

EAGLE. Beacon.

Wm. Sharp left the fore part of the week for a thirty-days' visit with relatives at Arnette, Mont.

Born—To Mr. and Mrs. Henry Thun, who reside northwest of town, Friday, August 7, a ten-pound boy.

Born—To Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Root, who reside four miles south of town, Thursday, August 6th, an eight-pound boy.

Mrs. G. W. King and Mrs. Webster and children of University Place were guests at the home of Mrs. J. H. Latrom the latter part of the week.

Mrs. A. H. Vanlandingham and daughter, Miss Myrtle Lyell, went to Plattsmouth today (Friday) for a few days' visit at the home of Mrs. Eugene Setz.

Samuel Vaughn arrived home from Vermont, Illinois, today (Friday). His brother, Franklin Vaughn, of Rushville, Illinois, accompanied him for a short visit.

We just recently heard it reported that unless the roads and bridges in this district are put in better shape that Cass county might have a lawsuit on her hands.

A. H. Vanlandingham shipped a carload of stock to St. Joseph Mo., Monday. He then went to Monroe and Palmyra, Mo., for a ten days' visit with relatives.

Mrs. Agnes McDonald, accompanied by Mrs. DeBrown of University Place, left Wednesday for this week for a trip through the Yellowstone National park, and will also visit Frank Hursh and family at Kimberly, Idaho, before returning home.

NEHAWKA. News.

A man was here Sunday looking over the mill with a view to swapping.

H. L. Thomas has moved into the Wm. Schlichtemeier house this week, as J. E. Banning and family are expected back shortly from Oregon.

Peter Johnson, who lives on the Wm. Schlichtemeier place north of town, had a twelve acre field of oats that thrashed out 74 bushels per acre.

Several people from here attended the funeral of Mrs. Marquardt at Avoca, Sunday. Her death followed the severe burns she received the Wednesday before.

Will August left Monday afternoon for Kansas City, from where he expects to go over to Jerico Springs, Mo., for a visit to his parents and brother.

Marshall Platt requests us to kindly ask the public to stage all fights, near fights or hectic gabfests after six o'clock in the evening, so he can be present.

Dr. C. W. Gray, wife and little daughter, drove down from Lincoln Saturday morning and visited with the editor and family until Monday. The doctor is a brother of Mrs. Long.

The remains of Mrs. Conis Peterson of Beaver City were shipped in here Tuesday and buried in Mt Pleasant cemetery. Rev. Van Buren conducted the services. The family resided in Cass county for a good many years, moving to Furnas county in 1894.

Two skeletons were found in the hill quarry Wednesday afternoon, being uncovered by the steam shovel. They were adults and had no doubt been there for many years. They lay side by side on top of the hill in a grave about two feet deep and had been covered with a number of flat rocks. The bones were very brittle and crumbled easily, the skulls of each being flattened and crushed. The supposition is that they were Indians.

LOUISVILLE. Courier.

Miss Ruth Jacobson was the guest of Miss Katherine Richey at Omaha over Sunday.

We are sorry to report the illness of Mrs. C. G. Clifford, who is suffering from a severe attack of liver trouble.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Peterson visited over Sunday at Fremont with Mrs. Peterson's parents, returning home Tuesday evening. Buck Cline is taking a two-

weeks' lay off, and left Tuesday for Colorado, where he will spend a part of the time on his father's ranch.

Mrs. Edward Fidoock and four children, of Elsie, Nebr., are here visiting the former's sisters, Mrs. P. C. Stander and Mrs. Edith Shryock.

Adam Rentchler went to Omaha Monday to see his wife who is recovering from a recent serious operation. He reports her getting along nicely, and expects that she will return home in about ten days.

Miss Lora Lorenzer, of Clinton, Iowa, who is returning from an extended trip through the Yellowstone National Park, visited her old college friend, Mrs. R. C. Yant, this week. She was met in Omaha Tuesday by Mr. Yant.

Mr. and Mrs. H. N. Taylor report the arrival of two grand-children, a son born to Mr. and Mrs. Wesley Taylor on Saturday, August 8th, and a daughter to Mr. and Mrs. Charles Sinnard on August 9th. The Courier extends congratulations.

Dr. L. L. Polk finds time aside from his practice to look after the management of his farm a mile south of Louisville and extracts a great deal of pleasure out of watching the corn grow. This year the doctor says his corn crop is something to be proud of and he expects to show his friends corn that will make 60 bushels to the acre. He was in town one day this week proudly exhibiting a stalk of corn that measured over 14 feet in height and eight feet to the first ear. The doctor says he has plenty more just as tall. The recent rains, he says, come just in time to assist the ears in filling properly and insuring a bumper crop.

WEeping Water. Republican.

Mrs. Mary Pool left Tuesday for Ottawa, Kans., for a two weeks' visit with her brother, Will Burrows.

Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Domingo are rejoicing over the birth of a son at their farm home north of town August 7.

Mr. and Mrs. Dave Foltz of So. Omaha came down Saturday evening for a couple of weeks' visit at the Bird Dawson home.

Mrs. J. M. Bird of Armstrong, British Columbia, arrived Saturday for a month's visit with her sister, Mrs. M. J. Wickersham and family.

Ed. Murphy is enjoying a visit from his brother, Joe, who has been in the regular army. He has served his time and expects to retire from army life.

Born, to Mr. and Mrs. John Robinson, August 14, a son. All concerned, including pa John and grandpa E. E. Day are getting along O. K.

Miss Catherine Gibson arrived Sunday morning from Los Angeles, Calif., where she is attending school, for a short visit with her parents. Mr. and Mrs. A. B. Gibson.

Mrs. James McNamee and her daughters, the Misses Mabel and Maude, returned Tuesday evening from their three weeks' visit in Illinois. They report hot and dry weather there and crops poor.

Mrs. Dan Walker and daughter, Lucile came in Saturday from Welloughly, Ohio, for a visit with relatives and long time friends. Mrs. Walker will be remembered by some as Miss Iona Woodward. She is on her way to California to make her home there with her husband who has been in that state for three years on account of his health.

Union. Ledger.

Miss Elma Chase of Omaha, a niece of Rev. W. A. Taylor and wife, came Monday to visit a few days at the Taylor home.

Eli Eaton departed Tuesday for Thomas, Okla., intending to spend a month visiting relatives at that place and other points on this old revolving globe.

Mrs. H. R. Lessel arrived Wednesday from Olean, Mo., to spend some time visiting relatives and friends in this town and vicinity and enjoy the old settlers' reunion.

J. M. Barlow, who has resided in this vicinity for some time, will depart this week for Weiser, Idaho, with intention of making a permanent home there for himself and his family.

James P. Comer of Alma, Neb., a former resident of this vi-

city, came last week and made a visit at the Grimes home, north-east of this village, and called on his numerous friends here.

Henry M. Pollard and wife and son, George, of Nehawka, changed cars here Tuesday, starting on their journey to Vermont to make a few weeks' visit with relatives at Mr. Pollock's boyhood home.

John R. Pierson and wife arrived home Tuesday night from their two weeks' vacation, which they spent at the lakes in Wisconsin. They report a splendid time and appear to have been greatly benefited by the invigorating northern breezes.

Chas. W. Frans arrived home Wednesday morning from Canyon City, Tex., where he was looking after his property interests. While here he disposed of his Texas land which he had bought a few years ago, and he will hereafter be one of Nebraska's "permanent fixtures."

Herman Comer's team gave the citizens a free exhibition on the street Tuesday evening, running north past the Ledger office until they collided with Fred Young's load of pears, then headed into Roy Upton's fence and stuck. The run was short but furious, but the only damage was a smashed wheel on Young's wagon and free distribution of some very nice pears.

MYNARD. (Special Correspondent.)

This vicinity was visited by a severe wind last night, which damaged the corn badly by blowing it down, but during the time a nice shower of rain fell, that was very beneficial to the corn and pastures.

R. W. Long shelled his corn Tuesday and Wednesday and delivered it to C. E. Metzger and received 70c per bushel for it. This is certainly a good price.

A good many of our farmers are taken with the idea of plowing with large plows and have purchased them and are operating them with gas tractors. Those who have them are R. L. Propst, S. O. Cole, Glenn Perry, Col. Seybold, Albert Wetenkamp and Geo. Snyder. This is certainly a good way to get the plowing done in a hurry.

W. S. Wetenkamp and wife spent a few days at Lincoln the last of the past week. William's mother went with them as far as Eagle, where she visited for a few days.

Boyd Porter and wife and son, Jack, have returned home from a visit back in New York state. Boyd's mother, who was with them, will stay there for a more extended visit, as that was her old home, where she spent her girlhood days, with her mother, who is still living, but is quite advanced in years.

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The foundation brick have all been laid and the fine red brick are now being laid on the M. E. church. The work was begun on the north wall and is advancing rapidly. The cement stone that are to be used has also arrived and will give the building a beautiful finished appearance when put in.

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Local News

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Miss Marie Bookmeyer was among the passengers this morning for Omaha, where she was called to look after some matters of business for a few hours.

E. M. Godwin returned yesterday morning to Fremont, Neb., where he is employed at some carpenter work there, after a short visit here with his family.

Miss Mary Jirousek departed Saturday afternoon for Lawrence, Neb., where she will visit for a short time at the home of her sister, Mrs. Albert Janda, near that place.

Henry C. Long of Murray was in the city today for a few hours attending to some business matters with the merchants.

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WHY? HOW? WHEN? CHRIST WILL COME In the Past All Misapprehended HOW CHRIST WILL APPEAR.

Messiah Comes to Bless—First His Faithful Church, Secondly All People. Scriptures Previously Misunderstood. The Man of Sorrows No Longer—He Comes the King of Glory—A Quickened Spirit—Secretly, as a Thief In the Night—Later Revealed to All.



Utica, N. Y., Aug. 14.—Pastor Russell was present at the opening of the Photo-Drama of Creation here today. The object of the Drama is declared to be the re-establishment of faith in the Bible. Manifestly, it is splendidly adapted to this end. None can witness it without experiencing a deeper reverence for God and a stronger desire for righteousness. It tells the simple Bible story from first to last, and it illustrates it all with most beautiful pictures. Excepting the first part, nearly all the films are richly hand-colored, and in this respect superior to anything ordinarily shown.

In the morning address, the Pastor spoke on "The Second Coming of Christ," from the text, "When Christ, who is our life, shall appear, then shall ye also appear with Him in glory."—Colossians 3:4. Sympathy was expressed for the long-held view that Jesus, at His Second Coming, would be a man in the flesh to reign as an earthly monarch; nevertheless, the speaker styled this view absurd. Christ had accomplished the work for which He was made flesh. He was glorified and ascended up to Heaven—"where He was before"—on the spirit plane. The One who is to come again is the Lord of Glory, and not the man of sorrows, and He is to come in power and great glory.

The Pastor explained that Jesus at His Second Coming in glory would not be visible to human eyes—even as angels of glory are invisible to men. Nor would it be advantageous to the world that their physical eyes should be opened as were those of Saul of Tarsus. The effect might be the same. The promise of the Bible, that "all the blind eyes shall be opened," and that "Every eye shall see Him" relates not to the natural eye, but to the eyes of understanding, so long darkened, confused, bewildered, by error. The True Light will shine; the True Knowledge of the Lord will fill the earth and all will receive a blessing thereby.

Christ's Parousia and Epiphania. Careful Bible study reveals the fact that different Greek words are used in respect to Christ's Second Coming. One word, parousia, signifies presence—not coming in our ordinary use of the word. Over and over again the Scriptures tell of the Presence of the Son of Man in the end of this Age, and relate that during His Parousia, the world will be unaware of it, and attending to the ordinary affairs of life. The only ones who will know will be the most saintly people of God. And these will know, not by some outward sign, but by the Light of the Lamp of God's Word. "Ye, brethren, are not in darkness, that that day should overtake you as a thief"—though it shall come as a thief and as a snare on all the world.—1 Thessalonians 5:4.

An increasing number of Bible Students all over the world are convinced from the Scriptural testimony, backed by the outward evidences, that the Parousia of our Lord began in October, 1874. The great enlightenment that has come to the world as well as to Bible Students during the period since is accredited to the fact that we have been living in the dawning time of the New Dispensation.

But the Scriptures with equal clearness point out that the Presence of Jesus is to be made manifest to the world. He is to "appear," to be "revealed." His Presence is to be made known to the whole world so that every eye may see Him; that is, that the eyes of understanding of the whole human family may be opened to a realization of the great truth that Messiah's Kingdom has come into power, and is thenceforth to rule the world, to overthrow sin, to uplift righteousness, to bless all the willing and obedient and to destroy in the Second Death all wilful sinners.

According to the Bible, it will be a terrible, rude shock that will startle the world and open the eyes and ears of their understanding and prepare them for the Highway of Holiness. The revealing, or manifesting, to the world of Messiah's Presence as the New Ruler of earth, will come with a great Time of Trouble, which the Prophet declares will be severer than anything ever before known—"A time of trouble, such as never was since there was a nation" (Daniel 12:1). It will be a time of judgments, of punishments, upon nations, individuals and ecclesiastical systems, as well as upon inequitable financial institutions. The symbolic picture is that the

whole fabric of society, ecclesiastical, political, financial, will be "on fire." St. Peter declares symbolically that "the elements will melt with fervent heat"—the social elements. Concerning that awful trouble, the Bible declares, "He shall be revealed in flaming fire, taking vengeance." All will know, all will see, all the world will mourn and be in terror, the more so because of the false doctrines which have represented that beyond the present life is an eternity of torture for all except the saintly elect few. Such wrong visions of the future make doubly severe the trials and disappointments and losses of the present life which are the real judgments of the Lord, the Bible knowing nothing of an eternity of torture in the future, but telling us everywhere that the dead sleep, waiting for the glorious Kingdom of Him who redeemed them more than eighteen centuries ago by the sacrifice of Himself.

Christ will not appear to His Church in flaming fire—only to the world: "When He shall appear, then shall ye also appear with Him in glory." Before the consummation of that great Time of Trouble, every saint, every member of the Church of the Firstborn, whose names are written in Heaven, will have been changed from earthly nature to spirit nature, because flesh and blood cannot inherit the Kingdom." Neither will the sympathy of Christ, or the sympathy of the Church with poor humanity, interfere to prevent the great catastrophe with which this Age will end.

The Kings, Emperors and Czars of the world would no more give over to Jesus their power and rule and government than would the clergy give over the spiritual control. The Divine Program seems to be to allow human institutions to wreck themselves in showing their own incompetency and opposition to the Divine arrangement.

Thank God for the better Day beyond—when the Sun of Righteousness shall arise with healing in His beams for the blessing of all the families of the earth! Thank God that the Redeemer, full of sympathy, will be wise to know how deeply the plowshare of sorrow and trouble must go to properly prepare the hearts of men for the rich blessings His Millennial Kingdom will have to bestow! Thank God for the assurance that Messiah's Kingdom will prove to be "the desire of all nations."

How Christ Will Come.

How unreasonable, how unscriptural, we now see were the theories respecting the Second Coming of Christ handed down from a darker time! We were informed that the Redeemer would come again in the flesh, whose only glory would be a kind of shining of the skin. We overlooked entirely the great change which came to our Master after He had finished the sacrificial work given Him to do. His ascension signified a return not only to Heaven, but also to the Heavenly condition which He left when He humbled Himself to be made flesh for the purpose of being man's Redeemer.

We overlooked the statement that He was "put to death in flesh, but quickened in spirit." We overlooked the fact that the Master declared, "My flesh I give for the life of the world." We overlooked the fact that the Scriptures assure us that flesh and blood cannot inherit the Kingdom of God, and that consequently the elect Church, before entering the Kingdom condition, must be changed by the power of the First Resurrection—made Heavenly, or spirit beings, like our glorified Redeemer.

From the foregoing is it not evident that the presence of the Lord will not be discerned except by the few? The masses will not know, even as the masses knew not in the time of Noah. But as Noah and his family knew about the coming Deluge, so the saints of God will know approximately the time of the great trouble with which this Age will close and the Kingdom Age be inaugurated. Thus the Apostle says, "Ye, brethren, are not in darkness, that that Day should overtake you as a thief," though it shall come as a snare upon the whole world.—1 Thessalonians 5:1-6.

The period of Christ's presence, "as a thief in the night," unknown to the world, will be a time of special scrutiny and judgment in the Church—a time of giving reward to those found faithful. This dealing with the Church includes, we believe, the Resurrection reward that will be given to the Apostles and all the faithful ones of the Church who have fallen asleep and have been waiting for this very hour and its blessings.

So the Apostle tells us that those of the Church alive and remaining until that time will not hinder, or prevent, those who have gone before. "The dead in Christ shall rise first." They will enter into the joys of their Lord first, and will experience the resurrection change first. Later on, the brethren then living will be dealt with, down to the last, according to their works. Then the Church, having been glorified, the next step of the Divine Program will be in order—the Epiphania, or shining forth of the Lord in glory.

When speaking of Christ's Epiphania, or revealing, we are not to understand that His Parousia has ceased. Rather, as at the First Advent, Christ's presence covered a number of years, so at His Second Advent His Parousia, His presence, will be for the entire thousand years of His Reign. At the first, however, the Parousia will be known only to the Church, and to them conveyed by the eye of faith. Subsequently, changed by the First Resurrection, they will see their present Lord as He is—a spirit Being. Then will come His Epiphania to the world—His shining forth in power and great glory. But this shining forth (Epiphania) will bring quite a shock of surprise to the world. It will mean a sudden blazing forth of God's righteous

indignation against everything sinful, against everything unjust.

The poetess caught the proper thought when writing respecting the Epiphania of Christ:

"I see His flaming judgments As they circle all the earth, The signs and groanings promised To precede a second birth. I read His righteous sentence In the crumbling thrones of earth— Our King is marching on."

Nevertheless, this flaming forth of Messiah's judgments, severely awful as they will be, will be manifestations of the Love of God and of Christ. By the consuming of the dross in the fire of that tribulation, mankind will be blessed, transformed, uplifted, developed. This flaming fire in which Christ and His Church, God's Kingdom in glory, will be revealed to mankind, is elsewhere in the Bible spoken of as the fire of God's anger. Of it we read that the proud and all that do wickedly will be as stubble, and that the fire of that time will consume them, root and branch. The hope, of course, is that as they realize the changed conditions they will drop their pride and their wickedness, and turn unto the Lord. He will send the flaming fire of judgments for the very purpose of consuming the world's iniquities, and thus of blessing and purifying all who will learn to love righteousness.

When Christ Will Come.

Again we were misled by our creeds in respect to the time of Christ's Second Coming. Some of us declared that He already had come the second time and that His Kingdom was set up long ago. Our Catholic friends claim that the establishment of the Kingdom took place in the year 800, under Pope Leo III, and that the thousand years of Christ's Reign are in the past. We sincerely hope that they are in error; for, if that theory be correct, Christ's Kingdom has accomplished far less for the world than the Bible statement would lead us to expect. Protestants have also held that Christ's Kingdom has been established, that His Reign began centuries ago; that the Church of England has been reigning, also the Church of Germany, the Church of Sweden and the Church of Russia—each claiming authority in the earth.

The majority of Christian people are much confused, bewildered; but Bible students are of late getting a better focus upon this subject. They are seeing that, according to the Bible, we should still pray, "Thy Kingdom come; Thy will be done on earth, as it is done in Heaven"; that we should still wish for the Son of God from Heaven, and that we should still remember St. Peter's words respecting the Times of Restitution, blessing and favor, which will come to the world at the Second Advent of Christ.—Acts 3:19-21.

Admitting that those who interpret the prophecies to teach that we are now living in the time of the Second Advent of Christ are not infallible in their interpretation, we must, nevertheless, concede that there are signs all about us today which closely tally with what the Bible tells us respecting the condition of things which will obtain at Christ's Second Coming. Let us note some of these: St. Paul told of the end of the Age (also St. Peter), that it would be marked by a form of Godliness but lack of the power; that it would be marked by disobedience to parents, by headiness, by high-mindedness, by love of pleasure, by unfaithfulness. (2 Timothy 3:1-5) Surely we see on every hand what answers well to these Apostolic prophecies of the closing time of this Age and the dawning of the New Age.

On the other hand, we have prophecies which tell us of glorious blessings due to come to the world in conjunction with Messiah's Second Advent. Hearken to the Lord's Word in the prophecy of Daniel. We read that in the Time of the End of the present order of things—in the time of the dawning of the new order of things) (1) "Many shall run to and fro;" (2) "Knowledge shall be increased;" (3) "The wise shall understand;" (4) "There shall be a time of trouble such as never was since there was a nation."

Are we not at the time when the whole world is on the move as never before in the past? Steamboats, steam and electric railways, etc., are only a century old and are only reaching their climax of efficiency. It would seem as though God had prospered human intelligence along these lines just at the opportune moment to bring in the running to and fro at the appropriate time. —In the end of this Age.

How about the increase of knowledge? Is it not true that greater increase has been made in knowledge within the past fifty years than ever before? Not only is this knowledge exemplified in tunnels, bridges, buildings, machinery, electric lighting and power, and in every conceivable device for human comfort, but it is especially marked in human education. Within the past thirty years free schools, year, compulsory education, have seemingly been forced upon the people of every land, as though to fulfill this prophecy, "Knowledge shall be increased."

What about the statement that the wise shall understand? Many are perplexed by these things and wondering why are deserting the Bible and flocking to evolution theories, only to find them unwise. The wise are those who hold fast to the Word of God, and in its increasing light see new beauties. The only satisfactory explanation of the times in which we are living is that these are the days of the Son of Man.

Do not these things give the people of God a ground for faith that we are now in the closing of this Age and in the dawning of the Messianic Age, when the world is to be blessed by God's Kingdom? Many, of course, may scoff at the thought; but many others, God's saintly ones, are lifting up their heads and rejoicing, "knowing that their redemption draweth nigh."