

ALL IS READY FOR VETERANS

Preparations Almost Completed for Big Encampment—Posts Will Have Charge of Daily Doings—Gold Hill Has Last Day.

The program for the encampment of the Southern Oregon Soldiers' and Sailors' association in Gold Hill the week beginning September 12 is completed with the exception of minor details. The five days of the encampment have been given to five of the leading Grand Army posts of southern Oregon, as follows: Monday, Central Post day; Tuesday, Medford day; Wednesday, Ashland day; Thursday, Grants Pass day; Friday, Gold Hill day. The various posts will have charge of the programs on the days assigned them. The first day's program will include an address of welcome by Hon. J. L. Hambrley, with a reply by Commanding Colonel Hicks. A special feature of Grants Pass day will be the raising of a flag, presented by the posts to the Gold Hill schools, on the schoolhouse. The encampment will close in a blaze of glory on Gold Hill day, the last, with the pyrotechnic spectacle on Rogue river depicting the attempt of a confederate blockade runner to slip past the federal blockade.

S. P. ENGINEERS AT LOVES STATION

GRANTS PASS, Or., Sept. 3.—S. E. Andrews, assistant engineer in the surveying department of the Southern Pacific railway, has left with a party of engineers numbering 15 and several wagons loaded with equipment and supplies, and have established a permanent camp at the foot of Hayes hill, near Loves Station, and they have already commenced the surveying for the line of the proposed Grants Pass and Western railroad over the hill into the Illinois valley, and then on to Kerby. Later on they will run the lines to Grants Pass from Loves Station and complete the survey between these two points.

It will be necessary to construct a bridge across the Applegate river at a point east of Wilderville and another bridge across Rogue river north of the present county bridge. The opening of the new Southern Pacific depot to the public will probably be deferred for some time yet, as General Manager J. P. O'Brien has been suddenly called east for conferences in Chicago and New York. Mr. O'Brien promises to be present at the opening celebration with other officers of the company, so the ceremony will necessarily have to be postponed until his return.

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PEOPLE'S PULPIT...



Sermon by CHARLES T. RUSSELL, Pastor Brooklyn Tabernacle.

Messiah's Coming Kingdom Spiritual

"Behold, a King shall reign in righteousness, and princes shall rule in judgment" (Isaiah xxxii. 1).

Brooklyn, Sept. 4.—Pastor Russell preached today in the Academy of Music, our largest Auditorium, the "Tabernacle" being of insufficient capacity. He had a very attentive hearing. There were many Hebrews in the large audience. He said in part:—

"Coming events cast their shadows before." Startling shadows are all about us. A great change in the affairs of men is indicated and acknowledged by all thoughtful, intelligent people. The world's pace during the past fifty years astounds everybody. New conditions meet us on every hand. The majority of books written half a century ago along scientific lines are considered rubbish today. Rules and customs and theories of the past, supposed to be immovable and absolute, are abandoned as worthless—in chemistry, in manufactures, in art, in finance and commerce. All these changes necessitate a new view of social conditions and a re-examination of the relationship of religion and the Bible to man and his conditions, as seen from the present viewpoint. The business and social world have been compelled to keep pace with the steps of progress, some of them gladly and some of them reluctantly. But religionists have been placed in a most awkward position. Religion and moral sense constitute the backbone and fiber of the best progress in civilization. The perplexity of religious thought, and its manifest inability to adjust itself to the changed conditions, is working a serious disadvantage to all disposed to look to the Almighty for guidance in life's affairs.

The increase in worldly wisdom, the improved human conditions, the advancement along scientific lines in material prosperity have turned many of the world's brightest intellects away from God and from the Bible. Many of these, still professing Christianity in an outward, formal manner have really abandoned it in favor of a theory of "civilization." They have wandered from the Divine Revelation, the Bible, into paths of speculation—their own and other men's. They have cogitated that the reverse of the Bible statements is the Truth—that instead of man falling from the image of God into sin and death, he is rising from a brute or monkey plane upward, gradually, to Divine heights. Instead of looking for a great Deliverer, Messiah, Savior, Life-Giver, they are hoping to be let alone by any outside influence, that certain fancied laws of Evolution might help them upward and onward to glory, honor and immortality.

The result is that religious thought today everywhere and in all denominations is chaotic. The whole of Christendom has practically become Agnostic—admitting that they do not know the Truth nor how to adjust their reasoning faculties to present consecration. They are in an expectant attitude—seeking light. Nevertheless many fear the light lest it shall make manifest cherished errors or selfish hopes and ambitions which must be abandoned. But they are still pretending to know many things which we and they know that they do not know. But daily the strain becomes more intense. Gradually everybody is recognizing that there is a great crisis along every line—that the people are awakening and thinking and will no longer receive their errors.

Converting the World to God.

Fifty years ago Christian people, full of faith in the Bible which they seriously misunderstood and read with sectarian spectacles of various colors, were fully agreed that God had given his Church the commission to convert the whole world and to establish Messiah's Kingdom, when the nations would learn war no more, but beat their swords into plowshares and their spears into pruning-hooks. Zealous Christian people urged that the heathen were going down to a hell of eternal torment at the rate of ninety thousand every twenty-four hours. And noble men and women sacrificed their earthly interests for the assistance of the heathen—to prevent that awful catastrophe, to help thwart the very program of God which some other Christian people of an earlier day had declared was predestinated and foreordained as unalterable. Good was certainly attempted. We trust that some good was accomplished. We know that some harm was done, in that fallacious conceptions of the character and plan of the Creator were promulgated amongst the heathen, which have hardened and embittered some of them.

But by and by practical people sought for statistics, and now know that there are twice as many heathens in the world as there were a century ago. Of course, there are unthinking and unstatistical people who refuse knowledge and who are today claiming with a commendable zeal, but a reprehensible ignorance, that large contributions of money would enable them to capture the whole world for God. Nevertheless, the masses no longer see the matter as they did, and

can no longer be swayed to the same extent. Thinking people refuse to believe that God for centuries has sat calmly viewing the situation, allowing millions to go to eternal torment. They refuse to believe that their hearts and sympathies are more tender than those of their Creator.

Even the heathen are getting awake to the inconsistency of what has been given them under the Gospel label. They are finding out that the world's Gospel signifies "good tidings," and that what has been preached to them is the most awful message conceivable—that all of the heathen and the majority of their civilized neighbors and friends and relatives have been decreed, sentenced, foreordained, to eternal torture because of ignorance, because of a misbelief in respect to which they were thoroughly honest. Perplexed, the missionaries ask, What shall we preach? The message of damnation does not sound good to the heathen, and they do not run after it nor feast their souls upon it. The question comes to the ministers and professors of colleges throughout Christendom and they are perplexed what answer to give. The majority of them have become "higher critics" and no longer accept the Bible as the Word of God; they are Evolutionists and no longer believe the Gospel which the Missionary Societies were organized to proclaim. They are in perplexity. And many of them are prepared to abandon the former theory of missions and to continue their work henceforth merely along humanitarian lines. Indeed, within the last twenty-five years missionary effort has turned gradually to secular education and medical practice in the interests of the heathen, with little religious doctrine—and so much the better.

Everybody is agreed that the Kingdom of Messiah cannot be brought about by the wholesale conversion of the world. And logical people see that larger numbers have been lost to Christianity in civilized lands during the last twenty-five years than were ever claimed to be converted amongst the heathen. We say lost to Christianity, because why should anyone be called a Christian who has lost all faith in the Bible—in the Law, the Prophets and the teachings of Jesus and his Apostles? The great cloud of bewilderment which encompasses Christendom is realized by all earnest people—churchmen and others. And no wonder there is a certain dread associated with the dark cloud. What kind of a storm will result? And what will be the effect upon the great religious systems of civilization? It is to join hands against these ominous conditions that the clergy of all denominations are arousing themselves in favor of Church Union or Federation of some sort. But the people—the people feel comparatively little interest in the proposition, which they will not oppose, however.

"The Hour of Temptation."

—REV. 3: 10.—

The difficulty with the present situation is that we have stupidly and blunderingly misread the Bible. We have twisted what we did read and picked out certain portions which pleased our various fancies and supported best our various creeds. We have neglected the honest, truthful study which we should have given to our Heavenly Father's message. The confusion of Christendom is the result. That confusion and perplexity the Scriptures portray, assuring us that we are in the midst of a great falling away from faith in God and in his Revelation. We see fulfilled all about us the wonderful prophetic and symbolic picture of Psalm 91. A thousand fall at our side and ten thousand at our right hand—only the "Israelites indeed," in whom there is no guile, will be kept from stumbling in this evil day. The chaos which we already see everywhere in evidence is only beginning.

God's Great Remedy at Hand.

The fault of Christendom has been the rejection of the Divine Plan and the acceptance instead of a human plan. The Church was going to convert the world—and present it to him as a trophy. Alas, we have not been able to convert ourselves, which is the particular work the Master gave us to do. Greater humility would have shown us our folly long ago.

Bible Students do not need to be reminded that all through the Old Testament Scriptures God's promises abound, telling Israel and all who have ears to hear of the glorious reign of Messiah and of the success of his Kingdom and how the result will be that "every knee shall bow and every tongue confess to the glory of God;" of how "all the blind eyes shall be opened and all the deaf ears shall be unstopped;" of how the blessing of the Lord will be with Israel restored to his favor and operate through Israel to the blessing of all peoples. We remember the prophecies which picture earthly governments and show us their termination and the establishment of the Kingdom of Heaven on their ruins. We remember the Jubilee picture repeated by the Israelites every eighth

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