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#### GOD REIGNS AND THE GOVERNMENT LIVES.

A young officer of the Union army mounted the steps of the subtreasury building in New York one morning in April, 1865. It was the occasion of a great crisis in national history. The president of the United States had been assassinated the night before, and the people were shaken to their very souls at the crowning calamity which had come just as peace was looked for. This young man spoke words that have not yet lost their meaning for true Amer-

"God reigns, and the government at Washington still lives!"

That simple sentence from James A. Garfield carried conviction to those troubled citizens who heard him. So should they carry conviction to Americans today. God reigns, eternal, and the Constitution of the United States endures because it is founded on the truth of God. It is the voice of God, speaking through the people. No weakness of man or men, no spleen or spite, jealousy, hatred, remisshess of duty or failure in faith, can destroy or even tarnish the principles on which it rests. Ordained by the people it has protected them and will so continue to the end.

Just now the hearts of men are sorely tried, their minds bewildered and perplexed. They are shocked in the presence of a great scandal that involves those who have been honored and trusted. For the moment heated protests have taken the place of wise counsel, but this will not long prevail. Reason will again sway, and judicial investigation succeed to partisan rancor. An indignant nation will rid itself of the stain, and show again to the world a banner, bright and pure.

Our country has withstood other shocks. Civil war once divided the nation, and strong men contended in the fiercest of conflict, each side imbued with such a sense of right that only when one was beaten and no longer able to continue the struggle. did the counsel come that has welded more closely the bonds between the people. Sectional differences still affect the currents of our life, yet not to the extent of loosening any stone in the temple of liberty, so painfully reared and so jealousy guarded.

Nor has the moral nature of the American people suffered to a degree where it may be said we are lacking and no longer fit to govern ourselves. Another utterance of Garfield may be recalled here. "It is not in the heat of June, at a convention," he said, "where these issues will be decided, but in the guiet, cool evenings of October, around the firesides of God-fearing American homes." The God-fearing American home, then, is the measure of our greatness. Weak and venal man may yield to temptation, may betray a public trust, may sully the name of American citizen by heinous misconduct, but so long as the great mass of the American people remain true to the faith that has sustained them so far, we may say in the face of any calamity, political or otherwise, "God reigns, and the government at Washington still lives!"

#### MEN'S BIBLE CLASSES.

The movement to stimulate the attendance of men at Bible school is one to be encouraged. Intelligent study of the Book of Books can not help but stimulate men to higher and better endeavor in all legitimate walks of life. Equally important, enthusiastic Bible classes will stimulate better social relations. In other words, such classes will make men better acquainted with one another.

No other book offers to the seeker after right living, the seeker after uplifting thought, the seeker after a knowledge of human nature, a harvest equal to that offered by the Bible. A fruitful field for subjects of intelligent discussion, the old book and its study in classes should appeal to men who love the clash of wits and sparks struck by well founded arguments.

One reason why the Bible schools, or Sunday schools as they are more often called, are not more largely attended by adults is that a general impression has been cultivated that they are for children. In truth, the Bible school is too often used by parents as a convenient thing upon which to shift responsibility for the religious instruction of their children. The time is come when they should be looked upon as schools of instruction for parents.

#### IF A MAN STEALS, LET HIM PAY.

That Lincoln item with reference to the man who is trying to repay \$14,000 at the rate of \$50 per wonth is interesting. He will have to put in more than 23 years to discharge the principal. If interest is added, and it should be, the time will be indefinitey prolonged

This may strike some as too severe punishment, but examination will show that it is but simple justice. This man took \$18,000 that belonged to others. When confronted, he restored \$4,000, or less than one-fourth, and on his own application was given the chance to return the full amount on the installment plan. He recognized the justice of making restitution, and preferred it to going to prison. By the time he has paid the last cent, he will have restored himself to good standing in the world, and, better than anything else, will have regained his own

We have long contended that restitution and reparation should be made part of any penalty for crime involving property. When culprits know in advance that detection means that they must restore all they stole or destroyed, they may be deterred from entering on crime. Small consolation comes to the victim when he hears the man who has smashed his automobile in a stolen joy ride has been sent to jail for a month or two. If that man had to work a year or so to pay the bills for repairs, his punishment would more snugly fit the crime.

So it is with other cases. A widow testified that a stock swindler had wheedled her out of all she possessed. She is now a charge on the charity of friends, while he is fighting a conviction, out of which none of his dupes will get any more satisfaction than comes from the thought that he will swindle nobody while in prison. That is not enough.

Moses attached restitution as a part, in fact the chief penalty. If a man stole one ox, he was required to put back two, one that was stolen, and one to pay for the use of the other. Modern justice has not followed Moses in some matters as closely as might have been beneficial.

#### STERN ORDERS. WISE PRACTICE.

"Shoot to kill!"

Henry Beal, county attorney, repeats this advice to Omaha police. It may sound harsh to some of tender sensibilities, but it will have a responsive "Amen!" in the hearts of most people.

The thug who goes forth to hold up people in daylight, who breaks into a home at night, has no regard for human life. He will shoot to kill, preferring to murder rather than be captured. Police know they are not going to a tea party when they answer a call from some one who has just been held up.

Any doubt on this point may be dispelled by considering how Frank Aughe came to his death, or how Paul Haze got his head filled with shot. The criminal does not hesitate to resort to arms; he does not wait, but fires at the first chance. His one idea is to get away, and his only worry is that he will not.

The police do not have an even break in dealing with those men, as has been proven many times. The county attorney advises them to take no unnecessary chances. This is good advice, and it ought to produce good results.

Yet another point must be considered. Douglas county juries have of late been entirely too lenient in dealing with persons accused of murder. In a number of cases the admitted facts have been totally ignored by the twelve good men and true, who have released a murderer who did not deny taking the life of his victim. Justice, flouted as she has been in the courts, becomes a mock in the streets.

Let us have a sterner conception of duty. Murder is murder, and murder done in pursuit of any other felony is punishable by death or life imprisonment. Juries should recognize this, and also should read the stuff after it appears in understand that in mingling mercy with justice, the print rights of the public are always paramount.

What Omaha needs is a check to the prevailing carnival of thievery and thuggery with its attendant murders. If it becomes necessary to take a few criminals to the morgue rather than to the jail, the police will have the praise and thanks of the community that has borne much from the powers that

#### SPREAD OF EDUCATION.

Again the problem of education is getting attention from the men who are qualified to deal with it. This time it is presented in a phase that may be termed the bulk aspect. One of the natural, but nevertheless unexpected effects of the war was to turn a tremendous tide of boys and girls into the stream that before had merely trickled into the higher institutions of learning. Registration at colleges, universities and similar institutions mounted higher and higher, until those in charge were all but panicstricken at the prospect.

Methods of checking the tide were considered. Entrance standards were increased, restrictions of their status so firmly that they had but to care for the noraml growth of the communities they served. On the high schools fell the burden. Boys and girls did not give up school at the completion of the grades, nor drop out so fast after they had taken up the high school work.

An unquenchable thirst for knowledge bodes well for any people, and in a republic it is not alone a healthy sign, but an indispensable requisite. We need not waste time considering the differences of states. opinion among educators as to courses to be pursued. Each of them is full of zeal and ardor for the great work in which he is engaged, the dissemination of knowledge and the germination of thought which leads to wisdom. Nor is it worth while to discuss the variations of opinion, the divergence of ideas, that come out of the process. All that is for good. It is the yeast that leavens our national life. We could not be standardized in our thought if we could.

Nebraska has shared in this growth, and has met it fairly. At the University of Nebraska the registration has mounted to a total more than double the prewar figures. Every school in the state has felt the effect of the stimulated demand for educational training. One of the most encouraging features of felt its healing touch? All have re- Bartimeus Wiggins is with us no it all is that from these institutions is going back into the life of the state young men and women who are fit because they are trained. They can do for themselves and can think for themselves. From this increased intelligence should come the reward of better life for everybody. Culture can not fail to beget culture, and the intellectual progress of the race is finally the measure of its advance. While our schools thrive our institutions are safe.

DeWolf Hopper's fifth divorced wife gets 30 per cent of his salary. If the other four get a similar amount it must take some figuring on DeWolf's part to find enough money to go around.

Of course Omaha is proud to be the home of the largest American Legion post in the world, and equally proud of being the home of the livest American Legion post in the world.

Ten persons accused of murder awaiting trial in Douglas county's jail. Justice in these parts is seemingly ineligible to entry in any speed contests.

His wife says he must be the original deviled Ham. Among other things, he was said to have brought another Adoption of the Mellon tax reduction plan will be of no particular benefit to communities that run hog-wild on voting improvement bonds.

Mr. Anderson now has time to contemplate the fact that there are other laws than his particular pet law that must not be violated.

Senator Magnus Johnson invaded the senate press gallery to verbally abuse a correspondent. Goodby, Magnus; take keer o' yerself. Detroit police have raided one gambling joint 186 times. The rake-off in that game must be some-

thing fierce. Of course Mr. Fall believes in Santa Claus, but he is also convinced that R. E. Morse often trails

old Santa. In spite of all his oiling Mr. Fall seems to be in SUNNY SIDE UP Jake Comfort, nor forget Jhat Sunrise never failed us yet "

#### LIFE'S SUNNY SIDE.

I'll waste no time in groaning.

The sorrow wends its way along 'Twill not find me bemoaning. There's work to do; each daily task Demands my best endeavor; And strength and will to do I ask, Without complaining ever. Come weal, come woe, whate'er betide I'll look out on life's Sunny Side.

Tho' plans go wrong and clouds loon gray, I'll do no vain repining.

In time the clouds will pass away
To show the bright sun shining. day to toil, a night to rest, Good friends to walk beside me And so I look on life with zest, Content, whate'er betide me. Tho' clouds a little while may hide, I'll search and find their Sunny Side

Tho' rough the way and hard the load I'll waste no time complaining, But sing my way along the road While at life's work remaining My work to do as best I may, Each duty done with pleasure.

And I can reach the close of day Content in fullest measure. No doubt so dark that it can hide From me and mine life's Sunny Side

left those of our many papers and pulpits. Whether we shall be able to keep up to the mark of the high editorial calling repartment, especial reference being made to the left hand end, is something of a handicap to overcome. It has been for something like 60 years, and while it has not yet been wholly overcome, still we persist in full faith hat perseverance will bring its due appears herein anything that fails to meet with your approval, glance at the portrait above and remark, softo My flowers now, not when I'm dead. We, too, often entertain a feel-

Every now and then my good friend Representative Edgar Howard, who ws his duties as congressman to sterfere too often with his greater duties as an editor, pulls the sob stop. When he does, giving due pres-sure to the tremolo pedal, the result is always calculated to wrench the find ourselves unable to respond with tears and convulsive sobs. Edgar's

The Minister's Service

of strengthening the religious life of mankind and carrying out the faith

n actual life, they are an indispensa-

ble aid to the race. Every nation since the dawn of history has had its

has always been held among the most

seeking to translate religious motives

nd zeal into actual service to man-

kind. Compared to such service free

self aroused by those who minister unto us. Choosing a life of compar-

that their efforts deserve? They are giving their lives to uplift mankind

and we are asked to give only our leisure time. What would this com

munity be without ministers, self-sacrificing, devoted to our welfare?

ity's ability to reward. They deserve

A Ham Story.

A man named Ham is in the courts

sweetheart right into his home and made the wife cook for her. The

udge roasted Ham.-Los Angeles

David's Heroism. Lloyd George may not be the man-aging editor of the British empire,

ut he's displaying real heroism just

age to continue with a circus in the capacity of a sideshow.—Anaconda Standard.

Wise Child. The kindly old party-there has to

be one k. o. p. in every batch of jokes -stopped in the park.

"And what is your name, little girl?" he asked genially.
"You better he careful," replied Sophisticated Sallie. "I'll call a cop."

-Exchange

priests and prophets, its religious

a citizen. Whereupon Edgar pulls The trouble comes and things go the sob stop, presses down on the tremolo pedal and works overtime. Of course we sympathize with the wife and the two children. Would that it were possible to permit their return to husband and father. what about the neglect of a man who will live for years under the beneficent

what about the neglect of a man who will live for years under the beneficent folds of the American flag, acquire property in this free republic, marry and raise a family—and yet thinks so little of what he owes to the country and the flag as to fail, neglect and rendered to become a citizen?

Of course it is cruelty to the wife and children to punish them for the shortcomings of the husband and father, but ft appears that something like that is often necessary to impress upon the minds of men like this plants country farmer the fact that they owe something to the country that shelters and protects them. This being the case, we hope Edgar will pard don us if in this particular instance we fall to respond in the usual ways to his latest sob effusion. We have no more tears to shed over what happens to fellows like this particular Platte county farmer, however much we sympathbe with his wife and children.

"The dear boon of being once more sheltered beneath the American flag," as friend Eagar puts it, is really more has friend Eagar puts it, is really more in the wind and will be more than the more of the short of the country farmer, however much we sympathbe with his wife and children.

"The dear boon of being once more sheltered beneath the American flag," as friend Eagar puts it, is really more has friend Eagar puts it, is really more has a way. Shall live should be a manner spake in time past unto the was the post that she past unto us by His Son. Today He speaks through His true shat hat he dead shall hear the son of God. The work in His days poken unto us by His Son. Today He speaks through His true shat there by the prophets, ahth in these daths and indivers the manners spake in time past unto the death, even the deads had in divers want in the past unto the daths and indivers want in the past unto the daths and in divers daths there by the prophets, hath in these daths and indiverse declare the glory of God.

The voice of Jesus is powerful and the power of the world. Send of the world. Send of the world. Se

We find ourselves, this bright Sabwhere the first part of the solution over here among the property of the first part of the shelter is conferred upon ways ignore Christ. But not so. He miracles, including that of His resurrection, prove that He is the almost property of the solution of the miracles, including that of His resurrection, prove that He is the almost property of the solution of th highbrows, on the left those of our those so darned careless of their re-own staff, and on the right those of sponsibilities that they fail or refuse to perform their duties under it.

Nebraska Limerick. mains to be seen. We admit that a There was a young fellow in Laurel, portion of the heading over this de. Who with his girl's dad had a quar-

At the end of the fight The young man was a sight, And he had to go home in a bar'l.

JUST PASSING ALONG. To help a little, to love a lot,

To be loved, and not forgot. Smiles returned for smiles I spread; Handclasps of friends, love's eyes And at the end, all right; good night!

One of the funniest things about politics is the candidate who can not

A Lincoln man reports that some miscreant drained the radiator of his car just to get 70 cents' worth of de-

We are of the number not suffering under a cloud of gloom because two latest fails to produce the usual re- or three trusted officials of the govrectitude. The country is not going He tells the story of a Platte county to the demnition bow-wows because to the demnition bow-wows because of it. A boil is more of a blessing than an affliction; it brings all the but neglected to complete his citizenbut neglected to complete his citizenship. A few months ago his wife
take it that the Teapot Dome matter
was called back to Europe to be with
is merely a big boil on the body polher sick mother. She took her two
litic. It looks bad and feels worse,
little children with her. When she
but in due time all the bodily impufisought to return to the United States ties will be drained off and the counsiste and the children were denied adtry will be healthier and feel better mission because her husband was not than ever.

W. M. MAUPIN.

Entrance standards were increased, restrictions of other sorts were adopted, but to little avail. Every great school in the country expanded, but all report that they are overcrowded. What took place in the higher realm of education was but a reflection of what was going on below. Grade schools were not so greatly overtaxed, for educational laws had fixed the service to mankind as much service and the ministers of all creeds a body, the ministers of all creeds have contributed as much service and happiness to mankind as any other contributed as much service and characters.

The prestige of Tut-Ankh-Amen is waning steadily. Now it is suspected he was only a half-king. It only remains for some astute archaeologist to prick the bubble finally by announcing that he was nothing but a vice president.—New York Tribune.

No prize has yet been offered for a Chinese peace plan, but might we Chinese peace plan, but might we not suggest that Sun Yat-sen and Tsao Kun settle their differences by a mah jong match?—New York Tribune. happiness to mankind as any other profession. Set apart for the purpose

Tax-reduction in a presidential year is a one-sided question. No party dares oppose it, and politicians are running over one another to get suggestions in first. 'Most any way, except cutting expenditures, champions.—Brooklyn Eagle.

necessary. In many periods of his-tory they were the actual leaders, owerful in molding the history of There are three classes of motorists. Today the ministry does not think temporal power, but bends its efply as an ornament, and those who of temporal power, but bends its ef-forts toward a different goal. Helpretain their childhood attraction for noise and lots of it.—Springfield ing humanity by teaching the people, them to right living, com-

forting them to right living, comforting the suffering and burdened,
championing all uplifting efforts for
the amelioration of mankind, spreading the gospel of the father of God
and the brotherhood of man, keeping
alive the faith of the fathers and
solving to tensilate religious motives.

News.

In the case of human beings, the
distinction between sheep and goats
is not very sharp. When a man finds
that he is the goat, he usually looks
sheepish.—Asheville Times.

#### THE SPICE OF LIFE.

from bigotry and denominationalism, many other life pursuits pale into in-significance. The service of the min-istry is for mankind, for others and "A man jes' naturally figgers," said Uncle Eben, "dat if everybody else 'ud do everything dey ought to he could put in mos' of his own time loafin' along."-Washington Star. And who in this community has not

The cold morning kindlings were

quired the services of a minister and deeply appreciated them, whether churchgoers or unbelievers. In sick-ness and in health, in sorrow and in He's flapping his wings on that beautiful shore— a
Bartimeus used gasoline. -San Francisco Bulletin.

happiness some minister has rendered never-to-be forgotten service. Our moral standards are held aloft, our consciences are quickened, our better "Aren't the ideas you recently ex-pressed a little Utopian?"
"Maybe," rejoined Senator Sor-ghum. "But we have people of all nationalities out our way, and a Uto-pian's your in the property of the propert ative poverty, they live among us, work among us and make this world better through self-sacrificing, conse-crated ministry. And do we reward plan's vote is just as good as anythem with their dues? Do we give them the co-operation and support body else's."-Washington Star.

Keen, but Nervous Amateur-I say, old chap, what shall I do if they ask Candid Friend-Do? Why, sing, of course. It'll be their own fault!-London Humorist.

Every one of them, regardless of creed professed, has benefited this A very stout and portly gentleman was once asked why he did not play mmunity far beyond the commungolf, and this was his reason; "I did try it once, but I found that when I put the ball where I could see it I could not reach it; and when an increasing degree of support and respect for their several fields. where I could reach it I could not see it."-Golfing

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W. H. QUIVEY,
(Seal) Notary Public

## Out of Today's Sermons

An excerpt from the sermon to-

knocking and pleading. "If any man time of His death Jesus, according to hear His voice and open the door, He will come in to him and sup with and not fully use the divine majesty

archangel, and with the triumph of afraid. God; and the dead in Christ shall rise first; then we which are alive and remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air;" Thes. 4:16-17. Hear Him now that you may live then.

The salient points of this morn ing's sermon to be delivered at St. Paul's Lutheran church, Twenty-fifth and Evans streets, by Rev.

E. T. Otto, follow: Our text, Matthew 14:22-33, tells us what happened immediately after strong for the Jesus miraculously fed the 5,000. It is all its foes. a true Epiphany text, for it tells that Every candid doubter may find suf-Christ appeared to His disciples when ncient and abundant proof, even on they needed Him most, in darkness, dapper and distress. Through this appearance, manifestation, epiphany. He showed forth His divine majesty that a more than human mind has produced the Bible. The Bible is a Gibraltar and they who attack it, like the waves that sweep

Is Jesus God, or is He not God? In between science and God's Word is based upon speculation. Some infidel thirstian religion stands or falls. The Christian religion stands or falls. The Christian religion is built on Christ, fact and makes haste to announce Center Shots

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An excerpt from the sermon today of C. A. Segerstrom, pastor of
First Swedish Baptist church, entitled "Where the Voice of Jesus
Shall Be Heard and Obeyed," follow:
Often during past ages has God
been calling on human souls to hear
Him and leave their sinful ways. This
very hour He is standing outside,
knocking and pleading. "If any man

him."

The prophets of old spake: "God. He lived in the state of humiliation,

ways ignore Christ. But not so. He shall speak again. "The hour is coming, in which all that are in the graves shall hear His voice and shall come forth; they that have done good, unto the resurrection of life; and they that have done evil, unto the resurrection of damnation. Here they were the showed mercy to His disciples by sending them away before they were tempted to join in the attempt to make Him an earthly king. The Lord at times lets some the resurrection of damnation. Here they were upon us that we may everyone will obey no one escapes." In the fourth place, Jesus is our everyone will obey, no one escapes."
Yes, indeed, Christ shall be heard and obeyed by all some day. The day is fast approaching when "the Lord Himself shall descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of the archangel, and with the triumph of afraid."

trouble come upon us that we may escape some real danger. Jesus showed mercy to Peter and to the disciples by forgiving them their lack of faith. Often we also are slow to recognize Him; but then He also mercifully says to us: "It is I; be not afraid."

"Is the Bible God's Word?" is the title of the sermon to be de-livered today by R. W. Lawrence Acker at First Lutheran church. He will say in part: Of all tests to which the Word of God is submitted the scientific is the

most unpromising. Even firm friends of the Bible show some little apprehension when we talk of applying scientific tests to the Bible. But even at this point, which many consider the weakest point, God's Word is too strong for the combined strength of

as the Son of God. He so perfectly against that giant rock in the Medi-convinced the many witnesses that they "came and worshiped Him, saying, 'Of a truth Thou art the Son of a sunder. Almost all this outery of hostility

he God-man. The Jews accused He crams it into his gun and then Jesus of blasphemy and sought to kill Him because he had made Himself equal with God: verse 16:33-36. It ble under the tremendous shock of his not true that "for His liberalism He was ostracised and finally crueffied by the orthodox." The Jews of the Christian faith totter and turns self equal with God: verse 16:33-36. It ble under the tremendous shock of his artillery. But, lo, the fortress stands, and there is not even a hole or breach in the wall.

And when we come to examine.

### My Mother's Bonnet

Like a sweet and sacred sonnet That, in its lines soul depths That, in its lines traced, traced,

Is my mother's faded old blue bonnet.

Wreathed within I see her pale sweet face.

And only my heart understands The halo that it made above her

see again the tired, wrinkled hands That had so often placed it there. Laid away in lavander, carefully, Like a song that no more is sung-My eyes gaze upon it tearfully, For I know its mission has been

Oh, how tenderly do I lift to kiss
That bit of faded scented blue,
And oh, how bitterly does my soul The sweet spirit that comes shining

place it back again so carefully Within its sacred spotless nest, With lips a murmuring prayerfully—
In eternal peace, may thy soul rest.
—Carolyn Belle Adams.

#### THE PHANTOM BIRD.

It comes in the night when I'm sleep In the midnight hour of the eve In the mystic hour of the evening, When all the mortals are dreaming; And with a voice strange and de-

It chants through the hour without leaving.

And it chants me into believing That immortal shapes know no leav-

And it haunts me into believing.

comes in the stiliness of evening. And a peace comes over my soul, Like a touch of a hand on my soul, And I am aroused from my sleeping Jesus And a poor soul that knows no re

leasing Seems to chant to a bell's distant and knowing there is no releasing. Its voice sounds like a bell's dis-tant toll.

Dear Father, what is it that's speak-With a voice like a bird's at my

door.
In the stillness of night at my And, dear Father, what is it seeking When I hear a soft step on th

floor Like a spirit's that cares not for leaving
When it comes with the wind's mournful roar, And seeks a warm hearth before

Before joining it's voice in the roar! Tis the phantom bird that comes And it comes from the long, long ago, From the land of the long, long

ago; It is a lost soul that is speaking Of the land where departed souls go. And because it is lost it is weeping. And is telling me of its woe, And on the night wind it is weeping.

And is asking my prayers in its -Catherine Elizabeth Hanson

# When in Omaha **Hotel Conant**



# The Business Principle Back of Selling a Funeral as a Unit

WHEN a family enters a mortuary to arrange for a funeral his mind is in no condition for "bargaining."

He is interested only in the COMPLETE SERVICE he is to receive. Details of charges which must be made for that service are, for the moment, of little importance to a mind burdened by grief.

As I have said before, the public has not understood that it is SERVICE-refined, exacting service-rather than MATERIALS, which is the foundation of this business.

My policy of selling "a funeral" as a complete unit. rather than as a collection of miscellaneous items of many kinds, is new. But it is the economic way, because a funeral consists of both materials and service, so closely blended that it is difficult to say where one stops and the other begins.

The family may arrange for a service as inexpensive or as costly as he may wish. -When he has made his decision there can be no misunderstanding-no dissatisfaction because of "extras" which he did not anticipate.

No one has ever questioned Hoffmann Service. No one can question Hoffmann's prices, for they are based on a perfect system of records, insuring each customer exact justice in price, with the perfect service which Hoffmann always provides.

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