A Talk With Christians

The writer has been from the age of sixteen a member of the Congregational church, and all his life a constant church attendant, associating with church people. I know that in the churches I have been a member of there has been on the part of the great majority of the members a sincere desire to do, as well as profess to do, the will of God. It is this class of honest believers that we wish to reach and reason with.

What is the will, the law of God? "For all the law is fulfilled in one word, even in this: 'Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself."

When? on Sunday, and with words

only? No; on Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday and Saturday also, Words of love are not to be despised, but daily deeds must correspond.

Daily deeds? How? There is no love in business, no time or place for it. In buying and selling and working it is each for himself. We buy and sell, we hire and work on the best (most selfishly advantageous) terms we can command from one another; and we have supposed this was just. Political economists have so theorized, churches have not condemned the competitive, selfish business struggle. They have even gladly and gratefully accepted the gifts of wealthy monopolists.

Love in business! Why, it wouldn't fit, would it? It would be folly to sell for less or pay more than the market price for anything, labor included. How could a man do business with selfish men and not be selfish, i. e., act selfishly, himself?

Well, then, do you say that the law of love was not made to be obeyed week days, and that we can continue in sin and be saved by faith? "Faith without works is dead, being alone."

But if we are respectably selfish when dealing with one another, can we not by paying for preaching and being charitable more or less on Sunday discharge all our obligations to our fellowmen?

What good does preaching do if no one is going to practice love? What good does it do to profess unselfishness Sunday, if everybody is expected to or must look out for "number one" only on Monday? If the present method of employing, buying and selling, and taking from others labor profits, interest and rent, is justifiable, then charity is a work of supererogation. To be charitable is to be more than just, is that the idea? People certainly bave not considered that the poor have a right to demand charity, or work, even.

Professions of love, of Christianity and, a little contribution from our hoarded surplus cannot take the place of actual love. If love is not an everyday business matter it is a mere profession, and not a possession, a sentiment and not action. Nobody, except the degraded, wants charity. Nobody needs charity except the undeserving penitent. Everybody

The difference between love and charity is this: charity is bestowed out of ones surplus, love gives all. It gives all pos-sible service and divides equally. Charity religion is a dead failure. The religion of love is the hope of the world. The religion of love is not now preached so as to be understood in the churches. There is a half understood voice, but no social embodiment. Christianity as now named is form without life, words without deeds, a six-days wolf in a seventhday sheepskin, a creed that permits mammor worship weekdays and mammon gifts on Sunday. It has lost the spirit of Christ. Instead of the cross for its emblem, it should now adopt the dollar, with this legend stamped on one side, "We want the earth;" and on the other, "In God we trust"-for heaven.

The state is theoretically unselfish, caring equally for all. But the self-seeking have secured possession of it and made it the mightiest agent of greed. The church was given "good news to the poor," and a law that should right all wrongs. But its good news of present embodied love was ages ago driven out of the business world, and its law at the same time was covered with accumulating temple rubbish.

The church is divided into selfish sects, and those selfish sects and individual churches are sub-dividided into commercially selfish, everyday self-centered individuals. It therefore is not the body of Christ, for his body cannot be divided. Divide the human body and the spirit, the life, the power, leaves it. Divide the body of Christ and it also dies.

Salvation is simply union in will and purpose with God, through obedience to his laws, which obedience unites us to one another. "That they may be one" was Christ's prayer. Oneness is peace, blessedness, prosperity, infinite forces all working together for our good. Let us

"And all that believed were together, and had all things common; and sold their possessions and goods, and parted them to all, as every man had need.

"And they, continuing daily with one accord in the temple, and breaking bread from house to house, did eat their meat with gladness and singleness of heart, praising God, and having favor with all the people. And the Lord added together daily such as should be saved."

Suppose one has wealth, and, after using no more than he really needs, puts his entire surplus into the charity fund.

Is that not doing all he can do? No. If one really wants to do all the good he can he must provide land and capital to keep people at work, so that they can supply their own needs and at the same time create surplus capital to set others at work. Charity supporting people out of work, is sinful when such need can be prevented. And the need of charity can be prevented by furnishing free capital and so helping to establish product-sharing communities, like the one we are starting. Profit-seeking capital throws men out of work, and keeps them poor when at work. Free capital they can perpetually use and by permanent employment provide for all their

needs.

The fellowship meeting of the C. C's.

Monday evening a week ago was well at tended and was very enjoyable. Two families from Ceresco and one from Woodlawn were represented. A brother from Nebraska City whose name we failed to learn also attended, besides the brethren

The Co-operators will have a meeting next Monday evening at the Universalist church, corner 12th and H streets. All are welcome. The co-operative store and other questions will be discussed.

THE MARKETS.

KANSAS CITY, Mo . March 4. Receipts of wheat I car. a year ago, 81 cars. Sales of car lots by sample on track. Kansas No 3 hard, nominally, 51c No 4 hard nominally, 5:e rejected, nominally, 4:e No 2 red, sed, nominally, 5,050 %c rejected, nominally,

Receipts of corn, 31 cars a year ago. 71 cars. Sales by sample on track, Kansas City: No. 3 mixed corn, 17 cars 40c. No 3 mixed, nom-inally 294c. No 4 mixed, nominally 89c; No 2 white, 7 cars 40c No 3 white, nominally 39%c.

Receipts of oats 13 cars a year a o 14 cars Sales by sample on track, Kansas City No. 2 mixed oats, 3 cars, 29c, 3 cars 254c No. 3 oats, nominally 28c No. 4 nominally 27c No. 2 white oats, nominally, 31c No. 3 white oats.

Chicago Board of Trade. CHICAGO, March 4 - The followin: table shows the range of prices for active futures on the board of trade to-day:

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CORN- Mch	4234	4354	101130	4314	4834
May	40.26	40	55.79	45	10.14
July	9976	99%	99.79	100	40
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May	97A	973	9734	973/	7.7
PORK- Mch	10 15	10 15	10 15	10 15	10 174
May	10 35	10 35	10 2714	10 35	10 3712
LARD- Mch	6 35	6 35	6 35	6 35	6 37 4
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SR'BS-Mch	5 15	5 15	5 15	5 15	5 175
May	5 30	5 3216	5 2714	5 3214	5 35
July	5 45	5 45	5 42	h 45	5 45

Kansas City Live Stock. Cattle-Receipts, 4,773 calves, 261 shipped yesterday, 2,918 cattle no calves. The mar-ket to day changed from its rapid upward course the past few days. It opened on good steers slow at about steady prices and closed with a lower tendency except on the very

best The supply was moderate
Dressed beef and export steers 14.45 25 25; cows and helfers, \$14)(6.8) Western steers, \$160: Texas and Indian steers, 415(640) stockers and feeders, \$2.65 g4 20. mixed,

Hogs - Receipts, 8,678; shipped yesterday, 834. The market opened rather stron; but was quoted weaker at the close, which came early. The supply was only fair for Satur-day. The packers were earer buyers early or heavy hogs, but at the close dropped out. The top was \$4 17% and the bulk \$4.85 to \$4.5, against 14.20 for top and 63.80 to 84 for bulk

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Some petitions against the passage of the "value in policy" are coming in and I will present them to the members when it will do the most good, when the proper time comes.

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H. R. 746, the bill allowing town people to organize a mutual company to insure their property, has been on general file about two weeks, but there are many bills ahead of it.

There will be an attempt soon to advance it to third reading and secure its

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Therefore, whem he called on me I informed him that he could make the examination if he would agree not to hold the companies (I am secretary of two companies) liable for any pay. To which he replied that he was not out for his health.

I told him that I would not pay until I

han to, and asked the Auditor for time to take council, which he granted. It will not cost any company any more

to stand a lawsuit than this man will wrongfully ask of you, but if all will join and make a test case we could make it interesting for him. In the first place I do not think that I

have objected to a reasonable fee, but when such an unreasonable demand was made I concluded to pay nothing unless I had to, as that would establish a precedent that he could use to bleed all the companies in the state. There are fortythree of them, and if he took \$40.00 from each one, and that would be about the average expenses, which would include, railroad fare, livery, hotel bills and one day on the road each way.

Now I hope to hear from each secretary and president within four days as to whether you would join, in this fight if it comes to a fight. I think that if all would join a couple of dollars from each would employ the best legal talent in the state to thoroughly investigate the

I am in the same building with ex-Attorney-General Leese, and ex-Supreme Judge Reese, both of whom can be employed in the case if needed.

If the government owned the railroads there would be no strikes. A strike against Uncle Sam was never heard of.— Beacon Light.

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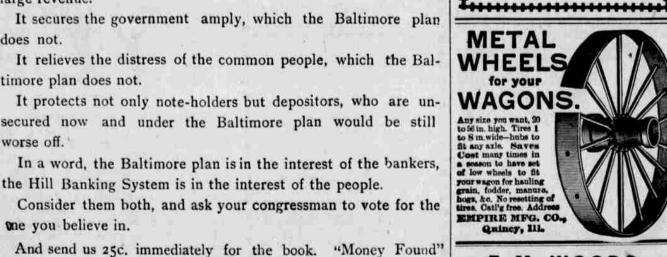
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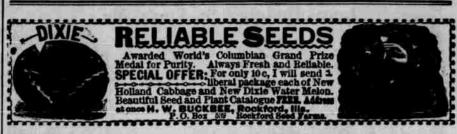
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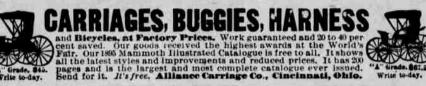
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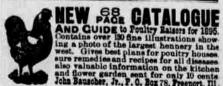
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