

## MATERIALIST'S COLUMN

### LINCOLN'S CHRISTIANITY

Readers of The Journal who have taken an interest in the discussion of Lincoln's religious belief will find an additional interest in the enclosed editorial upon this subject which was published in the Chicago Herald in February 1892. It is a candid statement of what every well informed historian knows to be the facts. The Rev. Mr. Phelps has been trying to make a great deal of capital out of what he is pleased to term my "deliberate and conscious misrepresentation of Lincoln's religion," my "purpose to slander the fair name of Lincoln, etc." I will just say that I have a large volume of testimony, explicit, personal and unimpeachable, of which this editorial is the merest outline. Some of this testimony has never yet been published.

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### Editorial from Chicago Herald

"He was without faith in the Bible or its teachings. On this point the testimony is so overwhelming that there is no basis for doubt. In his early life Lincoln exhibited a powerful tendency to aggressive infidelity. But when he grew to be a politician he became more secretive and non-committal in his religious belief. He was shrewd enough to realize the necessity of reticence with the convictions he possessed if he hoped to succeed in politics.

It is a matter of history that in 1834, at New Salem, Ill., Lincoln read and circulated Volney's "Ruins" and Paine's "Age of Reason," giving to both books the sincere recommendation of his unqualified approval. About that time or a little later he wrote an extensive argument against Christianity, intending to publish it. In this argument he contended that the Bible wasn't inspired and that Jesus Christ was not the son of God. He read this compilation of his views to numerous friends and on one occasion when so engaged his friend and employer, Samuel Hill, snatched the manuscript from its author's hands and threw it into the stove where it was quickly consumed. A Springfield friend says of him in 1838 "Lincoln was enthusiastic in his infidelity." John H. Stewart who was his first law partner, declares: "Lincoln was an avowed and open infidel. He went further against Christian belief than any man I ever heard. He always denied that Jesus was the Christ of God." Judge David Davis (of U. S. Supreme Court and Lincoln's executor) stated that Lincoln had absolutely no faith in the Christian sense of the term.

These authorities ought to be conclusive, but there is further testimony. This latter is important as an explanation of Lincoln's frequent allusions in his Presidential messages and proclamations to the Supreme Being. To the simplicity of his nature there was added a poetic temperament. He was fond of effective imagery, and his references to the Deity are due to the instinct of the poet. After his death Mrs. Lincoln said: "Mr. Lincoln had no faith and no hope in the usual acceptation of these words. He never joined a church." She denominates what has been mistaken for religious sentiment as "a kind of poetry in his nature," adding "he was never a Christian." Herndon, who was his latest law partner and biographer, is even more explicit. He says: "No man had a stronger faith in Providence—God—than Mr. Lincoln, but the continued use by him late in life of the word God must not be interpreted to mean that he believed in a personal God. In 1854 he asked me to erase the word 'God' from a speech which I had written and read to him for criticism, because my language indicated a personal God, whereas he insisted on such personality ever existed."

So it must be accepted as final by every reasonable mind that in religion Mr. Lincoln was a skeptic. But above all things he was not a hypocrite or pretender. He was a plain man, rugged and earnest, and he pretended to be nothing more. He believed in humanity and he was incapable of pharisaism. He had great respect for the feelings and convictions of others, but he was not a sniveler. He was honest and he was sincere, and taking him simply for what he was, we are not likely soon to see his like again."

### TOOK THEIR RELIGION SERIOUSLY

The Denver Post of April 1st gives an account of a Methodist meeting in North Denver broken up by a priest at the head of a mob of about 70 persons, some of whom had shotguns and stones. The priest leading entered the church while the people were praying, shouting, "Stop it, stop it, this is not the right religion!" The worshippers were pelted with eggs and decayed vegetables. The disturbers were brought into court for their offense.

## SOCIALIST'S COLUMN

Edited by E. W. Ross

### "PROFIT SHARING PLAN"

By Charles Sehl

Since the Federal Industrial Relations Committee has been at work, the idea that the differences between Capital and Labor can largely be overcome by having the employers of labor adopt the "Profit Sharing Plan" has reached its height. Not alone by those good people who are members of "Welfare Organizations," but by men like Daniel Guggenheim of the American Smelting and Refining Company, and Geo. W. Perkins of the International Harvester Company.

Why such otherwise practical men should expect intelligent working people to follow them into such a dream is difficult for one to understand. There are, of course, many details in their scheme but the principal ones are these. If you make the employee sort of feel that he is a stockholder in the company he will be determined by the gross profits of the company.

Their share of the profits will also be regulated according to the length of service. Like real stockholders, they will be called into the meetings with the directors and told all about the troubles and trials of their company.

At these meetings the workers will be told that while the interests of Labor and Capital may not be identical at the point of distribution, they are at least identical in the sphere of production; because some labor leaders have said so, and consequently the more interest you take in your work, the better it will be for "our company."

Labor organizations are all right, they say, and we need them; but by allowing the worker to "have a voice and a share of the profits" the class-war will be converted to a pink-tea. If the Bankers and Captains of Industries of the United States would allow them elves to be such utopians in the management of their great enterprises as they are in this question of "Profit Sharing" Germany would have had all "our foreign markets" long ago.

Let us not forget that Capitalism is international and that the struggle between Labor and Capital is consequently an international problem and not peculiar to any group of industries in this or any other country. Suppose the profit sharing plan were adopted in a few large corporations. I say a few because I don't suppose any one will imagine that it could be adopted all over any one country at the same time, and suppose that the faithfulness of the employees of a given industry enabled "their company" to best their competitors, what would be the effect?

Some industries would go to the wall and their employees would be out of a job. With the increased efficiency of the workers in the successful company, it would mean that only a part of those workers of the defeated industries could find work. And only those who were in a position to move to the town where the work had gone.

No matter what kind of a scheme is adopted, it will certainly not create new markets or increase the demand of the consumers to such an extent that it will prevent an increase in the army of unemployed.

Unless the workers receive an increase in wages to equal their increased efficiency their production will be so much more greater than their power of consumption and consequently more "over production."

Looking at this question from an international view point, it is easy to understand why the interests of Labor and Capital are not identical, even in the sphere of production, as some labor leaders imagine it is.

So many apprentices to so many journeymen, no Tailor System, no piece work and no bonus system are the demands of Labor which widen the gulf between the identity of interests at the point of production.

Aside from whatever our deductions may be after we have analyzed the "Profit Sharing System" there is one historical fact that we cannot lose sight of; and that is that no organization of men ever stopped social evolution by any scheme of regulation.

President Wilson is ridiculed because he claims that Capitalism would be all right if only the men on the inside of the game could be made to play fair. And so there are others who imagine that the exploitation of Labor would be a peaceful game if only the exploited worker was given a voice in the management of his exploitation and a share in the profit.

If we want to save time in the discussion of this question, let us first understand why Labor and Capital ever had a "falling out" in the first place.

From the very day that one man was compelled to work for another man in order to live, a quarrel started as to just how much the worker

was to receive of the product of his labor for the permission to work. This quarrel has gone on until the present time, differing only in form and degree.

As the workers came to understand that they were being exploited, they demanded more and more of the wealth they produced.

Their increased education and consequently a general desire for the better things of life has caused them to be an intelligent dissatisfied lot. And with their increased natural desires constantly causing them to be more discontented, how foolish it is to expect that the producers of the world's wealth will ever be satisfied until they become the sole owners of the product of their labor.

Schemes will come and schemes will go; but the class-struggle will stay until the people own and operate the principal means of wealth production.

### WAR PRAYERS

"An unpublished article by Mark Twain, 'The War Prayer,' was recalled by Dr. Henry Neuman, leader of the Ethical Culture Society of Brooklyn, in an address on 'Mark Twain' in St. Louis not long ago. The article tells how a regiment on its way to the front assembled in a church and prayed for victory. A white-robed stranger then enters with a message that the petition will be answered if the men care to repeat the prayer for victory, after understanding its full import. Then he bids them listen while he outlines these unspoken implications that must accompany their desires:

"O Lord, we go forth to smite the foe. Help us to tear their soldiers to bloody shreds with our shells; help us to cover their smiling fields with pale forms of patriot dead; help us to lay waste their humble homes with a hurricane of fire; help us to wring the hearts of their unoffending widows with unavailing grief. For our sake, who adore Thee, Lord, blast their steps their way with tears."

"Because he was told that the prayer would be regarded as sacrilegious, Mark Twain never had it published; but its appearance just now finds all truly Christian people approving its truth. Over in Europe the 'prayers before battle' for victory must be translated along the line of Mark Twain's 'War Prayer.'

"Help us, O Lord, to put an indelible blot upon the honor of the nations that should be following in the footprints of Him who taught man to love their fellowmen. Help us to bring death and sorrow into as many homes as our trusty guns can reach—especially let us destroy the young men of the armies we face, that the future strength of their country may be weakened."

"We hear fools talk about the 'glory of war,' and we are asked to feel reverent when we are told that the armies 'stopped battling on Christmas day for an hour's 'prayer'!"—Miami Metropolis.

Adams, Mass.

Mr. J. E. HOSMER,  
Silverton, Ore.

Dear Friend and Fellow Patriot:

Although I am a very busy person I am going to take time to write you a letter, because we like your "grip." I have intended to write you for a good while, but I can not do nearly all the things I want to do as I too am laboring under many difficulties, slender means and indifferent health, etc. But never mind, I am going to do what I can as long as I can. Our Savior said of the woman: "She hath done what she could," and according to my way of thinking that amounts to a great deal more than it does to tell what one would do if only he had \$50,000 or some other thing. I always think that is an excuse for not doing anything at all. We have been watching your fight and we greatly admire your pluck in fighting the old Roman "beast." We know the struggle is against almost overwhelming odds, but the "battle" is not always to the "strong," and it is only as we each do our "little bit" in the place where we are that we can hope to win the battle at all and you have been doing this.

We understand all the indignities a sheriff can put upon a prisoner if he wants to do it. But I can tell sheriff Esch that he has gained a good deal of undesirable notoriety by his treatment of you while you were under his charge. American patriots all over the country have been watching your case and your courage under such tremendous difficulties has strengthened the cause for which you and all we true blue American patriots are fighting more perhaps than any other one thing you could have done. I have just been writing to the editor of the "Peril," Mr. Geo. D. Beason of Wilkesboro, N. C. (he is "all wool and a yard wide too"), and in speaking of your case to him I said, "There is a man with a backbone." And they have "jumped" on you again. But "fear not and be not dismayed, for I am with thee." One

with God is a majority. It may interest you to know that both my husband and I are on the Firing Line in this work and although I am naturally more energetic than he, yet he is doing good work also.

I am never off the job except when I am asleep. I am working constantly for the "Menace," the "America, Citizen," the "Peril," the "Yellow Jacket," etc., and also the "Campaign," our new State paper. And we American patriots will never rest until we have driven this old "beast" out of our fair land, even as the swine were driven into the sea. I get lots of insults on the street every day I am out from the poor dupes of this false system, but I only laugh over them to myself and that sort of thing will never deter me in the least. I too, like yourself, am a very determined person and you know a "fellow feeling" makes us kin. I meet with all sorts of people, the ignorant, the stupid, the indifferent, the cowardly and the selfish. (I use these terms in this particular connection.) But what does make me angry is that we real American patriots have got to fight this battle for these classes of people, because it would so much easier to do if only every one who believes in the principles of Protestantism would only protest against the presence of this Roman "beast." Just think of the monstrous injustice of trying to put "The Silverton Journal" "out of business," a little paper which is trying to do some good in the world and never a word said about "Father" Felon in the "Western Watchman" with his infamous "To hell with the U. S. Government." Why! In any other country he would be strung up for "high treason" as he ought to be. Just a word more in conclusion. "A man who tries to do some good in the world and fails, is worth infinitely more to the world than the man who tries to do nothing and succeeds." But you will not "fail." No man of your spirit can "fail." With our best wishes to yourself and also to your wife, the brave woman who kept The Journal going while you were in "durance vile" for no fault of your own, I have the honor to be

Very Patriotically Yours,

### INDULGENCES

In 1517 Pope Leo X issued a Bull for the sale of Indulgences. These sold at prices ranged according to the social or political position of the purchaser, and his ability to pay. It was a source of immense revenue to the Pope and his subordinate dignitaries. Kohlrausch's History of Germany, p. 254 (quoted by Cathcart), says, "The sale of Indulgences was let out for entire provinces to the highest bidders or farmers-general, and these again appointed several sub-farmers, who, for the sake of gain, committed the most shameful abuses. They selected men of eloquence and impudence to excite the minds of the people, and induce them to purchase by wholesale. They sold Indulgences for the heaviest crimes committed; for perjury and murder; nay, the promise of Indulgence could even be obtained before the commission of the contemplated crime." The following is the form of Indulgence: May our Lord Jesus Christ have pity on thee, ..... and absolve thee by the merit of his most holy passion. And I, in virtue of the apostolic power entrusted to me, absolve thee from all ecclesiastical censures, judgments, and penalties which thou mayst have deserved; moreover, from all the excesses, sins, and crimes, which thou mayst have committed, how great and enormous soever they may have been, and for whatever cause. I efface all the marks of disability, and all the notes of infamy which thou mayst have incurred on this occasion. I remit thee anew a partaker of the sacraments of the Church. I again incorporate thee into the communion of saints, and re-establish thee in the innocence and purity in which thou wert at the hour of thy baptism; so that at the moment of thy death the gate of entrance to the place of pains and torments will be shut to thee, and, on the contrary, the gate which leads to the heavenly paradise will be open to thee. If thou art not seen to die, this grace will remain unimpaired till thy last hour arrive. In the name of the Father, and the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

Friar John Tetzl, commissary, has signed it with his own hand."

Thomas Cannon Pope, historian of the Vatican Council which decreed infallibility for the Pope, defines what is meant by the action of the Council, as follows: "The Council will vindicate its authority over the world, and prove its right, founded on a divine commission, to enter most intimately into all the spiritual concerns of the world; to supervise the acts of the king, the diplomatist, the philosopher and the general; to circumscribe the limits of their speculative inquiries; to hold up the lamp which is to light their only path to

## To Carry the War Into the Enemy's Country

We have completely defeated the Roman Catholic Hierarchy in the Courts, and, although at a great cost in work, money and imprisonment, yet we are now ready to carry this war for freedom and righteousness into the enemy's country. You helped us in our defense, will you help us in our "forward march?"

G. H. Winters ..... \$11.70  
Drain Friends ..... 1.00  
Kate C. Lawrence ..... 5.00  
Portland Friend ..... 1.00

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Silverton, Ore., Journal Bldg., has the following property for Sale:

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Seven-room House and Lot in Geiser Addition on installment plan.

Four-room House and Lot, 70x210, on Mill Street. Good location, only \$1750. \$200 cash, good investment.

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Lady, how would you like to buy a dandy little business in Silverton. We have it for sale. Write to Cascade Real Estate Company, Silverton, Oregon.

Fine lot between Portland and Oregon City on car line for sale for \$800, \$50 down, \$15 per month. This is a large lot 50x138½ feet. It will increase in value.

Buy a lot in Geiser's Addition—best buy in Silverton—must sell and you get the advantage of the forced sale. You can pay for this lot and the CASCADE REAL ESTATE CO. will build you a bungalow—pay for it in lead of paying rent to the other fellow.

Do you believe in dreams? Your dream of a home will come true if you will let the CASCADE REAL ESTATE COMPANY tell you how to buy a home on the installment plan.

FORTY LOTS for sale in South Salem—high and dry, fine location, cheap and on easy terms.

Fine Large Lots in Salem, slightly location, low price, small payment down and small monthly payments.

FOR SALE — A nice large lot, 50x120, in the Capital City. Fruits of every kind, on Oregon Electric Line, 2 blocks from school, near church. Good bargain at \$250.

\$1500 buys seven acres, one mile from Silverton, all in cultivation. Hard macadam road, small house. A bargain, if taken soon.

See Cascade Real Estate Co.

Now we have it. Lot at one half price to the person who will build a \$1500 house on it, good location on South Water Street. Also other lots in this part of Silverton with the understanding that houses built must be of \$1000 value or over.

\$12,000 buys a twenty-four acre tract adjoining Silverton, all in cultivation. Good buildings, stock and farming implements can be subdivided. Would take \$6,000 in exchange on other good property. This property should not remain in the market long as it is guilt edge goods. Come quick!

FOR SALE — Two Turbine Water Wheels, Shafting, Mortise Gear Wheels, Boxing, Couplings, Roller Mill, etc.

\$85. an acre buys an excellent Waldo Hills farm. This farm is worth over \$100 per acre.

Grants Pass property, lot 150x200, 5-room house, big barn, city water, lights, etc., only \$1500. Terms.

knowledge and education; to subjugate human reason to the yoke of faith; to extinguish liberals, rationalists, and deists by one stroke of her infallibility. Infallible dogma is brilliant light, which every intellect must recognize, whether willingly or reluctantly. . . . The Church claims its right to enter the world's domain, and recognize no limits but the circumference of Christendom; to enforce her laws over her subjects; to control their reason and judgment, to guide their morals, their thoughts, words, and actions. . . . to supervise the lectures of the professor, the diplomacy of the statesman, the government of kings, and to scrutinize their morality, and punish their faults."

Assistant State Engineer Percy A. Cupper this morning received his statement of taxes due upon four lots located in the suburbs of Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, for this year,

Business Chance: A saw mill that will cut 700 rail road ties in a day, 250,000 feet of logs cut, 50,000 feet in the pond; all you have to do is to fire up and go ahead. Price only \$1100, half cash, chance to buy 500,000 feet near the mill.

Fine Lot on Fitch Street, a dandy building sight, close in, it will not be on the market long, only \$350. Come quick!

\$2000 buys a nice little farm near Arnsville, of 15 acres, all cleared. Fruit, berries, house and barn; all fenced. This is a bargain. Will exchange for farm property near Silverton.

A 54-acre farm, 12 acres hops, fruit trees, berries, garden, grain land, fine house, hop house, barn and macadam road, fine water, plenty of pasture. Call in and get full particulars.

\$2,500 buys one of the finest homes you ever saw. There are eight lots, lots of fruit, ten room house, etc., etc., paved streets, city water—one of the best places in a town that has a future, Scotts Mills, Ore.

FOR SALE — 1500 lb. Draft Horse.

Buy a dandy home in Oak Grove, Oregon. Four-room house, 22 fruit trees, lawn, on car line, good garden, close to church, school and depot. \$200 down, balance \$20 per month. Price \$1800. Beautiful location.

8 1-3 acres right in the city with one of the best houses you ever saw. Fine barn, chicken houses, all kinds of fruits, grapes, berries, walnuts, etc., cement side walk, paved streets, electric lights, sewer, city water. Can be subdivided. Close in. A dandy bargain at \$7600. Half down. Long time on balance.

Dandy building lot in Davenport Addition on very easy terms. Will take a good cow or a horse or both, a little cash, and \$5.00 per month for balance.

\$1200 — Three acres in Southern California, water for irrigation, 3-room house. \$300 cash, balance to suit purchaser at 7 per cent.

We have land for sale in California, Washington, Idaho and Alberta; any place, tell us where you want it, and we place you right where you want to live. We have land in Lake View for \$60 per acre, for a small payment down and balance 30 years time, 5½ per cent interest. This is irrigated land and lies in the famous Goose Lake Valley, from 2 to 10 miles from Lake View. Also a butcher shop and slaughter house in Lake View at a bargain.

Do you want to buy a beautiful plot of ground with fruit and berries already in bearing, with wood shed built and two tent houses? This is a bargain on the installment plan. The property is three blocks from car line that runs into Portland. Price \$1800, \$100 down, \$15 per month. Now's the time and The Cascade Real Estate Co. are the people. Come and see!

which amounts to the enormous total of \$1.28. Mr. Cupper states that his property is situated just on the outskirts of the city, which has a population of 75,000 people, and between a big school and the city with street cars passing in front of it, and he expresses surprise at the insignificant amount of the taxes as compared to what he pays upon some property in eastern Oregon. — Capital Journal.

Oklahoma is strongly socialistic in her conception of human rights, and does not believe strongly in taxing all the people for the benefit of a few who manipulate affairs. We are not so in Oregon. We like to be taxed. We even tax ourselves to support the state institutions, instead of making them self-supporting, in order that the contractors who furnish supplies may get a rake-off. We also tax ourselves many thousands of dollars for the benefit of Roman Catholic sectarian institutions. Great is our love of taxation. L. D. R.