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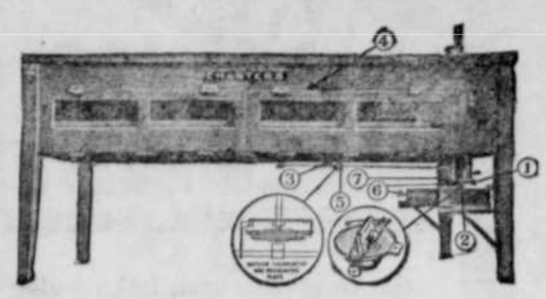

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WEEKLY BIBLE LESSON

We have had difficulty in deciding what to use for our Bible lesson this week There is such a wealth of material to select from that a choice is difficult. But the fact that a strong effort is being made to force the reading of the Bible in the public schools, contrary to law, constitution, equity and the American principle of no union of church and state constrains us to give a few reasons why the Bible should NOT be taught in our public schools. Perhaps the first in importance is that it violates the constitution of the United States. This fact has been decided by the supreme courts of numerous states, including Ohio, Wisconsin, Nebaaska, Illinois and California, and cannot be successfully denied. In what is known as the Illinois case Mr. Ring, a Catholic, appealed to the supreme court of the state. Here four important points were decided. The first one was:

"Free enjoyment of religious worship includes freedom not to worship."

On this point the court said:

"The wrong arises, not out of the particular version of the Bible or form of prayer used—whether that found in the Douay or the King James version—or the particular songs sung, but out of the COMPULSION to join in any form of worship."

The second point decided was that "children attending public school cannot be compelled to join in religious worship" and that the religious exercises as held in the school "constitute worship within the meaning of the constitution."

The fourth point was most important of all and was that the reading of the Bible in public schools constitutes sectarian instruction. Here the court speaks plainly: "The Bible, in its entirety, is a sectrarian book as to the Jew and every believer in any religion other than the Christian religion and as to those who are heretical or who hold beliefs that are not regarded as orthodox. Whether it be called sectarian or not, its use in the schools necessarily results in sectarian instruction."

In delivering this decision the court stated a number of maxims worthy of being remembered:

"All stand equal before the law—the Protestant, the Catholic, the Mohammedan, the Jew, the Mormon, the Freethinker, the Atheist. Whatever may be the view of the majority of the people, the court has no right, and the majority has no right, to force that view upon the minority, however small."

Regarding the status of a pupil in a school who is permitted by the objection of himself or his parents to refrain from taking part in the religious exercises, the court said:

"The exclusion of the pupil from this part of the school exercises in which the rest of the school joins, separates himself from his fellows, puts him in a class by himself, deprives him of his equality with the other pupils, subjects him to a religious stigma and places him at a disadvantage in the school, which the law never contemplated."

Second: A book written over two thousand years ago, in the infancy of human intelligence before the birth of scientific knowledge, has no place as a text book in the schools of the twentieth century.

Third: The Bible is not a book, but a collection of books, written hundreds of years apart, and arbitrarially, in the midst of great and stormy controversy, gathered together in one volume. There was always a dispute as to which books should compose it. The Hebrew Bible contains 39 books; the King James, or Protestant English, version contains 66, while the Roman Catholic or Douay version contains 72.

Fourth: The Bible is largely anonymous. Public school children should not be taught that the work of unknown writers is the work of God.

Fifth: Portions of the Bible depict God as a demon rather than a just God. School children are liable to gain a wrong conception of His character.

Sixth: Portions of the Bible are of such a character that they are not fit to be read to school children, or in any mixed company.

Seventh: The Bible teaches doctrines that have been repudiated, even by the churches. Among these are slavery, usury, temperance in the use of alcoholic drinks, subjection of women divorce, divine right of kings, and Christ's promise to Peter that he would be given the keys of the kingdom of heaven, with power to bind or loose on earth. (This last is a favorite doctrine of the Catholic church today)

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Notice to the Constructers of the Construction of the Owyhee Drainage District.

Sealed bids will be received at the office of the Owyhee Drainage District at Nyssa, Oregon, up to and including Friday, March 6, 1925, at the hour of 4 o'clock in the afternoon of that day, for excavating approximately 46,800 cubic yards; constructing bridges, flumes and pipe lines, furnishing the material for same. All to conform to the plans and specifications of the chief engineer for said district; which plans and specifications may be inspected at the office of E. M. Blodgett, Nyssa, Oregon. Form for proposal for said bids may be obtained upon application at the office of E. M. Blodgett, Nyssa, Oregon.

A certified check for 5 per cent of the construction price submitted must accompany same. The right is reserved by the Owyhee Drainage District to reject any and all bids.

By order of the Board of Supervisors of the Owyhee Drainage District.

JOHN F. REECE,
Secretary.

NOTICE OF ELECTION

IN THE COUNTY COURT FOR MALHEUR COUNTY, STATE OF OREGON.

In the Matter of the Organization of the SUCCOR CREEK IRRIGATION DISTRICT.

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN: Notice is hereby given, that on the 11th day of April, 1925, an election will be held at the residence of J. W. Graff, in Section 12, Township 23 South, Range 46 E., W. M., for the purpose of determining whether or not an irrigation district shall be organized under the provisions of Chapter XIV Title XLI Oregon Laws, and acts supplemental thereto and amendatory thereof, to provide for the irrigation of the lands within said proposed district by the storage, diversion and distribution of the unappropriated surplus and flood waters of the Owyhee River and Succor Creek, in Malheur County, Oregon; that the name of said proposed District is SUCCOR CREEK IRRIGATION DISTRICT; that at said election the qualified electors of said proposed irrigation district, the boundaries of which are hereinafter defined, shall be required to cast their ballots which shall contain the words "Irrigation District--Yes", and "Irrigation District--No", or words equivalent thereto.

That the boundaries of said proposed irrigation district are as follows, to-wit:

Beginning at a point where the state boundary line between the States of Idaho and Oregon intersects the midchannel of the Snake River between Lot 7 in Section 6, Township Twenty-two (22) South, Range Forty-seven (47) East, W. M., in the State of Oregon, and Lot 8 in Section 14, Township Four (4) North, Range Six (6) West, B. M., in the State of Idaho; thence south along said State line to a point where said State line intersects the East and West section line of Section 18, Township Twenty-three (23) South, Range Forty-seven (47) East, W. M., in Malheur County, Oregon; thence West to the Northwest corner of the NE¼ of the SW¼ (Lot 3) of Section 18; thence South to the southwest corner of the NE¼ of the SW¼ (Lot 3) of Section 18; thence West one-half mile to the northeast corner of the SW¼ of the SE¼ of Section 13, Township Twenty-three (23) South, Range Forty-six (46) East, W.M .; thence South one-fourth mile to the section line between sections 13 and 24; thence West along said section line one-half mile to the southeast corner of the SW¼ of the SW¼ of said Section 13; thence North one-half mile to the northeast corner of the NW¼ of the SW¼ of said Section 13; thence West one-half mile to the northeast corner of the NW¼ of the SE¼ of Section 14; thence North one mile to the East and West center line of Section 11, being a point at the northeast corner of the NW¼ of the SE¼ of said Section 11; thence West on the center line of said Section 11 and Section 10, one mile to the northeast corner of the NW¼ of the SE¼ of Section 10; thence North one and one-fourth miles to the northeast corner of the SW¼ of the NE¼ of Section 3; thence East one-half mile to the northeast corner of the SW¼ of the NW¼ of Section 2; thence South one-fourth mile; thence East one-fourth mile to the center of Section 2; thence North one-fourth mile to the northeast corner of the SE¼ of the NW¼ of said Section 2; thence East one and one-fourth miles to the northeast corner of the SW¼ of the NE¼ of Section 1, all in Township Twenty-three (23) South, Range Forty-six (46) East, W. M.; thence North one mile to the northeast corner of the SW¼ of the NE¼ of Section 36, Township Twenty-two (22) South, Range Forty-six (46) East, W. M.; thence West three fourths of a mile to the section line between sections 35 and 36; thence North one-fourth mile to the northeast corner of Section 35; thence West one mile to the northwest corner of Section 35; thence North one-half mile to the quarter section corner on the East line of Section 27; thence West one mile to the quarter section corner on the West line of Section 27; thence North one and one-half miles to the northeast corner of Section 21; thence West one-half mile to the quarter section corner on the North section line of Section 21; thence North one-fourth mile to the northwest corner of the SW¼ of the SE¼ of Section 16; thence East one-half mile to the section line between sections 15 and 16; thence North one-half mile along said section line to the northeast corner of the SE¼ of the NE¼ of Section 16; thence West one-half mile to the northwest corner of the SW¼ of the NE¼ of Section 16; thence North one-fourth mile to the quarter section corner on the south line of Section 9; thence West one-fourth mile; thence North one-half mile; thence West one-fourth mile to the quarter section corner on the west line of Section 9; thence North on the section line one and one-half miles, more or less, to the northwest corner of Section 4, in Township Twenty-two (22) South, Range Forty-six (46) East; thence North one mile to the northwest corner of Section Thirty-three, in Township Twenty-one (21) South, Range Forty-six (46) East; thence East three-fourths of a mile to the southeast corner of the Southwest quarter of the Southeast quarter (SW¼SE¼) of Section Twenty-eight (28); thence North one-fourth mile to the northeast corner of the Southwest quarter of the Southeast quarter (SW¼-SE¼) of Section Twenty-eight (28); thence East one-fourth mile to the East line of Section Twenty-eight (28); thence North one and three-fourths miles to the northeast corner of Section Twenty-one (21), in Township Twenty-one (21) South, Range Forty-six (46) East; thence West one and three-fourths miles to the northwest corner of the Northeast Quarter of the Northwest Quarter of Section Twenty (20); thence South one-half mile to the southwest corner of the SE¼ of the NW-¼ of Section 20; thence West along the east and west center line of sections 20 and 19 to the quarter section corner on the west line of Section 19, in Township Twenty-one (21) South, Range Forty-six (46) East, W. M.; thence West one and one-fourth miles to the northeast corner of the NW¼ of the SE¼ of Section 23, in Township Twenty-one (21) South, Range Forty-five (45) East; thence North three-fourths of a mile to the northeast corner of the SW¼ of the SE¼ of Section Fourteen (14); thence West one-fourth mile to the North and South center line of Section 14; thence North one-fourth mile to the center of Section 14; thence West one-fourth mile to the northeast corner of the NW¼ of the SW¼ of said Section 14; thence North three-fourths of a mile to the northeast corner of the SW¼ of the SW¼ of Section 11; thence West one-fourth mile to the section line on the West line of Section 11; thence North along the West line of Sections 11 and 2, to the northwest corner of the SW¼ of the SW¼ of Section 2; thence East one-fourth mile to the northeast corner of the SW¼ of the SW¼ of Section 2; thence North three fourths of a mile more or less to the North line of Section 2; Township Twenty-one (21) South, Range Forty-five (45) East, W. M.; thence East along the North section line of Section 2, one-fourth of a mile to the quarter section corner on the north line of said Section 2; thence North one-fourth mile to the northwest corner of the SW¼ of the SE¼ of Section 35, in Township Twenty (20) South, Range Forty-five (45) East, W. M.; thence East one-fourth mile to a point at the northeast corner of the SW¼ of the SE¼ of said Section 35, being the present boundary line of the Owyhee District; thence South one-fourth mile along said boundary line to the South section line of said Section 35, that being the township line between twps. 20 and 21; thence East on said twp. line one mile, to the northeast corner of Lot 2 in Section 1, Township Twenty-one (21) South, Range Forty-five (45) East, W. M.; thence South 2½ miles along the present boundary line of said Owyhee Irrigation District to the northeast corner of the NW¼ of the SE¼ of Section 13; thence East on the center of Sections 13 T. 21 S., R. 45 E. and 18 T 21 S., R. 46 E. one mile, to the northeast corner of the NW¼ of the SE¼ of Section 18, Township Twenty-one (21) South, Range Forty-six (46) East, W. M.; thence North one mile on the boundary of said Owyhee Irrigation District to the northeast corner of the NW¼ of the SE¼ of Section 7; thence West to the center of Section 7; thence North three-fourths of a mile to the northeast corner of the SE¼ of the SW¼ of Section 6; thence East one-fourth mile to the northeast corner of the SW¼ of the SE¼; thence North one-fourth mile to the northwest corner of the NE¼ of the SE¼ of Section 6; thence East on the center line of Sections 6 and 5, one mile, to the northeast corner of the NW¼ of the SE¼ of said Section 5; thence South one and one-half miles, still following the boundary line of the said Owyhee Irrigation District to the South line of Section 8, being the northeast corner of the NW¼ of the NE¼ of Section 17; thence East to the northeast corner of said Section 17; thence South one-fourth mile to the northeast corner of the SE¼ of the NE¼ of said Section 17; thence East one mile to the northeast corner of the SE¼ of the NE¼ of Section 16; thence South one-fourth mile to the quarter section corner on the East line of Section 16; thence East one-half mile to the center of Section 15; thence South one and three fourths mile to the northwest corner of Lot 2, in Section 27; thence West one-fourth mile to the northwest corner of the Southeast Quarter of the Northwest Quarter of Section 27; thence South, still following the boundary line of said Owyhee Irrigation District, three fourths of a mile to the southeast corner of the SW¼ of the SW¼ of Section 27; thence West one-fourth mile to the southwest corner of Section 27; thence South one-half mile to the quarter section corner on the West line of Section 34; thence West one-fourth mile to the northeast corner of the NW¼ of the SE¼ of Section 33, in Township Twenty-one (21) South, Range Forty-six (46) East, W. M.; thence South, still following said boundary line one and three fourths miles to the northeast corner of the SW¼ of the NE¼ of Section 9, Township Twenty-two (22) South, Range Forty-six (46) East, W. M.; thence East one-fourth mile to the northeast corner of the SE¼ of the NE¼ of Section 9; thence South along the East section line of Section 9 to the southeast corner thereof; thence East on the South line of Section 10, to the quarter section corner on the South line of Section 10; thence South one-fourth mile to the northeast corner of the SE¼ of the NW¼ of Section 15; thence East one-fourth mile to the northeast corner of the SW¼ of the NE¼ of Section 15; thence South three fourths of a mile to the section line between sections 15 and 22; thence East one-half mile along said section line, extended, to the northeast corner of the NW¼ of the NW-¼ of Section 23; thence South one-half mile to the southwest corner of the SE¼ of the NW¼ of Section 23; thence West along the East and West center line of Section 23, to the quarter section corner on the West line of said section; thence South along the West line of Section 23, three fourths of a mile to the northeast corner of the SE¼ of the NE¼ of Section 27; thence East one-half mile to the northeast corner of the SE¼ of the NW¼ of Section 26; thence North one-fourth mile to the quarter section corner on the North line of Section 26; thence East one-half mile to the northeast corner of Section 26; thence North one-fourth mile to the northeast corner of the SE¼ of the SE¼ of Section 23; thence East one-fourth mile to the southeast corner of the NW¼ of the SW¼ of Section 24; thence North three-fourths of a mile to the section line between Sections 24 and 13; thence East along said Section line one-half mile to the northeast corner of the NW¼ of the NE¼ of said Section 24; thence North one-half mile to the Northeast corner of the NW¼ of the SE¼ of Section 13; thence East one-fourth mile to the quarter section corner on the East line of Section 13; thence North along the section line on the East side of Sections 13, 12 and 1, extended, to where said line intersects the midchannel of the Snake River; thence following the said midchannel of the Snake River up to the point of beginning.

That at said election to determine whether or not said proposed irrigation district shall be organized, there shall be elected three directors, who shall be residents of the State of Oregon and bona fide owners of land within the boundaries of said proposed district, to serve as a Board of Directors for said district, and said directors shall be elected at large therein.

That at said election the polls shall be open at 8 o'clock A. M. and shall remain open until 8 o'clock P. M. and that said election shall be conducted as nearly as practicable in accordance with the general election laws of the state of Oregon.

This notice is given subject and pursuant to an Order of the County Court for Malheur County, State of Oregon, entered at its regular session on the 4th day of March, 1925, wherein said Court, among other things, determined that the petition of Oscar F. Selle and others, praying for the organization of said proposed district contained the requisite number of signers under the laws of Oregon, and that said petition and notice thereof were duly published as by law required, and that said lands are susceptible of irrigation from the same source and by the same system of works, by the storage, diversion and distribution of the waters of the Owyhee River and Succor Creek, in Malheur County, Oregon.

Dated this 5th day of March, 1925.

H. S. Sackett, County Clerk.
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