

THE Herald never at any time desires to do any one an injustice either through its news or editorial columns. Occasionally through some misinformation a statement does slip in and it is at this time that we wish to correct a suggestion made in a recent issue in regard to one of the senatorial candidates. The idea seems to have had credence in this section that Mr. A. F. Clark was at one time connected with some oil exploitations at Payette, Idaho, which turned out unfavorably. Since the time of publishing this we have had occasion to make some inquiries in regard to the matter. First, we are told that Mr. A. E. Clark of Portland is not the individual mentioned; second, we are informed that even if it were, the said Mr. Clark had conducted his business relations in a satisfactory manner to all concerned, even though some of his associates did not do their part. We hope that any person who might have been acquainted with this misinformation who may see this statement will take the opportunity to inform themselves correctly, as a matter of justice to the man in question.

Again, last week when we were absent, and unable to go over the proofs, a remark was made in reference to candidates for the county superintendency which would have been marked out had it come to our attention. As read it suggests the view that none of the candidates who have previously aspired to the county superintendency, except one, were worthy of the place. We deny the intention of ever wishing to convey such a thought. We have voted for some of these candidates, and unless we had felt they were qualified we would not have given them support.

ONCE again the great quadrennial event is come and gone. While it is too early to give a full report of the results it is safe to say that for the second time in over fifty years the country has cast its vote with the party of Jefferson and Jackson. This was anticipated for weeks, and practically conceded the last few days before election. Appearances indicate that Congress and the President will be mainly of the same political faith. The party in power will have little excuse for not carrying out their promises. The president elect is a man of will and good judgement, and he should be able to make a record in this administration. The people of the country expect it and the future success of the party demands it. The failure of congress in the time of Cleveland to carry out its pledges was repaid by retirement from power. The people expect great things from Mr. Wilson. The country is at peace and prosperous and the general approval of his candidacy would seem to ensure a safe transition of power to the political leaders whom the people have selected, and general financial and commercial conditions should remain unchanged. We trust that such will be the case unless some personally selfish interests undertake to retaliate for inability to control our political destiny.

THE Herald has hopes that the desire of people of Lents to unite their fortunes with the city of Portland will prove to be all that they expect it to be. That is not, however, likely. There will undoubtedly be some advantages. On the other hand the

matter of local control of the liquor business will hardly be so easy as at present. With a good set of county officials the control of that business would be far more satisfactory under county control than under city. One very important matter that will probably be attended to now will be that of sewage. The need of an improved sewage system could not be met as at present. Only a city could attend to that.

NEWS NOTES FROM EVENING STAR GRANGE

The following program was rendered at the meeting of Evening Star Grange Nov. 2:

Recitation, Master Cover Smith. Reading, paper on "Alfalfa," by O. A. Stevens. Mrs. E. A. Niblin told of the value of the present day magazine. J. J. Johnson discussed the Benefits of the Grange along several lines, especially "Cooperative." Mrs. H. L. Vail recited some of the benefits or advantages accruing to the grange, especially county granges through contest degree work. A vocal solo was rendered by Miss Helen Smith, an instrumental piece was given by Miss Clara Smith, and Mr. Ogilvie rendered an amusing Scotch song.

This being the last meeting before the election the various measures on the ballots were discussed by various ones present.

E. T. Peterson spoke for the formation of Cascade county and against the Hotel Inspection and the State Highway Inspector. James G. Kelly told about the various road bills. He thinks that the county bonding for trunk roads the better and is opposed to the State Engineer and general bond issue. J. D. Lee talked about the tax measure. He thinks that the State Tax commission was working in the right direction, and their bills were the best and also spoke in opposition to Single Tax. B. L. Paget spoke for Woman's Suffrage and opposition to Majority Rule. R. C. Wright, in a general way, covered the bills not talked about by the other speakers. Mr. W. H. H. Dufer of Woodlawn Grange was present and voiced his opposition to Single Tax especially. Master W. H. Black of Woodlawn also spoke, especially on the good of the order.

There were four candidates for the first and second degrees in the morning session and the attendance was fair.

In secret session the grange expressed its decided opposition to Single Tax.

OBITUARY

Louisa Schermerhorn, born in New York state, May 25, 1844, died in Lents, Ore., October 14, 1912, slightly over 68 years old. Deceased lived in that state a number of years and then moved with her parents to Jackson county, Wisconsin, where she was married to R. S. Hummel, April 20, 1863. To this union five children were born, two of whom are living: I. W. and Oscar A. Hummel, of Lents; also an adopted daughter, Mrs. Laura Holte, of Fairview. The husband also survives the deceased. The family moved to Lents in 1905, living here continuously. She was a member of the Lents Tribe of Ben Hur Lent-Grange and Shilo Circle W. R. C. She became a member of the Baptist church when a young lady and remained a faithful and true member of that organization until the time of her death, always being a true christian and friend and a character beloved by all.

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Another: Put the kraut in cans just as you take it from the jar, adding enough of the brine to cover it well. Should there not be enough of the brine to cover the kraut well in the cans, make a weak brine and pour it over the kraut. Use glass cans and it will keep all summer put in this way.—Mrs. J. W. A., Cheyenne Wells, Col.

ARMAGEDDON OF THE SCRIPTURES

Startling Presentation of Coming Events.

PASTOR RUSSELL'S VIEWS.

Churches of All Denominations and the Civil Powers of Earth Are About to Unite in Common Cause—Powerful Influence Preparing For the Battle of Armageddon—A Reign of Anarchy Will Be the Result of the Warfare Until The Messiah Takes Control.



PASTOR RUSSELL

Brooklyn, N. Y., Nov. 3. — The Brooklyn Academy of Music was crowded to the limit today to hear Pastor Russell's discourse on the "Battle of Armageddon." His text was: "He gathered them together unto a place called in the Hebrew tongue Armageddon." (Revelation xvi, 16.)

The speaker said Armageddon in the Hebrew signifies the "Hill of Megiddo," or Mount of Destruction. It was famous as a battlefield in Old Testament times. The Lord has seen fit to associate the name Armageddon, with the great controversy between Truth and Error, right and wrong, God and Mammon, with which this Age will close, perish, and the New Age of Messiah's glory be ushered in. He has purposely used highly symbolical figures of speech in the last book of the Bible, evidently with a view to hiding certain important truths until the due time for their revelation. But even in the due time, the Bible assures us, "None of the wicked shall understand" (Daniel xii, 9, 10)—none who are out of heart harmony with God—but only the wise of His people—the "wise virgin" class of the Master's parable.

I have long avoided presentation of my understanding of our text and its context. I take it up now by request and because I believe it is due time to be understood. I disclaim any special inspiration. In some particulars my views agree with those of other Bible students, and in other respects they disagree. Each hearer must use his own judgment, do his own Bible study, and reach his own conclusions.

Kindly remember that I am not responsible for the figures of speech used by the Lord. My interpretations do indeed constitute a terrible arraignment of institutions which we have all revered and which embrace good people, of good words and good works. God's saintsly people in these various institutions, being comparatively few, are ignored when systems as a whole are dealt with in prophecy.

The Dragon, Beast, False Prophet. Our context tells us that three impure spirits (teachings) will go forth from the mouths of the Dragon, the Beast and the False Prophet, and these three will be in accord, and symbolical, the doctrines are represented by "frogs." These three doctrines are to have a mighty influence throughout the civilized earth. They are to gather the kings and their armies to the great Battle of Armageddon.

The ecclesiastical kings and princes, and their retinues of clergy and faithful adherents, will be gathered in solid phalanx—Protestant and Catholic. The kings and captains of industry, and as many as can be influenced by them, will be gathered to the same side. The political kings and princes, with all their henchmen and retainers, will follow in line on the same side. The financial kings and merchant princes, and all whom they can influence by the most gigantic power ever yet exercised in the world, will join the same side, according to this prophecy.

These "doctrines of demons," represented by the "frogs," will lead many noble people in this great army to assume an attitude quite contrary to their preference. For a time the wheels of liberty and progress will be turned backward and medieval restraints will be considered necessary for self-preservation—for the maintenance of the present order of things.

In giving this interpretation, it is necessary for us to indicate what is symbolized by the Dragon, the Beast, and the False Prophet. Bible students of nearly all denominations agree with us that the "Dragon" of Revelation represents the purely Civil Power. Protestant interpreters generally agree that the "Beast like a leopard" (Revelation xiii, 2) represents the Papacy. But fewer still, we fear, will be ready to support our view that Protestantism is the "Image of the Beast" (Revelation xiii, 15) in our context given another name, "the False Prophet." We urge no one to accept our interpretation, nor shall we think hard of any who refuse it. We will neither slander nor otherwise injure them now, nor threaten them with eternal torture. They have the same right to their views that I have, and the same right to make them known to others. And I, for one, will be very glad to consider anything which opponents may set forth as their interpretations of our text.

"Unclean Spirits Like Frogs." The symbolisms of Scripture, rightly understood, are always forceful. When the Holy Spirit used a "frog" to symbolically represent certain

doctrines or teachings, we may be sure the true application will fit well. A frog has a sage look, a wise look. It swells itself up in an apparent endeavor to impress the beholder. Its great mouth well represents its chief power, used to croak.

Applying these symbols, we learn that an evil spirit, influence, teaching, will come from the Protestant churches federated, from the Church of Rome, and from the Civil authorities, all in full agreement. The spirit of all will be boastful; an air of superior wisdom and knowledge will be proudly assumed—all will croak in harmony. All will tell of dire results that would follow, involving the interests of both the present and the future life, if their counsel be not followed. However conflicting the creeds, the differences will be ignored in the general proposition that nothing ancient must be disturbed, or looked into, or repudiated.

The Divine authority of the Church, and the Divine right of kings, aside from the Church, will not be allowed to conflict. Any persons or teachings in conflict with these boastful and unscriptural claims will be branded as everything vile, at the mouths of these "frogs" speaking from pulpits and platforms and through the religious and secular press. The nobler sentiments of some will be strangled by the philosophy of the same evil spirit which spoke through Calaphas, the high priest, respecting Jesus. As Calaphas declared it expedient to commit a crime in violation of justice, human and Divine, to be rid of Jesus and His teachings, so this "frog" spirit will approve of every violation of principle necessary to their self-protection.

The croaking of these "frog" spirits or doctrines will gather the kings and princes, financial, political, religious and industrial into one great army. The spirit of fear, inspired by the croakings of these "frogs," will scourge the passions of otherwise good and reasonable men to fury, desperation. In their blind following of these evil spirits, evil doctrines, they will be ready to sacrifice life and everything on the altar of what they mistakenly suppose is justice, truth and righteousness, under a Divine arrangement.

For a brief time, as we understand the Scriptures, these combined forces of Armageddon will triumph. Free speech, free mails, and other liberties which have come to be the very breath of the masses in our day, will be ruthlessly shut off under the plea of necessity, the glory of God, the commands of the Church, etc. All will seem to be serene, until the great social explosion in our context described as the "great Earthquake." An "earthquake," in symbolic language, signifies social revolution, and the declaration of the context is that none like unto it ever before occurred. (Revelation vi, 18, 19.) Jesus described it as a time of trouble such as never was since there was a nation.—Matthew xxiv, 21.

The Lord Will Gather Them. The false, frog-like teachings will gather together into one host the great, the rich, the wise, the learned and the kings of the earth, to battle. At this juncture Divine Power will step forward, and our text tells us that He shall gather the marshaled hosts to Armageddon—to the Mountain of Destruction. The very thing which they sought to avert by their union, federation, etc., will be the very thing they will hasten. Other Scriptures tell us that God will be represented by the Great Messiah, and that He will be on the side of the masses. Thus we read in Daniel xii, 1: "At that time shall Michael [the Godlike One—Messiah] stand up"—assume authority. He will take possession of His Kingdom in a manner little looked for by many of those who erroneously have been claiming that they were His Kingdom, and authorized by Him to reign in His name and in His stead.

Jesus declared, "His servants ye are unto whom ye render service." Some may be rendering service to Satan and to error, who claim to be rendering service to God and to righteousness; and some of these may be serving ignorantly, as did Saul of Tarsus, who "verily thought that he did God a service" in persecuting the Church. The same principle holds true reversely. As an earthly king does not hold himself responsible for the moral character of each soldier who fights in his battles, so the Lord does not vouch for the moral character of all who will enlist and fight on His side of any question. "His servants they are to whom they render service," whatever the motive or object prompting them.

The same principles will apply in the coming Battle of Armageddon. God's side of that battle will be the people's side, and the very nondescript host, the people, will be pitted at the beginning of the battle. Anarchists, Socialists, and hot-headed radicals of every school of reason and unreason, will be in the forefront of that battle. The majority of the poor and the middle class prefer peace at almost any price. A comparatively small number, God's consecrated people, will at heart be longing for Messiah's Kingdom. These will hide the Lord's time and wait patiently for it; they will be of good courage, knowing the outcome outlined in the "more sure word of prophecy," to which they have done well to take heed, "as unto a light shining in a dark place until the Day dawn."—1 Peter i, 19.

The masses will be restless of their restraints, but will be conscious of their own weakness as compared to the kings and princes, financial, religious and political, which will then hold sway. Besides, the masses have no sympathy with anarchy. They realize truly that the worst form of government is better than none. The masses will seek relief through the plot and peaceful re-adjustment of earth's affairs for the elimination of evil, for

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The Cloud's Silver Lining. Horrible would be this outlook for the future did we not have the infallible Word of God assuring us of a glorious outcome! Divine Wisdom has withheld until our day the great knowledge and skill which is at the same time breeding millionaires and discontents. Had God lifted the veil a thousand years sooner, the world would have lined up for its Armageddon a thousand years sooner. But that would have been too soon for the Divine purpose, because Messiah's Kingdom is to be the great Thousand Year-Sabbath of the world's history. God in kindness veiled our eyes until the time when the gathering to Armageddon would immediately precede Messiah's taking to Himself His great power, and beginning His reign.—Revelation xi, 17, 18.

"Send Them Strong Delusions." St. Paul wrote prophetically of our time, that it would be one of serious trial and testing to many professing to be Christians. The reason for this he states—they received not the Truth in the love of it. (1 Thessalonians ii, 10, 11.) They preferred their own erroneous theories, the Apostle explains, and therefore God will give them over to a "strong delusion," and let them believe the lie which they preferred, and let them suffer for missing the Truth which they did not love. Thus they will be in the condemned host, "fighting against God," because of their lack of love for the Truth.

It is sad to say that we all as Christians have been laboring under a thorough delusion respecting God's Plan. We have claimed that Christ set up His Church in Kingdom power, and that the Church has been reigning on the earth as His representative. On the strength of this delusion, Jews and heretics have been persecuted to death as opponents to Christ's Kingdom. All the while we thoughtlessly repeated the Lord's prayer: "Thy Kingdom come; Thy will be done on earth, as in Heaven." We knew that the Redeemer said that He would come again to make us His Bride and Joint-heirs; but we ignored the Scriptures. We were drunk, as the Scriptures symbolically say, "all nations were drunk" with the false doctrine. It is this false doctrine that will constitute the "frog" spirit which soon will begin to croak and to prepare for Armageddon.

The Bible presentation is that the world is a section of the universe in rebellion against Divine authority, under the captaincy of Satan and his associated fallen angels. By Divine grace Jesus has already "tasted death for every man," and the merit of that sacrifice must, eventually, grant Adam and his posterity a full, fair opportunity for the attainment of everlasting life. All who thus see the Divine program and are walking in the light may know something at least respecting the "times and seasons." These brethren "are not in darkness, that that day [and that battle of Armageddon] should overtake them "as a thief"—unawares.

Armageddon Not Yet but Soon. For forty years the Armageddon forces have been mustering for both sides of the conflict. Strikes, lockouts and riots, great and small, have been merely incidental skirmishes as the belligerent parties crossed each other's paths. Court and Army scandals in Europe, Insurance, Trust and Court scandals in America, have shaken public confidence. Dynamite plots, charged by turns on employees and on employers, have further shaken confidence and tended to make each distrustful of the other. Bitter and angry feelings on both sides are more and more manifest. The lines of battle are daily becoming more distinctly marked. Nevertheless Armageddon cannot yet be fought. Other matters intervene, according to prophecy.

Gentle times have still two years to run. The "Image of the Beast" of our context must yet receive life—power. The Image must be transformed from

a mere mechanism to a living force. Protestant Federation realizes that its organization will still be futile unless it receive vitalization—unless its clergy directly or indirectly shall be recognized as possessed of apostolic ordination and authority to teach. This the prophecy indicates will come from the two horned beast, which, we believe, symbolically represents the Church of England. High-handed activities of Protestantism and Catholicism, operating in conjunction for the suppression of human liberties, await this vivifying of the Image. This may come soon, but Armageddon cannot precede it, but must follow—perhaps a year after it, according to our view of the Prophecy.

Still another thing intervenes: Although the Jews are gradually flowing into Palestine, gradually obtaining control of the land of Canaan, and although reports say that already nineteen millionaires are there, nevertheless prophecy requires an evidently larger number of wealthy Hebrews to be there before the Armageddon crisis be reached. Indeed we understand that "Jacob's trouble" in the Holy Land will come at the very close of Armageddon. Then Messiah's Kingdom will begin to be manifested. Thenceforth Israel in the land of promise will gradually rise from the ashes of the past to the grandeur of prophecy. Through its Divinely appointed prince Messiah's Kingdom, all-powerful but invisible, will begin to roll away the curse and to lift up mankind.

NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION, IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE STATE OF OREGON FOR MULTNOMAH COUNTY.

In the Matter of the Estate of Rosa Mary Calvin, Deceased.

Notice is hereby given that the undersigned, William G. Calvin, has been appointed executor of the estate of Rosa Mary Calvin, deceased, of the County Court of Multnomah County, Oregon, and has qualified as such. All persons having claims against said estate are hereby notified to present the same, duly verified according to law, to the said executor at the office of his attorney, J. J. Johnson, 314 Spaulding Building, Portland, Oregon, within six months from the date of first publication of this notice.

Dated and first published October 24, 1912.
WILLIAM G. CALVIN,
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