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A Lecture.

Delivered by Mr. Jacob Newman, at North Powder, Sunday, April 1st, 1888.

LADIES AND GENTLEMEN—I am to speak to you to-day on the subject of Christian theology, but before I go into my subject I want to read to you the 136th Psalm and one verse of the 103d Psalm—verse 2, and one verse of the 30th Psalm—verse 5.

My discourse to-day will be on the subject of moral evil—a subject that has agitated the Church for more than fifteen hundred years.

As early as the middle of the fourth century we find the church calling one council after another to settle the question, and it remains unsettled to this day. There were two theories then in regard to moral evil, and there are two theories to-day. The question of moral evil was admitted by both parties, but its origin and its consequences was the question. One of those theories was called Pessimism, the other Optimism. About the middle of the fourth century they were about equal in number. Some times one party in power and some times the other. Some times the Pope or the Emperor deciding the question. Then the party falling in the minority were considered heretics and had to flee the country or suffer persecution. It is not my object to follow the history of the church, but I want to examine those theories.

The Pessimistic theory teaches that this world is ruined. It teaches that man is a total wreck, and that God is badly damaged. It has for its foundation the fall of man, a personal devil, an angry Deity and an endless hell. The church of Rome is built on this idea. She worships a finite God and an infallible Pope. Now the protestant churches have not bettered it much. They worship a finite God, and an infallible creed. The church of Rome had three infallible Popes at one time. The protestant churches have not bettered it much. They worship three infallible Gods. They say the Father is God, and the Son is God, and the Holy Ghost is God. Now there can be but one infallible God. Optimism has but one God, of infinite power, of infinite wisdom, of infinite goodness. It says give us an infinite God and we are sure of all the rest. It says, with an infinite God at the helm of the Universe no absolute evil can come to the world. Optimism teaches that man has not fallen, but is rising, and is higher to-day than at any age of the world's history. It teaches that we are progressing in the Christian sciences as well as in material matters. While we are building railroads, telegraphs and telephones we are building up a Christianity that honors God and comforts man. Optimism denies every allegation of Pessimism, and says man has not fallen. It says there is no angry Deity, there is no personal devil, there is no endless hell. Now you see these two theories are just as opposite as day and night, and if one is true the other is false. There must be a rational theory somewhere for moral evil. I want to refer to a few remarks made by Mr. Holmes, our Sunday School superintendent, in the school a few weeks ago. Mr. Holmes said it was a well established fact by science that this body of ours grew up and was nourished by the vegetable kingdom, such as cabbage and potatoes; but, Mr. Holmes said, there was something more—referring to the moral and spiritual part of man—that was a part of God. Now in those remarks Mr. Holmes preached the biggest sermon ever preached in North Powder. He has laid the foundation for a rational theory of moral evil. He has laid the foundation on which the Optimistic theory is built. We let the potatoes and cabbage overlay our moral and spiritual natures—not a corrupt and fallen constitution, but the constitution God gave us, just as good as Adam's. In his case it was not so much cabbage and potatoes as it was apples, but it teaches us the same lesson.

If there was not a religious element in man the ten commandments might as well have been given to the brute creation as man, but historians universally agree that every tribe of man, wherever found, has some kind of religious worship. The savage of our own native land believed in a good spirit, thus proving the religious element in man. In the 32 chapter and 8th verse of the book of Job we read: "There is a spirit in man and the inspiration of the Almighty giveth them understanding." We find in the constitution of man, as originally created, flesh and spirit, and all we have to do is to follow the teachings of the Saviour and seek first the kingdom of heaven and its righteousness and all the rest shall be added.

Now here is where we make our blunders and commit our errors. We seek first to supply all our animal wants and passions to the neglect of our spiritual wants. We have no more right to enjoy the fruit of the spirit without seeking it with all our soul, mind, and strength, than we have to expect all our temporal wants to be supplied without using industry and economy.

God has made the same ample provision for our spiritual wants that he has made for our temporal wants. I would not terrify you with an angry Deity and endless hell, but I would exhort you to cultivate your spiritual natures and stand up for God and the right.

We are taught that God is a spirit and seek such to worship him. Now if it were not for the divine nature in man, He might as well invite the brute creation to seek and worship Him.

We have found in the constitution of man all the causes of moral evil, as it came from the hand of the Creator. We read that the works of the flesh are these: adultery, fornication, un-

cleanliness, strife, sedition, but the fruit of the spirit is love, joy, peace, gentleness and goodness. Now the Saviour has said that whatsoever a man sows that shall he reap. If he sows to the flesh, he shall of the flesh reap corruption; but if he sows to the spirit, he shall of the spirit reap life everlasting. It means the inflow of God's spirit into our hearts, which we are promised on condition that we seek it with all our soul, mind, and strength, for we are compelled to use the same earnest effort to cultivate our spiritual nature that we do in any other pursuit. We shall all reap in proportion to the effort made. If we sow sparingly we shall reap sparingly. The same rule holds good in spiritual matters as in temporal matters. Now we have tried to show you that the idea of a ruined world turns the world the wrong way and bankrupts the Almighty and makes all His wisdom consist in improving on his mistakes. But we do not believe that the Almighty was ever frustrated in any of his designs. He knew the end from the beginning, and works everything after the council of His own will, and He has created us for a great and noble destiny. If he has failed in any point, that makes Him finite, and a finite God is no God at all.

I know that the creeds of the churches say God is very good as long as you live, but the moment you die, if you do not die in a proper state of mind, He is your enemy and turns you off to an endless hell. The Book does not read so. In Ecclesiastes, chapter 12, verse 7, we read: "Then shall the dust return to the earth as it was, and the spirit return unto God who gave it." Nothing said about spinning it off to hell.

We have already proved that the spirit is a part of God, and we are called his offspring, and the Saviour has taught us to call him "Our Father who art in heaven." Now we hold that our destiny is in the hands of the infinite Father of the world, and he claims all the responsibility of a parent and says it is not the children's place to lay up for the parent, but it is the parent's place to lay up for the children. Let us live up to the teachings of Jesus our elder brother, and it will be well with us in time and well with us in eternity.

Friends, the reformation under Luther is called a great reformation, and so it was for that age of the world, but there is a greater reformation taking place to-day than ever has been since the foundation of the world. There is a reformation taking place to-day that sees God in the grass and lilies of the field, that sees God in the stars and heavens and on the earth beneath our feet—a reformation that looks on death and the decay of this body as a blessing and not as a curse—a reformation that sees beyond the grave a blissful immortality for the whole race of man. This hope I have for you, this hope I have for myself, this hope I have for the whole world.

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Timber Land, Act June 3, 1878. Notice For Publication.

U. S. LAND OFFICE, LA GRANDE, OREGON, February 2, 1888. Notice is hereby given that in compliance with the provisions of the act of Congress of June 3, 1878, entitled "An act for the sale of timber lands in the States of California, Oregon, Nevada and Washington Territory," HENRY L. CHANDLER, of Union, County of Union, State of Oregon, has this day filed in this office his sworn statement No. 29, for the purchase of the SW 1/4 of NE 1/4 Section No. 34, in Township No. 6 North, Range No. 45 East, and will offer proof to show that the land sought is more valuable for its timber or stone than for agricultural purposes, and to establish his claim to said land before the Register and Receiver of this office at La Grande, Oregon, on Monday the 16th day of April, 1888. He names as witnesses: T. G. Wilson, P. B. Wilson, W. T. Carroll and T. H. Cooper, all of Union, Oregon. Any and all persons claiming an adverse title to the above-described lands are requested to file their claims in this office on or before said 16th day of April, 1888. HENRY RINEHART, Register.

NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION.

LAND OFFICE AT LA GRANDE, OREGON, February 27, 1888. Notice is hereby given that the following-named settler has filed notice of his intention to make final proof in support of his claim, and that said proof will be made before the register and receiver at La Grande, Oregon, on April 17th, 1888, viz: JOSEPH P. WILSON, D. S. No. 8100, for the SE 1/4 SW 1/4 Sec. 24, and NE 1/4 NE 1/4 and NE 1/4 SW 1/4 Sec. 25, Tp. 9 S., R. 45 E., W. M. He names the following witnesses to prove his continuous residence upon, and cultivation of, said land, viz: David Clark, Preston Boyer, R. W. Makinson, and C. T. Wise, all of New Bridge, Union county, Or. HENRY RINEHART, Register.

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NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION.

LAND OFFICE AT LA GRANDE, OREGON, March 26, 1888. Notice is hereby given that the following-named settler has filed notice of his intention to make final proof in support of his claim, and that said proof will be made before the register and receiver at La Grande, Oregon, on May 18th, 1888, viz: WILLIAM R. RUNDALL, D. S. No. 3198, for the SE 1/4 SW 1/4 Sec. 34, and SW 1/4 SW 1/4 Sec. 35, Tp. 9 S., R. 45 E., W. M. He names the following witnesses to prove his continuous residence upon, and cultivation of, said land, viz: Sam. M. Bloom, L. Corpe, Jas. S. Burford, and Chas. Doney, all of Cove, Oregon. HENRY RINEHART, Register.

NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION.

LAND OFFICE AT LA GRANDE, OREGON, April 9, 1888. Notice is hereby given that the following-named settler has filed notice of his intention to make final proof in support of his claim, and that said proof will be made before the register and receiver at La Grande, Oregon, on May 23, 1888, viz: CHARLES T. WISE, D. S. No. 6208, for the SE 1/4 of NE 1/4 Sec. 34, and NW 1/4 of NW 1/4 Sec. 35, Tp. 9 S., R. 45 E., W. M. He names the following witnesses to prove his continuous residence upon, and cultivation of, said land, viz: Sam. M. Bloom, L. Corpe, Jas. S. Burford, and Chas. Doney, all of Cove, Oregon. HENRY RINEHART, Register.

NOTICE OF FORFEITURE.

Cornucopia, Oregon, March 28, 1888. To George Benson and John Hallett:—You are hereby notified that we, your co-owners in the claim or mine known as the "Blue Rose" claim, situated in the extension of the "Queen of the West," and have expended one hundred dollars in assessment work for the year 1887, on said claim, as required by law, and if you fail to contribute your portion of said amount within ninety days after the date of service by publication of this notice, your interest in said claim will become the property of the undersigned co-owners as provided in section 2224 revised statutes U. S. C. H. SCHICKRAM, O. S. ALLEN, Administrators.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS.

In the County court for Union county, Oregon. In the matter of the estate of Frederick Mitchell, deceased. Notice is hereby given that the undersigned administrator of the estate of Frederick Mitchell, deceased, to the creditors of and all persons having claims against the said deceased, to exhibit them, properly verified with the necessary vouchers, within six months after the first publication of this notice, to the said administrator at the office of Baker, Shelton & Baker, at Union, Oregon. Dated at Union, this 23rd day of March, 1888. JAMES M. MITCHELL, Administrator.

NOTICE OF FORFEITURE.

County of Union, State of Oregon, February 16, 1888. To E. P. Howard, W. J. Conynghs and Hugh Webb: You are hereby notified that I have expended one hundred and seventy-five dollars (\$175.00) in labor upon the "Poorman" mine, as will appear by certificate filed February 8th, 1888, in the office of the county clerk of said county, in order to hold said premises, under the provisions of section 2224, revised statutes, being the amount required to hold the same for the year ending December 31, 1888 and the year ending December 31, 1887. And if within ninety days after notice by publication, you fail or refuse to contribute your proportion of such expenditure as co-owners, your interest in said claim, viz: the property of the subscriber, under said section 2224. JOHN CAREY, 2-10-w13

NOTICE.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN to all concerned, that the undersigned has received from the County court of Union county, Oregon, letters testating upon the estate of Joshua Weaver, deceased. All persons having claims against said estate, are hereby notified to present the same, properly verified, to the undersigned at his residence near Elgin, Union county, Oregon, within six months from this date. Dated this March 9th, 1888. JOEL WEAVER, Executor.

NOTICE OF FORFEITURE.

Cornucopia, Union County Oregon, Jan. 24, 1888. To Mr. Charles Bywater: You are hereby notified that we, your co-owners in the claim or mine known as the "State" claim, situated one and one-half miles north-east from Cornucopia, have expended one hundred dollars in assessment work for the year 1887, on said claim, as required by law, and if you fail to contribute your portion of said amount within ninety days from date of service by publication of this notice, your interest in said claim will become the property of the undersigned co-owners, as provided by section 2224, revised statutes U. S. C. M. R. BROWN, S. K. SENOR, J. T. BULLERS, 2-3-w13

NOTICE OF FORFEITURE.

County of Union, State of Oregon, February 16, 1888. To W. R. Johnson: You are hereby notified that we have expended one hundred dollars (\$100.) in labor and improvements upon the "Dominion" lode, (this claim is situated about 1/3 of three quarters of a mile from the mouth of Lost Horse creek, and 1/2 one-half mile southwest of Allentown, and is on the south side of Lost Horse creek in the Grande Mining District, county of Union and State of Oregon,) as will appear by certificate filed February 6th, 1888, in the office of the District Recorder of said district, in order to hold said premises, under the provisions of section 2224, revised statutes of the United States, being the amount required to hold the same for the year ending December 31, 1887, and if within ninety days after this notice, you fail or refuse to contribute your proportion of such expenditure as a co-owner, your interest in said claim will become the property of the subscribers, under said section 2224. E. CANADAY, 2-17-w13

Notice of Final Settlement.

Notice is hereby given to whom it may concern, that the undersigned, having filed in the county court of Union county, State of Oregon, his final account of the administration of the estate of Harvey Myers deceased; Tuesday the 15th day of May, 1888, at 10 o'clock a. m. of said day, has been appointed by the said court, by order of date—April 11th 1888, as the time for hearing objections to said account and for settlement thereof. Made and dated this 12th day of April, 1888. ELLA K. CHEN, Administrator.

NOTICE OF FORFEITURE.

County of Union, State of Oregon, To W. H. Creed, Thomas Fitch, L. Blumauer and T. N. Snow:—You and each of you are hereby notified that we have expended one hundred dollars in labor and improvements upon the "Laura Johnson" quartz mining claim. This claim is situated in Granite mining district in Union county, Oregon, about one half mile above the mouth of Van Horner, on the right bank of Elk creek, and is also covered by the "R. N." claim, as will appear by certificate of location and amended location filed August 21st and September 1st, 1885 in the office of the District Recorder of said district, in order to hold said premises, under the provisions of Section 2224, revised statutes of the United States, being the amount required to hold the same for the year ending Dec. 31st, 1887, and if within ninety days after this notice, you fail or refuse to contribute your proportion of the expenditure as a co-owner, your interest in said claim will become the property of the subscribers, under said section. Dated this 12th day of April, 1888. MRS. A. J. EASTON, J. K. MALONEY, W. T. WRIGHT, J. W. SHELTON.

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NOTICE OF FINAL SETTLEMENT.

In the county court of the State of Oregon, for Union county. In the matter of the estate of George Beck, deceased. Notice is hereby given that the undersigned administrator of the estate of George Beck, deceased, has filed and presented for settlement in said court, her final account of her administration of said estate, and that Monday, the 14th day of May, A. D. 1888, being a day of a regular term, to wit: the May term, 1888, of said court, at 10 o'clock A. M. of that day, at the court room of said court, in the court house in the city of Union, in said county and State, has been appointed by the court as the time and place for the settlement of said account and for the hearing of any objections to the same. Dated April 2nd, 1888. ELEANOR BECK, Administrator of the estate of Geo. Beck, deceased. 4-6

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