

In the office of the district clerk today Henry August Newmann of Louisville, this county, filed his application for his final citizenship papers. He was a subject of William II, Emperor of Germany, and has resided in this county long enough to desire to become a full-fledged citizen of this glorious republic.

Mrs. Mary Ball, niece of Judge Ramsey, and sister of Miles Standish, formerly residing near Murray, came in this morning from her home near Fort Crook, and, in company with her uncle, paid the Journal a visit. Mr. and Mrs. Ball reside on a farm near Fort Crook.

## SLAVES SET FREE RETURN TO BONDS

### Bible Has Been Great Emancipator of Human Slavery.

### THE TORCH OF LIBERTY.

Pastor Russell Says All Enslavers Are Opposed to the Truth, Realizing its Power on the Minds of Their Victims—Message of Christ Showed Mankind the Way to Freedom and Inspired Men With Courage to Spread the Gospel Despite Persecution.



Washington, D. C., January 19.—Pastor Russell preached at Washington Temple today, his third sermon on our Union Depot texts. His text was: "The Truth shall make you free." (John 8:32.) He said:

Truth is the great Emancipator. All enslavers are opposed to the Truth, realizing its power upon the minds of their victims. The taskmasters of today would fain hide the Truth from the wage-slaves, but in general find it impossible—so great is the power of the press—and there are still publishers who have not sold their moral sense for sordid gain.

In times past, when chattel slavery prevailed, the master found it to his advantage to educate his slaves and thus increase their value, but to his disadvantage to give them *ethical culture* along the lines of *human rights*. The feudatory lords of the past established a serfdom and were very willing that the common people should consider their demigods, not amenable to the same laws as their subjects.

The same principle apparently prompted the emperors of old Rome, yea, and back to Nebuchadnezzar, the first world emperor, to proclaim themselves *Pontifex Maximus* and to encourage their people to render them religious as well as secular devotion. The natural selfishness of man has ever thus prompted him to take as much advantage of his fellows as circumstances would permit.

I am not here saying that the masses may not have fared about as well under those fetters as if they had been free. I am not arguing that all men are born equal. I am merely stating the facts as all acquainted with history know them. I am putting these facts as a background, that my text may shine out the more luminously. "The Truth shall make you free."

#### Which is the Torch of Liberty?

I can imagine many able men identified with the sciences, each claiming that his science, or truth, has done more than any other to break the shackles of ignorance and to set men free. The artist would tell us of the power of the picture to influence even those who cannot read. The publisher would tell us of the enlightening influence of the press. The astronomer would find his science and tell us of its broadening influence upon the human mind. The geologist, historian and dramatist would each claim for his art the honor of setting men free.

But admitting all the claims thus set before us, I ask you to consider my plea that the Bible has been the great Emancipator from human slavery, mental, moral and physical. All other torches derived their spark from the Bible, the Torch of Liberty lighted by Divine Providence.

The secret of this great power is that the Bible alone sets forth the relationship of man to man. The Bible alone tells us that all humanity are of one blood, all creatures of the same God, all amenable to Him, either for rewards for well doing, or punishments for ill-doing. While the Bible instructs that kings, princes and all in authority should be recognized, and that honor should be rendered to whom honor is due, yet it also tells us that the king upon his throne is amenable to exactly the same laws as his most menial servant, and that if he violates the law he is as sure to be punished. No other book in the world ever placed all humanity thus on the same level.

Moreover, the Bible points out that the present life is merely a schooling time related to the future life as cause to effect. It shows, as none other book does, that every act of life, every spoken word, yea, every wilful thought, bears upon our character-development and prepares us for higher things in the life to come, if faithful, or, contrariwise, will give us more steps to retrace in the upward way, and correspondingly more difficulty in ever reaching the reward of life everlasting.

#### "Hope Thou in God."

As we look back into the past, we see the satanic stupid in the hands of crafty sovereigns. We see the nation of Israel, sodden with fear of their Egyptian taskmasters, not daring of themselves to take steps for liberty. But after they had been delivered from Egyptian bondage, after God had entered into a Covenant with them as a nation at Mount Sinai, they were a changed people.

The thought that God was for them and had promised them aid worked wonders, not only with the leaders, but also with the rank and file. True, they were inclined to gravitate toward the ways of the heathen nations. But to the extent that they remained loyal to their Covenant with God, and trusted in Him, they became intelligent.

Although one of the smallest of the nations, they exercised a great influence throughout the world. The promise made to Israel that they should become the leading, dominant nation of the earth and give laws to all the other nations for their blessing was a contagious suggestion. The Babylonians took it up, and put it into effect by conquering the world. The Medes and Persians followed. Next came the Grecians, ambitious to be the ruling nation. Later came the Romans into power as masters of the world, conquering other nations and giving them laws which still very largely prevail, but which apparently were based upon the Mosaic code.

In considering the influence of the Law given at Mount Sinai, we are to remember that primarily and properly it affected very few. Those few were the faithful ones mentioned by St. Paul in Hebrews 11. But in a general way, all the Jewish people were influenced by the spirit of that Law Covenant, and were made more courageous, more liberty-loving, than formerly, and more so than were other peoples. Josephus felt called upon to defend his people from the charge of being so independent, so headstrong, as to be continuously rebellious.

The Roman emperors seem to have had the idea that the religion of the Jews should be stamped out because it was a liberty-producing religion, unfavorable to their designs. We remember St. Paul's declaration that the Gospel gathered out of the Jewish nation all "Israelites indeed"—"the Elect"—and that the rest were blinded. The blinded ones drew from the ancient promises of God those conceptions of life which, unregulated by the Spirit of the Lord, devoured them with pride and ambition; and such a spirit of independence has made them lawless.

The effect of this, as history shows, was that civil strife destroyed their nationality much more than did the Roman armies, which merely came in at the close and terminated the reign of anarchy. The lesson we would point from this narrative is that the spirit of Divine Truth tends toward liberty more than all other influences combined, but that this liberty may be dangerous to those who receive not the Divine Law and Message into good and honest hearts as Israelites indeed.

#### Christian Love of Liberty.

The teachings of Jesus and the Apostles went first to the Jew, by Divine direction, gathering from them a "peculiar people, zealous of good works," a class at once godly, reverential and liberty-loving. So independent were they that they willingly rejected the teachings of the Scribes and Pharisees, and braved persecution, ostracism, for what they believed to be the Truth.

Already they belonged to the most independent people of the world, the Jews; but the Message of Christ made them still more independent than their brethren. It made them free indeed by giving them a clearer knowledge of God and of His Divine arrangements. The Gospel Message gave them courage to become martyrs for Christ.

St. Paul admitted the nation of Jews to be God's servant people, but the Message of Jesus, confirmed at Calvary and at Pentecost, gave a still higher hope and still more ennobling thought. It was the teaching of Jesus that through His death, a Ransom-price was provided, which eventually would permit the return of all mankind from the power of sin and death, to harmony with the Creator and to everlasting life.

More than this, the Message was an invitation to those who had eyes of understanding and ears of appreciation, that they might, in association with the Redeemer, become the agents of God in bestowing Restitution blessings upon mankind. But in order to be sharers with Christ in His glory, they must be sharers also in His sufferings and ignominy. As He was despised and rejected of men they must not expect to escape similar experiences. Their share in the Kingdom would depend upon their faithfulness and loyalty even unto death.

Is it any wonder that this Gospel Message served to stir their hearts, to open their lips and to make them courageous beyond all others of the whole world? The Message made them free! It explained that in becoming the disciples of Jesus they passed out from under slavery to sin, and became children of the Highest. It declared that becoming children of God, they were associated with Jesus, they became heirs of God and joint-heirs with Jesus Christ, their Lord and Redeemer—if so be that they should suffer with Him.

#### They Went Everywhere Preaching.

These, liberated from all fear of death, made free through their confidence in the Savior, manifested their courage. They knew that faithfulness must bring them persecution, yet they kept not silent. They were persecuted by the Jews, because they disturbed the order of things prescribed by the Chief Priests and Pharisees. They were imprisoned, whipped and persecuted, but they went everywhere preaching the Gospel.

Amongst the Gentiles they had similar experiences. Those who made silver shrines for Diana perceived that if the people believed the teachings of the Christians they would have no further use for their shrines. On commercial grounds they opposed the preaching of the Gospel and sought to destroy those who bore the Message. Stripes, imprisonments, tribulation on every hand were the results. Soon the Roman emperors realized the Christians to be a new force and feared the awakened influence on their peoples. Nero and Diocletian crucified them, burned them, caused them to be devoured by beasts, thus making public spectacles of them,

and rendering the very name of Christ odious. Yet even this could not stamp out their spirit of liberty.

#### Liberty Enlightening the World.

Alas! a change came, as the persecutions gradually relaxed, and millions espoused the name of Christ without having received the true Gospel Message to make them free. So for centuries there followed a period of darkness, ignorance, superstition. Yet God was not without His witnesses. A few retained the spirit of the Truth, and were esteemed fanatical, peculiar, and had trying experiences amongst their brethren. The cause of this general lapse into darkness was that the Word of God was no longer the Torch. Instead, the word of bishops became the standard, and later the decrees of councils.

By and by, in God's Providence, the Torch of liberty again was lighted. Huss in Germany and Tyndale in Great Britain, became leaders in a movement to bring forward the Word of God. The darkness hated the light and almost extinguished it. Those who lifted the Torch perished as martyrs, and Tyndale's Bibles were burned at St. Paul's Place, London.

For a time it seemed as if the Torch had been quenched, but later it blazed forth again. Luther and his associates held it up. The bishops who had burned Tyndale's Bibles were themselves forced ultimately to produce a translation. Two Catholic versions of the Bible and our common English version, and Luther's version followed.

The Torch flared up, and the whole world began to be influenced by it. The British, the Germans, Scandinavians and Dutch, became potent influences of civilization and enlightenment throughout the world. Today these nations are still in the forefront, America with them, while the nations which neglected the Bible, have until now made little progress. Now all nations are being influenced by this wonderful Book, although they know it not. The doctrines which the Bible inculcates have given to the civilized world its high conception of human liberties, human rights, human equalities.

#### Danger Now, as to the Jews.

What we point out respecting the Jews and the influence of their Law upon them, we must now point out with respect to Christendom and the influence of God's Message today. To the saintly Jews, the liberty granted helped them to appreciate the privilege of laying down their lives in God's service. But to the remainder of the nation the liberty led on to greater discontent and strife.

So it is today. The saintly of Christendom, blessed by the great promises of God and inspired by the Truth respecting the redemption from sin and death, are most courageous. But these having become the servants of God, manifest their courage by their faithfulness and loyalty to the principles of righteousness, laying down their lives in the interest of God's Truth.

Here also we find, as with the Jews, that others having the same knowledge, but not being sanctified by the Truth, are made the more discontented. In other words, independence and liberty not under the restraints of sanctification to God and His service, are dangerous to the peace of the world. Thus we see that the most dangerous elements of society are those people who have had more or less contact with the Gospel and its liberty-inspiring Message. Not having received the Truth into consecrated hearts, they are disposed to use their liberty according to their own judgment merely, ignoring the Divine arrangement outlined in God's Word.

Thus we see around us today *strife*. Strife in business, and along social lines, and in a general massing of interests amongst the lower classes, a massing of wealth among the upper classes and a general preparation to destroy one another in a sanguinary struggle for supremacy. The Truth has begotten a spirit of liberty; but the Divine Word having been neglected, liberty is in danger of becoming license, leading to anarchy and the wreck of our present civilization.

#### Became Christ's Bond-Slave.

St. Paul gives the true conception of liberty. It is freedom to do right. If all could so use liberty, what a blessing it would be! St. Paul voiced the sentiments of God's truly consecrated people from his day until now. He explained that through accepting Christ he became dead to other masters and free from the authority of sin, Satan and death. But this release was granted to him on condition that he would fully give up his own will and accept, instead, the will of Christ. He accepted the proposition and declares that thus he became Christ's bond-slave.—1 Corinthians 7:22.

We perceive his thought. The will is the lever which governs and controls the mind. Having given up his will to Christ, St. Paul was thus more fully bound to Christ than any earthly slave has ever been bound.

All accepted by Christ give first their wills, and thus bind every act, word and thought into subservency to the will of God in Christ. This was St. Paul's experience, and must be the experience of all those who, like St. Paul, hope to be of the Royal Priesthood, who will be joint-heirs with Jesus.

To some it might seem a terrible captivity to be thus bound as respects even their thoughts; and it would be terrible to be bound to any except the one Master and Head. But to those who really appreciate the Truth, the Holy Spirit of God, to those it is a blessed bondage, in which they rejoice. More and more their minds become transformed and renewed. More and more they rejoice in the liberty where-with Christ makes them free from all other bondages, and more and more they rejoice to be servants of so gracious a King.