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The war with Mexico is on, and Vera Cruz has fallen.

Huerta will not feel that he is bigger than the United States many weeks longer.

The whole country is standing by President Wilson, like every American patriot ought to.

The "honk" is the sign of spring. It used to be the wild goose, now it is the automobile.

There seems to be a tendency to make hair-splitting distinctions as to what we are to do to Mexico.

The limit of alienation suits is reached when a father sues his son for alienating his mother's affections.

We don't understand, my dear girl, why you insist that marriage is a failure. It is not. It is an assignment.

In addition to spring hats, colored wigs are another item that must now be entered as "overhead charges."

The best way to settle the regional bank controversy is to give every large city a bank and every small city a branch.

A good politician has to saw wood and say nothing, and this is why women will make a failure in politics. They can do neither.

Remembering England's glorious treatment of the Boers, some of the London papers are greatly indignant at Wilson's policy toward Mexico.

The snubbing of the duke of Troy for marrying an American girl appears to have caused him to decide to make a man of himself. Good!

"The right woman can make a fool of any man," says an exchange. We contend that the right woman—if she really is right—won't make a fool of any man.

The Tennessee republicans avoided all reference to national questions in their new platform. This is done to preserve the coalition in state politics with democrats, who, no doubt, will return the compliment in kind.

The republicans who are so cock sure that they are going to whip the democrats at the next national election had better spend their time in getting their own camp ready for a fray before making claims of whipping anything.

A brick church down east is to be sent to a new location by parcel post, and on the installment plan. Thus is the government made to serve the ends of Christianity. The church and the state can never be wholly separated.

Ogden Armor says that meat is not going to be any cheaper. While crop conditions are splendid, there will be no reduction in prices of fresh meat until there are more cattle in the country, and there will be no more cattle in the country, we can tell him, until the Chicago packers stop their little game, which consists in offering a big price for cattle and then stealing it all back in the way of commissions and charges.

IF IT WILL PAY.

Agricultural papers are devoting more and more attention to the matter of saving the heifer calves, with a view to increasing the dairy product. Against the life of the calf the money value of the milk it will consume has usually been set up and the problem so worked out as to send the calf to the shambles. Now the light is being turned on from a different angle. The effort is to make it clear that it pays to raise the calves. Prof. Wilbur J. Fraser, chief of the department in the University of Illinois, is contributing his share to set right the wasteful view too long held on this subject. He says "the Illinois experiment station bought a cow that produced on an average 14,390 pounds of butter fat a year," and instead of perpetuating her great qualities by rearing her calves, sold them to a butcher, an operation which he says amounts to a dairy-race suicide.

A prominent Illinois dairyman says "the heifers we raise from our best cows are better producers with their first calves than the average mature cows we buy." Others say the same thing, and no doubt it is almost universally true. The agricultural experiment station is raising calves at the expense for milk of \$3.31 per calf—150 pounds of whole milk, worth \$2.25; and 400 pounds of skim milk, worth \$1.20. "These prices are liberal," says Fraser, "as they are paid at the farm and no money or labor is expected in hauling." The advancement of such arguments as these will turn the minds of the heifer slayer in the right direction. In time increased growth in the number of dairy cows will be noted from this source alone, and we shall see a change in the statistics which now show that the slaughter of calves in this country runs far into the millions every year.

Town men believe that when a farmer raises a colt, it is all profit; but according to reports from 40,000 correspondents of the bureau of statistic of the department of agriculture, Washington, D. C., upon the cost of raising colts on farms to the age of three years, the average for the United States is found to be \$104.06. Or if we deduct the value of the work done by the horse before he has passed his third year, namely, \$7.52, the net cost is \$96.54. This is 70.9 per cent of the selling value of such horses, \$136.17.

A wisely conducted newspaper is like a banquet. Everything is served with a view to variety. Help yourself to what you want, and do not condemn the entire spread because pickles and onions are included. If you do not relish them, someone else may find them palatable. Be generous and broad enough to select gracefully such reading matter from the newspapers as will be agreeable to your mental taste. You, as an individual, are not compelled to swallow everything. We do not all think alike on every subject, and it is a good thing, as it makes more variety, and variety is the spice of existence.

There need be no alarm about the Mexican situation. There are enough senatorial and floor representative candidates in Otoe county to sweep the greaser nation into the briny deep.

Oh, yes, my dear girl, we have great confidence in Christian Science, but we have noticed that it has no material effect on "financial cramps."

It is strongly suspected that Huerta, seeing his inevitable finish, decided he would rather be whipped by Uncle Sam than wait to be whipped by Villa.

And now comes the report that our friend, Sweet, of the Nebraska City Press is being boomed for senator. Well, that's all right. He is able to fill the bill.

You know what war is, according to General Sherman, and they are very liable to have more of it than they can stand down in the greaser country. But it is just what Huerta has been working for. Now, let the old butcher get paid in his own coin.

This season the federal law for the protection of migratory birds has been a failure in every sense of the term. There seems to have been no effort to enforce it. The appropriation to carry the full intent of the law was insufficient—only \$10,000. The law should be repealed, as there is not a state in the Union but is able to pass and enforce their own game laws, and they do it to a great extent.

The United States troops should march right on to Mexico City as soon as possible, and if they can capture Huerta they should take him out and hang him, the same as they would any other cut-throat. He has no honor, or he would not allow his hirelings to insult and murder Americans who have been unable to get away. But he will get all that is coming to him for his infernal cunningness.

The man, whose name is too distasteful to us to mention, criticized the national administration at the meeting of the democratic editors in Lincoln the first of the week, was entirely out of order. He declared "the administration was to blame for the bloodshed. It had sent warships into Mexican waters and had permitted troops to roam on shore, drunk or sober." He is indeed a pretty specimen of humanity to criticize a man like Woodrow Wilson and the gentlemen who compose his cabinet, and had we been present when he made such remarks we certainly would have hissed him down and gotten some "heavy-weight" present to throw him over the transom and out of the convention hall. The audacity and cheek of this fellow is simply without comparison.

Hold on there! What's this we hear about wool prices advancing? Is it possible, when the republicans told us after Woodrow Wilson was inaugurated that the wool market was ruined, and that man Penrose was the greatest howler among the whole outfit. Wool prices are advancing in all markets, at home and abroad, yet wool is on the free list, and it was put there but a little while ago by the democrats in the face of the most gloomy forebodings on the part of all the organs and orators of stand-patdom. Wool growers were being murdered in cold blood. Ruin of the most frightful description was to follow fast upon the heels of this monstrous assault on the honest American farmer. Calamity of the direst sort was freely predicted by vociferous prophets of disaster, yet, lo and behold, the market reports say: "Wool prices are advancing in all markets and contracting is still going on at prices away above last year's quotations!" And all under a democratic administration and a tariff that suits the common people.

EXPERTING COST OF LIVING.

It may seem presumptuous to differ with an expert, especially the dean of an agricultural college, but sometimes experts get an entirely lopsided view of a matter from having their attention too much fixed upon that phase of it to which their expertness is confined. They are too apt to mistake mere symptoms for a disease. In this they have plenty of company. When we have a headache we take some sort of pain deaener, without inquiring closely into the cause of the ache. It is the same way in our efforts to cure social and industrial ills. Our statute books are laden with laws directed at the relief of this or that local industrial pain, without any effort at all being made to cure the disease from which the pain results. Since it is human nature to hit at the heads it sees, and to seek a remedy for everything by an effort to remove that which is easily visible which looks bad, even an expert may be permitted to follow the custom, and that is surely what the dean of the Illinois College of Agriculture does, when he ascribes the high cost of living to the rapidly changing styles of millinery and clothing.

It is useless to look to better farming for relief, he declares, because the farmer is already behind in the matter of production increase as compared with consumption increase, and there is no prospect of his catching up. That closes one door of relief, and, sad to relate, the door which the vast majority of people have accustomed themselves to consider the chief, if not the only one. In our tendency to be superficial in these matters, as stated above, we have ascribed the high cost of living to the increased price of food, and have been giving the farmer all the blame. Now comes the agricultural expert in defense of the farmer, and lays the blame upon the milliner, the dressmaker and the tailor, and with no more scientific analysis than is given the subject by those who hold the farmer responsible. He wants all clothing standardized and changes in styles stopped. That is just what is done in China and the Philippines. Of course, we can all move to China or other Oriental countries where styles never change, but if we could check progress by introducing their ideas and customs, perhaps we might live more cheaply, if not more pleasantly.

The farmer having been relieved of responsibility, we may confidently look for a champion to enter the lists for the milliner and the tailor. Perhaps we shall in the end find an expert not so confined in his expert knowledge to a single field of endeavor, who will tell us that the high cost of living is due entirely to our high ideas of what we must have to live. When we finally realize this we shall cease to lay the blame upon those who merely cater to this high standard we set for ourselves, but do not create it. So long as we refuse to do things for ourselves, but hire them done, and so long as we try to "put up a good front" whether we are able to do so or not, the high cost of living will remain with us.

Candidates are a little slow in announcing. There are several candidates mentioned for different positions, but there doesn't seem to be anything positive until aspirants come out and announce the fact themselves. That's the way to do the business.

The friends of William Doud of Greenwood are booming that gentleman for the democratic nomination for sheriff. Mr. Doud is a mighty good man for the office.

STORY OF THE BIBLE IN MOVING PICTURES

Pastor Russell's Drama Opens In Empire City of South.

PASTOR HIMSELF PRESENT.

Touching Film of Abraham's Sacrifice Furnished Text For Famous New Yorker's Discourse—Hearts Swelled and Eyes Moistened Under the Message From the Book—What Has Been Regarded as a Cruel Fanaticism Shown to Be a Divinely Beautiful Lesson on Things to Come.



PASTOR RUSSELL

Atlanta, Ga., April 25.—Pastor Russell presented his famous Photo-Drama of Creation to a highly appreciative audience in the Atlanta Theatre today. The touching film of Abraham's great sacrifice furnished the basis of the Pastor's discourse. Hearts filled and eyes became moist as the instructive message was delivered. What has been regarded by many as a cruel fanaticism was pointed out by the famous New Yorker as divinely arranged and as teaching a most beautiful and significant lesson respecting the sacrifice of the anti-typical Isaac—namely, Christ and "the Church, which is His Body."

Pastor Russell's text was, "If ye be Christ's, then are ye Abraham's seed and heirs according to the Promise" (Galatians 3:29). The Pastor began by demonstrating from Scripture that God calls our present condition a cursed one, that mankind are under the curse of death, and that the only way by which the world can come under God's blessing is by the bringing in of a new condition. And so when God said to Abraham, "In thy seed shall all the families of the earth be blessed," he meant that this seed would roll away the curse of death and roll in the blessing of life in the full sense upon humanity.

Then the Pastor pointed out that the Logos left the Heavenly courts and became a human being—taking a lower nature than He had before—and was born of the stock of Abraham, in order to become the promised Seed which was to roll away the curse of death. He next showed why Jesus, according to the flesh, could not be Messiah, the promised Seed. Even in His perfection the Man Jesus could have done nothing more for the world than to guide many into happier conditions. He could not have been the great Deliverer who was to bless all the families of earth—the dead as well as the living.

How Jesus Became the Messiah. The Pastor explained how Jesus became the Messiah when He was baptized of John at Jordan. He showed that the water baptism was only the symbol of the real baptism which took place there; and to support his claim he quoted the prophetic statement respecting Jesus, "Lo, I come to do Thy will, O My God"—everything written in the Book. (Hebrews 10:5-9). This statement means that our Lord, by becoming our Sacrifice, fulfilled the types and shadows of the Law Covenant—various things that were not commanded at all, but that were foreshadowed by the Jewish sacrifices.

For instance, the type showed that before there could be an atonement for sin, the bullock of the sin-offering must first be offered. Our Lord came to present His perfect human nature—all that He had—to give Himself in God's service as a sacrifice. The speaker threw a new light on the Apostle's somewhat ambiguous statement, "He taketh away the first, that He may establish the second," declaring that the correct thought is, He removes the type, that He may establish the anti-type.

Our Lord came to set aside the type. This He did when He presented Himself a living sacrifice at Jordan to do unreservedly the Father's will. This meant, primarily, our Lord's death, for mankind were under the death sentence pronounced upon their Father, Adam. Therefore, it was necessary that their Redeemer should taste death for mankind before He could have wherewith to satisfy the claims of Justice on Adam's behalf and ask for the release of Adam and his race.

Next the Pastor explained that when our Lord cried on the cross, "It is finished!" He merely meant that His own personal work of the sacrifice of Himself was ended. Then came His resurrection and His manifestation to His disciples, that they might know that He had risen from the dead. He appeared and showed Himself under different conditions to prove two things:

(1) That He was no longer dead; (2) That He was changed from what He had been before. The speaker dwelt at length upon our Lord's several manifestations after His resurrection. He pointed out that during the forty days before our Lord's ascension He showed Himself only a few minutes at a time, or perhaps an hour in all, and He appeared and disappeared in a way that no one but a spirit being could do. As St. Peter declared, "He was put to death in flesh, but quickened in spirit"—made alive a spirit being.

Why Jesus Ascended on High. Our Lord's ascension, the Pastor affirmed, was another step in the Divine Plan for the salvation of the world. It was necessary, as St. Paul declared, that Jesus should appear in the presence of God and make presentation of His blood, the merit of His sacrifice. The value of His sacrificial death, that the Church might be justified through His merit, and that the Father might give the Church the benefit of the cleansing which our Lord had accomplished for that class. Many have not noticed that the Scriptures limit our Lord's work during the Gospel Age to the Church class which is being selected, or elected, from amongst mankind. By faith this class are reconciled to God through the blood of Christ. These have an Advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the Righteous, and may draw near to God with good courage, having their hearts sprinkled from any consciousness of evil.

The Pastor then showed that after Jesus had ascended on High He was the Spiritual Seed of Abraham, who is to bless all the families of the earth. Primarily, He became the Seed of Abraham at Jordan, when He received the anointing and to a certain extent began the work of blessing. But when He had risen from the dead and had ascended to the Father He was the Perfected One, the complete Seed, so far as He Himself was concerned.

The speaker went on to demonstrate from Scripture, however, that from the beginning God had purposed, not only that Jesus should be the great Savior and Blessor of the world, but that He should have a company of associates, who are to be sharers with Him in the great work of human uplift. These are the Gospel Church, and are to be given glory, honor and immortality in the First Resurrection. Thus they also will become members of Abraham's Spiritual Seed and share with Christ in His Millennial Kingdom. The speaker repeatedly quoted from Galatians 3, which he claimed makes the matter very clear.

The Development of the Church. Primarily, the Seed of Abraham, as God meant it, was the Spiritual Seed—Christ and the Church on the Divine plane. But there is another Seed of Abraham, according to the flesh—the Jews. These also will have a part in the work of blessing. This fact, the Pastor declared, is set forth in Genesis 22:16-18, where God told Abraham that his seed would be as the stars of heaven and as the sand of the seashore.

The Pastor then explained how some from both Jews and Gentiles have constituted this Spiritual Seed of Abraham. He showed that Jesus, the perfect Man, gave Himself a Sacrifice, laying down His earthly rights; and that God begot Him to a higher nature. Being perfect, He needed no one to make good for Him. But with the Church it is different. Every member must come to Him as the Sin-offering. The One who would cover their blenishes and imperfections, and represent them as their Advocate. The early church were in the main of Jewish origin. These had found that they could not get everlasting life by keeping the Law. Therefore, as St. Paul declared, they must become dead to it and accept Christ as their Sin-offering, and consecrate themselves, that through His merit they might become members of the Anointed.

The Gentiles never were under the Law Covenant, and therefore they came into Christ merely by the surrender of earthly things—presenting themselves living sacrifices, as did the Jews. In return for this complete consecration, those who thus present themselves by faith—whether Jew or Gentile—are begotten of the Holy Spirit to Heavenly hopes, aims and ambitions. Those who continue faithful to their covenant of sacrifice until death will receive a place in that Body of Christ, which is the Church in glory. These walk by faith and not by sight. They develop the spirit of loyalty and obedience—loyalty to God, to righteous men and the brethren, and obedience to God and the Golden Rule. Of this Christ company Jesus was the Head, the Apostles were the first members of the Body, and the faithful in Christ Jesus throughout the Gospel Age are members in particular.

The Natural Seed of Abraham. The Pastor next discussed the descendants of Abraham through Isaac—the Jews. Briefly reviewing the history of that remarkable people, the speaker showed how God had blessed them in the past. Their trying experiences in Egypt, their journey through the wilderness en route to Canaan, and the signs and wonders which accompanied them, taught the people valuable lessons and strengthened their faith. For centuries they dwelt in the Promised Land under God's special care, sometimes chastised and sometimes blessed. But they never got the blessing sought under the terms of the Law Covenant—everlasting life. Their experiences, he pointed out, helped to develop in Israel a special class possessing the faith of Abraham, Isaac, Jacob and all the Prophets, and others not so prominent.

As yet, the speaker claimed, this class have received nothing but God's promise that they shall have "a better resurrection." This they will get, he asserted, after the entire Church of Christ shall have been completed; for God has ordained that in all things Christ shall have the pre-eminence. After the Spiritual Seed of Abraham shall have been glorified, then something will begin to be done for the natural seed.

The Pastor then showed that this class of Ancient Worthies will have much advantage over the rest of the world. The Bible teaches that they will come up to human perfection in the resurrection, instead of coming up imperfect human beings, like the remainder of mankind. This constitutes their "better resurrection." The rest of the world will require centuries in which to attain human perfection. This Ancient Worthies class, the speaker stated, will be associated with the coming Kingdom of God, as our Lord declared, saying, "Ye shall see Abraham, Isaac, Jacob and all the Prophets in the Kingdom of God." (Luke 13:28.) Jesus will be on the Throne and the Church will be with Him; but they will be invisible to men. The world will see these Ancient Worthies, who will be perfect men—grand examples of the image of God in the flesh. They will constitute the earthly phase of the Kingdom, in that they will represent the invisible Heavenly Kingdom.

How the Blessing Will Come. The Pastor then gave an outline of arrangements in the Kingdom of Messiah. The Spiritual Seed of Abraham will be in the glory of the Kingdom—spirit beings, invisible to men. The natural seed of Abraham will be "Princes forth." When the Kingdom is set up, God's blessings will first go to all "Israelites indeed." The first representatives will be the Ancient Worthies, with whom the speaker thinks all the promised earthly blessings will rest as representatives of Messiah on earth. Only by coming into relationship with this company will any get the full blessing of the Millennial Kingdom.

The Pastor illustrated in the case of the United States, that certain privileges and blessings to be secured by getting citizenship here; and as a result people flock here from everywhere and become citizens, in order that they may enjoy these blessings and privileges. This, he declared, is exactly the picture given in the Scriptures. In the future all the world will press for citizenship in the nation of Israel. The terms of citizenship there will be full surrender—abandonment of sin, consecration to God, faith and trust in Him, and loyalty and obedience to the great Messianic Kingdom. The Pastor thinks that the Jews will be the first people to come into the Kingdom, for the reason that the offer to mankind will be more in line with what that people have been expecting for many centuries. The Promise was made to their ancestor Abraham about four thousand years ago that in his Seed all the families of the earth should be blessed. The Jew still has it in mind. The Pastor believes, that somehow Messiah and His Kingdom are coming, and that the blessing of Abraham is yet to come.

The Jew does not know what to make of all that has been going on for the past eighteen hundred years, the speaker declared. He has been greatly puzzled to know why Lazarus should have been taken into Abraham's bosom as Abraham's child, and why he himself should seemingly be rejected, outcast and in trouble; but soon his eyes will be opened. At the proper moment God will pour upon Israel the spirit of prayer and supplication, and they shall look upon Him whom they pierced, and the Prophet Zechariah foretold, (Zechariah 12:10). Then they will begin to see something of God's great Mystery—that it was necessary that mankind be redeemed before they could be restored. They will begin to get the key to the Divine Plan, which rests upon the Cross of Christ.

The next class to come into line with the Kingdom, the Pastor thinks, will be a class of Christian people that have been considerably misled and confused. As soon as these begin to get their eyes open a little, they will perceive that others have understood the Scriptures better than they have, and then they will begin to study. The Bible intimates that this will be their course—that the foolish virgins will get the oil and will finally come into harmony with God. Gradually the Message will spread until all nations will realize that the Kingdom of God has been established, and that by becoming Israelites they will get the blessings. To support this somewhat remarkable statement, the Pastor quoted several prophecies, as among which was Zechariah 4:10-12.

The speaker believes that by the end of the Millennial Age all evil-doers will have been destroyed and all the remainder of mankind will have become Abraham's seed—a great number, which no man can estimate. Then will come a trial to determine who are loyal at heart. Having demonstrated that they could be loyal during the favorable conditions of Christ's Messianic Kingdom, when every wrong act was punished and every good deed blessed, mankind will then be tried to see whether they will do right when left to themselves and the Kingdom withdrawn. Satan will be loosed for a little while. Then there will be opportunity for sin to prevail. The race of Adam, then perfect human beings, will be tested in order to determine whether they really love God and whether they are loyal to the principles of righteousness. Those who are found to be disloyal to truth and righteousness and God will be destroyed from amongst the people.—Acts 3:23; 2 Peter 2:12.

In concluding his discourse, the Pastor declared that as the test at the end of the Millennial Age will be loyalty, even so this is the test upon Christian people today. The Lord desires not those who merely fear to do wrong, but those who love to do right and hate to do wrong. He claimed that there is only a little more time in which Christians will have the opportunity to develop character and to stand the test. All of those found worthy to walk with our Lord will be accepted as worthy of the best beyond the veil, and the door to the High Calling will be shut. Then will come the great tribulation mentioned in Revelation 7, out of which will gradually come the Great Company—all overcomers. Indeed, but not "more than conquerors."