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THE FAULT OF LAWYERS.

Levy Mayer, the celebrated Chicago attorney, delivered an address last Saturday in Rock Island, in which he charged that the gross disregard for law now existing in this country is in part traceable to the spirit which prevails in the legal profession. In the early part of this government the bar led every good movement in politics or civic reform. Today our motives are questioned. In the great delays in the administration of our laws, both civil and criminal, and in the uncertainty of the result; in the complications and the costliness of the procedure, in the obstacles and technicalities which arise and thwart at every turn, this nation stands far below Great Britain, France, Germany and other civilized countries. London, three times the size of Chicago, has twenty-four homicides annually, Chicago in one year has had 647 murders. What can be expected when the Chicago newspapers terrorize the courts, fire thugs to assault those who they consider rivals in business, intimidate the police, and browbeat the officers of justice when they attempt to enforce the law? Life is more unsafe in Chicago than in any other city under the sun, and it is largely owing to the press in its reckless methods and its utter selfishness and greed in its contentions, which remind one of the band of gladiators kept by Milo and Clodius in old Rome, where assassination was a trade and murder a profession. It is to the disgrace of the bar of Chicago that they do not protest against this villainy and call the perpetrators to account.

Those people who went to church last Sunday through the urgent invitation of the "go-to-church" committees, should make a memorandum of the fact that the invitation covers fifty-two Sundays in the year.

There is no way to test the relative strength of the German and American navies. America is on the best of terms with the fatherland, and the kaiser is known to hold Uncle Sam in the highest esteem.

Some newspapers seem determined to run Governor Morehead for re-election whether he wants to or not. Governor Morehead is not a candidate for re-election to his present position, but he is a candidate for the national house of representatives as a member from the First congressional district of Nebraska.

Dr. Osler's theory would be as- tonished if it should meet Governor Jim McCreary of Kentucky. McCreary was elected governor in 1875 and later served as member of congress and then as senator. Now he is governor again and has announced himself as a candidate for the senate. He is 75 years old and is just getting used to running.

The adoption of the federal constitution amendment providing for the direct election of United States senators will necessitate the repeal of the Nebraska election laws, according to the say-so of Secretary of State Wait, and what that pig-head don't know isn't worth knowing. He'll find out if he ever runs for governor that he is trying to bile off more than he can chew.

Possibly General Villa and President Wilson are too optimistic concerning the probable result of lifting the embargo on arms. But it certainly beats landing marines and sending troops across the border. Despite our interests and prejudices, the fact that this Mexican row is Mexican should be borne in mind, and it is better to let the Mexicans fight it out than to butt in to further the cause of human rights by benevolent assimilation. That was tried in the days when we were remembering the Maine, and the result was a vein of trouble that won't be exhausted for some time to come. There are larger possibilities along the same line in Mexico, and impetuous patriots should restrain themselves or be restrained. Mexico is used to trouble, and if the free and unlimited importation of arms will end it, so much the better. But if it doesn't let them fight it out. It is their grief.

If your income is large enough to come under the income tax provisions you ought to file the report instanter, and thank your stars for the privilege.

It is said that a ton of alfalfa equals thirty bushels of corn. Say, Mr. Farmer, if this is the case, why don't you raise more alfalfa and stop trying to raise more corn?

The progressive element of the republican party in Nebraska have resolved to put a full ticket in the field from governor down to constable. They sure have the consent of the democrats.

The Kentucky legislator who would by statute stop boys flirting with girl students evidently never heard of Dame Partington's attempt to sweep back the Atlantic ocean with a broom.

"Every day the indications become more numerous," said the World-Herald recently, "that the republican party has gone the way of the old whig party and for the same reason."

Senator Borah in a speech at New York the other night claimed to foresee a clearing of the republican wreck. Maybe his foresight is better than his hindsight. Borah hasn't proved a very successful prophet, and only sees things as he would like to have them.

Nebraska will take the prize for possessing one of the greatest blatherskites in the United States senate, in the person of George W. Norris. He is always hunting for something to talk about, and it don't make much difference what it is, so he can get anyone to listen to him. If there ever was an overrated public man that man is George W. Norris of Nebraska.

The Weeping Water academy will be no more as a school after commencement next June. The board of trustees have so decided, on account of the establishment of so many high schools, which is perhaps the cause of a falling off in pupils. This is certainly too bad, as the academy has been recognized as one of the educational institutions of note in Nebraska. There are many throughout the country who graduated from this institution that will regret the closing of the school.

DRAAGING THE ROADS.

There are a few things about road making that are definitely established. One is that no matter what material you use, you cannot have a good road without drainage, natural or artificial. No road is good when it is muddy; no road is good when it is soft; and no material which you can put on a road that lacks drainage will stay there. A great many roads in the corn belt, most of them in fact, except in very level districts, have natural drainage. If not, it should be provided. Here and there on all the roads in the rolling country there are seepy places which can be remedied only by under-drainage. You cannot have a good road without grading, that is, so elevating the middle of the road that the water will run off the roadbed. Water will run off, if we give it a chance, either by surface or under-drainage. If the road is kept smooth, water will run off the surface. We do not care to argue this proposition; every farmer knows all about it.

Nine-tenths of the roads in the corn belt must be dirt roads. Given drainage, either open or under-drainage, there is no other instrument yet devised that will maintain a road so cheaply as a road drag. The grader may be necessary for rounding up the road in the first place, and cutting ditches at the side; but after that the road drag, which will not cost five dollars, is better than a road grader that may cost five hundred.

All these things have been clearly demonstrated. Why is it that the roads are not dragged? Why is it that in traveling over the country you will come to a stretch of road that is an absolute delight, and in the next district, with the same conditions, you will find a road that is productive of internal profanity, if nothing worse? Simply because in one district the farmers know how to use the road drag, and in the other they don't.

To get the roads dragged requires organization. The laws in some states compel it, so popular has the road drag become; but such laws are perfectly useless unless farmers are willing to organize and obey them.

The time will come—we are not prepared to say how soon—when there will be no need of a law to induce farmers to drag the roads. Every man will have so much pride in his own farm that he will see to it that the road will be dragged along his line, either by agreement betwixt him and his neighbor on the other side of the road, or the division of the road between them. When we reach that point, we will have good roads in the corn belt nine months of the year, better roads than anything else except asphalt, better roads than we ever dreamed of, even when the roads are at their worst.

What is to be done? After giving the water a chance to run off from under the road and alongside of it, give it a chance to run off the road itself by dragging it after each rain; that's all. No; it's not quite all. There is a time coming in the next two months when there will be no rain, and the frost is going out, when the foundation of a good road the whole summer may be laid by simply dragging it when the frost is out of the first inch. Then after every rain get out and drag your road, and thus do credit to yourself and confer a benefit on your neighborhood. Until we reach that ideal condition when every farmer will take as much pride in his road as he does in his wife's appearance and his own when he goes to church, we should have an organization in each township, whether the law requires dragging or not, that will see to it that the road is dragged after every rain. The water will run off of it, the sun will shine on it, the winds will

blow over it, and we will have the best road that is possible on the prairie soils of the corn belt, and with the minimum of expense.

If the road drag were not so cheap and so simple and so easily operated, we might possibly get better roads sooner than we will, if road drags cost fifteen or twenty dollars, painted red and fancy in shape, we suppose farmers would invest in and use them. The thing is too simple, too cheap, to take well. The inference is that it can't be worth much—a wrong inference in this case.—Wallace's Farmer.

In view of the fact that spring will not arrive officially for about six weeks, it is well not to take the groundhog's prediction too seriously.

The protest against the tango seems about to have reached the point where they are ready to enter the class of remedies that are worse than the disease.

Congressman Stephens has introduced a bill increasing the salaries of rural mail carriers to \$1,400 a year. If he succeeds that will be just double the pay the carriers started with.

The disapproval of the Berge platform by ex-Senator William V. Allen begins to look like a real asset for Mr. Berge. The senator took Mr. Berge so seriously as to give him a fine advertisement.

President Wilson cares but precious little what Old Joe Cannon thinks of his manner of doing business. Old Joe could never see anything good in a democrat—and wouldn't say so if he did.

Newspaper correspondents accepting President Huerta's offer to pay all their expenses would do well to sew a few bills into the lining of their pockets. The Mexican treasury has the bad habit of having the bottom too near the top.

A low-down scamp of a man, too lacking in principle to sign his name, has written the Journal that the man who invented the alarm clock also invented marriage.

One of our exchanges tells about a horse running away with a woman, and she was laid up for six weeks. That is not as bad as the man who ran away with a horse and was laid up for six years.

Oh, you will like the commission form of government! They are now asking for the removal of Chief of Police Malone of Lincoln. If it isn't one thing it is another in Lincoln. Trouble all the time.

An anti-swearing league has been organized in the state penitentiary. There are numerous other places outside of the pen where such leagues could be organized, and where they are just as badly needed.

It must be admitted that in these days of hysterics over the sex question, a blackmail case would be rather easy. It is always best not to believe too quickly that all public men are libertines and rapists.

The question of removal of the state university, if the matter is properly understood by the taxpayers, will undoubtedly be voted down. How will the removal benefit the taxpayer? None at all. But it will raise his taxes.

John Maguire has got his name in the metropolitan journals, especially the Lincoln papers. He is for Lincoln for the regional bank first, last and all the time. His influence is great in such matters, over the left shoulder.

PERSONAL OR RACE SALVATION?

Pastor Russell's "Movies" Teach Both Views.

THE GOSPEL NOT FOR SALE

Moody and Beecher Quoted by Dr. Abbott as Representing Opposing Views of Salvation—Pastor Russell Shows That Both Views Are Biblical—At Opening of Photo-Drama of Creation in Indiana's Capital City.



PASTOR RUSSELL

Indianapolis, Ind., Feb. 15.—Pastor Russell is here, opening the Photo-Drama of Creation at Tomlinson Hall. Besides the initial great expense of this beautiful and instructive Drama, it must cost a fabulous sum to have it going in several places at one time—New York, Boston, Cleveland, Cincinnati, St. Louis, and here—and in Chicago and other places soon! Whence all this money for so grand a cause?—all free! Why do you not charge a dollar a seat? are the questions everywhere.

Pastor Russell's only answer is, "I cannot sell the Gospel. Jesus and His Apostles never took up collections, nor authorized begging in God's name, so far as the Bible shows. People blessed by the Message voluntarily send me money to further the good work of re-establishing faith in God and the Bible amongst thinking people. In proportion as God supplies it we spend it. It must be so!"

The Pastor's text was: "God wills that all should be saved and come to a knowledge of the Truth." (1 Timothy 2:4) He declared that this salvation for all will be from the sin, sickness and death all inherit from Adam; and that it will be ushered in by Christ's Kingdom. The salvation now in progress is that of the Church—a "chief," or superior salvation. However, "Second Death" will be the portion of all who prefer sin to holiness.

Dr. Abbott on Beecher and Moody. In the course of his sermon the Pastor said: Dr. Lyman Abbott, the immediate successor to Henry Ward Beecher as Pastor of the Plymouth Church, Brooklyn, delivered an address, on October 12th last, at a Beecher Memorial service, in which he stated: "Mr. Beecher was the most famous preacher in America, perhaps in the world, and the most sharply criticized. He never fell under the condemnation pronounced against the prophet of whom all speak well. I was present—the year was probably 1870, though I am not sure—at an interview between Mr. Moody and Mr. Beecher, in which the former urged Mr. Beecher to leave the Plymouth Church for a world-wide evangelistic tour with him. After Mr. Moody had gone, Mr. Beecher said to me: 'I should like to do it, but it is impossible. We do not agree. Mr. Moody believes that this is a lost world, and he is trying to save some from the wreck. I believe that it is the world itself that is to be saved, and that the Kingdoms of this world are to become the Kingdom of our Lord and of His Christ'."

Dr. Abbott has stated very succinctly the two views of religion which generally prevail today, and which were ably represented by Mr. Beecher and Mr. Moody. While the difference between these two views is a wide one, and seemingly the one contradicts the other, nevertheless this is not so. Both views contain an element of Truth. Both views have Scriptural support. The right understanding of the Bible lies in seeing how both of these views are parts of a general whole. Whoever can get a glimpse of that general whole thereby gradually increases both his confidence in the Bible and his own faith and hope toward God. Whoever fails to get that comprehensive view remains weak in faith and uncertain in his theology.

One who fails to see a lack and conflict between his heart and his head, between his view of the Bible teaching and his reason.

The End of the Discard. Let us note the two sides of this subject from the Bible viewpoint and thereby satisfy and harmonize our hearts and our heads, and convince ourselves that the Story of the Cross and of the world's Redemption is the true Story of the Divine Program, and that the results will not be narrow and meager, but broad and generous.

Mr. Moody merely led to the teachings of Jesus, the Apostles and the Prophets when he declared that that which God created perfect, in His own image, had been sadly wrecked by disobedience; that a curse, or blight, had come upon mankind; and that this curse, or Divine sentence of death, is behind all the tears and pain and groans, behind all the mental, moral and physical weaknesses with which we and our neighbors are surrounded. It is a matter of heredity. Instead of our condition being one of evolution from a lower to a higher plane, it is a condition of devolution from a higher to a lower plane.

The reaction from barbarism to civilization through the influence of Christ-

ianity was indeed a step upward from the depths of degradation for many, but it was not a step out of the degradation. The reign of Sin and Death still prevails. Despite our education, the heart of man is still selfish and sinful, and the human body still full of aches and pains. Sighing and crying still continue. Not only have we not found a panacea, a cure-all, but despite our most persistent efforts diseases are multiplied, and our race is growing mentally and physically weaker.

But while the Gospel of Christ has not as yet saved the world, it has proven a wonderful blessing to those who have become sincere followers of Jesus—a salutary few. To these the Gospel has not only brought peace and joy, but has been to them "the power of God unto salvation." It has saved them from many of their weaknesses and fears. More than this, it is preparing them for a completeness of salvation, to be brought unto them at the Second Coming of Jesus, when they, according to His promise, shall experience a complete change of nature—from earthly condition to Heavenly, from weakness to power, from humiliation to glory, from animal, or human, conditions to spirit conditions.

The Right in Mr. Beecher's Theory. But Mr. Beecher's view, also, contains Bible Truth. Although the Kingdoms of this world have not yet become the Kingdom of our Lord, although as yet every knee does not bow and every tongue confess to the glory of God, nevertheless, according to the Bible, the final outcome of the Divine Plan will include all these things. Amongst other things prophesied, the knowledge of the glory of God has not yet filled the whole earth. Not yet are all the blinded eyes of ignorance and superstition opened, nor are all the deaf ears unstopped.

The Bible explanation of the situation is that God from the very beginning purposed the permission of sin, in order to give valuable instruction to angels and to men respecting the sinfulness of sin and its dire consequences. God's Law declares, "The soul that sinneth, it shall die." "The wages of sin is death." We were confused by the errors which crept into Church creeds during the Dark Ages, when the Bible was practically non-existent, and when the bishops were supposed to be the successors of the Apostles, and when their decisions were considered infallible.

Their teaching that the dead are alive misled us, turned us away from the Bible teaching that the dead are dead. Their teachings respecting a fiery Hell and a Purgatory led us away from the Bible teaching on the subject of future punishment. Now we find that the Bible Hell is the tomb, the death state; and that God in His great Plan has arranged to abolish our sentence of death by the universal awakening of the dead. All in the graves shall hear the voice of the Son of Man and come forth.—John 5:28, 29, R. V.

The Bible teaches that God has an orderly Plan for His entire work; and that not until man has passed through six great Days from his creation, each a thousand years long, will his Week of labor, toil and strife against sickness, pain, sorrow and death be at an end. Then Messiah's long-promised Kingdom will be established. Christ shall come, a spirit being, and shall dethrone Satan, who through human superstition and ignorance has become the master of men. Satan shall be bound for a thousand years; and Messiah shall be the great King of earth, though his Kingdom will be invisible to men as Satan's kingdom is invisible—because composed of spirit beings.

The Glorious View of the Bible. The grand work of the Kingdom of God (Jesus and His glorified Church operating through human agencies) will be a work of Restitution. (Acts 3:19-21) As Adam fell from the moral image of his Creator, he is to have the opportunity of rising again to this image, because redeemed by Messiah's sacrifice.

The Church's salvation, in progress since Pentecost, is a salvation to a Heavenly existence, by a change of nature. But the world's salvation will consist of a restoration to perfect human nature, which will find its perfection of enjoyment in an earthly Eden, gradually becoming world-wide. As Adam's death sentence was accompanied by sickness, sorrow and pain, so when the Redeemer shall apply to mankind at His Second Coming the general forgiveness and amnesty promised in the Bible, the result will be the gradual elimination of sickness, sorrow and pain. By the close of Messiah's thousand-year Reign, there shall be no more sin or death. The curse will thus gradually disappear, giving place to Divine blessing and fellowship.—Revelation 21:5, 22:3.

Many Bible students believe that the wonderful increases of knowledge and blessings in the world witnessed during the past fifty years are evidences foretold by the Bible, indicating that we are already in the dawn of that New Day of Messiah's Kingdom. The running to and fro and increase of knowledge, the wise of God's people understanding, and the imminence of a great Time of Trouble (Daniel 12:1-4, R. V.; Matthew 24:21), point out that we are in the time of the ending of the old order of things, and the dawning of the new.

Approach of the Great Time of Trouble. This great Time of Trouble we see approaching. According to the scriptures, it will be all-unbracing. It will include all religious systems, all human governments, nations and conditions of men, and will culminate in anarchy. Although for a time humanity will seem to be bereft of reason—yet the peaceable fruits of righteousness will finally be attained, not because of human wisdom to extricate itself, but because Messiah's Kingdom

will then be established. God's Word declares: "When the judgments of the Lord are in the earth, the inhabitants of the world will learn righteousness." (Isaiah 26:9) Then will evil deeds be cut off in the Second Death, without hope of further redemption, while the obedient will attain human perfection.

Beecher and Abbott Evolutionists. Rev. Lyman Abbott eulogized Mr. Beecher as one of the first ministers to accept Darwin's theory of Evolution. No doubt this is so. A good man, broad and generous, but misled by the creeds, thought that his mission in Evolution something more rational than the Bible taught. He endeavored to link the two together, as others have endeavored to do, only to fail; for the Bible throughout is in direct opposition to the Evolution theory. It distinctly teaches the fall of man.

Jesus declared that He came to recover that which was lost. God sent His Only Begotten Son, that whosoever believeth on Him should not perish. St. Peter tells of the Restitution of fallen man to his former glorious estate, in the likeness of his Creator. If Darwin's theory be correct, then Jesus, His Apostles, and all the Prophets, were astray.

But what is the Evolution hope? Briefly stated, this: That some distance back our forefathers were monkeys; that we have progressed in a measure, but are still perishing, as did our monkey forefathers. Under Darwin's law of the Survival of the Fittest, disease and death will gradually weed out the more stupid and vicious (as it is not doing, so far as any one can see), that in the far-off future our children may attain such perfection as to know how to live forever and rightly enjoy the blessings of earthly life.

Perhaps the Evolution hope is better than none. Surely it is better than the eternal torment hope of the Dark Ages! but it must be far from soul-satisfying to all who think deeply. But the Bible hope proffers that Messiah's Kingdom shall take in the entire race of Adam, and by disciplinary instructions and encouragements shall help all the willing and obedient to human perfection. This hope for the world is beyond the special hope which is the exclusive portion of the fully consecrated disciples of Jesus.

Dr. Abbott sympathized with us in advance, saying, "There are still some belated preachers who endeavor to persuade their congregations that Evolution is perilous to the soul, and who found their religious teaching on the old doctrines of a finished creation, an absentee God, and a pestilence-stricken world."

We confess that we belong to this class. There can be no doubt that we are living in a pestilence-stricken world, and that conditions here are not such as a present and living Being would provide for His intelligent creatures. Rather, as St. Paul declares, the world is under a reign of Sin and Death, which has prevailed since the time Father Adam was cut off from fellowship with His Heavenly Father, under the sentence of death.—Romans 5:12-21.

The condition of the pestilence-stricken world is permitted in order to carry out the penalty upon our convict race. The Bible declares that God is allowing mankind to learn a great lesson of their own inconstancy and helplessness, which will be valuable to all eternity to both men and angels; that present trials and difficulties and death will be overruled for man's good. For six thousand years men have been learning the bitter results of disobedience to the laws of righteousness, and their need of help Divine. Only a few yet know that "God is Love."

But such as see the true light of God's Word as to the fall, the Redemption-price, the call of the Church to be joint-heirs in Messiah's Kingdom, and the eventual Reign of Righteousness, have a great joy and blessing. As for others, we begrudge them not whatever joy or peace they can get out of any theory that will liberate from the horrible nightmare of the Dark Ages.

Was Your Grandfather an Ape? Containing his eulogy of Mr. Beecher. Dr. Abbott said: "But no one any longer asks sarcastically, 'So you think your grandfather was an ape?' And few are they who will venture to denounce as atheists those who believe in life as a process of Divine growth, and redemption as a process of spiritual development." We fear Dr. Abbott is right—that the learned in pulpit and pew have so thoroughly lost their faith in the God of the Bible that they no longer reproach one another with the fact.

But is the fact any the less true for this reason? Suppose all the great minds accept the Evolution theory—that Adam was the son of an ape—and oppose the Bible teaching that he was a special and direct creation of God, the moral image of his Creator. Suppose all those decide that man never fell from perfection, and never needed a redemption, and that all the Bible statements respecting Jesus as the Redeemer are false.

Suppose the literalists hold that an earthly life is merely a development, an evolutionary process, called, in a complimentary sense, "Divine growth," with the thought that quite probably there is no Divine Being, but merely some great force operating in nature; that redemption is only a higher development of the moral instincts. What of all this? Must we accept such decisions as final? Shall we not rather take the assurance of the Bible respecting these very men of letters? Of these great scholars the Lord prophesied thousands of years ago, saying: "The wisdom of their wise men shall perish, and the understanding of their prudent men shall be hid." (Isaiah 29:14) St. Paul declares: "The wisdom of this world is foolishness with God."—1 Corinthians 3:18-20.