

WHEELERS' PLAYERS SCORE AGAIN



C. N. HUTCHISON AS "DOC" IN "THE BOSS". WHEELER PLAYERS TONIGHT AT THE STEWARD.

Second Week for Wheeler Players. "The Private Secretary," which was a popular Wheeler Players comedy, commenced their second week at the Steward last night, a big house greeting them to witness the big comedy.

Bill Lee, as the Private Secretary, deserves special mention, as does Mr. Hutchison as the uncle. The comedy scenes between them kept the audience convulsed with laughter. From the attendance last night it looks like the players' second week will be capacity houses as they have certainly caught on here and are deserving of the large houses they are receiving.

Tonight they are presenting H. B. Cottrell's big comedy drama of the Arizona plains, "The Boss." All new plays will be given this week, changing night. Seats reserved at Van Buren's cigar store.

The Laggard.
"Some of these actors must be ashamed as well as shiftless," asserted the woman with the angular jaw.
"Why?" asked her husband.
"Here is one who advertises even on the billboard that he is supported by his wife."—Buffalo Express.

Disappointed.
"What makes Willoughby look so woe-begone? Disappointed in love?"
"Yes."
"Who got the girl?"
"He did."—Birmingham Age-Herald.

His Sense of Humor.
"Don't some of the decorations on women's hats amuse you?"
"Yes. The plumes especially tickle me very much."—Woman's Home Companion.

It is generally the idle who complain they cannot find time to do that which they fancy they wish.—Lubbock.

Grateful to Him.
She—Oh, Jack, I'm awfully glad you proposed. He—Then you accept me?
She—Well, no; but, you see, your proposal puts me even with Kitty Cobb, who had the most of any girl in our set.—Boston Transcript.

Meant it Kindly.
Aunt (with her two nieces at a concert)—Oh, but this is tedious! Let me take your fan, Ida, so I can hide my yawning behind it. Olga—Take mine, auntie; it's bigger.—Fliegende Blatter.

THE GRANDEST INAUGURATION



PASTOR RUSSELL

Washington, D. C., March 9.—Pastor Russell arrived here this morning on his return from Panama, Key West, Tampa and Pensacola. He took for his text Jesus' words, "When the Son of Man shall come in His glory, and all the holy angels with Him, then shall He sit upon the Throne of His glory." (Matthew 25:31.) He said:

When six thousand years ago man transgressed the Divine command and came under the sentence, "Lying thou shalt die," he was cast out of Eden, that in the unprepared earth he might pay the death penalty. Even then, in the declaration that the Seed of the woman would eventually bruise the serpent's head, God implied an ultimate victory for humanity over Satan, sin and death.

Later, God's Covenant with Abraham told that victory would come through his posterity, but did not explain how. Centuries later, Abraham's favored posterity, Israel, came into Covenant relationship with God through Moses. Their hope was to keep God's Law so thoroughly as to merit everlasting life, and be competent to deliver humanity from sin and death. However, centuries of effort proved that none could keep the Divine Law satisfactorily.

The next Divine lesson was one of faith. Israel could not keep the Law satisfactorily—could not, therefore, have everlasting life, could not teach others to do what they could not do. The lesson of faith was that they should look forward to a coming Messiah—"a Prince and a Savior."

Various were their hopes respecting Messiah. The promises were scanned to note something concerning Him. Through the prophets God foretold that Messiah was to be the antitype of both David and Solomon, of Aaron and Melchizedek—very great. He was to reign from sea to sea. (Psalm 72:8.)

Israel looked forward with pride to the day when Messiah would exalt them very highly in the earth, and associate them with Himself in blessing all people. These good hopes have held them together as no other people have ever been held. They are still waiting, though disconcerted by the evidences that others are in some respect more favored than they.

Messiah and the Jubilee at Hand.
At last Israel's Star of Hope is rising! At last the prophecies tell that her morning of joy is about to dawn; and that "the desire of all nations shall come." Not merely are Jews claiming that Messiah's Day is nigh; but Christian Bible students see the same. Mohammedans also see. Free Masons claim the same. All men are in expectation of something wonderful.

The multiplied blessings in the inventions of the last half-century bespeak the New Dispensation. If the preparations are so grand, what will be the inauguration and Reign itself!

Inauguration Scene of Our Text.
Leading in the grand procession picture is the Son of Man, following whom are all the holy messengers; but with Him upon His Throne will be His Bride class—a saintly few. Thus it is written: "When Christ . . . shall appear, then shall ye also appear with Him in glory."—Col. 3:4; Rev. 3:21.

Grand as have been the inaugural ceremonies of the past week, they were as nothing, contrasted with the glorious crowning Day for which earth has waited six thousand years. Happy as were the faces which greeted the President, the picture was tame, compared with the joy of mankind when they realize what God has wrought!

Wherein Did the Jews Fail?
The Jews did not fail. All God's promises to them are still theirs. He never offered them spiritual favors, or suggested taking them to Heaven. The strongest promise, even to Abraham, was that all the land which could be seen would be given to him and his seed. Israel's blessings were to come through Messiah.

God foretold through the prophets that Messiah would suffer. The Jews merely fulfilled a part of the Divine Program. Had Messiah gone to another nation, doubtless there would have been similar results. At the First Advent of Jesus God did more for the Jews than He had promised. He gave them opportunity of becoming members of Spiritual Israel.

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